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NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug — *The following is the full text of the message from Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar on the occasion of the 39th Anniversary of founding of ASEAN (ASEAN Day) on 8 August, 2006.*

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to the Association of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN) for its achievements on the occasion of the 39th anniversary of its founding. ASEAN countries after nearly four decades have become more vibrant, progressive and dynamic econo-

mies. ASEAN plays a central role in forming the regional architectures. ASEAN contributes greatly to regional peace, security and stability. ASEAN sets an example as a successful regional organization to other major countries in the region.

The achievements of ASEAN is not only due to the individual and collective efforts of the member countries but also for its ways of achieving things, such as consensus building, positive thinking, avoiding interference in other countries internal affairs etc. We must abide by our own principles and be steadfast in making our own efforts.

We are now in the process of intense integration towards establishing the ASEAN Community by the year 2020. We are making all out efforts to realize this by building three important pillars, ASEAN Security Community, ASEAN Economic Community and ASEAN Socio-cultural Community. In building these communities, we must set the ASEAN Vision 2020 as our guide and the Vientiane Action Programme as our strategy.

However, our ambitions to achieve these aims still rest on many challenges. We are facing the (See page 2)

## Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe receives Thai Supreme Commander

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Thailand General Ruengroj Mahasaranond at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence here today.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy)

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*Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets General Ruengroj Mahasaranond at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence in Nay Pyi Taw.*  
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*Senior General Than Shwe receives General Ruengroj Mahasaranond at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA*

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

# PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 8 August, 2006

## Work in unison for national interest

Peace and stability are the sine qua non for development of a region and, if national races live in unity and amity, peace and stability will always prevail all over the nation.

As the government is taking all the necessary measures for parallel development of various regions, the social and economic status of national people has become higher. For example, transport infrastructures are being built in Kayin State where Bamar, Mon, PaO, Shan, Rakhine and other national races live. Therefore, people in Kayin State can easily travel to Kayah State, Taninthayi Division, Bago Division and Mon State.

For education development of Kayin State, Hpa-an University, Government Technological College, Government Computer College and Education College have been opened. As a result, youths can now pursue higher education in their own region.

Also in the Myainggyingu Special Region in Hlinebwe Township, DKBA, which has returned to the legal fold, is working together with the government for development in the transport, economic, education, health, and agricultural sectors of the region.

In Kayin State, paddy, rubber, corn, sugarcane and beans and pulses are grown. Cultivation of other crops that enable farmers to earn their living in the long run will have to be extended.

Respective ministries are fulfilling all the requirements for continued development of Kayin State. Local people, on their part, will have to work in unison for the sake of national interest and their own and for eternal peace and stability.



**Daw Sein Sein and family of No 15 on Aungthapyay Street in Sangyoung Township recently donated K 100,000 to Hininzigon Home for the Aged through Chairman of the Administrative Board Lt-Col Kyaw Shein(Retd). - H**

## 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

## Achievements of ASEAN not only due to individual...

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challenge of ASEAN being a credible organization. We have to work hard towards maintaining ASEAN's centrality in relations with dialogue partners. Development gap within ASEAN such as poverty and social disparities are also issues that required our serious attention. We must work together for the success of the work plan of the Initiative of ASEAN Integration (IAI) so that newer members of ASEAN could fully be integrated into the mainstream of ASEAN. In building the ASEAN Community, the most significant step is working towards the establishment of the ASEAN Charter. The ASEAN Charter will give ASEAN a legal personality and a framework that will guide our organization into the 21st century. I also commend the work of the Eminent Persons Group that deliberated on the elements of ASEAN Charter and looking forward to successful adoption of the ASEAN Charter as soon as possible.

Growing trends of international terrorism, transnational crimes and frequent incidents of natural disasters are also threats that need our greater attention to address these issues. And we must effectively cooperate with our dialogue partners in particular and the international community in gen-

eral to overcome such challenges and threats.

As ASEAN has to integrate into a Community, the active participation of people of ASEAN countries becomes essential. We must promote people to people contacts and we must try to better understand each other. We have to learn to live and share a variety of faith, religion, culture and languages that exist in ASEAN countries. I urge people of Myanmar to appreciate and participate in all ASEAN activities.

