

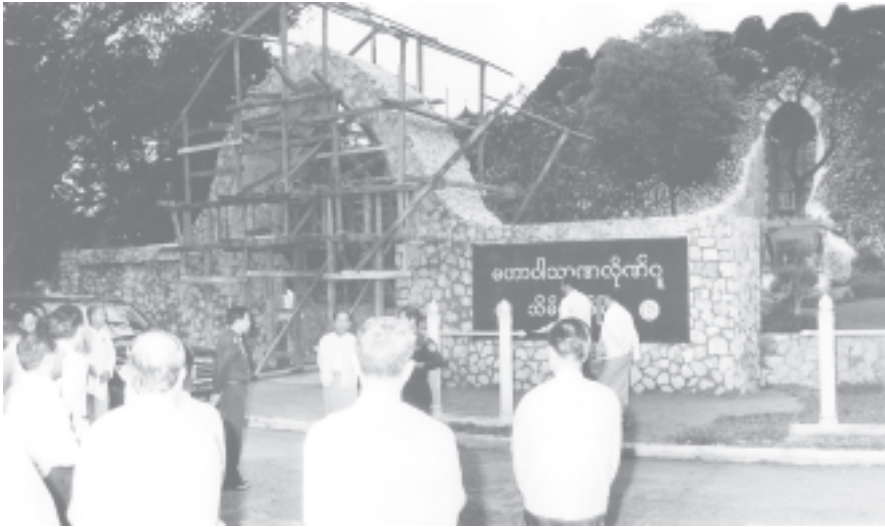
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Prime Minister addresses coord meeting to upgrade Yangon City Kandawgyi Gardens, inspects Parami Overpass Project, renovation of Maha Pasana Cave



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects renovation of Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill.—MNA

YANGON, 4 Sept.—Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended the coordination meeting of Work Committee for Upgrading Yangon City Kandawgyi Gardens and inspected progress of Parami Overpass Project tasks and renovation of Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill this afternoon.

The coordination meeting was held at the Agricultural Museum at the gardens at 2.45 pm.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the Work Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the mayor, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and guests. First, the commander reported on upgrading tasks at the education zone, the central symbol zone, the relaxation zone and the

recreation zone. Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin submitted reports on construction of nine agricultural technology educative booths, the agricultural museum and shops in the education zone and conducting of agricultural technology courses.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein presented reports on progress in building the fresh water fish garden in the education zone and preparations for breeding fresh and sea water fish.

Deputy Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein reported on construction of gates at the central symbol zone and growing of flowery plants, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu on preparations for opening restaurants and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin on building of Timber Walkway in the relaxation zone and construction of the rock garden and

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

Mount Popa Tower.

Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Nyi Hla Nge reported on measures for quality control.

Chairman of Myanmar Hoteliers Association U Khin Shwe submitted reports on completion of tasks at the recreation zone and arrangements for public relaxation.

Next, those present took part in the discussions.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister delivered an address, saying that almost all the upgrading tasks have been completed due to the cooperation of respective departments, and the officials are to honour the schedules for timely completion of the project. Suitable landscaping trees and seasonal flowering plants are to be added to the gardens without causing any damages to the natural style to be able to draw greater interest of the visitors.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects progress of implementing Parami Overpass Project.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 5 September, 2004

All national people participate in border area development measures

The Government is making all-out efforts to ensure equitable development in all regions across the Union and to raise the social status of the entire nation.

National unity and stability being the foundation of the development, national races residing in border areas blanketed with peace are now enjoying the fruitful results of development.

Union Solidarity and Development Association Patron, State Peace and Development Council Chairman, Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Than Shwe, in his address delivered at the USDA Myanmar Affairs and International Studies Course No 6 and the Special Refresher Course No 7 held at Pyidaungsu Hall of USDA Training School in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, on 9 June 2004, gave guidance on development of border areas, saying that efforts are being made with added momentum to improve economic, social, education, health and transport infrastructures, to further strengthen the friendly relations among national brethren, and to ensure security in border areas, prevalence of law and order and regional stability by enacting laws for the development of national races.

The Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs has so far invested over K 56,000 million and over US\$ 550 million in the drive for development of national races living in border areas.

The basic development principle of the State is aimed at the achievement of equitable development throughout the nation. With the border areas and national races development project, the 24 special development zones project and the five rural development tasks project, measures are under way to bridge the development gaps between border and interior areas, between urban and rural areas, and between one region and the other, to ensure equitable development in all regions, and to build a more consolidated Union.

Under these projects, the assistance has been provided in border areas for cultivation of poppy-substitute crops, agriculture, livestock breeding, production, and the establishment of other economic enterprises. Besides, infrastructures such as river-crossing bridges, motor roads and railroads, hospitals and dispensaries and communication stations have also been established in these areas. As a result, national people living in border areas are now enjoying the taste of unprecedented development.

This being so, the onus is on the leaders of national races and respective local national people to accelerate the development momentum in harmony, while the Government is rendering assistance to the implementation of border area development tasks.

Book Charity

to be held on 7 September

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

Those wishing to donate printed 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



Japanese monk Rev Shintoku Kaneda, Chief Priest of Buddhist Temple Gugyoji of Japan, donates Prominar brand two sets of telescopes to an official of Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees. — MNA

Two sets of telescopes donated to Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees

YANGON, 4 Sept — A 12 member-delegation and two Japanese monks led by the Chief Priest of Buddhist Temple Gugyoji Rev Shintoku Kaneda paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda at 9 am today.

Next, Japanese monk Rev Shintoku Kaneda and party offered flowers, joss sticks and candle lights to the Buddha image at Japan Prayer Hall. And, they signed in the visitors' book.

Afterwards, the Japanese monks paid homage to the

pagoda.

Japanese monk Rev Shintoku Kaneda donated Prominar brand two sets of telescopes worth US 5,000 to member of the pagoda board of trustees U Mya Thein for the public use to revere Seinbudaw of the pagoda.

U Mya Thein presented them the picture of Shwedagon Pagoda as Dhamma gift. Later, Rev Shintoku Kaneda gave a souvenir to the pagoda board of trustees.

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Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi presents permits to Chairman of Dian-Qian-Gui Petroleum Exploration Bureau of SINOPEC Mr Lei Wenju of China. — ENERGY

Myanmar, China sign oil production sharing contract

YANGON, 4 Sept — The Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy and the Dian-Qian-Gui Petroleum Exploration Bureau of SINOPEC of the People's Republic of China signed an oil production sharing contract at the Sedona Hotel here yesterday evening.

Under the agreement, the two countries will jointly explore, drill and produce oil and gas at onshore Block D in Monywa District, Sagaing Division, and at Mahutaung Region in Pakokku District, Magway Division.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi,

Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and ministers, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Charge d' Affaires of Chinese Embassy Mr Yu Boren, guests and departmental officials.

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi delivered an address on the occasion. Acting Managing Director of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise U Kyaw Naing and Chairman of the Dian-Qian-Gui Petroleum Exploration Bureau of SINOPEC Mr Lei Wenju signed the contract.

Next, the related documents were exchanged. Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi presented the permit of the ministry, and Minister U Thaung the permit of the MIC to Mr Lei Wenju.

MNA

Myanmar health delegation leaves for Maldives

YANGON, 4 Sept — A Myanmar health delegation led by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo left here by air this afternoon to attend the 22nd World Health Organization-Association of SouthEast Asian Nations Health Ministers' Meeting and the 57th Regional Committee Meeting to be held from 5 to 9 September in Mali, Maldives.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, directors-general of departments of the ministry, officials, Acting Resident Representative of WHO in Yangon Dr Stephan Paul Jost, and relatives of the delegation members.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo was accompanied by Director-General Dr Kyi Soe of the Health Planning Department, Acting Director-General Dr Tin Win Maung of the Health Department and Deputy Director-General Dr Ye Myint, and Director Dr Than Zaw Myint of the Medical Science Department.

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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.

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Iraq President halts French visit

BAGHDAD, 4 Sept—Iraq's President Ghazi Yawer has postponed a visit to France scheduled for next week following the kidnapping of two French journalists in Iraq.

The French foreign ministry said that it was due to the "circumstances linked to the situation of our countrymen".

Tensions have grown after Iraq's Prime Minister Iyad Allawi recently told a newspaper France was soft on terrorism - remarks France called "unacceptable".

France's prime minister has said the hostages' situation is still uncertain.

Jean-Pierre Raffarin said urged caution over reports that Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot could soon be released.

Mr Yawer had been due to meet top French officials next

week, but the visit was put on hold over the hostage crisis.

He is still expected to meet political leaders in Germany, Italy, Poland and Belgium.

"The conditions are not very favourable for such a visit," French diplomats were quoted by French news agency AFP as saying.

Tensions between Paris and Iraq were fuelled by comments by Iraq's Prime Minister Allawi in the Iraqi National Accord newspaper saying France's opposition to the war in Iraq had not spared it from terror.

Internet

Fire rages near Iraq oil fields

BAGHDAD, 3 Sept — Firefighters fought a massive oil pipeline fire in northern Iraq on Friday, after guerrillas detonated explosives in what authorities described as one of the worst sabotage attacks in the region since the US-led invasion.

The explosion Thursday on the line extending from fields southwest of Kirkuk to the oil refinery in Beiji set off a fire that pumped balls

of fire and black smoke over the area. The fire continued to rage late Friday evening.

Officials at the state-run Northern Oil Co. decided to temporarily stop pumping oil to the Turkish Mediterranean port of Ceyhan, fearing the fire could spread to the key pipeline running to the port, said Maj Gen Anwar Mohammed Amin of the Iraqi National Guard in Kirkuk.

"The pumping to the Ceyhan port has stopped because of this act of sabotage," Amin said. "It is the biggest sabotage operation on the oil installations in Kirkuk since the invasion."

