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## Drug control sector alone not enough Tasks for poppy-growers to earn substitute income and to raise quality of their life in poppy growing areas to be undertaken

### Special meeting 1/2006 of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control held

NAY PYI TAW 5 Aug— The special meeting 1/2006 of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control was held at Myanmar Police Force Headquarters here this afternoon, with an address by Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Also present were the ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the deputy ministers, members of CCDAC,

heads of department and Chairmen of Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association and Border Areas Development Association.

In his address, Prime Minister General Soe Win said at the meeting the CCDAC, related ministries and organizations are to review the anti-narcotic tasks and to speed up their momentum and to provide

necessary assistance. Significant achievements have been made in the drug control since 2005, compared to the measures taken in the past years, he said.

The narcotic drug is an evil danger related to political, economic, social and health aspects. It is also a grave danger not only to a single nation but also to the entire world.

Every nation is constantly carrying out anti-narcotics activities in their own ways, he said.

He said Myanmar has been launching anti-narcotic tasks since the periods of Myanmar kings. Before 1988, priority was given to drug control such as destruction of poppy fields and opium refineries under various operations.

three tactics, three techniques were laid down — to uplift the morale and perception of drug users and poppy growers, to secure smooth and easy transportation and communication between the nationals in highland areas and those in the mainland and to uplift the economic and social life of

the national races in the border areas.

The 15-year Narcotics Elimination Plan (1999-2014) was laid down and the first five year plan starting from 1999-2000 to 2003-2004, the second five year plan and the third five year plan are being implemented.

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Drug control sector alone is not enough. Tasks for poppy-growers to earn substitute income and to raise the quality of their life in the poppy growing areas are to be implemented harmoniously. By doing so, cultivation and production of poppy will dwindle away to nothing, he said.

For effective implementation of the tasks, three tactics of supply elimination, demand elimination and law enforcement have been adopted and are being practised.

In order to undertake the



Prime Minister General Soe Win addresses special meeting (1/2006) of CCDAC.—MNA



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

# PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 6 August, 2006

## Breast milk, best food for babies

In a message of the UNICEF marking the World Breastfeeding Week, it is stated that breastfeeding is one of the most effective preventive interventions available to prevent child mortality.

At present, mothers all over the world are placing emphasis on breastfeeding, for the age-old tradition of breastfeeding is highly recommended since breast milk is a high quality food, ideal for infants and children under six months of age.

It is learnt that about 63 per cent of children under six months in developing countries were malnourished since they didn't have sufficient breastfeeding.

The UNICEF and WHO are calling for every mother to breastfeed her child in view of the fact that breastfeeding benefits both mother and child.

Breast milk offers all the nutrients needed for the child to be healthy and to grow and at the same time gives a boost to the immune system to fend off such problems as diarrhoea, acute respiratory infections, ear infections and deficits in mental development.

The Health Department under the Ministry of Health in cooperation with the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the Myanmar Medical Association and social organizations is actively participating in maternal and child care activities. The ceremonies to mark the World Breastfeeding Week are held yearly, and prizes are presented to hospitals and townships fully engaged in breastfeeding.

All the nutrients needed for newly-born babies can be obtained from breast milk alone. All in all, we would like to call upon all the health staff, wellwishers and social organizations to help mothers in their breastfeeding in order that all newly-born babies can enjoy breast milk that is nutrient-rich, energy-rich and easy to digest.

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## People's Desire

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

## Coord meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport held

YANGON, 5 Aug — A coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport was held at the meeting hall of Yangon Command headquarters yesterday evening with an address by Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win.

At the meeting, the commander gave necessary instructions. Those present reported on matters related to school ferries, enforcement of traffic rules, measures being taken for smooth transport and conversion of diesel and petrol engine vehicles into NGVs.

The commander fulfilled requirements and made concluding remarks.

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## Basic, Refresher Computer Courses conclude

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug — Basic Computer (full time) Course and Computer Refresher (part time) Course (1/2006-07) of the Ministry of Forestry concluded at the hall of University of Forestry yesterday morning in Nay Pyi Taw with an address by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung. Also present were directors-general, the rector, officials and the trainees.



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung addresses conclusion ceremony of Computer Courses. — MNA

At the ceremony, Director-General U Soe Win Hlaing of Forest Department presented completion certificates to the trainees. Altogether 60

trainees attended the courses which lasted six weeks each.

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## School Health Week to be launched

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug — The Ministry of Education is implementing the 30-year long-term education promotion programme of basic education sector in accord with the education calendar.

As 14-19 August has been designated as school health week, all the basic education schools across the country are to launch school health activities such as sanitation, medical checks for students, treatment, prevention against infectious diseases, school health educative talks and providing of nutritious refreshments and parents are urged to take care of the health of their children. — MNA

## Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs attends Myanmar-Vietnam Political Consultations in Hanoi

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug — Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu arrived back here by air today after attending the Myanmar-Vietnam Political Consultations held in Hanoi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, from 1 to 4 August.

A Myanmar Delegation led by Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and

the Vietnamese Delegation led by Deputy Foreign Minister Mr Nguyen Phu Binh held a bilateral meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Hanoi on 1 August. At the meeting, the two sides discussed matters of mutual interest, further development of friendship, understanding and cooperation between the two countries and the

peoples. They also exchanged views on regional and international issues.

On 3 August morning,

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu called on Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Pham Gia Khiem at his office of the Vietnamese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On 4 August, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and party viewed the fish breeding farm near Ho Chi Minh City, and crocodile, python and goat breeding farms at Cu-chi near Ho Chi Minh City.

Director U Khin Maung Lynn and Assistant Director U Kyaw Soe of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also arrived back on the same flight.

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Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu meets Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Pham Gia Khiem.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

# Russia urges Iran to abide by UN resolution

Moscow, 4 Aug — Russia urged Iran on Thursday to abide by the UN Security Council resolution adopted on Monday which demands Iran to suspend uranium enrichment by 31 August.

The resolution, under negotiation for weeks, urges Iran “to suspend all enrichment related and reprocessing activities, including research and development, or it would face possible economic and diplomatic sanctions”.

“We count on the fact that Iran will follow the call and that additional actions by the UN Security Council will not be necessary,” the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

“Members of the United Nations agree to accept and implement the decisions of the Security Council in accordance with the UN Charter,” the statement added.

At the insistence of Council members like Russia and China, the resolution dropped the threat of immediate sanctions and required the Council to hold further discussions before considering sanctions.

MNA/Xinhua

**Protesters hold a placard during a rally against the violence in Lebanon outside an office building housing the Israeli Embassy in Manila on 4 August, 2006.—INTERNET**



## Survey shows rising number of Britons want to emigrate

LONDON, 4 Aug — A rising number of Britons would like to move abroad in search of a better quality of life and better weather, with Australia the most popular choice, a survey on Thursday showed.

According to the poll conducted by the BBC and ICM Research, 13 per cent of Britons said they were hoping to emigrate in the “near future”, almost twice the number who answered the same question in 2003.

Young people were the most likely to want to leave, with a quarter saying they were hoping to live

abroad. The main reasons for people wanting to move abroad were a desire for a better quality of life, better weather and a belief that Britain has become too expensive.

Twelve per cent of those questioned said they did not like Britain or what Britain had become.

The most popular

choices for a new destination were Australia, Spain, Canada, New Zealand and the United States.

The Institute of Public Policy Research (IPPR) think tank has been running a programme throughout 2006, analysing why people move abroad from Britain.

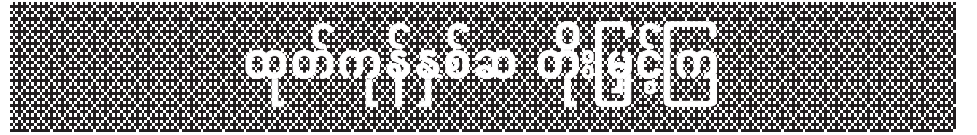
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**A middle school student shows a “robot controlled shadow play” created by him and his classmates during the third Beijing youth science and technology exposition at the Military Museum in Beijing, on 3 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET**

**On 3 Aug, 2006 Chinese shoemakers spoke out against a European Union (EU) proposal to levy punitive duties on Chinese leather shoes, the second draft final ruling against Chinese shoes in a month.**

INTERNET



**Air Race pilot Peter Besenyei and a Formula One racing car are seen at the historical city of Budapest on 3 August, 2006. The Hungarian Grand Prix will take place on Sunday.—INTERNET**

## US generals raise Iraq civil war fear

BAGHDAD, 4 Aug — Two of the most senior US generals told US Congress yesterday that the surge in sectarian violence in Baghdad in recent weeks raises the possibility of Iraq descending into civil war.

The warnings echoed those of Britain’s outgoing ambassador in Baghdad in a leaked report. In a confidential memo to ministers, William Patey also predicted the break-up of Iraq along ethnic lines.

The assessment was contained in Mr Patey’s final telegram from Baghdad before he left the Iraqi capital last week.

General John Abizaid, the top US commander in the Middle East, told the

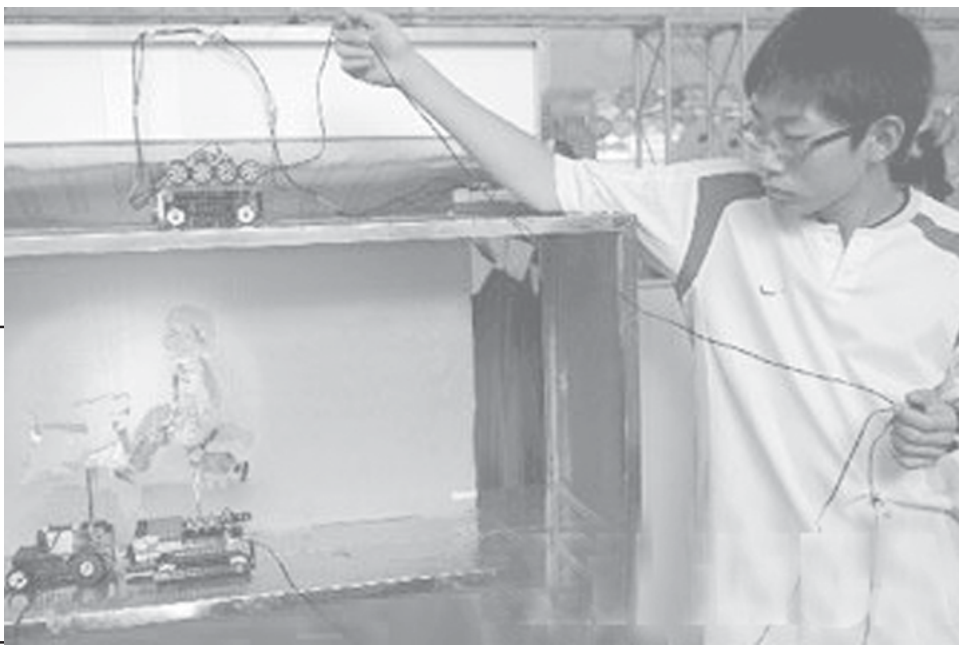
US Senate Armed Services Committee “Iraq could move toward civil war” if violence is not contained.