The continued prosperity of the ASEAN countries and coping with the challenges and threats that we are facing at present or in future rest on the ability of our young and energetic people. They must have a vision of building the ASEAN Community; they must possess the calibre to fulfil the dream of our ancestors to be One Community of Ten Nations. Therefore, it is fitting that we have chosen the theme for this year "ASEAN and Young People".

We must promote awareness of ASEAN among young people. We must be proactive in nurturing our young generation to cope with existing and new challenges in building peaceful and prosperous community. We should all join hands in realizing our goal of establishing the ASEAN Community.

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## Tianshi Group Chairman meets company sale agents



**Tianshi Group Chairman Mr Li Jinyuan makes a speech at the meeting with sale agents. — MNA**

YANGON, 7 Aug— Chairman of Tianshi Group Mr Li Jinyuan met with company sale agents at the Traders Hotel today.

First, Chairman of Tianshi Group Mr Li Jinyuan and Manager of Tianshi Myanmar Branch Mr Li Tie Gang made speeches on the occasion.

Next, Chairman of Tianshi Group Mr Li Jinyuan greeted mediemen and hosted a dinner. Tianshi company has established a number of branches in 108 countries and also owned over 3000 branches in China. This company is distributing 20 different kinds of items such as healthy food and tea, personal goods, cosmetics and others in Myanmar. — MNA

## Know and note thus

- \* Myanmar letters for Myanmar  
In set pattern, pronunciation and style  
Must all be correct.
- \* Myanmar letters for Myanmar  
Must be learned thoroughly  
Prevent negation, strive for development.  
That's what must be done.
- \* Letters of foreign lands  
Are to be learned  
And utilized.
- \* Remember clearly  
They're not to be worshipped.
- \* Foreign pronunciation and style  
If mimicked  
Myanmar pronunciation, style  
And pattern will be spoilt.
- \* Myanmar pattern, if allowed to be spoilt.  
It will lead to negation of  
Patriotism, love of country.
- \* Only if patriotism, love of country  
Is at heart at all times  
Will Myanmar be bright in the world.
- \* That's why learning everything  
Remember to safeguard Myanmar  
pattern and style  
And must push back  
Whatever runs counter.

Nwai Cho (Trs)

## Putin favours immediate ceasefire in Middle East

Moscow, 6 Aug—Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Saturday he favoured an immediate cessation of hostilities in the Middle East and called for international efforts to avert a humanitarian disaster in Lebanon.

In a telephone conversation with UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Putin “stressed that he is favour of an immediate cessation of the armed conflict and of finding a political settlement to the conflict with the participation of all sides,” the Kremlin said in a statement. The phone call was initiated by the UN chief, the Kremlin added.

Both Putin and Annan stressed the UN Security Council must act in accordance with its full responsibilities, the statement said.

Putin called for mobilizing the whole international community to prevent a humanitarian catastrophe in the region. —MNA/Xinhua



A woman dances by paper lanterns adrift on a river as people float the lanterns to comfort the souls of victims of atomic bombing in Hiroshima on 6 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET



## Chikangunya fever infects 50,000 in central India

NEW DELHI, 6 Aug—Chikangunya, a relatively rare form of mosquito-transmitted viral fever, has infected 50,000 people and possibly claimed 25 lives in central India’s Madhya Pradesh, the *Indo-Asian News Service* reported Friday.

Ajay Vishnoi, Health Minister of the state government, said on Friday three districts in the state were affected with the fever. About 35,000 people are suffering from the disease in Betul District,

where 12 people have died. And 13 more have died in another district hit by the epidemic.

The Chikangunya virus, first found in west Indian state Maharashtra in 1965, is transmitted by the Edis Egypti mosquito and its typical symptoms are high fever up to 40 degrees Celsius with a sudden onset of flu-like symptoms, including severe headaches, chills, nausea, vomit and joint pain.

MNA/Xinhua

## Bird flu kills one Thai, second death this year

BANGKOK, 6 Aug—A 27-year-old Thai man has died of bird flu, the country’s second death this year and its 16th victim since the H5N1 virus swept across parts of Asia in late 2003, a senior health official said on Saturday.