Northern Oil Co officials couldn't be immediately reached for comment.

Authorities fighting the blaze Friday said it might take two days before engineers could fix the pipeline.

The pipeline running to Ceyhan is a major export route that has suffered from frequent sabotage.

Iraq's oil industry, which provides desperately needed money for Iraq's reconstruction efforts, has been the target of repeated attacks by insurgents in recent months. —Internet



Polish soldiers on patrol in Iraq. Poland will hand over another part of the zone it administers in Iraq under a planned reduction of its forces next year, Defence Minister Jerzy Szmajdzinski said. —INTERNET

Poland to withdraw its troops from more of Iraq: Defence Minister

WARSAW, 3 Sept — Poland will hand over another part of the zone it administers in Iraq under a planned reduction of its forces next year, Defence Minister Jerzy Szmajdzinski said.

The key US ally, which heads a multinational force of 6,500 administering a swathe of south central Iraq to which it sent more than 2,500 of its own troops, will hand over control of the province of Karbala, he said.

"We will leave the province of Karbala. The contingent will remain deployed in the provinces of Babil, Wasit and Al-Qadisiyah," the defence minister said in an interview with the daily Trybuna.

He did not specify which forces would assume responsibility in Poland's place.

Last month, Polish troops in Iraq already handed over some of the zone they control to US forces, including the province of Najaf, the scene of fierce fighting with Shiite militiamen.

Szmajdzinski confirmed that Poland was expecting to reduce troop levels in Iraq after the Iraqi elections in January and also announced that it will hand over its troops' headquarters in the Iraqi city of Babylon to the Iraqis.

"We have decided to hand over Babylon to the Iraqis. The headquarters will probably move to the province of Al-Qadisiyah (south of Baghdad)," he said.

His comments came as Warsaw hosted a two-day conference of military experts from the 11 nations in the Polish-led sector and the United States to thrash out plans to cut back the Polish military presence in Iraq. —Internet

Austrian President meets with Chinese leader on bilateral ties

VIENNA, 3 Sept — Austrian Federal President Heinz Fischer on Thursday met with a Chinese leader to discuss bilateral ties and current international events.

Jia Qinglin, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), first extended congratulations to Fischer on his assumption of the federal presidency.

Through his three-day visit, Jia said, he had experienced the friendship of the Austrian people to the Chinese people and the importance the Austrian Government has attached to developing relations with China.

Jia said that the world is undergoing profound changes, China and Austria have extensive common

recognition and common interests in safeguarding world peace and promoting development of the mankind.

Attaching great importance to ties with Austria, the Chinese Government is willing to further expand cooperation at various levels with Austria, Jia said.

Fischer said Austria admires the rapid and healthy development of China's society and economy and acclaims the positive role China has played within the framework of the United Nations to promote world peace and development.

Austria will continue to maintain its One China policy and to dedicate itself to expanding and deepening cooperation with China, the President noted.

MNA/Xinhua

Egypt, Argentine highlight bilateral ties

CAIRO, 3 Sept — Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit here Thursday held talks with his visiting Argentine counterpart Rafael Bielsa over wide-ranging areas, especially the bilateral ties.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Abul Gheit said that he discussed with Bielsa means to enhance bilateral ties, particularly in economic, tech-

nological and trade fields.

"We also discussed the Palestinian problem, the situation in Iraq, the Darfur crisis and the ongoing efforts to reform the United Nations," he added.

The two sides have satis-

fied with the growth of bilateral relations, noted the Egyptian official. For his part, Bielsa said that Argentina's relations with Egypt were strategic and the two countries have shared identical views on various issues.

He revealed that a ministerial conference would be held in Morocco in January to prepare for the first Arab-Latin American summit due in Brazil in April. Bielsa arrived here on August 30 for a visit to Egypt. —MNA/Xinhua

UN to help overhaul Afghan criminal justice system

KABUL, 3 Sept — The United Nations Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC) as part of its efforts in rebuilding postwar Afghanistan has decided to help overhaul the criminal justice system in this country, a UN spokesman said here Thursday.

"To increase the capacity of the criminal justice institutions to deal with serious crimes in particular with drug-related crimes, a new project will be launched in the month of October," spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva told journalists at a news briefing.

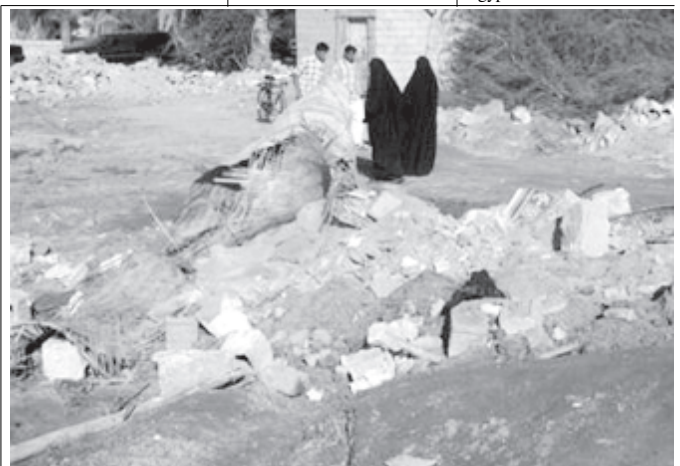
The aim of the project, he noted, is to train judges, prosecutors and the counter-

narcotics police of Afghanistan in the area of arresting criminals, investigation, detaining and imprisonment of serious criminal offenders.

He declined to furnish information about the fund sanction in the project but added the UN Office on Drug and Crime would implement this scheme.

"According to UNODC the criminal justice system in this country is almost non-functional regarding prosecution of drug-related crimes," added the spokesman.

"It is important that the arrested people spend the maximum 24 hours in prison and later on freed," the official stressed. —MNA/Xinhua



Local residents pass by the remains of houses that were hit on Wednesday in an US airstrike in Fallujah, Iraq, on 2 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Iraq's survival still at stake, report warns

LONDON, 3 Sept— Iraq could splinter into civil war and destabilize the whole region if the interim government, US forces and United Nations fail to hold the ring among factions struggling for power, according to a British thinktank.

The best Iraq can hope for is to muddle through an 18-month political transition that began when Washington formally handed over sovereignty on 28 June, said a report released this week by the prestigious Royal Institute of International Affairs.

Under the rosier of three scenarios set out in the report, the interim government

would prove able to keep majority Shiite Muslims, minority Sunni Muslims, secular nationalists and Kurdish leaders broadly engaged in the political process.

"No one will be very happy, but no one will monopolize power either," the report said.

The United Nations

would manage preparations for elections due by January. The United States would avoid trying to shape the outcome and focus instead on providing basic security.

US forces would not launch big urban assaults, allowing Iraqi militias and nascent Iraqi security forces to deploy in line with local

sensitivities, as in the Sunni bastion of Fallujah and Shiite holy city of Najaf.

Under a darker scenario, Iraq would fragment and, if US-led forces left prematurely, collapse into civil war. "Even if US forces try to hold out and prop up the central authority, it may still lose control," the report said.

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Two killed, six wounded by US fire in Fallujah

FALLUJAH, 3 Sept—Two Iraqi civilians were killed and six wounded when US forces shelled a residential area in the flashpoint western city of Fallujah, a hospital official said.

US forces fired heavy artillery at some houses in the southeastern neighbourhood of Shuhada, leaving two dead

and six wounded, said Dr Raed Mohammed of Fallujah General Hospital.

Four of the wounded were listed in serious condition, Mohammed added.

The US military had no immediate confirmation of an attack.

Fallujah is a bastion of the Sunni Muslim insurgency against US-led forces in Iraq. A US airstrike on a suspected militant safehouse in the city killed 20 people late Wednesday.

The US military has resorted to artillery and aerial assaults on alleged insurgent hideouts in Fallujah since the city became a no-go zone for troops after an April offensive ended with an agreement for Iraqis to police themselves.

Within weeks, Islamic militants imposed full control over Fallujah, elbowing aside the local police and an ad-hoc force of Iraqi army veterans, named the Fallujah Brigade, formed to restore security.

Internet



Supporters of rebel Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr shout slogans in his favour in Kufa, Iraq on 3 Sept, 2004. Iraqi security forces fired warning shots and barred vehicle traffic leading to Kufa on Friday.—INTERNET

Chinese Premier emphasizes bilateral links with Cambodia

BEIJING, 3 Sept — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here Thursday China will continue to support the efforts that Cambodia makes to maintain national stability, reinforce national solidarity and develop national economy.

Premier Wen made the remark during a meeting with visiting Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen who is here before attending the Third International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) to be held in Beijing from 3 to 5 September.

Wen said China and Cambodia are close neighbours. The profound and sincere friendship between several generations of Chinese leaders and King Samdech Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia and the friendship between the people of the two countries have guaranteed the maintenance of bilateral relations and the progress of mutually beneficial cooperation.

The Chinese Government will continue to pursue the foreign policy of promoting the friendship, security and prosperity of its neighbouring countries, he added.

Wen said China and Cambodia have good political relations and achieved remarkable results in trade and economic cooperation. Acknowledging

that the two sides signed a number of agreements on trade and economic cooperation in the first half of this year, Wen said the agreements have laid foundation for further growth of bilateral trade and economic cooperation.

He went on to say that China will continue to expand trade and economic cooperation with Cambodia in compliance with the principle of mutual benefits. He said China is ready to provide assistance to Cambodia within its own capacity.

Citing China as a sincere friend of Cambodia, Hun Sen said the precious support and assistance that China provided for Cambodia have played an active role in maintaining national stability, developing national economy and improving the Cambodian people's standards of living.

Hun Sen said the Cambodian Government firmly adheres to the one-China policy, supports the peaceful reunification cause of China and opposes any

forms of activities aimed to seek "Taiwan independence." He also said Cambodia is ready to have closer cooperation with China and earnestly implement the agreements that the two countries signed in the first half of this year so as to advance bilateral trade and economic cooperation.