“I believe the sectarian violence is probably as bad as I have seen it,” he said, adding the top priority in Iraq is to secure the capital Baghdad, where factional violence has surged despite efforts by the new Iraqi government to curb fighting.

General Peter Pace, chairman of the US Joint

Chiefs of Staff, told the panel: “We do have the possibility of that devolving into civil war.”

The commanders’ concessions about the threat of a civil war come three months before US congressional elections in which Bush administration policy in Iraq looms as a defining issue. Many voters have tired of the three-year-old war, which has cost more than 2,500 US lives.—Internet



## Bus explosion kills 11 in S-W China

GUIYANG, 4 Aug—Eleven people were confirmed dead in a bus explosion early Thursday in Tianzhu County, southwest China’s Guizhou Province, local sources said.

Information from Tianzhu County Commission of Work Safety said a passenger bus carrying a plate number H-A3598

just left the terminal in the county seat of Tianzhu but exploded around 7:05 am near the eastern gate of the county seat.

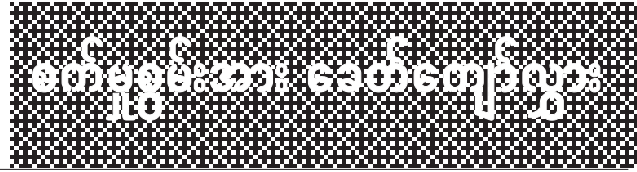
Preliminary investigation shows that six people were killed on the spot, 20 more were injured and later rushed to the local hospital for medical treatment. Five died at the hos-

pital. It is unknown how many people were aboard the ill-fated bus when the explosion took place.

Cause of the explosion is being investigated. Tianzhu is a far-flung, mountainous county that borders Hunan Province in central China.

MNA/Xinhua

# Iran warns oil could reach \$200 on sanctions



**CARACAS (Venezuela), 4 Aug — Global oil prices could hit 200 US dollars per barrel if the United States pursues international sanctions against Iran, an Iranian official said on Thursday, although analysts passed the comment off as saber rattling.**

Iran's Foreign Relations Vice-Minister Manuchehr Mohammadi told Venezuelan state television, "The first consequence of these sanctions would be an increase in the price of oil to around 200 US dollars per barrel."

The statement comes after the United Nations on Monday demanded that Iran suspend all nuclear development

within a month or face the threat of sanctions. Iran responded that it had a sovereign right to nuclear development.

"Clearly Iran does not want to have sanctions imposed, so they want to convey the idea that the cost of these sanctions would be incredibly high," said Tim Evans, an Energy Analyst with Citigroup Futures Research.

"While we can't rule out

200 US dollars oil, I think we can assign it a rather low probability," he said.

Markets appeared to shrug off the comment, with US crude oil falling 1.01 US dollars to 74.80 US dollars on signs that Tropical Storm Chris would not become a hurricane.

Tension over Iran's nuclear ambitions, which has rattled oil markets in recent weeks, has been

overshadowed by the bloody conflict in Lebanon.

"It serves (Iran's) interests to create this kind of concern in the world community about the price of oil," said Mark Routt, a senior analyst with Energy Security Analysis Inc. "But there are elements to suggest it might not reach that level."

He said high prices have led to an increase in non-OPEC production and turned once prohibitively expensive projects like Canadian tar sands into profitable ventures.

At the same time, Routt said, product demand has been dampened by alternative fuel products like biodiesel and ethanol.

MNA/Reuters



**Rescue workers evacuate an 'injured' person with a helicopter during a tsunami and earthquake drill in Kuta Beach, Bali Island, on 4 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET**



**A girl plays with a "cantir" (jug) at Cantir Fair during the International Ceramic and Pottery Fair in Argenton town, near Barcelona, Spain on 4 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET**

## Israel severs Lebanon road link to Syria

**BEIRUT, 4 Aug—Israel expanded its assault on Lebanon Friday, launching its first major attack on the Christian heartland north of Beirut and severing the last significant road link to Syria.**

Hezbollah renewed attacks on northern Israel, killing two civilians in a barrage of 120 rockets.

An Israeli airstrike hit dozens of farm workers

loading vegetables near the Lebanon-Syria border, killing 23, the workers' foreman and a Lebanese official said.

Five Lebanese civilians were killed and 19 wounded in the Israeli airstrikes north of the capital in Christian areas where Hezbollah has little support or presence, including the picturesque coastal resort of Jounieh.

Two Israeli soldiers were killed by a Hezbollah anti-tank missile during heavy fighting in a southern Lebanese village where the militant group had been

launching rockets, the army said.

The Israeli attacks on the four bridges on the main north-south coastal highway linking Beirut to Syria severed the only remaining major road link between Lebanon and Syria. The 90-minute drive to the Syrian border takes at least double the time on the small coastal road that remains open.

An Israeli army spokesman, Capt Jacob Dallal, said Israel targeted the bridges to stop the flow of weapons from Syria.

Internet

## Six US Marines charged in Iraq assault case

**CAMPDENLTON (California), 4 Aug — Six US Marines were charged with assault late on Thursday in connection with suspected assaults on several Iraqi civilians in Hamdania, days before the alleged kidnapping and murder of an Iraqi civilian there.**

Three of the Marines charged with assault on Thursday, Sergeant Lawrence Hutchins III, Corporal Trent Thomas and Lance Corporal Jerry Shumate Jr., have already been charged with murder, kidnapping and conspiracy in the 26 April killing of 52-year-old Hashim Ibrahim Awad.

They are being held in the brig awaiting hearings in that killing, according to Captain Amy Malugani, a Camp Pendleton spokeswoman.

Three others, Lance Corporal Saul Lopezromo, Private First Class Derek Lewis and Lance Corporal

Henry Lever, were each charged with one count of assault.

The alleged assaults on April 10 came to light during the murder investigation,

according to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

Hutchins is charged with assaults on three Iraqi civilians, while the other

Marines are charged with assaulting one civilian each. Details of the alleged assaults will be made public on Friday, Malugani said.

MNA/Reuters



**A livestock official sprays disinfectant on a house in the outskirts of Bangkok on 4 Aug, 2006. Thailand has stepped up surveillance against bird flu after new outbreaks in north and north-eastern provinces exposed gaps in the country's defences. —INTERNET**

## 14 fishermen feared drowned in Bangladesh

**DHAKA, 4 Aug — At least 14 fishermen were feared drowned while some 1,000 others in over 100 trawlers went missing in southern Bangladesh during violent storms over the Bay of Bengal Tuesday night, local daily *The Independent* reported Thursday.**

The daily quoted Local Trawler Owners Samity (Local Trawler Owners Association) as saying that a fishing-trawler, *FB Sohel*, with 14 people on board sank in deep sea as it was caught in the storms on Tuesday midnight.

"All the fishermen were believed to be drowned in the sea," a leader of the association said, adding that identities of the fishermen could not be immediately known.

Meanwhile, more than 1,000 fishermen aboard over 100 trawlers remained missing during the heavy squalls in the Bay of Bengal, the daily said.

Wednesday afternoon, some 1,500 fishermen in 325 trawlers came back safe after the storms, whipped up by a monsoon low. — MNA/Xinhua

## Blast kills 10 in Baghdad field

**BAGHDAD, 4 Aug — At least 10 people who were playing football were killed and 15 others wounded when two bombs buried in a field in the capital exploded on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source said.**

The field is in the mainly Shiite neighbourhood of Amil, which is near the volatile Jihad neighbourhood.

Violence has persisted throughout the capital despite a security plan in place to maintain stability. — MNA/Xinhua

## Singapore launches new dengue diagnostic kit

SINGAPORE, 4 Aug— Singapore has launched a new dengue diagnostic kit for earlier detection of the disease, according to a Channel NewsAsia report on Thursday.

The kit, called Platelia Dengue Antigen Assay, tests for the NS1 dengue virus antigen in a patient and renders the results in one day, the report said, adding that the test will only be effective if it is done before the patient develops to the acute stage.

It is expected that the kit will not only help doctors diagnose the dengue

fever during the first five days of the disease, but also facilitate the identification of possible dengue breeding sites and the prevention of the spread of the disease. Currently, the diagnosis of the disease depends on the detection of specific dengue virus antibodies which are produced four to six days after the first symptoms are observed.

Said to be the only one of its kind commercially available in the world, the test kit is manufactured by Bio-Rad Laboratories based in the United States and costs 30 Singapore dollars (about 19 US dollars) to 40 Singapore dollars (about 25 US dollars).

More than 14,200 dengue cases were reported in Singapore last year and 22 of them died. The number dropped significantly in the first half of this year as a result of the dengue prevention campaign launched by the government.

MNA/Xinhua



Model-turned-actress Andie MacDowell poses for photographs in New York's Central Park, on 3 Aug, 2006, before the release of her new animated children's film "Barnyard". —INTERNET

## Saudi Arabia allows public photography

RIYDAH, 4 Aug— Saudi Arabia has lifted a ban on photography in public areas, part of a drive by the conservative kingdom's tourism organization to attract more visitors to the birthplace of Islam.

A royal decree allowing photography in many public places was issued about a year ago, and the Interior Ministry enacted it earlier this week.

"People can now take pictures of tourist sites, architectural landmarks, shopping malls as well as government buildings where there is no sign ban-

ning photography," a ministry official told Reuters on Thursday.

Permission is still needed to photograph private property or individuals. "Royal palaces, for instance, are private property so taking a picture of them requires authorization," he added.

MNA/Reuters

## Pakistan landslide kills 10

ISLAMABAD, 4 Aug— Police in Pakistan said that at least 10 people were killed and five others injured in thunderstorms and a landslide near Mansehra Town in North-West Frontier Province (NWFP) on Thursday.

Several others are still missing since thunderstorms hit village Dadar at 5 a.m., the police said.