The man died on Thursday in the province of Uthai Thani, 220 kilometres (135 miles) north of Bangkok, after having contact with sick chickens, Prat Boonyawongviro, permanent secretary in the Ministry of Public Health, told *Reuters*.

“It is confirmed that this man has died of H5N1,” Prat said.

Thailand has stepped

up surveillance after a 17-year-old Thai male died in late July amid fresh outbreaks of the disease following an eight-month lull.—MNA/Reuters

Photo taken on 2 Aug, 2006 shows a Russian tourist choosing bags at the tariff-free market in Manzhouli, north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.—INTERNET

## US public split on Bush’s handling of Middle East crisis

WASHINGTON, 6 Aug—The American public were nearly evenly split on President George W Bush’s handling of the current crisis in the Middle East, a poll released on Friday showed. Forty-six per cent of those surveyed said they

disapproved of Bush’s handling of the crisis, while 43 per cent said they approved, according to the poll, which was conducted by Opinion Research Corporation for CNN and was released on the TV network’s website.

Ten per cent of the 1,047 respondents had no opinion on the question.

The poll found a slow climb in Bush’s job approval rating, but the majority of Americans — 59 per cent — said they disapproved of how he was handling his job as President. Forty per cent said they approved. In April, only 32 per cent said they approved of the way Bush was handling his job, and 60 per cent disapproved.

Sixty-two per cent of respondents said they disapproved of Bush’s handling of the situation in Iraq, and 59 per cent said they disapproved of Bush’s handling of the economy.

MNA/Xinhua



A protestor screams as she takes part in a London protest march against the conflict between Hizbollah and Israel in Lebanon. Thousands of placard-waving activists demanded an immediate Middle East ceasefire as they rallied in London to demand a halt to the conflict between Israel and Hizbollah in Lebanon.—INTERNET

## US military death toll rises to 2,586

WASHINGTON, 6 Aug —As of Friday, 4 August, 2006, at least 2,586 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 2,050 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.

The AP count is one higher than the Defence Department’s tally, last updated Friday at 10 am EDT.

The British military has reported 115 deaths; Italy, 32; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, El Salvador, four each; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Romania, one death each.

Internet



A dinosaur replica is seen in a shopping centre in Ankara, Turkey, on 4 Aug, 2006. Thirty life-size replicas are placed here with the imagined living environment during the summer vacation for children to have a fun.—INTERNET

# Cuba dismisses US call for democracy

HAVANA, 6 Aug— Cuba quickly dismissed another US call for Cuban democracy as Fidel Castro's government began to break the silence that followed his surgery and provisional hand-over of power to brother Raul.

Neither Castro brother has been seen in public since Fidel's operation on Monday for internal bleeding, but two members of the Cabinet gave assurances that all was well with the Communist island and its 79-year-old leader.

In Miami, Cuban exile leaders who earlier in the week declared the beginning of the end of the Castro era began to come to grips with the idea that their nearly half-century wait for Fidel's demise may not be over.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, in a message beamed to Cuba on Friday night, told the island's residents that "much is changing there" and now was the time to push for democracy.

"We will stand with you to secure your rights-

to speak as you choose, to think as you please, to worship as you wish, and to choose your leaders, freely and fairly, in democratic elections," she said in a broadcast on the US-funded Radio Marti network.

But Cuba's Minister of Culture, Abel Prieto, told reporters at a Havana event that Rice's message, which followed a similar statement by President George W Bush on Thursday, would fall on deaf ears.

"Nobody in Cuba is

going to listen to a message that comes from a functionary of a foreign government. That has no value for Cubans," he said in some of the first government comments since Castro's surgery.

"I think all these messages are pure rhetoric for Miami," he said.

Prieto also said the Cuban Government was functioning well with Fidel Castro recovering and his 75-year-old brother at the helm, despite suggestions from the United States that things were in flux. Castro has led Cuba for 47 years, since he swept to power in a 1959 revolution.

"I don't feel any uncertainty. The people love Fidel a lot and that has been seen in these days," he said.—MNA/Reuters

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Midori Okuyama (L) and sister Sanoe of Japan march in the Twins Day Festival parade in Twinsburg, Ohio recently. More than 3,500 twins, triplets and quadruplets came to a place named after its twin founders for what event organizers call the largest gathering of twins in the world.—INTERNET



Several ice bags are used to cool off a pet dog suffering heatstroke at a pet hospital in Wuxi, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 5 Aug, 2006. INTERNET

## Passive smoke 'bone risk boost'

LONDON, 6 Aug— Second-hand smoke increases the risk of the bone disease osteoporosis, researchers have found.