MNA/Xinhua

Fallujans protest US raids

FALLUJAH, 3 Sept—The site of a Fallujah house bombed by US warplanes.

Residents of Fallujah took to the streets after Friday prayer to denounce the continuous bombing of the city's residential houses and to support their city's security forces.

Hundreds of protestors condemned the killing of civilians by US warplanes, calling US airstrikes a cowardly action and calling on US soldiers to fight them on the battlefield.

"Airstrikes are cowardly. Get down and face us on the battlefield," the crowd chanted.

Shaikh Abd Allah al-Janabi head of the Mujahideen (holy warriors) Consultative Council addressed the crowd warning that if war erupts again it will likely last till the last man standing.

"This war will be over, only with their dead bodies or ours, and, if they want it like this, welcome to death," he said.

On Wednesday, a US aerial assault targeted what the Department of Defence said was a Fallujah safe house for "wanted terrorists". However, Fallujah hospital sources said 20 people, including women and children, were killed in their homes. Fallujah has become a no-go zone for troops of the US-led occupation forces since an April offensive in the city ended with an agreement for Iraqis to police themselves and bring to justice hardcore members of Iraqi armed factions. —Internet

US mortgage rates fall to lowest level since April

WASHINGTON, 3 Sept — Mortgage rates in the United States fell this week, with rates on 30-year mortgages dropping to their lowest level in five months, Freddie Mac reported on Thursday.

The mortgage company's weekly nationwide survey showed that rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages dropped to 5.77 per cent for the week ending September 2. That was down from 5.82 per cent

last week and was the lowest since the week ending April 1, when rates averaged 5.52 per cent.

Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a high this year of 6.34 per cent the week of May 13 and have drifted

downward slowly since then as economic activity cooled in the late spring and early summer.

For 15 years, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates dipped this week to 5.15 per cent, down from 5.21 per cent last week. Rates on one-year adjustable rate mortgages declined to 3.97 per cent, compared with 4.05 per cent last week.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.32 per cent with 15-year mortgages at 5.66 per cent and one-year adjustable rate mortgages at 3.88 per cent.

The decline of mortgage rates was a good news for potential home buyers. Fuelled by low interest rates, the nation's home sales reached a record high last year. Analysts forecast that sales of both new and existing homes will hit all-time highs for all of this year.

MNA/Xinhua



Villagers greet freed Indian truckers who were held hostages in Iraq, during their arrival in Dehlan in Una district, about 300 kilometres northwest of New Delhi, India, on 3 Sept, 2004.—INTERNET

Czech police chief denies reinforcement to Iraq

PRAGUE, 3 Sept— Libor Lochman, chief of the police rapid-deployment unit (URNA) protecting Czech diplomats in Baghdad, said Thursday that he does not assume reinforcements will be sent to his unit.

Following Wednesday's unsuccessful attack by Iraqi extremists on the car of the Czech ambassador, Lochman said, this matter will have to be discussed by the Foreign and Interior ministries.

"We rotate our men every three months. I see no reason why we should change anyone, because this is our work. If we changed a person because someone shot at him, this would be bad," he said.

According to local media, some unknown shooters fired at the armoured Toyota of Martin Klepetko, the Czech Ambassador to Iraq early Wednesday morning. Klepetko, however, was not in the car, since he was in Prague for a meeting of Czech diplomats at the Foreign Ministry.

"The car took 30 hits, but it's armoured so it cannot be shot into ribbons. The glass

needs to be replaced, but otherwise it can continue to be used," Lochman said.

According to Lochman, there are now 18 URNA members in Baghdad. Their mission was originally to protect not only diplomats but also the Czech experts in the coalition administration of Iraq, though the latter left the country when sovereignty was transferred to the new Iraqi Government in June.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Vit Kolar conceded Thursday morning that the ministry will be considering raising the number of elite Czech policemen who guard the building and the ambassador.

"But there are enough of them, there is a standard, very high regime of protection, so there are not too many possibilities left to further raise it," Kolar said.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi militant group kills three Turkish hostages

BAGHDAD, 3 Sept— An Iraqi militant group calling itself Tawhid and Jihad killed three Turkish truck drivers in Iraq, the Qatar-based al-Jazeera television reported on Thursday.

The channel showed a footage of the three Turks held by armed masked men, but it did not show the footage depicting the killing.

It was not immediately clear if the group was the same as Jama'at al-Tawhid and Jihad headed by al-Qaeda ally Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, which was blamed for several deadly bombing attacks and hostage beatings.

A Turkish official in Ankara said the footage "seems credible". Earlier, Iraqi police said they found bodies of two Turkish truck drivers on the roadside north of Baghdad.

Another body was also found near the two bodies, but without identification

card, according to the police.

The bodies were found near a village named Jalsiya, south of Samarra, some 110 kilometres north of Baghdad.

The area is a bastion of Sunni Muslim guerillas fighting US forces since the US-led invasion beginning

in March 2003. The killings came one day after seven truck drivers, three Kenyans, three Indians and one Egyptian, were released after their company, the Kuwait and Gulf Link company, paid a 500,000-US-dollar ransom to the captors.

MNA/Xinhua

Wen Jiabao calls for closer trade links with Philippines

BEIJING, 3 Sept— Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here Thursday China is willing to further explore the potential of trade and economic cooperation with the Philippines, expand two-way investment and carry out various forms of mutually beneficial cooperation.

Wen made the remarks during a meeting with Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, who is in Beijing for a three-day state visit to China.

Wen expressed satisfaction on the fruitful trade and economic cooperation between China and the Philippines in recent years. He said the volume of bilateral trade is growing rapidly at present, with cooperation in agriculture, infrastructure development and other areas continuously expanding.

Bilateral trade hit 9.4 billion US dollars in 2003, surging 78.7 per cent over the previous year. Arroyo expressed appreciation on China's active efforts to push forward bilateral trade and economic cooperation. She said Philippine-China cooperation in agriculture has already achieved rich returns. The Philippines is ready to join hands with China to further promote the development of bilateral cooperation in all fields.

On the relations between China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Wen said in order to further deepen China-ASEAN relations, China will actively cooperate with ASEAN to push forward the strategic partnership between the two sides.

MNA/Xinhua



A security guard talks on his walkie-talkie as he stands in front of the decorated protective walls of the French Embassy in Baghdad recently. —INTERNET



Asaad al-Basri, a high ranking aide of rebel Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, delivers a speech in his support outside al-Sadr's office in Basra, Iraq on 3 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Pipeline attack halts Iraq's northern oil exports

BAGHDAD, 3 Sept— Iraq's northern oil exports were halted Thursday after a vital pipeline to Turkey was hit by a big attack, said an official for oil security in the region.

"The pipeline with Turkey was shut down," said Ahmed Hassan Ghafif, head of security for gas and oil pipelines in northern Iraq.

"The Iraq-Turkey oil pipeline targeted this afternoon is about 40-inches wide and today's attack can be considered the biggest since sabotages started a year and a half ago," he added.

It was reported that the bomb attack happened at 6:30

pm (1430 GMT) on a road next to the pipeline near the town of Riyadh, 50 kilometres south of Kirkuk. The oil-rich city was engulfed in a thick cloud of black smoke.

The pipeline was attacked on its southern section, where it heads to Iraq's largest oil refinery in Baiji, before cutting back north toward Turkey.

Fire Department, National Guard and Iraqi po-

lice have been making efforts to prevent the oil from spreading as a first step. It was predicted that 48 to 72 hours were needed to extinguish the fire.

Kirkuk oil has been pumping 600,000 to 800,000 barrels per day recently. Repeated sabotage of Iraq's oil industry has cost the country more than a billion US dollars in revenue.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese road, water transportation to double by 2020

BEIJING, 3 Sept — China's road and water passenger and freight transportation will double by 2020, and the number of vehicles will rise to 140 million, six times that at the end of 2003, a senior Chinese official predicted here Thursday.

Weng Mengyong, Chinese Vice-Minister of Communications (MOC), made the prediction at the on-going Forum on Sustainable Development of China's Transportation.

He said that, by the year of 2010, China will be relieved from a tense transportation situation, which will help further the development of the national economy.

In 2020, the transportation situation will be further optimized, and the sector will start to meet challenges from the development of the economy, social progress and national security, Weng added.

Weng pledged that the MOC would adopt substantial, effective approaches in the construction of major national freeways to connect most of Chinese cities.

He predicted that the current construction of the highways between provinces in western China, as well as those in the Yangtze River Delta, Pearl River Delta, would be completed by 2010.

Statistics from the MOC showed that 1.81 million kilometres of road was built by the end of 2003, covering 99.6 per cent of townships and 91.9 per cent of administrative villages around the country.

China has also built a 30,000-kilometre network of highways, second longest in the world. — MNA/Xinhua

Two French hostages in Iraq still alive

PARIS, 3 Sept— French authorities were "almost sure" that the two French journalists held in hostage in Iraq were still alive on Wednesday evening, Jean de Belot, Editor in Chief of the French daily *Le Figaro*, said Thursday at French radio Europe 1.

De Belot said he had a "prudent hope" that they were still alive, adding he had indirect and serious contacts with some envoys, who were sent to Iraq for talks on rescuing the two hostages. The two Frenchmen, Christian Chesnot of Radio France Internationale and Georges Malbrunot of Paris daily *Le Figaro*, were reportedly kidnapped on their way from Baghdad to Najaf, Shiite holy city of Iraq, on August 20.

Late Saturday, a group calling itself the Islamic Army in Iraq claimed it had kidnapped Malbrunot and Chesnot.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Vice-Premier stresses cooperation with UNICEF

BEIJING, 3 Sept — China is willing to enhance cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund to resolve the problems concerning the development of China's women and children, said Vice-Premier Wu Yi here Thursday.