Police and local rescuers recovered 10 bodies and five injured from beneath huge piles of mud.

The landslide was apparently caused by a heavy thunderstorm, which washed away the small village.

The residents of Dadar Village nearby were sleeping in their homes when the landslide struck. Hours of heavy rain created a river of mud and rocks which cascaded down the hillside. The rescuers were facing difficulties due to heavy rains in the area.

MNA/Xinhua



Thomas Reiter of Germany (L) and US astronaut Jeff Williams (R) work at the end of the International Space Station's S1 truss in this view from NASA TV on 3 Aug, 2006. The astronauts floated outside their orbital home for a six-hour spacewalkon Thursday to prepare the \$100 billion, half-built complex for future construction.—INTERNET

## More deaths as killer US heat wave nears end

NEW YORK, 4 Aug — A record-breaking US heat wave that has killed more than 150 people nationwide in the past two weeks claimed two more victims on Thursday just as relief was due.

The heat, which has moved east from California, also prompted record electricity demand and continued to force New York businesses to dim their Times Square billboards as part of a citywide conservation effort.

"We have had more record-breaking heat today, a lot of it in New York State," National Weather Service meteorologist Dennis Feltgen said. All three of the New York City area's major airports reported August 3 records of 99 to 100 F (38 C). Baltimore, at 100 F, and Bridgeport, Connecticut, at 97 F (36 C), were among other Northeast cities breaking records, Feltgen said.

In Newark, New Jersey, a husband and wife aged 66 and 65 were found dead in their living room with the windows closed and no air conditioning, said Desiree Peterkin Bell, a spokeswoman for the Newark mayor's office.

In response, the city extended the hours at municipal "cooling centers" where the elderly can escape the heat.

One inmate in Indiana State Prison's disciplinary unit died from excess heat on Tuesday and another prisoner died there on Sunday from heart failure aggravated by the hot weather, prison spokesman Barry Nothstine said.

MNA/Reuters



Cosmonaut Michael Tyurin (C) of Russia and US astronaut Michael Lopez-Alegria are suspended above a water basin during a training session in the Star City space centre near Moscow on 4 Aug, 2006. Tyurin and Lopez-Alegria are scheduled to be members of the team that is to replace the current crew of the International Space Station ISS.

INTERNET

## Ten killed in roadside bomb in E Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 4 Aug — At least 10 people were killed on Thursday in a roadside bomb in Al-Amin, an eastern district of Baghdad, a police source said. A further 14 were wounded.

The casualties appeared to be civilians, rather than members of the security forces, the police source said.

Violence in Iraq's capital and other restive areas is claiming around 100 lives every day.

MNA/Reuters

## Floods, snow cause havoc in South African cities

CAPE TOWN, 4 Aug— Heavy rain drenched large parts of South Africa's southern areas on Thursday, flooding roads and damaging houses in devastating storms, while deep snow forced mountain passes to close.

Temperatures dropped to record lows for August as snow fell in industrial hub Johannesburg for the first time in eight years in what local residents say is an unusually severe winter. The city saw a high of 7 degrees Celsius (44 Fahrenheit) on Wednesday — the lowest daily

high recorded in August — while overnight temperatures dropped well below freezing in some parts of the country. Colder temperatures are expected this weekend.

"There is serious flooding, we are today flooding in most areas of Port Elizabeth," South African Weather Services fore-

caster Mandisi Manentsa-Titise told Reuters.

The southern coast city, about 800 kilometres east of Cape Town, was the latest coastal area to suffer serious damage as up to 270 millimetres of rain fell in the 24 hours to early Thursday.

Police said four people drowned on Wednesday

when their car washed away after a bridge collapsed near George, a small town 400 kilometres east of Cape Town, famous for its lush golf courses.

Roads were flooded and thousands of people fled their homes in nearby tourist haven Knysna.

MNA/Reuters

## Body armour for troops in Iraq boosts profits

LONDON, 4 Aug— Soaring sales of body armour for British and American troops in Iraq and elsewhere have helped to double first half profits at UK engineering group Morgan Crucible.

Its factory in Pennsylvania is now being expanded to increase production of the carbon it needs to make protective clothing for the SAS and other divisions of the armed forces.

Morgan Crucible also announced it had completed the acquisition of the Canadian armour technology business, Aceram, which would broaden the scope of its services for the armed forces.

Internet

## Relevant ministries are to review the tasks in which they have to strive in concert, and to deal closely with one another

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Tasks are being carried out in the project regions for success under the sectors of supply elimination, demand elimination and law enforcement, organizing local people for participation in the project and international cooperation, he added.

Moreover, he said, the New Destiny Project, part of the 15-year Narcotics Elimination Plan, was launched in April 2002 under the close supervision of the four deputy ministers. Substitute crops were grown in the past poppy growing areas and poppy production gradually fell year after year. Kokang and Wa regions were declared as opium free zones in 2003 and 2005 respectively. According to the 2005 annual report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), poppy cultivation in Myanmar between 2001 and 2005 dropped by 60 per cent. This showed that there was considerable decline of poppy cultivation in Myanmar.

According to the opium yield survey conducted by Counter Narcotics and Crime (CNC) of the United States, poppy cultivation declined by 80 per cent and opium production in 2004 fell by 88 per cent compared to that of 1996. These figures firmly showed the success of Myanmar's anti-narcotics campaign.

In the law enforcement sector, more drugs seizures were made in two years due to cooperation with international organizations and experiences. The total value of seized opium, heroin, stimulant tablets and related paraphernalia since 1976 has been



**Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.**—MNA

amounted to K 1,418.117 billion (US \$ 22.735 billion).

The law enforcement after 2005 was very successful. In July 2004, blocks of heroin weighing 592.5 kilos worth K 47,400 million (US \$ 74 million) to be smuggled to the West through the international waters were seized near Hnitkayin Village, Ye Township in Mon State. Moreover, the assets of the opium lords were frozen. Those opium lords who absconded from the country were arrested under the exchange of information of law enforcement organizations from the People's Republic of China and Thailand. They were prosecuted according to law, he said.

Besides, in the case in which 102.5 kilos of ice worth K 306 million or US\$ 61.5 million was seized in Yangon on 24 May 2005 thanks to the cooperation of the CCDAC and Yunnan Province drug control organization of the Narcotic Drugs Control Commission of the People's Republic of China, and action was taken against the foreigners who got involved in the case.

Similarly, 469 kilos of opium blocks valued at K 39,680 million or more than US\$ 62 million were seized on 10 September 2005 due to the information exchange programme between the CCDAC and the China's Narcotic Drugs Control Commission.

In addition, there have been many instances in



**Minister U Nyan Win presents report.**

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which success has been achieved internally owing to the active participation of local people. In January 2005, the CCDAC and special anti-drug squads jointly seized 178 kilos of ice worth K 534 million or US\$ 106.8 million in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon.

From December 2005 to April 2006, the authorities managed to seize over 14.9 million stimulant tablets, 50 kilos of opium, over 1,000 kilos of morphine, precursor chemicals, 196 assorted arms together with 33 culprits in Tachilek District. The perpetrator Yan Ar Hon who was at large from that case was arrested at Shanghai in China and extradited to Myanmar on 6 January 2006.

The total street value of the seized narcotic drugs stood at K 125.43 billion equivalent to US\$ 1.4 billion, and Myanmar was thus full of praise for its achievements regionally and internationally. Myanmar's efforts in the fight against drugs have been recognized internationally.



**Director-General of MPF  
Brig-Gen Khin Yi.**—MNA

Moreover, it was a significant achievement that opium refineries in Wanyein, Leikha, Hsenhsei regions in Shan State (South) worth K 28,377 million or US\$ 46.9 million were exposed in May 2006 alone.

The government has been able to accelerate its anti-narcotics drive effectively. And since 1989 it has formed the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races, respective work committees and subcommittees and has been implementing long, medium and short-term plans. From 1989-90 fiscal year to June 2006, it spent K 84,753.33 million on border areas and national races development projects.

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**Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo presenting report.**—MNA

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In May 2006, the CCDAC and China's Narcotic Drugs Control Commission signed an agreement to jointly survey the poppy fields and to help implement alternative projects in Wa and Kokang regions. In the process, plans are under way to secure sustainable progress in the regions where poppy is grown.

The achievement of the CCDAC's programmes represents a national requirement. So, responsible personnel are to make harmonious efforts with added momentum in the second five-year plan like in the first five-year plan so as to achieve the 15-year drug elimination plan. In doing so, the ministries concerned are also to review the tasks in which they have to strive in concert, and to deal closely with one another.

In his report Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo said the first five-year plan of the 15-year project of narcotic drugs elimination had achieved success due to the cooperation of the ministries. Now the second five-year plan has entered the third year. The second plan covers 20 townships as well as the 22 townships that have been included in the first plan. So the respective work groups have doubled their efforts as the project is covering 42 townships. In addition, the new destiny project, part of the 15-year project, has made the cultivation of poppy acreage decrease significantly. As regards cooperation with the international community, he said, MNA hosted the 14th IFNGO Meeting in Myanmar on 2 December 2004 with 80 representatives and 40 observers from foreign countries. Likewise, Myanmar has sent its representatives to the meetings on regional cooperation on drug control held by six MoU countries and UNODC and held those meeting as a host country.

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## Relevant ministries are to review the tasks in which they have to...

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Forty-two members of organizations and entrepreneurs of Myanmar also attended a workshop on cooperation in prevention of illicit drug production held on 11 and 12 July 2005.

The minister said the 11th Myanmar-Thai transnational crimes meeting was held in Thailand from 5 to 6 July in 2006. Besides, in cooperation with the People's Republic of China, Myanmar signed an MoU and an agreement concerning narcotic drugs on 27-5-2006.

On 20 October 2005 an ASEAN+China Ministerial Meeting on narcotic drugs control was held in Beijing, the PRC. At that meeting, aims and objectives of ASEAN and China Cooperative Operations in Response to Dangerous Drugs (ACCORD) were laid down. In 2006, cooperation programmes for elimination of crimes related to stimulant tablets and Myanmar is cooperating with the regional countries in the programmes.

The minister said Myanmar has been gath-

ering ground data of illicit poppy cultivation in cooperation with UNODC. In 2004, cultivation of poppy decreased by 29 per cent compared with 2003. Poppy cultivation decreased by 26 per cent in 2005 compared with 2004 and it accounts for 73 per cent drop compared to 1996. Accordingly, the UNODC has estimated that the cultivation of poppy in the golden triangle region may come to a stop. So, all the work groups under the CCDAC are urged to work hard to realize the objective of eliminating narcotic drugs in 2014. Later, the minister ex-

plained law and notifications on measures for opium-substitute cultivation and breeding medical treatment, educative talks, rehabilitation and preventive measures.