The US/Chinese study showed exposure to passive smoking boosted pre-menopausal women's osteoporosis risk threefold.

An International Osteoporosis Foundation meeting in Toronto, also heard men, as well as women, increase osteoporosis risk by smoking. Experts said the studies added to understanding of the link between smoking and the bone disease. Osteoporosis, which affects one in three women and one in 12 men, is responsible for 200,000

broken bones per year in the UK - and 40 deaths a day. It is often known as a silent illness because many people do not know they have it until it is too late. Although it is thought of as a disease of old age, its roots are thought to lie in adolescence.

Harvard School of Public Health researchers looked at over 14,000 men

and pre and post-menopausal women in rural China. The scientists measured hip bone mineral density, and recorded non-spine fractures and smoking history.

Second-hand smoking was defined as living with one or more people who smoked each day. Pre-menopausal non-smoking

women who lived with one smoker had more than double the risk of osteoporosis compared to those who lived with none.

And those who lived with two or more smokers exposed to second-hand smoke were found to have a threefold greater risk of the condition.

Internet

## French reporter murdered in Kazakhstan

ALMA ATA, 6 Aug— A French reporter was found dead on Wednesday in his lodgings located in central Alma Ata with several stabs on his body, Kazakh police said on Friday.

The 25-year-old French had worked in the Central Asian country for months for both ML Strategic Media, Ltd and the US journal *Foreign Affairs*, and had covered a series of major events that took place in Alma Ata and the Kazakh capital of Astana, said the police.

MNA/Xinhua

## Study shows more families hit by British inheritance tax

LONDON, 6 Aug— The number of people in Britain paying inheritance tax has risen sharply in the last five years, fuelled by soaring house prices, Britain's biggest mortgage lender said on Saturday.

HBOS Plc's Halifax said the number of estates paying the tax rose by 72 per cent to 30,451 in the five years to 2003-2004.

"This trend is set to continue unless the government raises the threshold in line with

house price inflation," Halifax Group Economist Tim Crawford said in a statement.

He urged the government to raise the level at which people start paying the tax from 285,000 pounds (539,200 US dollars) to 430,000 pounds.

The tax is charged at 40 per cent on all assets, including houses, above the threshold. Halifax said the Treasury collected 3.3 billion pounds from inheritance tax in the last

financial year. Revenue has grown by 49 per cent in the past five years.

"Significantly, families with lower valued estates are paying an increased share of the total inheritance tax," Crawford said. "The super-rich are paying a smaller share."

House prices have risen by 179 per cent in the past 10 years, compared with an 85-per-cent increase in the inheritance tax threshold, he added.

MNA/Reuters



Japan's Nagano Prefectural Institute of Technology team's solar car Fizzer 18 competes in the four-hour endurance race of the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) Alternative Energies Cup and Dream Cup solar car race Suzuka 2006 at Suzuka Circuit international racing course in Suzuka, central Japan, on 6 Aug, 2006. Fizzer 18 won the race in 43 laps.—INTERNET

## Pakistani gas pipelines damaged in explosion

ISLAMABDA, 6 Aug — Two gas pipelines were damaged in explosions in southwestern Pakistan's Baluchistan early Saturday, making gas supply to several cities in eastern province Punjab suspended, the private GEO Television reported.

The explosion occurred near Doli check post in Sui, some 285 kilometres southwest of Quetta, the provincial capital of Baluchistan, at about 4:00 am, GEO reported.

MNA/Xinhua

## Thousands recall Hiroshima A-bomb, pray for peace

**HIROSHIMA, 6 Aug—** Tens of thousands of people from around the world gathered in Hiroshima on Sunday to pray for peace and urge the world to abandon nuclear weapons on the 61st anniversary of the first atomic bombing.

In an annual ritual to mourn the more than 220,000 people who ultimately died from the blast, a crowd including survivors, children and dignitaries gathered at the Peace Memorial Park, near ground zero where the bomb was dropped.