Wu made the remark in a meeting with Executive Director Carol Bellamy of the United Nations Children's Fund. Speaking highly of the UN Children's Fund's aid to China over the past 25 years, Wu said the unbalanced development in China's various areas and poverty still restrain the development concerning women and children.

Bellamy praised China's achievements in AIDS prevention and treatment as well as the protection of children, expressing the wish to strengthen cooperation with China in this regard. — MNA/Xinhua



Neighbours look at the damage caused to a residence in Baghdad, Iraq, on 3 September, 2004, after mortar shells landed on it.



An Iraqi boy walks through the crater left after an overnight airstrike in the restive city of Fallujah on 2 September, 2004.

Images of Iraq



An Iraqi man look for household items on the roof of destroyed house before moving out, in Fallujah, Iraq, on 30 August, 2004.



Two Iraqi boys lie with injuries in a hospital following clashes on 29 August, 2004 around Tal Afar, near the northern city of Mosul.



Heavy smoke billows from an oil pipeline in Kirkuk, northern Iraq, on 3 September, 2004.



The construction of the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) nearing completion in Mon State.— MNA



Kattel suspension bridge across Manipur river is located in Tiddim Township, Chin State.—MNA

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Panmon Creek Bridge on Kalay-Gangaw Road near Natchaung Village in Kalay Township, Sagaing Division.



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects upgrading tasks at Yangon City Kandawgyi Gardens.—MNA

Prime Minister addresses ...

(from page 1)

The Prime Minister put the onus on departmental officials concerned for cleanliness of the water surface of the Kandawgyi Lake, raising the water storage, and maintaining the gardens for its durability.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called on those responsible to seek ways and means through coordination to build a more natural garden in which local and foreign visitors can have recreation with peace of mind and enhance their knowledge. He also called for constant maintenance of the gardens for its durability. After the meeting, the General looked into the scale model of a conference hall to be built in the gardens, and arrangements for opening of booths in the agricultural museum.

Next, the General inspected the progress of building an elephant plaza in the Relaxation Zone, and flower saplings shop and agricultural booths in the education Zone.

The General also inspected the building of a fresh water aquarium being undertaken by the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries at the Recreation Zone, construction of 23 booths in the Fresh Water Fish Garden, the building of Rock Garden at the Relaxation Zone, construction of Mt. Popa Tower, water fall, Myanmar traditional handicraft shops and construction of a berbeque garden. Afterwards, the General and party headed for Parami Overpass Project, where they were welcomed by Deputy Ministers for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than, departmental heads and officials. Deputy Minister U Pe Than reported on progress of work. The General gave instructions to the officials.

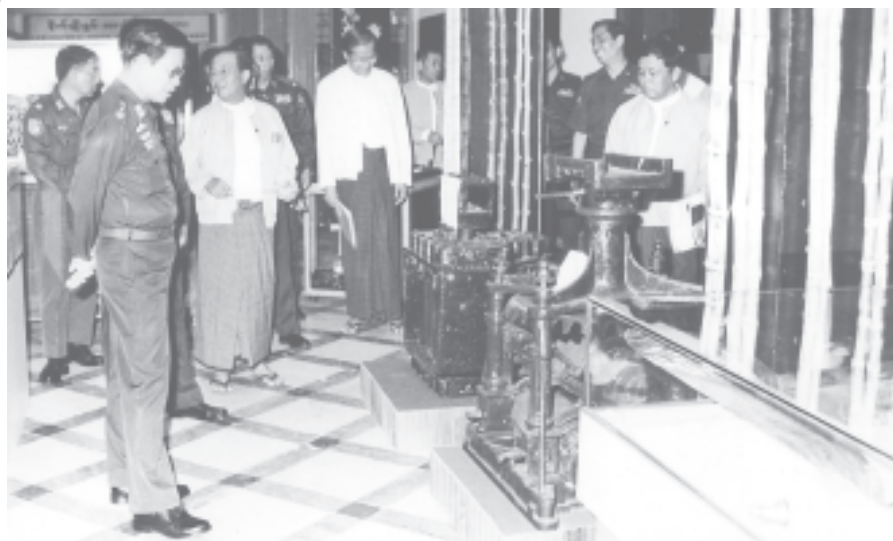
He looked into progress of building the overpass, ap-

proach roads, pavements and asphalt road, and left necessary instructions.

So far, 90 per cent of the project has been completed.

The General and party proceeded to Maha Pasana Cave Ordination Hall on Kaba Aye Hill. They were welcomed there by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, deputy ministers and officials. The General saw over the tasks for

upgrading of the cave and gave instructions to the officials. He then observed the pictures of Seinbudaw (diamond orb), Yadana Thabeikdaw (alms bowl decorated with gems) and Hngetmyatnaw (vane) which are to be hoisted atop the Maha Ratthabhi Samaggi Pagoda in Panglong. Myanmar handicraft designer U Ohn Tin reported on the task. The Prime Minister looked into repairs of the archway to the cave.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects preparations for agricultural educative booths at Agricultural Museum.—MNA

Deputy minister inspects Dalla Shipyard, Antgyi Shipyard

YANGON, 4 Sept—Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than, accompanied by Managing Director U Soe Tint of Inland Water Transport, Managing Director U Thein Htay of Myanmar Port Authority and officials, this morning, inspected tugboats and speed boats under construction and boats under repair at the Dalla Shipyard and gave instructions on convenience of passengers, meeting the set standard and safety. At the meet-

ing hall of the Shipyard, Superintendent Engineer U Tun Myint reported on work capability of the Shipyard.

Next, the deputy minister gave instructions to heads of departments and engineers on systematic maintenance of boats according to ages.

On arrival at the Antgyi Shipyard, the deputy minister inspected functions of the Shipyard and gave instructions to officials concerned.

At the briefing hall of the

Shipyards, Managing Director U Thein Htay reported on construction and repair of boats at the Shipyard and Deputy General Manager U Myint Thaung on large-scale repair and small-scale repair of boats being undertaken at the Shipyard and others.

The deputy minister gave instructions on systematic repair and construction of boats, minimized use of fuel and power and safety measures.

MNA



Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife present cash awards to students who have participated in Yangon Division Basic Education Level Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA

Yangon Division starts 12th Performing Arts Competitions at basic education level

YANGON, 4 Sept—Yangon Division launched its programmes of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at basic education level at No 6 BEHS in Botahtaung Township this morning.

Present were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Commander of No 4 Military Re-

gion Col Yan Naing Oo, local authorities, the director-general of No 3 Basic Education Department (Yangon City) and contestants.

Chairman of the Committee for Competitions Deputy Director (Education) of No 3 BED (Yangon City) U Nu formally opened the competitions.

Next, students of No 6 BEHS in Botahtaung Township sang "Zartiman".

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw

Khin Thet Htay presented flower baskets and cash awards to the students who entertained the audience.

Altogether 259 contestants participated in song, dance, song composing and music competitions which were held at No 1 BEHS, Latha, No 6 BEHS, Botahtaung, No 2 BEHS, Dagon and No 1 BEHS, Lanmadaw.

The competitions continue up to 6 Sept.

MNA

Outstanding students, athletes presented prizes

YANGON, 4 Sept—The Ministry of Transport presented prizes to students who passed the 2003-2004 matriculation exam with flying colours, those who won titles and medals and those who were outstanding in sports at a ceremony held at the ministry this afternoon.

It was attended by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe's wife Daw San San Myint, Deputy Minister U Pe Than, Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung and wife, OSD Brig-Gen Myo Tin and wife, heads

of departments, outstanding students, outstanding athletes, those who won titles and medals, officials and guests.

Deputy Minister U Pe Than made an opening speech on the occasion.

Next, Daw San San Myint, the deputy ministers and heads of departments presented prizes to outstanding students.

Afterwards, the deputy ministers presented prizes to those who won titles and medals.

After that, Daw San San

Myint presented prizes to athletes who won 13 gold and ten silver in the traditional boat race and canoe race at XXII SEA Games.

Next, the deputy ministers and heads of departments presented prizes to athletes who were outstanding in domestic sports events.

On behalf of outstanding students and outstanding athletes, six-distinction winner Maung Aung Khine Lin and athlete Maung Phone Myint Tezar spoke words of thanks.

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Use Natural Gas Vehicles and save fuel oil



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects CNG Filling Point in Singaing Township.— MNA

Altogether 587 CNG vehicles have been used safely in Insein, Hmawby, Yenangyoung and Minbu since 1986. It is found that there is no ill effect on engine of the vehicle. The use of natural gas saves costly petrol and diesel and transport charges and it prevents polluting the environment.

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.



The Secretary-1 inspects filling of CNG into a bus plying Kyaukse-Mandalay Road.— MNA



The Secretary-1 greets locals at the opening ceremony of CNG filling point in Paleik.— MNA

Two filling stations are opened in Yangon, two in Yenangyoung and one in Chauk. Two vehicles can be filled with natural gas at the filling station in Paleik. The filling of natural gas takes only five minutes.

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 nearly double of a petrol engine on the same amount of engine oil. Clean engine oil extends the engine duration.



Opening ceremony of CNG filling point on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in progress in Paleik, Singaing Township, Kyaukse District.— MNA

See for yourselves

Ma Thet Swe (Thayet)

Ah, the programme is "from youths to youths". Absolutely wonderful for adults like us. We had never heard a programme like it when we were young. We were brought up under strict disciplines of our elders. As there are differences in opinion, feeling and decision between youths and adults, sometimes strict disciplines of elders only hurt youths.

In addition, some youths see the admonishments of elders as restrictions. But some are able to live to the rules of elders. Some youths fell victim to the arrogance of their parents. And there are many youths trying to free themselves from the bad environment they are living in.