Vice-Chairman of CCDAC, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win submitted reports on the tasks to eliminate narcotic drug in cooperation with international organizations and nations in the region.

Thereafter, Secretary of CCDAC, Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi presented reports on the resolutions of the special meeting (2/2004) of CCDAC and work done.

Member of CCDAC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan gave reports on dissemination of knowledge about danger of narcotic drugs to the public and the activities of work group to give educative talks on narcotic drugs. The officials of the work groups of substitute crops cultivation and breeding reported on measures being taken.

Chairman of medical treatment work group

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and Chairman of rehabilitation work group Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint submitted reports on tasks being carried out and their progress.

Later, the officials of educative work group, international relations work group and elimination work group reported on their respective tasks.

Next, chairman of Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association U San Thein presented reports on measures being taken to eliminate narcotic drug in cooperation with international organizations and functions of the association being performed at home and U Maung Maung Soe Tint, chairman of Border Areas Development Association, on purposes, tasks and success of the association.

The director-general of MPF submitted reports on reformation of the CCDAC and work groups under CCDAC.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Chief-Justice U Aung Toe,

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, the deputy ministers and departmental heads presented reports on measures to eliminate narcotic drugs.

After hearing the report, the Prime Minister gave a concluding remark, saying that in the fight against narcotic drugs harmonious efforts are being made on the basis of preventive measures, control of drug production, elimination of drug abuse and development measures. The drug problem is to be addressed in cooperation with the international community and nations in the region. In this regard, relentless and constant efforts are to be made.

As the drug problem is to be handled along with the implementation of the development measures, all are to lend themselves to the drive for drug elimination while implementing the regional development tasks in border areas.

The special meeting ended in the evening.

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## Refresher Course for Junior Engineer-2 (Civil) concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug — A refresher course for Junior Engineer-2 (Civil) of the Public Works under the Ministry of Construction concluded at the meeting hall of the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning with an address by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister U Tint Swe, managing Director U Han Zaw of Public Works, Director-General Thura U Sein Thaung of Construction Inspection Department, heads of department, Principal U Myo Myint of Thuwunna Central Training School, course instructors and trainees.

A total of 32 trainees attended the course which lasted four weeks.— MNA

**Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun addresses conclusion of refresher course for Junior Engineer-2 (Civil) of Public Works.** — MNA



## Cement Plant project, pulp factory and brown paper factory projects inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, accompanied by Deputy Director-General U Soe Thiha of Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department and General Manager U Kyi Maung of Myanma Ceramics Industries, inspected sample limestone and limestone mine at Taungphila Hill this morning.

Myanma Ceramics Industries will build a cement plant near



**Minister U Aung Thaung inspects sample limestone in Taungphila Hill.**—MNA

Tegyigon Village of Lewe Township.

At No 2 Paper Factory (Yeni) in Yeni, Bago Division, Managing Director U Nyunt Aung of Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries reported to the minister on arrangements for implementation of the pulp factory that can produce 50 tons of pulp daily, the brown paper factory that will manufacture 80 tons of brown paper daily and the 120-ton mineral salt factory.

The mineral salt fac-

tory will save caustic soda from production processes of the pulp factory and the brown paper factory.

The minister inspected construction tasks and soil test.

Next, the minister inspected products at the production belt at the paper factory and functions of other units.

Later, the minister presented the fruits basket to Chinese technicians.

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# Myanmar's efforts to combat human trafficking (2)

*Khin Yun San*

Mekong basin is the place where the number of cases of trafficking in persons is the highest in Asia. Myanmar hosted the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking (COMMIT) with the participation of all six countries in the region — China, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam — in October 2004 at which all the participating countries signed an MoU on collective anti-human trafficking drive.

At the meeting, Prime Minister General Soe Win delivered the opening address, clearly stating Myanmar's stand in connection with the issue, saying,

**“This historic ministerial meeting, marking a concerted and coordinated effort by our fellow governments in the Greater Mekong Sub-region, to unitedly stem the tide of human trafficking. As host, Myanmar is gratified to note the high level of participation and representation from member countries. This clearly demonstrates the highest level commitment by the member states of the Greater Mekong Sub-region to address this unacceptable crime against humanity.”**

As Myanmar had yet no specific law concerning human trafficking, she began making arrangements to enact a law according to the stipulations contained in the international conventions in January 2004. After drafting the law, Myanmar invited global legal experts to scrutinize the bill at a meeting held in September the same year. The nation promulgated the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law on 13 September 2005 in accord with the suggestions of the experts and her objec-

tive conditions.

Before the enactment of the law, the nation took actions against human traffickers under the criminal act. Action has been brought against 44 traffickers in 14 cases under the new law after its promulgation. The newly-enacted law contains provisions to imprison offenders for life and impound all the possessions. The anti-human trafficking drive has become more effective since it has come into force.

To effectively enforce the law, Central Committee for Human Trafficking Prevention was organized on 11 February 2006. Sixteen days later, the nation formed working groups to prevent trafficking, to welcome back, protect and rehabilitate the victims, to take legal actions against traffickers and to enable victims to re-enter the community as well as human trafficking prevention bodies at state/division, district and township levels and assigned them duties. The bodies have been working according to their projects. The Ministry of Home Affairs in cooperation with UNIAP held a national level conference on Anti Trafficking in Persons Law from 28 February to 1 March this year with the aim of publicizing and enforcing it and forging greater cooperation among legal bodies, social organizations, governmental departments and NGOs. The conference laid down 14 future work programmes. State and division level workshops on the issue were held in Mandalay, Lashio, Bago, Tachilek, Kawthoung and Mawlamyine in May and June this year.

In accord with the MoU Myanmar has signed with Australia, she in cooperation with Asia Regional Cooperation to Prevent People Trafficking (ARCPPT) project formed a special anti-human trafficking unit in June 2004, and on 1-1-2006, special anti-human

trafficking units were formed in nine cities — Yangon, Mandalay, Kale, Bhamo, Muse, Tachilek, Kawthoung, Myawady and Mawlamyine — of the states and divisions where human trafficking occurred.

According to the Regional Plan of Action, an agreement to combat Sino-Myanmar crossborder crime and restore peace in border areas was signed by Myanmar and China on 15-1-2005. Senior officials meeting of the two countries was held in Bagan, Myanmar, in November 2005 to reach an MoU on cooperation in curbing human trafficking which was part of the agreement.

The Chinese police have been able to rescue Myanmar girls being sold into forced marriages with Chinese men by trafficking agents at the border. Special anti-human trafficking units are also rescuing the victims with the help of Chinese police force.

The traffickers with false promises of good-salaried jobs sold Myanmar girls into forced marriages with Chinese men. Since 2005, the Chinese police have been able to find and rescue 54 Myanmar girls and transferred them back to their country. Forty-seven local trafficking agents and their 22 foreign counterparts were arrested.

The joint efforts of police forces of Myanmar and China to rescue the victims and arrest the criminals are presented in the following paras.

Ma Hsaung Wan of Myitkyina in August 2005 sold Ma Ah Kuchan, 16, Ma Ywe Nu, 18, and Ma Hsai Mai, 18, into forced marriage in China. The three Myanmar girls were rescued by Muse special anti-human trafficking unit and the Chinese police on 11-6-2006. Ma Hsaung Wan was therefore arrested.

Ma Aye Pyit, 25, and Ma Aye Yu, 17, of Hsipaw Township, were rescued while placed under confinement in a Chinese town named Kyai Phan on 14-4-2006 in cooperation with Chinese police. The two were sent back to their parents six days later. Agents, Aik Shwe and Ma Aye Mu, were thus arrested.

Trafficking agent Ma Byamu Wu deceived Ma Kyan May Kyin, 16, and Ma Kai Kyan, 15, with false promise of good jobs and took the two girls deep into Chinese territory. Due to the joint efforts, Muse special anti-human trafficking unit and the Chinese police were able to rescue the girls and sent back to their parents on 23-5-2006.

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Chinese police in a Chinese town where she was held in confinement for forced marriage. Nam Aye Pont tricked Nang Aye Nom into going to China. The authorities sent back Nang Aye Nom to her family on 25-6-2006.

The People's Republic of China and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam cooperated in implementing the Anti-Trafficking Programme of the countries in Mekong Region. In a news story issued by Xinhua News Agency, it was said that the number of the victims trafficked from Vietnam to China in 2005 doubled if compared with the previous year; that 125 cases in which victims were trafficked into Guangxi Province of China through the border; that in July 2005 alone, more than 100 victims were rescued; with the growing trade and communications at the border, the number of cases of trafficking in persons has been on the increase; that most of the trafficked Vietnamese women are teenagers as well as rural folks; that they fell for false promises of getting well-paid jobs at restaurants and factories in the neighbouring country and then were sold into prostitution; and that similarly, young women in China were trafficked into Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore.

Likewise, Myanmar young women were trafficked into Thailand where they would end up as housemaids or prostitutes. So, Thai police force rescued and handed them over to Myanmar, and special anti-trafficking squads exposed the trafficking brokers and took action against them.

Some young women from Shan State (East) and Shan State (South) tried to go to Thailand to get jobs through brokers. Then, they were sold to housemaid brokers and pimps. Later, they were sent to the regions in southern Thailand where tourism industry thrives. After the Karaoke lounges and brothels where they were working had been raided by Thai policemen, they were provided

with protective custody at women's home and sent back to Myanmar. In 2005, 31 Myanmar victims were sent back home and the authorities concerned took action against the five local brokers and four foreigner culprits.

Some of the Myanmar victims were sent from Thailand to the brothels in the towns in the southern part of Malaysia and forced into prostitution there. Those 38 Myanmar women victims were rescued by Malaysian police force and sent back home through Myanmar Embassy. Action was taken against the five local brokers and 19 foreigner culprits.

It is well-known to the public that Myanmar is cooperating with foreign countries to bring down the number of trafficked people, while implementing major projects for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the country.

Since 1989, the government has been putting into action the border areas and national races development plan to raise the economy and the living standard of local people, spending K 84,753.33 million — K 53,418.34 million from the funds set for the progress of border areas and K 31,334.99 million from the funds of other related ministries.