"Radiation, heat, blast and their synergetic effects created a hell on Earth," said Hiroshima Mayor Tadatashi Akiba.

Lamenting a global trend towards nuclear proliferation, Akiba called for a campaign to free the world of atomic weapons.

"Sixty-one years later, the number of nations enamoured of evil and enslaved by nuclear weapons is increasing," Akiba told the crowd gathered under a blazing summer sun.



*Doves fly over the Peace Memorial Park with a view of the gutted A-bomb dome at a ceremony in Hiroshima, Japan, on 6 Aug, 2006 to mark the 61st anniversary of the atomic bombing on the city.—INTERNET*

"The human family stands at a crossroads. Will all nations be enslaved? Or will all nations be liberated?"

The Peace Bell tolled at 8:15 am — the moment the *Enola Gay B-29* warplane dropped the bomb on 6 August, 1945 — as the crowd stood and bowed their heads for a moment of silence.

The United States dropped a second atomic bomb on the southern city of Nagasaki on 9 August.

Six days later, Japan surrendered.

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi vowed to abide by Japan's pacifist Constitution and non-nuclear policy.

"Japan, the only country that has suffered atomic bombings in the human history, has the responsibility to keep telling the international community about its experience," Koizumi said.

MNA/Reuters

## Whales wash up dead near Mexico's Baja coast

**MEXICO CITY, 6 Aug —** Eleven beaked whales were washed up on beaches near Mexico's sparsely populated Baja California Peninsula and all of them died, the country's environmental protection agency said on Friday. The whales were found earlier this week mostly on islands in the Sea of Cortez, also known as the Gulf of California, and had been dead for several days, an official at the Profepa agency said.

He said the cause of the whales' deaths was being investigated. A group of squid, which the whales feed on, was also found dead nearby.—MNA/Reuters

## India 'needs huge services boost'

**LONDON, 6 Aug—** India needs to invest \$331bn (£173bn) on infrastructure over the next five years if it wants to maintain its rapid economic growth, a study suggests.

Research for the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) found India needed to spend 8% of its gross domestic product on new infrastructure.

The CII said India was spending much less on services like roads and ports than China and other Asian countries.

India's economy is currently growing an annual rate of just over 8% a year.

But experts have warned that this growth will slow if the country cannot build enough new

roads, ports, airports and power stations.

The CII said that India was expected to spend about \$47bn on infrastructure in the fiscal year to March 2007, a figure which needs to be dou-

bled to \$84bn a year by 2012.

The industry body added that an investment strategy needed to be drawn up between the government, regional states and the private sector.—Internet

## Indonesia's Merapi volcano spews out glowing lava

**JAKARTA, 6 Aug—** Indonesia's mount Merapi spewed out glowing lavas stretching over a maximum distance of 1.5

kilometres toward Gendol River, on the volcano's southern slope, on Friday.

The coughing volcano has produced tons of glowing lavas and quake trails lately, *Antara* news agency quoted Panut, an officer at the Kaliurang observation post, Sleman District, Yogyakarta Province, as saying on Friday.

In the first six hours of Friday, Mount Merapi produced a total of 32 glowing lavas, mostly sliding toward Gendol River.

During the wee hours of Thursday, the volcano spewed out 47 times glowing lava, according to Panut.

Under the current "alert" status, the 2,965-metre-high volcano is off-limits to hikers, farmers and sand miners within a radius of six kilometres from the top, and 300 metres from the banks of the Krasak, Boyong, Sat and Gendol rivers.

MNA/Xinhua



*Rescue workers approach the sinking container cargo ship "Hanlun" near Dachandao Island in Shenzhen of south China's Guangdong Province on 5 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET*

## Banner-towing plane crashes in New Jersey

**NEW YORK, 6 Aug—** The pilot and the only occupant of a banner-towing airplane survived when their plane crashed in Egg Harbour Township, New Jersey Friday afternoon.

According to a spokeswoman with the Federal Aviation Administration, the single-engine plane went down near the field where the pilot dropped off and picked up banners.

The pilot was treated for some injuries. No name was released.