Whether they are good or bad or rich or poor, what youths really need is a correct discipline of their parents and

and of teachers and parents took part in the discussions.

The launching of the youth training camps served as the foundation for opening of the Youth Centre in August 2003. The aims of the Centre are to feed youths with correct information on the reproductive health, while enabling them to use their extra time effectively.

Standing as an organization, the Centre permits every person of age between ten and 24 to join it as members. The Centre now has over 5,400 members.

Altogether 10 youth centres were opened in 2003 alone: two each in Yangon, Mandalay, Monywa of Sagaing, Patheingyi of Ayeyawady and Kengtung of East Shan State. Another two were later opened in 2004: one each in Mawlamyine and Hpaauk model village of Mon State. Arrangements are being made to open another four in 2004 too.

The aim of the youth centre is to provide the youths with knowledge of reproductive health, sound advice for health and social problems, general knowledge, happiness and safety, recreation and so on. There will also be such special programmes as excursions, youth get-togethers, exchange of their views, entertainment programmes, and exhibitions and competitions. With these programmes, the youth centres extend their warm welcome to all the youths.

The youth centres will train the youths as to how to improve relationship among themselves, adapt themselves to their respective social circles, and live a safe and secure life. Therefore, the adults will have nothing to worry about their children's being at the youth centre.

Such things had not existed when I was young. So the youths of today should not let this kind of opportunity go. It is necessary for youths to take everything into account to know what should be done. Nearly 6,000 youths have come to join the youth centres every month and are making the most of their free times.

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Under the joint sponsorship of MMCWA and UNFPA, Youth Forum was held to mark ICPD+10 at the Sedona Hotel in Yangon on 23-24 August.

It was attended by youths from Red Cross, MWCAF (Girls+Child), Myanmar Medical Association, Union Solidarity and Development Association, the Health Department, the Health Planning Department, Youth Informatic, MSI, and MMCWA. Among them, the number of youths who have completed youth camps and that of those from youth centres are in majority and totalled 52.

They were divided into four groups for discussions. A total of 12 youths from the four groups took part in the discussion session held on the first day. Resolutions were passed on the basis of collective discussions. They held frank discussions and coordinations simply, actively and closely in respect of weak points, strong points, shortage, amendment, and future tasks.

Were I not on that occasion in person... But I myself heard it with my own ears. Otherwise, there would be no way of knowing Myanmar youths were that bright and brainy. But now my experience told me.

You will not believe your ears, but seeing is believing. I want all, especially the youths I love, to know about it.

Translation: TMT+KTY

Youths who have completed their course contribute their services for the multiplier courses conducted at other camps in states and divisions. So far a total of 2,305 youths have completed the multiplier courses conducted at the state/division centres. Thanks to the brilliant efforts of the member youths in their public welfare services, the Association won the ASEAN Youth Award for Community Services in 2000.

the fruitful discussions among themselves. And what really matters for elders is to know the changes in mind, body and actions of youths according to their age. Regretably, we were not able to know all about the changes of youths in the past. But now we have come to realize them.

The Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association began its youth programme in 1998, and since then it has been holding lectures on teenage reproductive health and culture.

In 1999, it held talks on the subjects for non-school-student youths, especially for those who are attending domestic science or vocational training schools.

The Association opened its first youth training camp in 2000, conducting a course for youths of Yangon and Mandalay. Forty youths from the two cities completed the course.

At the opening of the camp, Chairman of the National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivered an address.

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On 22 May 2003, an MoU was signed between the Association and the UNFPA, the IPPF and the MSI to cooperate in the teenage reproductive health promotion programme during the period from 2003 to 2005.

The Association also held comprehensive health educative talks on teenage reproductive health in upper and lower Myanmar, with Mandalay and Yangon as the base. Representatives of the Maternal and Child Welfare Associations from all states and divisions, the Red Cross Society, the Union Solidarity and Development Association,

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Agriculture, livestock breeding tasks inspected in North Okkalapa

YANGON, 4 Sept — Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, accompanied by Head of Administration Department U Kyaw Min and officials, inspected tasks of the Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Farm being undertaken by Production Department near No 3 Highway in North Okkalapa Township this morning.

Farm In-Charge U Pru Hla Aung reported on breeding of about 6 million fries, raising of layer and pig breeding, growing of okra and asparagus and repair and extension of fish ponds and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the mayor inspected the welfare shop opened by Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Farm. — MNA

UMFCCI opens Applied Business English course

YANGON, 4 Sept — The opening ceremony of the course on Applied Business English level-I (batch 1) organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, was held at the training centre of UMFCCI on Bo Sun Pat Street in Pabedan Township, at 9.30 am today.

Present on the occasion were Adviser to UMFCCI U Khin Maung Yi, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, members of the education work group, course instructors and trainees.

First, the general secretary of UMFCCI gave an opening speech and Course Instructor U Kyaw Myint explained facts about the course. Altogether 40 trainees are attending the 3-month course. — H



Chairman of Education Working Group U Sein Win Hlaing speaking at opening ceremony of Applied Business English course. — UMFCCI



Vice-Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut addresses coordination meeting of NCCC.—MNA

National Convention Convening Commission holds coord meeting

YANGON, 4 Sept—The National Convention Convening Commission held the coordination meeting at the meeting hall of NCCC in Kyaikkasan Grounds, here, this morning.

Present were Vice-Chairman of NCCC Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Vice-Chairman of the Work Committee Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Chairman of the Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members of the commission. Joint-Secretary-2 of the Commission Director-General U Myint Thein of Pyithu Hluttaw Office reported on agenda of the meeting.

Vice-Chairman of the Commission Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut delivered an address, saying that the participants of the meeting were to widely discuss notes of the Work Committee to be submitted to the National Convention. The Management Committee is to carry out maintenance for the buildings related to the National Convention, the Pyidaungsu hall and meeting halls of Nyaungnapin Camp, hostels of the delegates and the hospital if necessary. And, the officials of the Management Committee should ask after health of the delegates being warded at the hospital and provide assistance to them. Chairman of the Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe reported that with respects to the proposals submitted by delegates of the National Convention,

the Work Committee is to compile the paper on findings of the Panel of Chairmen on them. And, he briefed them on compilation of the history of the National Convention and matters to be submitted by the Work Committee to the National Convention.

Next, Chairman of the Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung presented reports on progress in renovation and maintenance of buildings at Nyaungnapin Camp.

Next, those present took part in the discussions.

Later, the Vice-Chairman of the Commission Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut gave the concluding remarks.—MNA



Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents a souvenir to Chief Executive of Kitchee Football Club Mr Ken K Ng of Hong Kong at the dinner.—SPED

Sports Minister hosts dinner to Hong Kong football club

YANGON, 4 Sept — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended the ceremony of hosting a dinner to Hong Kong Kitchee football club held at Kandawgyi Karaweik Palace at 7 pm today.

Present on the occasion were members of

MOC, officials of the ministry, the president of Myanmar Football Federation, CEC members and members of Kitchee football club.

First, the minister extended greetings and exchanged the souvenirs with Chief Executive of Kitchee football club Mr Ken K Ng.

Afterwards, Mr Ken K Ng expressed thanks and they were entertained with Myanmar traditional culture dance troupe, followed by hosting the dinner.

Next, the minister presented K 100,000, cash of honour to the dance troupe and the ceremony came to a close.

MNA

Talks on Myanmar tourism development held

YANGON, 4 Sept—With the assistance of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, talks on Myanmar tourism development sponsored by Union of Myanmar Travel Association were held at the Grand Plaza Park Royal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road here this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Adviser to the ministry U Khin Maung Latt and officials, Professor Mr Ogata Masakatsu of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Tokyo, Japan, Professor Daw Khin Shwe

Myint of Yangon University, Professor Daw Hla Myint of Institute of Economics, Chairman of UMTA U Khin Zaw and CEC members, officials of UMTA, tour operators, guests and enthusiasts.

Deputy Minister made a speech on the occasion.

Next, Chairman of UMTA U Khin Zaw explained matters related to Myanmar tourism.

Afterwards, Professor Mr Ogata Masakatsu lectured on tourism in Asia and Pacific region and replied queries raised by those present, after which the

morning session of the talks went into recess.

In the afternoon session, Managing Director U Soe Thura Tun of Myanmar Tourex Travels lectured on domestic tourism development, Director U Phone Thant of Swift Wind Travels on ecotourism sites of Myanmar and Managing Director Daw Ritar Myint of Taw Win Travels on sales distribution system and replied queries raised by those present on the occasion, and the ceremony ended.

MNA



Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu speaking at talks on development of tourism industry.—H&T

CEC member attend prize presentation ceremonies at schools in Mandalay Division

YANGON, 4 Sept — Member of the Central Executive Committee of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung and wife Daw Wai Wai and party arrived at Basic Education High School in Natogyi Township on 31 August morning and attended the prize presentation ceremony for outstand-

ing students.

The CEC member presented certificates of honour to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2003-2004 academic year and teachers.

Next, the deputy minister donated 1,000 dozens of exercise books to Natogyi Township USDA Secretary U Aye Thant Swe. The deputy minister met USDA mem-

bers and officials at Pyinsi Model Village and urged them to actively participate in the rural development tasks.

Afterwards, he attended the ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students in the matriculation examination for 2003-2004 and certificates to the headmaster and teachers.

He accepted two com-

puters donated by U Maung Maung Win-Daw Tin Tin Aye and U Nyo Win-Daw Thi Thi and K 1,140,000 by wellwishers and handed over the donations to the School Board of Trustees.