Now, local people have been engaged in extending cultivation of crops for regional food security and growing such perennial crops as rubber, orange, lychee and tea.

As the implementation of the tasks for the progress of border areas has gained momentum, the government, while implementing the 24-special development zones, is also undertaking the scattering rural development projects.

The government allocated K 2,962.093 million to regional development funds from 1997-98 to 2004-2005 for rural development tasks such as better transport, promotion of rural health, creation of educational opportunities, water supply, raising economic and social standards and establishment of village self-reliant libraries in rural areas.

In order to speed up development momentum in border areas, since 2002 the government has established sub-townships in border areas where administrative machinery could not function well. So far, it has formed 60 sub-townships there.

Under the supervision of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, 27 nationalities youth development training centres and 34 vocational training centres for women for the development of border areas and national races have been opened with the aim of preventing vulnerable persons in border areas from being trafficked.

Moreover, the government has taken measures for the development of human resources in border areas. In the process, up to now a total of 2,578 nationalities youths have been nurtured in the nationalities youths development training centres, and 17,883 young women, in the vocational training centres for women. In the education sector, 92 basic education high schools, 90 middle schools and 852 primary schools have been opened where 170,920 nationalities youths are pursuing education.

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement has also been carrying out tasks for nurturing and rehabilitating women and children in the regions. Now, women are studying in two women development centres in Yangon and Mandalay, four vocational training centres for women in Yangon, Mandalay, Kengtung and Myeik, two young women's training schools in Yangon and Mandalay, and six youths training centres in Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyine and Lashio.

Therefore, it can be deduced from the above-mentioned facts that Myanmar has been taking all possible measures in various sectors such as promulgation of new laws that are in conformity with the provisions of international treaties, forming anti-trafficking central body and work groups, implementation of National Plan of Action, giving punitive action against the culprits, receiving, protecting, rehabilitation and reintegration of the victims, establishment of youths training centres, women development centres, and vocational training centres for women, implementation of the 24-special development zones project and the five rural development tasks, and establishment of sub-townships with self-reliant efforts coupled with available resources in the country.

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## Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects progress in extension...

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions on enhancing the landscapes, construction of the runway meeting the set standards, installation of signal lights and effort to be made for completion of the airport building and the runway at the same time.

The extension of airport building is 832 feet in length and 206 feet in width. The airport building is being constructed

with four passenger boarding bridges, five lifts, three escalators and security system. Work is well under way to complete the construction tasks in October.

The present runway of the airport is 8,100 feet long and 200 feet wide. The extension of the runway will be 3,100 feet long and 200 feet wide. On completion, the whole runway will be 11,200 feet long and 200 feet wide.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the commander viewed the scale model of the airport building and the sample materials to be installed at the building.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected construction and decoration of the airport building.

They inspected progress of construction tasks and left necessary instructions.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe views the model of building of Yangon International Airport. — MNA

## Work on designation of schools as tobacco free ones clarified

YANGON, 5 Aug — Yangon North District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee clarified the plan to designate the schools as mosquito, rubbish and tobacco free ones at No 2 Basic Education High School in Mingaladon Township this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win unveiled the signboards declaring mosquito, rubbish and tobacco free school.

Thereafter, the commander and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai planted Gangaw trees and observed work being done to keep the school clean.

Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win unveils the signboard bearing mosquito, rubbish and tobacco free school.

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Wai clarified work to be done to create healthy and hygienic environments for school children.

Later, Daw Mar Mar Wai accepted membership applications handed by Chairperson of Yangon North District MCWSC Daw Saw Shwe

and sanitation equipment donated by the wellwishers. She handed over the sanitation equipment to U Yan Naing, District Education Officer.

Director-General U Aye Kyu of No 3 Basic Education Department

expressed thanks for the donations.

Dr Hla Myint, head of Yangon Division Health Department, presented the educative paintings on dengue haemorrhagic fever to a teacher of the school.

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## Courses of Education and Training Department conclude

YANGON, 5 Aug — Director-General U Than Win of Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs attended the conclusion of advanced engineering course No 1, basic engineering course No 9, advanced domestic science training course No 11 and clerical course Nos 42 and 43 at the central training school of ETD in Dagon Myothit (North) this afternoon. On the occasion, he called for the active participation of border region development work, 24 special regions development work and rural development work and conducting of vocational courses for women of border areas.

Next, the director-general presented prizes to outstanding trainees. A total of 170 trainees attended the courses that lasted 12 weeks. After the ceremony, the director-general and officials viewed tailoring skills of the women trainees. — MNA

## Miss Royal Gold 2006 to be selected in Sept

YANGON, 5 Aug — Royal Gold Beauty Soap will organize the Miss Royal Gold 2006 at Crystal Jade Wedding Hall on the 10th floor of Excel Treasure Tower near Shwegondine

Traffic Lights on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township in September.

Contestants must be single between 18 and 25 years of age. At 9.30 am on 7 August, a

personal interview will be held from 7 to 9 August, and 40 contestants will be selected for the final stage. In the final, the first, second and third prize winners and seven consolation prize winners will be selected. Interested persons may observe the contest.

The first prize winner will win K 1 million and a foreign trip, the second prize winner K 300,000 and a foreign trip, the third prize winners K 200,000 and a foreign trip, and consolation prize winners K 50,000 each and gifts.

Furthermore,

prizes will be presented to best sale agents. For further information, interested persons may dial 559744.

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An advertisement for Royal gold Beauty Soap.—MNA



Meeting for Ad-Hoc Committee of Tourism Manpower

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A visitor looks at a creation named "Panorama Ball" by Japanese artist Norihisa Hashimoto at the Taipei Museum of Contemporary Art on 4 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

### Hottest July since 1950 claims 112 lives in France

PARIS, 4 Aug — The French Government said on Thursday 112 people had died due to the heat in the hottest July since 1950.

The toll was far lower than a killer heatwave three summers ago when thousands died. Most of the people who died this year were over the age of 75 and many of those were already ill, the Institute of Health Surveillance said.

Temperatures averaged 24 Celsius (75 Fahrenheit) across France in July but climbed to the mid-30s for several days. — MNA/Reuters

### Two patients isolated on bird flu suspicion in E Thailand

BANGKOK, 4 Aug — Two patients hospitalized for human flu have been put in an isolation ward on suspicion of having bird flu in Thailand's eastern province of Chachoengsao, as doctors conducted laboratory tests to confirm the diagnosis, media here reported Thursday.

Thawat Suntrajarn, director of the Department of Disease Control, said that the two patients, who had been earlier admitted to Ban Pho Hospital in Chachoengsao with high fever and bad cough and confirmed an infection of human influenza, were isolated in a closed-circuit television equipped camera to monitor for bird-flu related symptoms around the clock.

"Because they are having a human influenza, further tests are needed to confirm what type of the human flu virus they have

and whether they also have bird flu," Thawat was quoted by *Thai News Agency* as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

### Two US Marines killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 Aug — Two US Marines were killed in separate incidents in volatile Anbar Province in western Iraq, the US military said on Friday.

The two Marines, assigned to the 5th Combat Marine Battalion, were killed on Thursday due to "enemy actions" during operations in Anbar, the military said in a brief statement.

MNA/Xinhua

### Austria gripped by fear of spider

VIENNA, 4 Aug — A spider with a painful but not life-threatening bite has spread alarm through Austria in the past two weeks.

Bites from the yellow sack spider, which is up to 1.6cm (0.6in) long, were reported in several parts of Austria. The reports prompted 190 people to visit the main hospital in Linz — but only eight had possible symptoms.

A doctor at Vienna's main hospital, Dieter Gruber, told the BBC it was a "wave of hysteria", saying hundreds of callers had asked about the spider.

In an effort to ease public anxiety, Health Minister Maria Rauch-Kallat said "the bites of a yellow sack spider are indeed painful but not deadly".

"If you are bitten, please don't panic and in case of discomfort immediately

contact a doctor."

Dr Gruber told the BBC News website that the spider's bite was "like a wasp's sting". In some cases it can trigger an

allergic reaction.

Austrian media have devoted much coverage to the spider — the Dornfingerspinne in German — with experts

giving details about its behaviour and habitat.

They say Europe has more venomous spiders to worry about, such as the Black Widow. —Internet



The spider is a long-standing resident of Austria. —INTERNET

### Singapore to develop cold chain management standards

SINGAPORE, 4 Aug — Singapore will develop a set of cold chain management standards for handling and transporting vegetables, according to Channel NewsAsia report on Wednesday.

The standards will cover such areas as maintaining the proper temperature and ensuring immediate transfer of vegetables, the report quoted an official from the Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board of Singapore as saying.

Industry players believe that the standards, to be

completed after September next year, will help reduce costs caused by poor shipping and handling of vegetables.

The cold chain management standards, which cover milk, dairy products and chilled pork currently, are expected to be expanded beyond vegetables to include items

such as seafood in the future. To strengthen Singapore's position as a cold chain transshipment hub, the Singapore Manufacturers' Federation, with government funding, will launch a training course on August 15 this year to grow industry expertise and workforce.

MNA/Xinhua

### Roadside bomb wounds four policemen in S Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 4 Aug — A roadside bomb went off near a police commando patrol in a southern Baghdad district on Thursday, wounding four commando members, an Interior Ministry source said.

The bomb detonated shortly before 4:00 pm (1200 GMT) in the Eilam neighbourhood when a police commando patrol was passing by, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

A police vehicle was damaged and four commando members aboard were wounded in the blast, the source said.

Earlier in the day, up to 10 people were killed and some 32 others wounded when a roadside

bomb went off in the busy commercial area of

Shorjah in the capital.

MNA/Xinhua



Apple Computer said on 3 Aug, 2006, that it has inked a deal with three major car manufacturers to make it easier for customers to listen to and control their iPods via their car stereo systems.—INTERNET

### Champ car driver in hospital after crashing into deer

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — Brazilian Champ Car driver Cristiano da Matta was sent to hospital after his car collided with a deer on Thursday.

The 2002 Champ Car champion's team RUSPORT said in a statement that he was airlifted to Theda Clark Memorial Hospital in Neenah, Wisconsin after his collision with the deer in an open test session at Road America in Elkhart

Lake, Wisconsin. No information on his condition was immediately available. The 32-year-old is sixth in this season's series standings with 134 points. The Brazilian returned to Champ Car last year after competing for the Toyota Formula One team in 2003 and 2004. He started 28 Formula One races for Toyota with sixth place his highest finish.