The plane is registered to a Delaware company.—MNA/Xinhua



*Women dressed in costumes participate in a fashion carnival in Jember, East Java on 6 Aug, 2006. Around 450 participants from Indonesia took part in the carnival, wearing costumes they designed.*

INTERNET



*Local residents gather at the site of bridge collapsed in Mardan, about 50 kilometres (30 miles) west of Peshawar, Pakistan on 5 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET*

## Second Beijing-Tokyo Forum expresses commitment to improve ties

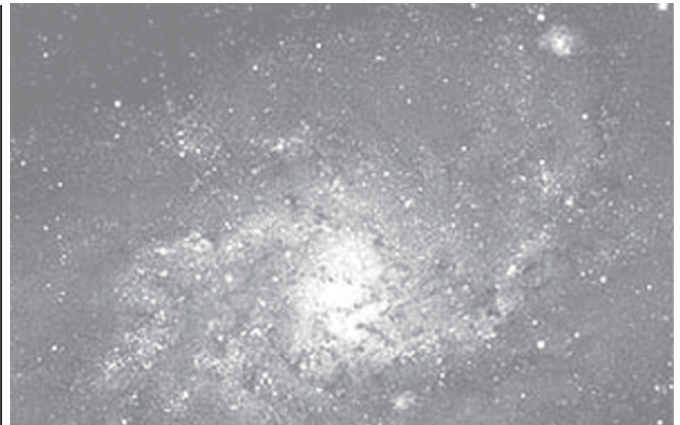
TOKYO, 6 Aug — Chinese and Japanese prominent figures attending the second Beijing-Tokyo Forum expressed misgivings on Friday about the current Sino-Japanese relations, and said they would make efforts to pull the bilateral ties out of the impasse and try to promote them into new win-win models of mutual benefit.

The two-day forum was closed later in the day with a joint statement, which acknowledges that the Sino-Japanese relations are in a historic low ebb ever since their normalization, and said participants of the forum were deeply concerned about the existence of political barriers between the two countries.

Participants from the two sides have decided not to take a wait-and-see attitude toward the worrisome trend, and have agreed to set up a Beijing-Tokyo Forum website of two editions in

Chinese and Japanese respectively, thus providing a platform for more exchanges of people from related fields of the two countries and promote the improvement of the Sino-Japanese ties.

The second Beijing-Tokyo Forum, with the theme of "the future of Asia and the new type of Sino-Japanese relations", was curtailed up here on Thursday. It attracted some 60 prominent figures from political, economic, academic and media circles of the two countries to talk about how to improve the awkward bilateral relations.—MNA/Xinhua



Triangulum Galaxy. The universe could be 15 per cent bigger and 15 per cent older than any previous calculations suggested, media reported on 5 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET



A contestant dressed as the character 'Ringo' from the Japanese anime 'Air Gear' poses during a Cosplay contest in Singapore on 5 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

### Indonesia to produce bird flu vaccine

JAKARTA, 6 Aug — Research is underway in Indonesia to formulate a typical bird flu vaccine suitable for the local people and the results are expected to come in November, the Health Ministers said Friday.

Minister Siti Fadilah Supari said the Indonesian version of H5N1 vaccine will be fully produced at home once the research is completed.

"Hopefully, there will be no further impediments because formulating the vaccine is really a daunting task," she told reporters here.

It will take another three to six months to test the vaccine before mass reproduction begins, she said.

Supari said earlier that Indonesia needs to formulate its own vaccine suitable to Indonesians, as the death toll from the virus has reached 42.

To make a vaccine effective, it should be adjusted to the physical conditions of the local people, she said.

MNA/Xinhua

### Russia launches European telecommunications satellite

MOSCOW, 6 Aug — Russia launched a telecommunications satellite early Saturday from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, Russian news agencies reported.

The *HotBird-8* broadcasting satellite, carried by a *Proton-M* rocket, is designed for television and radio broadcasting and is owned by Eutelsat, one of the world's leading satellite operators, the reports said.