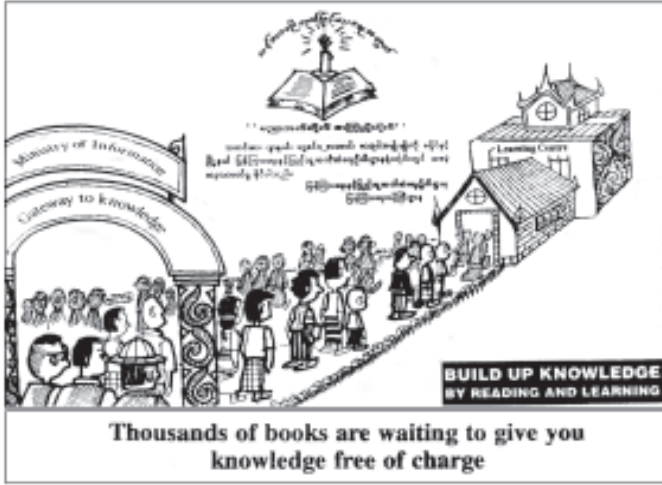
Next, they met members of Township USDA and War Veterans Organization and local people.

On 1 September morning, the deputy minister

attended the prize presentation for outstanding students at Wetlu Model BEHS. Then, he inspected 200 feet deep tube-well sunk by Township USDA in Kyundaunt Village.

In the afternoon, the deputy minister, wife and party attended the prize presentation of Myotha BEHS in Ngazun Township. On 2 September, the deputy minister and party attended the ceremony to drive stakes for new building of Thakyan BEHS in Ngazun Township. He proceeded to Natgyi Affiliated BEMS and met the headmaster, teachers and local people.

At the office of Myingyan District USDA, the deputy minister met members of USDA and WVO and instructed them to participate in carrying out of rural development tasks.—MNA



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Musical Concert by the musicians of St Catharine's College, Cambridge University, Britain will perform as follows:

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WB approves poverty reduction support credit

ISLAMABAD, 4 Sept — The World Bank has approved a credit of 300 million US dollars in support of the Poverty Reduction Strategy of the Pakistani Government, said a statement issued by the Bank Friday.

The poverty reduction strategy credit is the first phase of a three-year programme to support Paki-

stan's efforts at sustaining rapid growth and reducing poverty.

The interest-free credit is from the International Development Association, the World Bank's concessional lending arm, and has a 35-year maturity, a 10-year grace period and a 0.75 per cent service charge.

MNA/Xinhua

Zambia, Tanzania to create joint investment promotion network

LUSAKA, 3 Sept — Zambia and Tanzania have begun talks on the possibility of creating a joint investment promotion network with a view of enhancing investment flows to the two southern African countries.

The initiative has been necessitated by the findings of two studies conducted in the two countries which revealed that though the countries have made strides in liberalizing their economies, there has been minimal investment flows.

The studies have further revealed an apparent general lack of know-how on how to formulate and execute investment promotion strategies that could help attain inward export-oriented investments into the two countries.

"We are trying to identify the constraints in terms of laws and policies that have been inhibiting investment flows into the two countries and find solutions to these constraints," Cleophas Ruhumbika, director of export promotion at the Board of External Trade of Tanzania, said here Thursday at an investment policy strategy planning meeting between the two countries.

Ruhumbika, who is leading a 13-member delegation, said the two countries have appointed consultants who are currently outlining investment promotion strategies to be translated into proposals to the relevant authorities.

MNA/Xinhua

Britain tests satellite tracking for criminals

LONDON, 3 Sept — British police Thursday started three pilot schemes to test the use of satellites to track prolific offenders and paedophiles after their release from prison so as to reduce the risk of repeat crimes.

It is the first time that a European country has used satellites to monitor the actions of offenders.

Under the scheme, convicted burglars, robbers and car thieves will be fitted with an electronic device on their ankles that can be tracked by satellite 24 hours a day. The device can alert police if the offender strays into restricted areas.

"We estimate there are 5,000 prolific offenders causing major problems and mayhem with their offending behaviour, day in, day out," Home Office Minister Paul Goggins told BBC Radio.

"It will be a very, very clear constant reminder to the offenders that we're watching them, we know where they've been, we know what they're doing and if they stray, we'll act to stop them," he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Wen Jiabao calls for closer ties with Thailand

BEIJING, 3 Sept — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here Thursday that China takes Thailand as a "sincere partner" and hopes the two sides would seek opportunities to boost relations.

Wen made the remark during a meeting with Thai Prime Minister and President of the Thai Rak Thai Party Thaksin Shinawatra, who is here to attend the Third International Conference of Asian Political Parties slated for 3-5 September in Beijing.

Wen said Sino-Thai relations have been developing well in recent years. The consensus reached between leaders of the two countries when Chinese President Hu Jintao visited Thailand last year has laid a foundation for the advancement of bilateral relations.

China and Thailand have seen a promising future in trade and economic cooperation, said the Chinese Premier. The two sides can cooperate well in areas of infrastructure construction, biological energy development and agriculture.

MNA/Xinhua

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Pakistani PM allocates portfolios to Cabinet members

ISLAMABAD, 4 Sept — Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz kept the Finance Ministry for himself and retained Khurshid Kasuri as Foreign Minister when he allocated portfolios to 32 members of his Cabinet on Thursday, English-language newspaper *Dawn* reported on Friday.

A large-scale reshuffle has been made in portfolios of ministers who were in the cabinets of Zafarullah Khan Jamali and Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain and have now joined Aziz' Cabinet. The names of the federal ministers and their portfolios are as follows:

1. Rao Sikandar Iqbal, Senior Minister for Defence;
2. Khurshid Mehmood Kasuri, Foreign Affairs;
3. Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, Information and Broadcasting;
4. Liaquat Ali Jatoti, Water and Power;
5. Humayun Akhtar Khan, Commerce;
6. Chaudhry Nouraz Shakoar, Science and Technology;
7. Muhammad Naseer Khan, Health;
8. Faisal Saleh Hayat, Kashmir Affairs;
9. Ghulam Sarwar Khan, Labour and Manpower;
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11. Aftab Ahmed Khan Sherpao, Interior;
12. Sher Afgan Niazi, Parliamentary Affairs;
13. Javed Ashraf Qazi, Education;
14. Zobiaida Jalal, Women Development and Special Education;

15. Ijazul Haq, Religious Affairs, Zakat and Ushr;
16. Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari, Information Technology;
17. Shamim Siddiqi, Communication;
18. Abdur Razzaq Thaheem, Local Government and Rural Development;
19. Amanullah Khan Jadoon, Petroleum and Natural Resources;
20. Muhammad Ajmal Khan, Sports and Culture;
21. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Privatization and Investment;
22. Mushtaq Ali Cheema, Textile Industry;
23. Muhammad Wasi Zafar, Law and Justice;
24. Habibullah Warriach, Defence Production;
25. Tahir Iqbal, Environment;
26. Yar Muhammad Rind, States and Frontier Regions;
27. Ghazi Gulab Jamal, Tourism;
28. Babar Khan Ghauri, Ports and Shipping;
29. Ghaus Bakhsh Mahar, Narcotics Control;
30. Jehangir Tareen, Industries and Production;
31. Syed Safwanullah, Housing and Works;
32. Mian Shamim Haider, Railways. — MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN economic ministers begin convening in Jakarta

JAKARTA, 4 Sept — Economic ministers of the ten-member Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) began here on Friday their 36th annual gathering to seek ways to accelerate economic integration in the region and to boost intra-regional trade.

The ministers are expected to focus on the 11 priority sectors for the economic integration. The sectors include automotive, textile, electronics, information technology, health services, rubber-based products, wood-based products, tourism, agriculture, fisheries and aviation. The sectors are where ASEAN members hold comparative advantage and competitiveness.

The three-day meeting is also expected to come out with an effective dispute settlement mechanism and harmonization and standardization of trade facilities and

investment procedures.

The meeting also gives an opportunity for the ASEAN ministers to hold talks with their counterparts of the grouping main partners, namely Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea and the European Union.

Founded in 1967, ASEAN is moving to a single market of the region's 520 million people with a single production basis, characterized by a freer trade flow of goods and services, and freer flow of investment and labour in the region by 2020. — MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Vice-Premier satisfied with eco cooperation with Cambodia

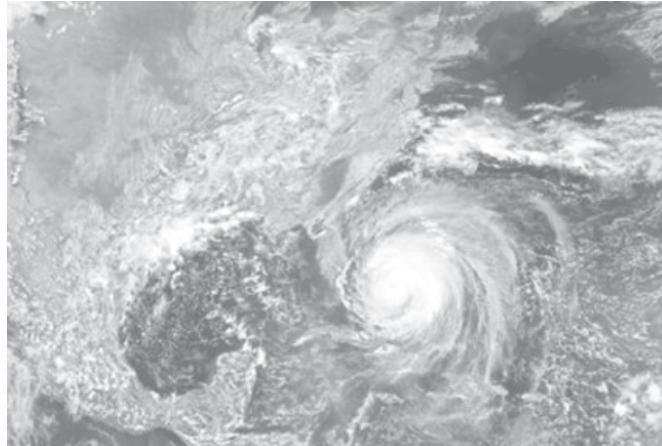
BEIJING, 3 Sept — The economic and trade cooperation between China and Cambodia has witnessed smooth development and remarkable achievement, said Vice-Premier Wu Yi here Thursday in a meeting with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen.

Hun Sen came to China to attend the Third International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), which is to be held from 3 to 5 September.

In the first half of this year, the two sides signed some agreements on economic and trade cooperation, laying foundation for the expansion of bilateral economic cooperation, Wu said.

The Chinese side is actively implementing relevant agreements in accordance with the consensus reached by leaders of two countries, she said.

MNA/Xinhua



As the first bands of Hurricane Frances approach the coast of Florida, the MODIS instrument on NASA's Aqua satellite captured this stunning image on 3 Sept, 2004.

INTERNET

China's President praises Chinese athletes' performance at Athens

BEIJING, 3 Sept — President Hu Jintao congratulated the returned Chinese Olympic delegation on the athletes' outstanding performance at the Athens Olympic Games during a meeting with them Thursday.