MNA/Xinhua

### US Ford recalls 1.2 mln vehicles over possible engine fires

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — Ford Motor Co. announced on Thursday that it was recalling 1.2 million trucks, sport utility vehicles and vans amid concerns over potential engine fires.

The company attributed the recall to the speed control deactivation switch system, which could corrode over time, overheat and catch fire.

The recall involves vehicles that are fuelled by gasoline or natural gas and are equipped with speed control. The affected models are: the 1994-2002 F-250; F-350; F-450 and F-550 F-Super Duty trucks; 2000-2002 Excursion SUVs; 1994-1996 Econoline vans and 1996-2002 E-450 vans; and 1998 Explorers and Mountaineers. — MNA/Xinhua

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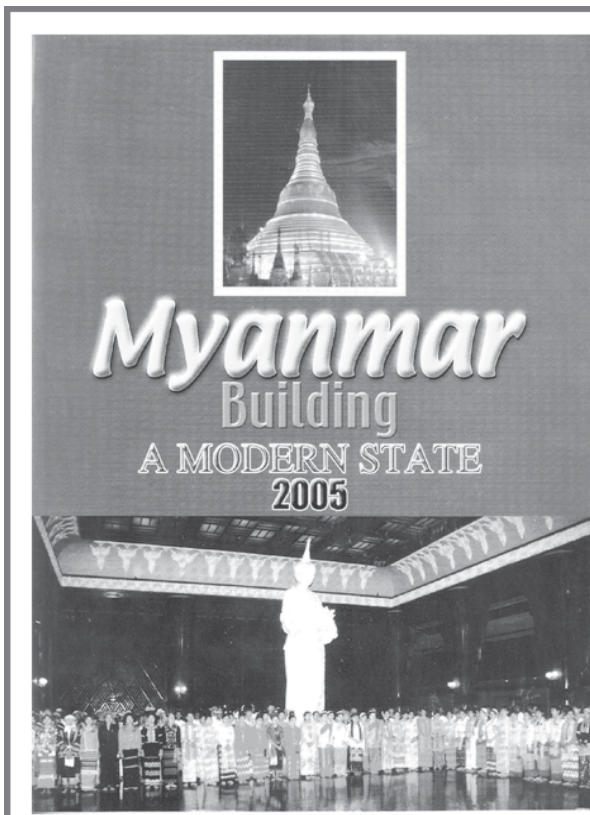
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**German oil worker kidnapped in Nigeria**

PORT HARCOURT (Nigeria), 4 Aug— A German oil contractor was kidnapped in the southern Nigerian oil city of Port Harcourt on Thursday by armed men dressed in military fatigues, police said. It was the latest in a series of kidnappings and attacks against the oil industry in the world's eighth largest exporter, where militants are fighting an increasingly bloody campaign for more control over the region's oil wealth.

"Armed youths wearing Army camouflage this morning at 7:00 am kidnapped a German national," a police spokesman said.

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**China cracks major smuggling cases**

BEIJING, 4 Aug— China saw a marked drop in the number of smuggling cases in the first half of the year, but the value of goods seized was much higher, said the General Administration of Customs (GAC) here Wednesday.

Statistics from the GAC show that China's Customs cracked 3,671 smuggling cases in the first six months, down 21.5 per cent on last year. However, the value of the cases solved was 7.12 billion yuan, up a whopping 63 per cent year on year.

This year the country's Customs have concentrated on cracking down on major smuggling cases, said the GAC.

Shenzhen Customs spent five months investigating a false declaration of exported goods in the processing trade, worth a mere 70,000 yuan, but this painstaking work allowed them to crack a 220-million-yuan smuggling case.

The GAC said Customs houses across China conducted special operations in areas where smuggling is rampant such as refined oil, leather, imported automobiles and car spare parts.

Maritime smuggling and smuggling by travellers were also key points of focus for the anti-smuggling campaign, according to the GAC.

Customs will continue to fight large-scale smuggling. Some companies cheat on import and export prices, and violent resistance to anti-smuggling operations is on the rise, noted Mu Xinsheng, head of the GAC.

MNA/Xinhua

**Two killed in storm in E Canada**

OTTAWA, 4 Aug— A storm that hit Canada's eastern province of Quebec Tuesday evening left two men dead and cut off electricity supply to about 450,000 people.

Winds were gusting up to 100 kilometres an hour, knocking down trees and hydro poles, local media reported Wednesday.

In the provincial capital of Montreal, a 28-year-old man was killed when a tree fell on his car while driving. A second man died after being struck by lightning.

Roughly 319,000 people were still without electricity Wednesday. — MNA/Xinhua

**Ecuadorean, Indonesian oil firms sign strategic alliance accord**

QUITO, 4 Aug— Ecuador's state oil company, Petroecuador, announced on Wednesday that it had signed with PT Pertamina of Indonesia a strategic alliance agreement to develop joint oil projects.

Under the agreement signed on Wednesday in Quito, the two companies will set up an executive committee to be charged with studying, evaluating and validating their cooperation projects.

The two companies will reinforce their cooperation in oil exploration and

exploitation, as well as in production, transportation, storage and marketing of oil products.

Ecuador, South America's fifth largest oil producer, has an output of around 530,000 barrels of oil per day and Petroecuador produces an average of 200,000 barrels daily. —MNA/Xinhua

**Margaret Chan feels more confident on running for WHO D-G**

HONG KONG, 4 Aug— The candidate for Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Margaret Chan, said Wednesday that she becomes more confident with the support from China's central government as well as the government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

Chan, serving as World Health Organization Assistant Director-General for Communicable Diseases now, held a Press conference

Wednesday afternoon

before departing for Geneva. She said she had met with HKSAR Chief Executive Donald Tsang, Hong Kong Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food York Chow and professional colleagues for their advice on the running period.

Chan said she felt actually a bit nervous on knowing she was backed by the central government as the candidate for the position of WHO Director-General.

However, the central government's full support and close coordination from the government of HKSAR has heighten her

confidence.

Chan stressed twice that she will do her utmost to live up to everyone's expectations.

Chan added that she would become "an international civil servant" if elected as the Director-General of WHO. "I have to demonstrate that I will be fair, open, transparent and deal with the issues on these merits."

China announced on 25 July that it would recommend Margaret Dr. Chan to run for WHO Director-General, a post that will be elected by the Executive Board of WHO in November.

MNA/Xinhua

**Uganda, Kenya to joint tax computer systems**

KAMPALA, 4 Aug — Uganda and Kenya are to joint the computer systems of their tax authorities, another move toward the implementation of the East African Customs Union.

Richard Kamajugo, assistant commissioner for trade of Uganda Revenue Authority (URA), said the two tax bodies were already in the process of linking the computer systems.

"They are compatible and data can be transmitted between the two systems of Kenya and Uganda," Kamajugo was quoted by *New Vision* on Thursday as saying. He said Tanzania would be linked to the system later. The process, facilitated by the World Bank, was part of implementation of the Customs Union that came into effect in early 2005.

"We are also looking at doing joint clearing at the borders. We have been planning this for the last three years. The pilot project is taking place and it is working out well," said Kamajugo, adding that they have selected eight high-risk goods for the project.

According to him, other area being exploited is electric cargo tracking, which once in place, would eliminate diversion of goods and tax evasion.

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### Thai-made anti-bird flu drug on sale in November

**BANGKOK, 4 Aug**— Thailand, which had its first human death from bird flu in July after an eight-month lull, is due to launch its own version of Roche's Tamiflu anti-viral drug in November, a top state drug firm official said on Thursday.

The Government Pharmaceutical Organization would initially produce one million capsules of the drug, known generically as oseltamivir, for a government stockpile of three million Tamiflu capsules, he said.

"With the 100 kilogrammes of raw material we have in stock, we can easily start with one million capsules,"

GPO deputy managing director Wanchai Subhachaturus told Reuters.

"If the problem escalates, we should have enough time to import more raw material from India, which would take two months to arrive," he said.

The GPO designated one production line in Bangkok to produce up to 400,000 capsules a day

and could turn to seven more to produce the drug, called GPO-A-Flu, if a pandemic hit the country, Wanchai said.

The drug would cost 70 baht (1.9 US dollars) a capsule, 40 per cent cheaper than Roche's Tamiflu in the Thai market.

Tamiflu was invented by Gilead Sciences Inc. and licensed to Swiss drug maker Roche in 1996.

MNA/Reuters



*Water-splashing Festival kicked off in Baoting, South China's Hainan Province on 31 July, 2006. It is a grand traditional festival among the Li and Miao ethnic minorities in Hainan at this time every year.—INTERNET*

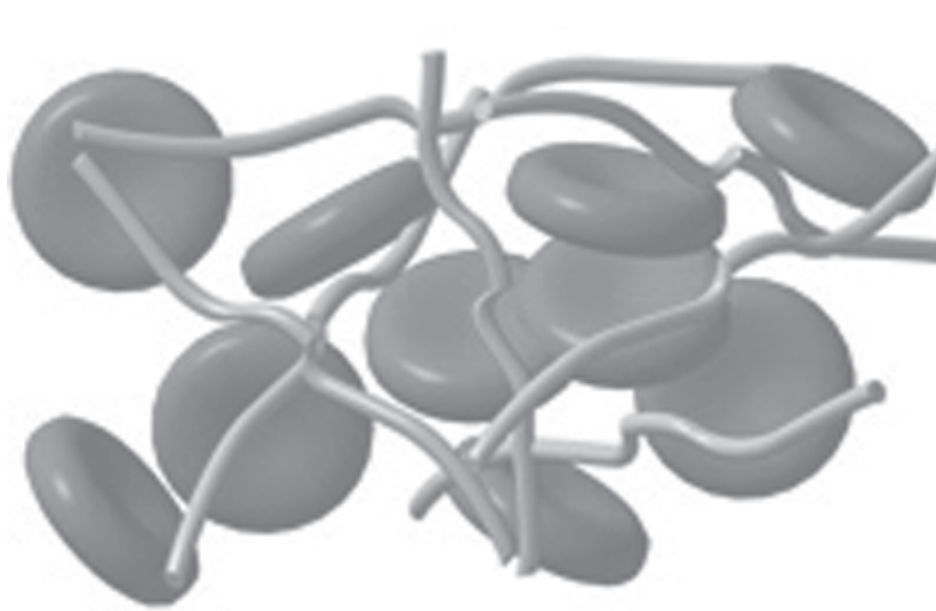
### Woman confirmed bird flu as 144 suspected in Thailand

**BANGKOK, 4 Aug** — The initial test of a 61-year-old woman in central Thailand who fell ill with bird-flu-like symptoms showed positive for avian influenza, Thai officials and local media reported Thursday.