Hu said the indomitable spirit and ethics the China's athletes demonstrated during the 17-day games "greatly enhanced Chinese people's self-confidence and sense of pride, and have become a strong spiritual force to push

forward our cause".

He also called on Chinese athletes to remain clear-headed and be aware of their shortcomings at the time of the historic victory.

He encouraged Chinese athletes to strive for good per-

formance at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and make bigger contribution to China's endeavour to build of a relatively affluent society in an all-round way and the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. — MNA/Xinhua

Information technology prerequisite to African development

KIGALI, 4 Sept — Rwandan President Paul Kagame on Friday called on African governments to embrace the information and communication technology (ICT) strategy as the only modern roadmap for development in the region.

Kagame made this remark when addressing delegates at the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) High Level ICT Policy Forum that convened in Kigali.

"We in Africa and other developing countries must regard the digital highway as one of the vectors of growth and maximally strive to harness its potential," he said.

The President urged COMESA member states to make use of the available ICT tools as they leapfrog in the 21st Century.

"The 19th and 20th centuries were driven by a network of railways and highways but the 21st Century is driven by digital highways and the ICT value added services," Kagame noted.

Kagame called on the

COMESA member states to review their ICT policies and regulatory frameworks, in order to realign them with the emerging competitive and technological developments.

He termed African governments as "information haves-not" that need to leapfrog many stages in their development processes in order to catch up with the "information haves".

On its part, COMESA has established the Association of Regulators of Information and Communication in Eastern and Southern Africa (ARICEA), which provides a harmonized regional ICT-enabling environment and demonstrates best practices for regulators.

COMESA Secretary-General Erastus Mwencha, however, cited the challenges of ICT in the member states.

MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN trade body endorses enhanced rules of origin

JAKARTA, 4 Sept — Trade ministers of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) members have endorsed a revised agreement on the "rules of origin" in a bid to help boost regional trade, local Press reports said on Friday.

The "rules of origin" include, among other things, a stipulation that products manufactured in an ASEAN country must have a minimum 40 per cent local or ASEAN content (raw materials or components) to be able to enjoy low tariffs when exported to other countries

within the region, reported The *Jakarta Post* newspaper.

This is part of the game rules under the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA), where import tariffs are cut to between zero and 5 per cent through the Common Effective Preferential Tariffs (CEPT) scheme.

The revision of the rules of origin cut the threshold of the local content requirement to 20 per cent, a move that theoretically should boost trade within the region as more exported products can enjoy the lower tariff facility.

MNA/Xinhua

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SPORTS

Mauresmo, Hewitt advance,
Ferrero upset at US Open

NEW YORK, 3 Sept—Former world No 1 Lleyton Hewitt extended his match winning streak to 12 and Austrian Stefan Koubek pulled off the biggest upset so far as both advanced to the third round of the US Open.

Hewitt rallied to beat Hicham Arazi 7-6 (9/7) 6-1, 6-2 in one hour and 55 minutes.

"I feel like I really stepped it up in the second set," Hewitt said. "I was just getting used to the conditions out there."

Hewitt has been in the final of the last three tournaments winning the last two at Washington and Long Island. The win was marked Hewitt's 17th in last 18 attempts. Hewitt blasted nine aces and made just 27 unforced errors to Arazi, of Morocco.

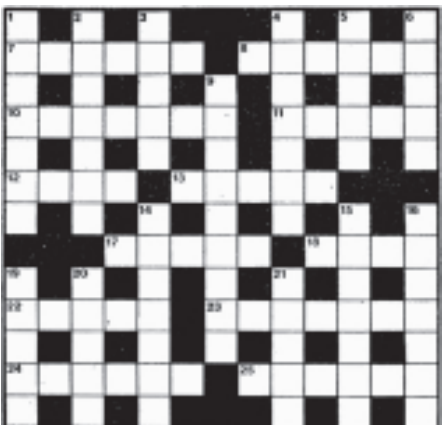
"It is nice to get a win against a guy like him who is flashy and capable of coming up with some great shots," Hewitt said.

Austria's Stefan Koubek won his second consecutive five-set match by upsetting last year's runner-up Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain 7-6(2), 4-6, 6-7(6), 6-2, 6-3. Ferrero, the 2003 Roland Garros champion, was playing in the US Open for the sixth straight year. Ferrero has been hobbled by injuries and illness after a stellar season last year. —Internet



Johansson of Sweden serves to Jan-Michael Gambill of the United States during their match at the 2004 US Open in New York, on 3 Sept, 2004. Johansson defeated Gambill 6-4, 7-5, 7-5. —INTERNET

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Roddick, Serena
advance at US Open

NEW YORK, 3 Sept—Hardly at her best, barely beating one of the tour's pesky teens, Serena Williams suddenly found herself face-down at the US Open. Running for a ball she couldn't reach, the six-time Grand Slam champion slipped and planted both palms on the court to brace herself. Williams shook the sting out of her hands, beckoned a ball boy to retrieve her fallen racket, then took her sweet time before facing break point.

Recomposed, Williams smacked a service winner at 111 mph, an ace just as fast, and forced an error. Just like that, she held serve en route to beating 30th-seeded Tatiana Golovin 7-5, 6-4 Friday night to reach the Open's fourth round.

"I was playing two opponents: her and myself," Williams said. —Internet

Gerrard set to
miss England
World Cup opener

VIENNA, 3 Sept—Steven Gerrard is set to miss out on England's opening World Cup qualifier against Austria on Saturday after failing to shake off a groin injury he suffered in training earlier this week.

Head coach Sven-Goran Eriksson said the Liverpool midfielder had a 50-50 chance of being fit for the match but admitted he would be reluctant to run the risk of aggravating the injury and potentially losing Gerrard for England's second qualifier, in Poland on Wednesday.

"I think it is 50/50 if he plays or not," Eriksson said. "We will take that decision only tomorrow around lunchtime. "If we think the injury will be (made) worse by playing, then we will not play him. It would not be fair to take that risk."

"But whatever happens tomorrow I am sure he will be ready for Wednesday."

Gerrard had been earmarked to play in central midfield alongside Frank Lampard. —Internet

Venus Williams,
Henin-Hardenne,
Davenport advance
at US Open

NEW YORK, 3 Sept—Four-time Grand Slam winner Venus Williams, the 2000 and 2001 champion, overcame four double faults and 25 unforced errors to defeat Shikha Uberoi 7-5, 6-1 in the second round of the US Open.

"In that first set I was weak off the ground but as the match continued I got better with my groundstrokes," Williams said.

The 24-year-old American is trying to make the most of her US Open appearance after missing last year's event with an stomach injury.

Williams, who has 31 career singles wins and four Grand Slam titles, took 81 minutes to advance to the next round where she will play countrywoman Chanda Rubin, who beat Italian Antonella Serra Zanetti, 7-5, 6-3. —Internet



Number two seed Amelie Mauresmo of France serves to Maria Vento-Kabchi of Venezuela at the 2004 US Open in Flushing Meadows. —INTERNET

Poborsky could miss
World Cup qualifier

PRAGUE, 3 Sept—Czech midfielder Karel Poborsky is questionable for Wednesday's World Cup qualifier against Holland due to a back injury. Poborsky injured his back earlier in the week while lifting up his daughter. He was expected to captain the squad due to a knee injury to Pavel Nedved. Uncapped midfielder Karel Pitak was called up Friday in case Poborsky can't suit up.

Poborsky, 32, has earned over 100 caps in addition to playing for Manchester United, Benfica, and Lazio. He currently plays for Sparta Prague in the Czech first division and played a significant role during the Czech Republic's run to the semifinals of Euro 2004 earlier this summer.

Internet

Refreshed Beckham relishing final shot
at World Cup glory

VIENNA, 3 Sept—David Beckham has admitted that the 2006 World Cup is likely to be his last chance of winning a major tournament with England.

The England skipper will be 31 by the time of the finals in Germany in two years time and he recognises that his all-action style of play is unlikely to encourage longevity on the international stage.

"Maybe my legs will keep going for a few more years but maybe it is my last shot at a World Cup, to win something as big as that," Beckham said on the eve of England's opening qualifier, against Austria.

"There is a lot more football to be played but it would be nice to go into that competition and win it."

Having fallen at the quarter-final stage at the last World Cup and at Euro 2004, Beckham knows that his confidence in the current England squad being good enough to win a major tournament may look misplaced.

"I suppose some of the criticism we have had is fair," he said. "The last couple of competitions we have not gone as far as we

said we would or as we expected to.

"With the talent we have got in the team we should get further in competitions. Hopefully it is going to be our year in Germany and that's what we've got to believe."

"We've got to go into this competition believing we can win it." Beckham's England career has always involved rollercoaster lurches. Highs — the free-kick that secured the team's place in the 2002 World Cup or the penalty against Argentina in those finals — have been followed by lows, most recently in the form of the criticism that greeted his below-par displays at Euro 2004.

Typically, Beckham is using that experience as the spur towards a new high. "If you are a high profile player and you play at a high standard, when you drop below that, even if it is not by that much, you get criticised," he said.

"You can either take that and go into your shell and not perform again or you can fight back. My mentality is to fight back and prove to people that I can play some pretty good football."

Internet



Brazilian coach Alberto Parreira, left, talks with soccer star Roberto Carlos, centre, who plays in Real Madrid, and Adriano who plays for Inter Milan, during training in Teresopolis for The World Cup qualifier match against Bolivia, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 3 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

MRTV-3**5-9-2004 (Sunday)
(Programme Schedule)
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(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar
Panorama & Myanmar
Sentiment"
- 9:06 A Day in A Farmer's
Life
- 9:10** **Headline News**
- 9:12 Fossilized Wood Garden
- 9:15** **National News**
- 9:20 An introduction to
Myanmar Classical
Music CD-Rom
- 9:25 A Classical Male
Dance
- 9:30** **National News**
- 9:35 Prospective Ostrich
Farming
- 9:40 Myanmar Modern
Song "Missing you so
much"
- 9:50** **National News**
- 9:55 Towards Pondaung
Ponnya Yaw Region
(Part-II)
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**5-9-2004 (Sunday)
Evening Transmission
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Panorama & Myanmar
Sentiment"
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(Part-II)
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 16:30** **National News**
- 16:35 Photo Exhibitions of
Shwedagon Pagoda
- 16:40 A Short Introduction to
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(or) Myanmar Orchestra
- 16:45** **National News**
- 16:50 Mann Ma-Yway
- 16:55 Kayin Dance (We Bu
(or) Paddy Winnowing
Dance)
- 17:00** **National News**
- 17:05 Ah Lin Ga Kyaw Swa
Cartoonist U Ba Gyan
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Truth and
Beauty"
- 17:12 Unforgettable Customs
of the Chins
- 17:15** **National News**
- 17:20 Travel & Description
(Mandalay to Lashio)
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

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

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 Better Home, Better
Decorations
- 19:40** **Headline News**
- 19:42 Exciting Adventurous
Journey (Part-II)
- 19:45** **National News**
- 19:50 Concert of Trompette
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- 19:55 Dawei Water Feching
Dance
- 20:00** **National News**
- 20:05 Towards Pondaung
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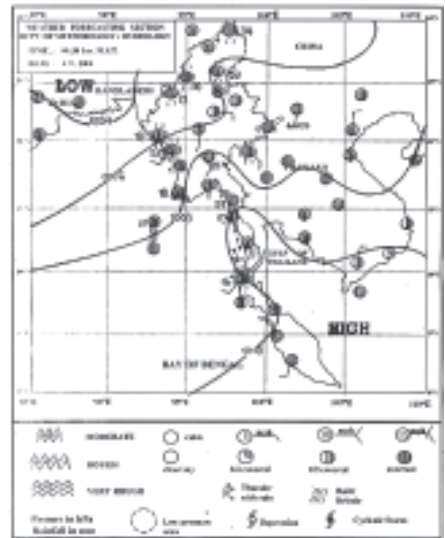
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Song "Missing you so
much"
- 22:15** **National News**
- 22:20 Towards Pondaung
Ponnya Yaw Region
(Part-II)
- 22:25 Myanmar Modern
Song "Everlasting"
- 22:30** **National News**
- 22:35 Photo Exhibitions of
Shwedagon Pagoda
- 22:40 A Short Introduction to
Myanmar Saing Waing
(or) Myanmar Orchestra
- 22:45** **National News**
- 22:50 Mann Ma-Yway
- 22:55 Kayin Dance (We Bu
(or) Paddy Winnowing
Dance)
- 23:00** **National News**
- 23:05 Ah Lin Ga Kyaw Swa
Cartoonist U Ba Gyan
- 23:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Truth and
Beauty"
- 23:12 Unforgettable Customs
of the Chins
- 23:15** **National News**
- 23:20 Travel & Description
(Mandalay to Lashio)
- 23:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

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 - 0.20 inch at central Yangon.
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 - 95.71 inches at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

**WEATHER**

Saturday, 4 September 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State and Mandalay Division, scattered in upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Myitkyina (2.05) inches and Mawlamyine (1.97) inches.

Maximum temperature on 3-9-2004 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 4-9-2004 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 4-9-2004 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 3-9-2004 was 0.4 hours approx.

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State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Moderate monsoon. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-9-2004:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-9-2004: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Flood Warning

(Issued at 11:00 hrs MST on 4-9-2004)

The water level of Dokhtawady River at Myitngone may rise (10) cm and exceed above the danger level (870) cm during the next (24) hrs commencing noon today.

ASLEEP IN JESUS**DR. L. Zau Baa (M.B.B.S.)****Age 50**

Youngest son of Rev. L. Zau Yaw and (Sarama M. Nang Hseng) of Kutkai Baptist Church, beloved husband of Daw Lu Ja, father of Khun Nang Moon, Nang Latt, Nang Seng Hom, Jau Fa Khun, Jau Khun Awng and Nang Shan Awng, fell asleep in Jesus at 4:30 am on (4-9-2004). Funeral will be held on 6th September 2004 (Monday) at Sword Memorial Baptist Church, Kutkai.

Beloved family**Daw Thauang Kyi (a) Daw Thauang****(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

Sunday, September 5

View on today:

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Saydaw U
Ottamathara
- 7:15 am**
2. ထိပ်တန်းစာအုပ်အသစ်များ
ဖတ်ရှုရန် အခွင့်အလမ်း
(ယောဆုရတော်) ယောကြီးတော်
ဗုဒ္ဓအသံ ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ် ပြန်လည်ထုတ်ဝေ
- 7:25 am**
3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
4. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am**
6. ယဉ်ကျေးမှု (၄၀) ပြာဇာတိ
- 8:05 am**
7. အမိမြို့ပုံ
- 8:15 am**
8. ဆရာတော်တော်တော်
- 8:30 am**
9. International news

- 8:45 am**
10. Say It in English
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical programme
- 11:20 am**
3. Round-up of the week's
TV local news
- 11:30 am**
4. မိုးခန့်ခွဲချက်အရ
"အခွင့်အလမ်း" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)
- 12:05 pm**
5. အထူးအသံအသံ
- 12:20 pm**
6. Teleplay
"အသံအသံအသံအသံ"
ဇာတ်ကား ဝင်းလှိုင် တင်တင်ညို
တင်တင်ညို
- 2:45 pm**
7. 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
- 4:40 pm**
4. အသံအသံအသံအသံ
- 4:50 pm**
5. အထူးအသံအသံ

- 5:05 pm**
6. Songs of national races
- 5:20 pm**
7. လက်ဆွဲအသံအသံ
- 5:30 pm**
8. Musical programme
- 5:45 pm**
9. Agricultural Source
Country's Development
- 5:55 pm**
10. Sing and enjoy
- 6:30 pm**
11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
13. မိုးခန့်ခွဲချက်အရ
"အခွင့်အလမ်း" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
- 7:35 pm**
14. အထူးအသံအသံအသံ
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. မိုးခန့်ခွဲချက်အရ
"အခွင့်အလမ်း" (အပိုင်း-၂၆)
19. The next day's
programme



Sunday, September 5

Tune in today:

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: Rock 'N'
Roll music
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: Sunday
morning
- 8:55 am** National news/
Slogan
- 9:05 am** Music: Wanna get
to know you that
good
- 9:10 am** International
news
- 9:15 am** Cultural images of
Myanmar
That's Myanmar
- 1:30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Story for Children
- 1:50 pm** Songs for Children
- 9:00 pm** Weekly news
review
- 9:15 pm** Article
- 9:25 pm** Adapted originals
-Kiss (Vengaboys)
-Bright eyes (Art
Garfunkel)
- 9:45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

CNG saves cost, and less transport charges can bring down commodity prices

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win attends opening of gas-filling point in Paleik

YANGON, 4 Sept — Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy opened a gas-filling point on Yangon-Mandalay

ministers, the Mandalay mayor, the deputy commander, senior military officers, local authorities, departmental heads, members of social

compound of the shop.

The Secretary-1 inspected two filling points and filling of compressed natural gas in a Kyaukse-Mandalay passenger bus

produce sufficient natural gas for consumption in vehicles. Instead of petrol and diesel engine cars, CNG cars have been used for some years. Natural gas

safe and this does not affect the engine. He spoke of the need to use CNG vehicles safely.

The use of CNG saves the cost and less transport charges can contribute to bringing down commodity prices, he added.

Altogether 587 CNG vehicles have been used safely in Insein, Hmawby, Yenangyoung and Minbu since 1986. It is found that there is no effect on engine of the vehicle. The use of cheaper natural gas saves costly petrol and diesel and transport charges and it prevents polluting the

environment.

Two filling stations are opened in Yangon, two in Yenangyoung and one in Chauk. Two vehicles can be filled with natural gas at the filling station in Paleik. The filling of natural gas takes only five minutes.

CNG kits were installed in 35 vehicles in Kyaukse District initially and arrangements have been made for installation of CNG kits in 165 vehicles.

Arrangements are being made for installation of CNG kits in vehicles in Yangon and other major cities.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects CNG Filling Point at Paleik on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Singaing Township.—MNA

Highway in Paleik, Singaing Township, Kyaukse District, Mandalay Division, this morning.

The opening ceremony took place in front the station, attended by State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Also present on the occasion were State Peace and Development Council members Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Mandalay Division PDC Chairman Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint,

organizations, teachers, students, pompom troupes, Kyaukse elephant dance troupes, and local people.

At the ceremony, MOGE Director U Myint Htay reported on noteworthy facts about 'Compressed Natural Gas' (CNG). Next, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint and Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi formally opened the gas shop.

Later, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party inspected the system of keeping the compressors and air cylinders in the

and had a chat with local car owners and people.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win converses with car owners and local people at the CNG Filling Point in Singaing Township.—MNA

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.

Sanitation, proper flow of water at drains carried out in Yangon City

YANGON, 4 Sept — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected beautifying of Yangon City, proper flow of water at drains and upgrading of roads in the city and

attended to the needs.

The commander and the mayor saw over substitute of concrete tiles at the platform in front of the Ministry of Industry-1, sanitation at drains along Kaba Aye pagoda Road in Yankin Township, cleaning tasks and dredging of drains along Mindhamma Road and Yangon-Bago six-lane highway, spraying of pesticide and repaving of

roads.

The commander and the mayor gave instructions on upgrading of the city to have characteristics of international cities.

Tatmadaw men, members of Myanmar Police Force, employees of YCDC, social organizations and local people participated in carrying out sanitation and proper flow of water at drains.—MNA

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