The patient in Lop Buri Province's Sa Bot District fell ill with bird-flu-like symptoms soon after her backyard chickens all suddenly dropped dead, Thai newspaper *The Nation* said.

She had initially tested positive for avian influenza and was being treated in an isolation ward pending confirmation from laboratory tests, said Dr. Charn Tantiwaraporn, director of Ban Mi Hospital, where the victim was admitted on Tuesday.

MNA/Xinhua



*The fibrin fibers that make up blood clots are so extremely elastic that they can expand to more than four times their normal length before they break, according to researchers at Wake Forest University and the University of North Carolina recently. —INTERNET*

### NASA joins search for elusive woodpecker

**WASHINGTON, 4 Aug** — NASA scientists have joined the search for the elusive ivory-billed woodpecker, long thought to be extinct but recently sighted in Arkansas.

NASA used a laser-equipped research aircraft to fly over the Big Woods area of the Mississippi Delta to learn more about the big woodpecker's potential habitat, the US space

agency said on Thursday.

Scientists from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre and the University of Maryland used an instrument that sends pulses of energy to Earth's surface, where

light particles from the lasers bounce off leaves, branches and the ground and reflect back to the instrument.

These signals give scientists a direct measurement of the height of the forest's leaf-covered treetops, the ground level below and everything in between, NASA said in a statement.

"We're trying to understand the environment where these birds live or used to live," said Woody Turner, a NASA scientist. Knowing the thickness of ground vegetation, the density of tree leaves and other factors including closeness to water and age of the forest might help in the search, he said.

MNA/Reuters

### HK, Guangdong agree on bridge construction, pollution control

**HONG KONG, 4 Aug** — A major breakthrough has been made in the discussion on the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge construction as Hong Kong and Guangdong agreed on Wednesday to have separate locations for boundary crossing facilities.

"The study on financing the bridge will continue," said Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Chief Executive Donald Tsang who reached consensus with Guangdong Provincial Governor Huang Huahua during the ninth Plenary of the Hong Kong-Guangdong Cooperation Joint Conference, which ended Wednesday in Guangzhou, the province capital. "Once the plans have been confirmed and the central government has given approval, construction will start immediately," Tsang said, adding that China Highway Planning and Design Institute will be commissioned to study options for the boundary facilities.

Meanwhile, Hong Kong and Guangdong reconfirmed their goal to achieve the agreed emission reduction targets by 2010 to improve regional air quality. — MNA/Xinhua

### Father's heat exposure tied to childhood tumours

**NEW YORK, 4 Aug**— Findings from a new study suggest that a father's exposure to heat — saunas, for example — just before his partner becomes pregnant may increase the risk of brain tumours occurring in their offspring.

"The most important thing about the findings is that they are very preliminary," Dr Greta R Bunin from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia told Reuters Health.

"The effect on offspring of heat levels similar to saunas and hot tubs that their fathers were exposed to just before the pregnancy has been studied very little in animals and humans," she noted.

As part of a comprehensive study of two specific but related types of brain tumour — medulloblastoma and

primitive neuroectodermal tumour — Bunin's team interviewed the parents of 318 children with these tumours and a like number of unaffected 'controls' about their exposure to heat and electromagnetic fields.

As reported in the *American Journal of Epidemiology*, the researchers uncovered "moderately strong" ties for the mothers' sauna use close to conception or in the first trimester of pregnancy to the risk of these childhood brain tumours.

MNA/Reuters



*A group of Scottish chorines perform during the preview of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Edinburgh, UK, on 3 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET*

# SPORTS



Two Chinese cyclists, Wu Kin San and Xu Gang, have joined the Italian team Lampre-Fondital to step onto the professional road race world scene. 21-year-old Wu Kin San in Lampre-Fondital jersey on 2 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

## Rooney, Scholes sent off in United win

AMSTERDAM, 5 Aug— Manchester United convincingly beat Porto 3-1 in the opening game of the Amsterdam pre-season tournament on Friday, although they ended the match with nine men after Wayne Rooney and Paul Scholes were sent off.

Rooney was shown a straight red card four minutes before the break after he caught Pepe in the face with his forearm while jumping for a high ball.

Scholes followed midway through the second half after a clumsy tackle.

"It was a ridiculous decision," United manager Alex Ferguson said of Rooney's sending off when talking to Sky

Sports.

Rooney was also sent off during England's World Cup quarterfinal defeat by Portugal in June for stamping on Chelsea defender Ricardo Carvalho.

Scholes had opened the scoring for United after 10 minutes when new signing Michael Carrick picked him out from a corner and he shot into the net from just outside the penalty.

Rooney then doubled the lead eight minutes later with a fine chip over Porto's goalkeeper Helton.

MNA/Reuters



Class 1 IRC yachts cut through the Solent on the seventh day of the Cowes Week sailing regatta on the Isle of Wight, southern England, on 4 Aug, 2006. This year is the 180th anniversary of the sailing competition and more than 1000 boats will take part in 40 different classes during the regatta.—INTERNET

## Zaragoza take Manchester United defender Pique on loan

MADRID, 5 Aug — Real Zaragoza have taken Manchester United defender Gerard Pique on loan for the next Primera Liga season, the two clubs said on Friday.

The 19-year-old centre-back has just returned from helping Spain win the European Under-19 championships in Poland. Pique becomes the club's fifth recruit under new coach Victor Fernandez along with Argentine midfielders Pablo Aimar and Andres D'Alessandro, and defenders Sergio Fernandez and Juanfran.

Zaragoza finished 11th in the league last season and lost to Espanyol in the final of the King's Cup.

Pique played seven times for United last season — one full match against West Ham United and two substitute appearances in the Premier League and four domestic cup games. —MNA/Reuters

## Chimbonda desperate to join Tottenham Hotspur

PARIS, 5 Aug— France defender Pascal Chimbonda is desperate to join Tottenham Hotspur from Wigan Athletic before the start of the Premier League season if he is to fulfil his international dreams.

"I would like the situa-

tion to be settled as soon as possible," the 27-year-old Chimbonda told French sports daily *L'Equipe* on Friday, but he also fears the move will not take place because of the money Wigan are demanding for his transfer.

"I can't see a deal happening now because of the money Wigan are looking for me," Chimbonda was quoted as telling Skysports.com.

"I am amazed that for a player who they bought for 400,000 pounds (590,000 US dollars) 12 months ago, they are now demanding 5.25 million pounds (9.83 million US dollars)."

Chimbonda, who was voted the Premier League's best right back last season, has been linked with a move to White Hart Lane since May. The new season starts on 19 August.

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Filippo Magnini of Italy wears a crown as he displays his gold medal to photographers after winning the men's 100m freestyle event at the European Aquatic Championships in Budapest on 4 Aug, 2006. INTERNET

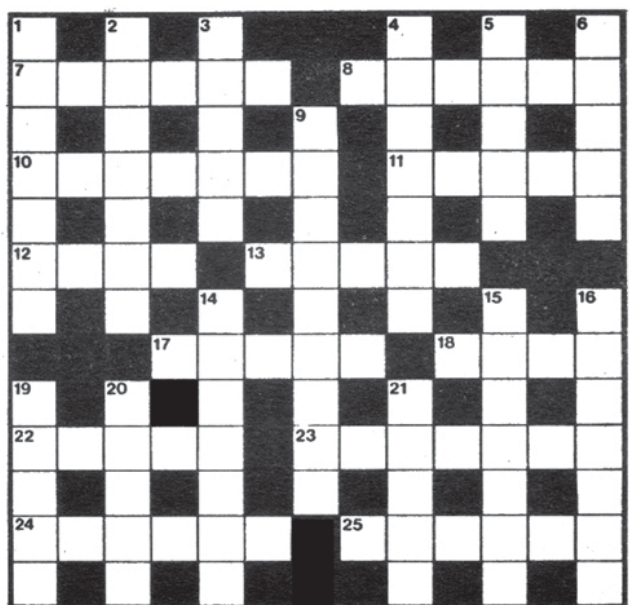
Hertha, who have long been searching for a striker, said that they also secured an option to sign the 31-year-old Argentine, who holds an Italian passport, for a further two years.

Gimenez only scored one goal in 21 appearances for Marseille last season. But he was the top goalscorer in Switzerland three times, where he scored 92 goals in 123 matches for FC Basel.

Hertha, who finished a disappointing sixth last season, sold their 31-year-old playmaker Marcelinho, who scored 65 goals in 155 league matches to Trabzonspor in Turkey last week after he showed up late for a pre-season training camp.

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## Real to play Anderlecht in Bernabeu trophy

MADRID, 5 Aug— Real Madrid will host Belgian champions Anderlecht in Real's traditional season curtain-raiser event Santiago Bernabeu trophy on 23 August, the Spanish Primera Liga club said on Thursday.

Real will start their new season under new president Ramon Calderon and

coach Fabio Capello.

The club also brought in Italy defender Fabio Cannavaro, Brazil midfielder Emerson and Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy. The nine-time European champions beat a Major League Soccer (MLS) All-Star team 5-0 in last year's game. —MNA/Xinhua



Yury Prilukov of Russia starts the 1500m freestyle final during the European Aquatic Championships in Budapest, Hungary on 4 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

## Phelps seizes 4th title in US championships

WASHINGTON, 5 Aug — Olympic champion Michael Phelps edged world record-holder Ian Crocker by 22-hundredths of a second Thursday to lift the 100m butterfly title at the US Swimming Championships.

Phelps captured his fourth national title in three days when he set a championships record of 51.51 seconds, while Crocker settled for silver in 51.73.

Crocker set the world record of 50.40 seconds in winning the world title in Montreal last year.

Crocker and Phelps have led the world in this event since Crocker set his first world record in 2003.

Phelps has won five of their eight head-to-head meetings in the event, and all three that

Crocker has won have taken a world record to do it.

The women's 100m breaststroke featured American record-holder Jessica Hardy, former American record holder and 2000 Olympic gold medallist Megan Quann Jendrick and Tara Kirk.

Jendrick snapped up the win with a time of 1:07.54. Hardy and Kirk tied for second in 1:07.65.

Cullen Jones captured the men's 50m freestyle title with a time of 21.94, the fastest in the world this year. —MNA/Xinhua

# China aims to raise grain output, farm incomes

BEIJING, 5 Aug — China's Government plans to increase its annual grain production to 500 million tons and keep farm incomes growing at an annual rate of 5 per cent over the next five years.

The Ministry of Agriculture on Thursday published its 11th five-year plan for agricultural development, stating the goals of efficient distribution, continued increase in farm incomes and harmonious rural development. The plan emphasizes the need to curb the widening disparity between rural and urban areas by developing commercial

farming and urban migration. Every year rural enterprises will aim to create 2.5 million jobs, and five million farmers will find new jobs in cities. China's cropland is expected to be at least 103.33 million hectares. The output of cotton is predicted to reach 6.8 million tons, oil 32 million tons and sugar crops

120 million tons. Steady growth is also expected in the other major products, including vegetables, fruit, meat, eggs and milk. The plan aims to upgrade agricultural structure, with livestock accounting for 50 per cent of the total output value and development of the processing industry. *MNA/Xinhua*

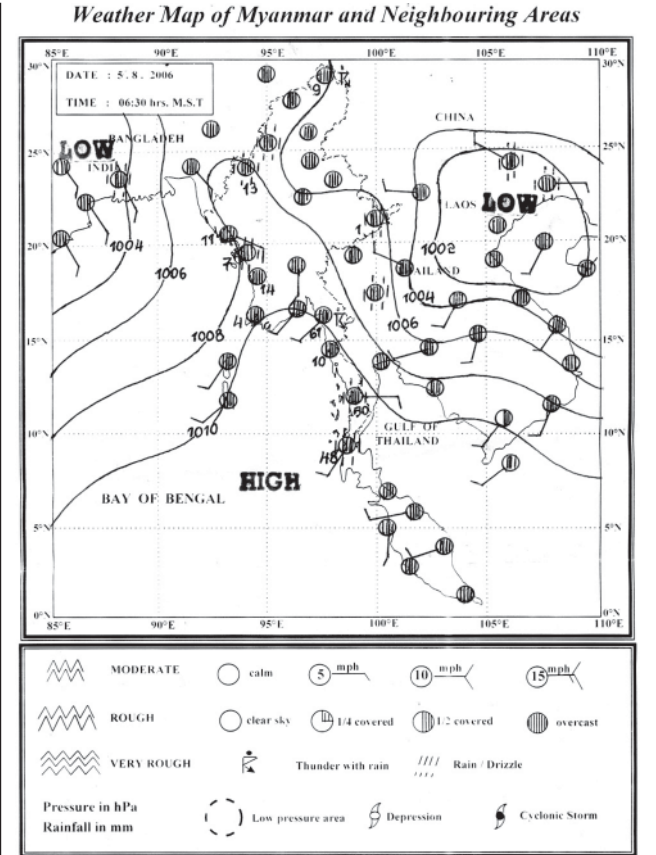
# 65 Pakistani fishermen missing in floods-hit Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 5 Aug — Some 65 Pakistani fishermen are missing in southern Pakistan's major port on the Arabian Sea coast, as heavy monsoon rains and storm have affected life in Karachi on Thursday due to flooded roads, officials said.

These fishermen who have gone for fishing before the rain started are missing from the coastal area and there has been no contact with them, said Sami Memon, an official of the Pakistani Fishermen Society, quoted by the *NNI* news agency.

The authorities have banned fishing in the sea after the meteorological office has predicted more rains in the coming days, according to *News Network International*.

Rains have caused damage in the coastal areas and the people are shifting to safe places, Memon was quoted as saying. — *MNA/Xinhua*



## WEATHER

**Saturday, 5 August, 2006**  
**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain have been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mawlamyine (2.96) inches, Myeik (2.20) inches, Kawthoung (1.96) inches, Maungtau (1.54) inches, Haka (1.42) inches and Monywa (1.26) inches.

Maximum temperature on 4-8-2006 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 5-8-2006 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 5-8-2006 was (88%). Total sunshine hours on 4-8-2006 was (0.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 5-8-2006 were (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (59.72) inches at Mingaladon, (72.40) inches at Kaba-Aye and (77.09) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (17:00) hours MST on 4-8-2006.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 6-8-2006:** Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, Sagaing, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions, Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Moderate monsoon.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 6-8-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).


**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 6-8-2006:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 6-8-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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Aaron Hadlow of Britain goes airborne while competing in the freestyle event of the PKRA Kiteboarding Grand Prix in the Spanish Canary Island of Fuerteventura on 4 Aug, 2006. — INTERNET



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**Sunday, 6 August**  
View on today

<p><b>7:00 am</b> 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p><b>7:25 am</b> 2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p><b>7:30 am</b> 3. Morning news</p> <p><b>7:40 am</b> 4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p><b>7:55 am</b> 5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ဖြာ မင်္ဂလာ</p> <p><b>8:05 am</b> 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>8:15 am</b> 7. ဘိုင်းဒါးတံတား (ပဲခူးတိုင်း)</p> <p><b>8:20 am</b> 8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>8:30 am</b> 9. International news</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b> 10. Say it in English</p>	<p><b>11:00 am</b> 1. Martial song</p> <p><b>11:10 am</b> 2. Musical programme</p> <p><b>11:25 am</b> 3. Round up of the week's international news</p> <p><b>11:40 am</b> 4. မြန်မာ့ဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း "ရှင်နေမင်းနှင့် လတစ်စင်း" (ဝေဠုကျော်၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်၊ ဇူးဇူးမောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ဩဘာ)</p> <p><b>1:40 pm</b> 5. မိခင်နို့အစားထိုးကြော်ငြာများ တားမြစ်ချက်ရှိသည် သတိထား</p> <p><b>1:50 pm</b> 6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>2:05 pm</b> 7. ကံတင်ဘီးလင်း ရေလှောင်တစ်</p> <p><b>2:15 pm</b> 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>2:45 pm</b> 9. "စည်းကမ်းလိုက်နာ ဘေးကင်းမှာ" (ကျော်ရဲအောင်၊ ချစ်သူ၊ ဇော်ဝင်းမောင်၊ မေ့စံ၊ လင်းဇာနည်ဇော်၊ ပွင့်) ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်ဇော်၊ မြင့်စိုး (ဝ/သ-ရန်ကုန်)</p> <p><b>2:30 pm</b> 10. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>2:40 pm</b> 11. ရုံညင်းတန်းတံတား</p> <p><b>2:45 pm</b> 12. International news</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b> 1. Martial song</p>	<p><b>4:15 pm</b> 2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b> 3. English for Everyday Use</p> <p><b>4:45 pm</b> 4. သာယာချိုအေး (၃၈)ဖြာ မင်္ဂလာတေး</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b> 5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)</p> <p><b>5:15 pm</b> 6. Dance of national races</p> <p><b>5:30 pm</b> 7. Sing and enjoy</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> 8. Evening news</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> 9. Weather report</p> <p><b>6:35 pm</b> 10. သီရိဇေယာ</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> 11. Discovery</p> <p><b>7:10 pm</b> 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဖြူစင်မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b> 13. News</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b> 14. International news</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b> 15. Weather report</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b> 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၈)</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b> 17. The next day's programme</p>
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**Radio Myanmar**

**Sunday, 6 August**  
Tune in today

**8:30 am** Brief news

**8:35 am** Music:  
-My oh my

**8:40 am** Perspectives

**8:45 am** Music:  
-Baby come back

**8:50 am** National news & Slogan

**9:00 am** Music:  
-Keep on loving you

**9:05 am** International news

**9:10 am** Cultural images of Myanmar  
-The Art of Carving & Sculpture: Tharawah Soe Kyi

**9:20 am** Music:  
-Together again

**1:30 pm** News & Slogan

**1:40pm** Children's delight  
-Story for children Mei Htwe & The big tortoise  
-Songs for children

**9:00pm** Weekly news review

**9:10 pm** Article

**9:20 pm** Music:  
-Forget me not  
-Someone

**9:45 pm** News & Slogan

**10:00 pm** PEL

**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

# Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects progress in extension of Yangon International Airport



*Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects the tasks for extension of the Yangon International Airport.—MNA*

YANGON, 5 Aug — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected progress of extension works at Yangon International Airport this morning.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Lt-Gen Myint Swe heard a report on extended construction tasks at the airport building, background history of the airport, renovation tasks, progress of the project and

supervision for timely completion of the tasks presented by Director-General U Tun Hlaing of the Department of Civil Aviation.

Director U Than Myint of Asia World Co also reported on matters related to extension of the airport. Project manager U Nay Lin of Asia World Co presented a report on stockpiling of construction materials and progress of tasks. Director-General U Tun Hlaing gave a supplementary report.

Next, the director-general briefed Lt-Gen Myint Swe on matters related to the runway of the airport, extension of the runway and its standard and norms.

Deputy Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Hlaing of Airport Construction Project Special Group-2 of Public Works reported to Lt-Gen Myint Swe on completion of earth work for the runway extension, placing of concrete layer at the runway and fencing tasks.

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## 11 members of Shwebo Township NLD quit

### Have no trust in NLD and party leaders

YANGON, 5 Aug — Members of Shwebo Township National League for Democracy U Win Aung and U Kywe of Htoogyi Village of Tebin Village-tract, U Po Aye of Thanbayachan Village, U Lu Myint, U Hmay, U Kyi Aung, U Aung Khin, U Po Hsan and U Khe of Tebin Village, U Myint Wai and U Ban Min of Kyar Village of Shwebo Township, Sagaing Division, resigned from the NLD of their own accord on 19 July.

They sent the letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In their letter sent to Shwebo Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-Commission they said that they had lost interest in the NLD acts and they had no trust in the party leaders, and that was why they resigned from the NLD of their own accord.

*MNA*

### Weather Forecast for (6-8-2006)

**Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas**  
Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Yangon and neighbouring areas**  
One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Mandalay and neighbouring areas**  
Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

### INSIDE

**“This historic ministerial meeting, marking a concerted and coordinated effort by our fellow governments in the Greater Mekong Sub-region, to unitedly stem the tide of human trafficking. As host, Myanmar is gratified to note the high level of participation and representation from member countries. This clearly demonstrates the highest level commitment by the member states of the Greater Mekong Sub-region to address this unacceptable crime against humanity.”**

### The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded

(5-8-2006)

Mawlamyine	(2.96) inches
Myeik	(2.20) inches,
Kawthoung	(1.96) inches
Maungtaw	(1.54) inches
Haka	(1.42) inches
Monywa	(1.26) inches