The satellite is scheduled to reach orbit at 0659 GMT, and once in operation, it could provide service to over 100 million users in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. — MNA/Xinhua



A burst of fireworks is seen in the background of Singapore's icon, the Merlion, right, on 5 Aug, 2006 in Singapore during the Fireworks Festival. The annual event opened with fireworks themed 'Dynamic City' by Team Italy. — INTERNET

### Zimbabwean film wins UNICEF award

HARARE, 6 Aug — Peretera Maneta (Spell My Name), a Zimbabwean film directed by local conductor Tawanda Gunda-Mupfema, won the UNICEF Children's and Human Rights Award at the recently ended Zanzibar International Film Festival, reported *The Herald* newspaper Friday.

Elsworth Benhura, the Women Filmmakers of Zimbabwe (WFOZ) programme assistant, said the film was a result of the women's narrative workshops which began in 2003 to give women the voice and the skills to tell their stories in a story form.

MNA/Xinhua

### Expert says closer study of emerging H5N1 strains needed

HONG KONG, 6 Aug — A leading virologist has urged countries battling new H5N1 bird flu outbreaks in animals to analyse the genetic makeup of the virus to trace its origins and better arm themselves to combat the disease.

Malik Peiris of the University of Hong Kong, who has studied the virus for nearly 10 years, said genetic sequencing of H5N1 strains found in animals would help scientists get their hands on vital information, and governments could in turn do more to control the spread of the disease in birds.

Although the H5N1 virus has killed 134 people since re-emerging in Asia in late 2003, it remains largely a bird disease. But experts fear it will mutate

and gain the ability to spread efficiently among people, sparking a pandemic that could kill millions.

However, some hope that such a disaster might be averted if the disease can be effectively controlled in birds. Peiris said it was paramount now for Thailand to sequence the H5N1 virus that has recently re-emerged in the country's north and northeast after a nine-month hiatus.

MNA/Reuters

### Death toll by Typhoon "Prapiroon" rises to 55 in China

NANNING, 6 Aug — Typhoon Prapiroon has so far killed at least 55 people and left 17 others missing in South China's Guangdong Province and neighbouring Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous

Region.

The latest increase in the fatalities was from Guangxi, where typhoon Prapiroon has weakened into a tropical storm but kept its influence, with another seven deaths in typhoon-triggered disasters, according to the Guangxi regional department of civil affairs.

Accident of flash flood and landslide brought by typhoon in Laibin and Hengxian, both in Guangxi, killed ten. A flash flood occurred at a private forest farm in Fenghuang Township of Laibin City at 3:20 am on Saturday, sweeping away 13 migrant workers who were working on the farm.

Prapiroon brought along torrential rains and strong winds after it began to influence the city from Friday noon, the department said.

The transient workers, who were all from Hunan Province, built a temporary shelter in the nearby valley for the nights. So when the flash flood occurred, they became victims. The rescuers saved only six of them and found six corpses. One more migrant worker is still missing.

Three more people were killed and one more injured in a landslide happening in Luming Village of Hengzhou Township, Hengxian County at 7 am on Saturday as one side of a civilian house fell, burying a family of four, said information from the flood control and drought relief headquarters of Hengxian County.

The three killed were all female. And the injured is the only man in the family.

MNA/Xinhua

## Statue of pioneering Chinese Buddhist monk shipped to India

HANGZHOU, 7 Aug — A two-and-a-half-ton bronze statue of Xuanzang (602-664), an eminent Chinese Buddhist monk of the Tang Dynasty (618-907), was shipped from here to India via Shanghai on Saturday.

The 3.5-metre high statue was made by artisans of Shendiao Group Company in Zhejiang, said a spokesman from Zhejiang provincial religious affairs department.

A group of specialists from the State Administration of Religious Affairs in Beijing on Tuesday examined the statue and approved its export.

The statue will be placed in a memorial named after Xuanzang inside Nalanda Temple in Bihar, an ancient centre of Buddhist learning.

Listed as one of the many activities for the Sino-Indian Year of Culture 2006, the memorial will be opened to worshippers in November.

Xuanzang received a classical Confucian education before converting to Buddhism.

Troubled by discrepancies in the sacred texts, he left for India in 629 to study the religion at its source. He travelled by foot across Central Asia and reached India in 633.

MNA/Xinhua



Actors Holland Taylor (L) and Benicio Del Toro attend ceremonies honoring their late acting teacher Stella Adler, who was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Hollywood, California on 4 Aug, 2006. Adler was creator of a unique American approach to acting and was the only American ever to have directly studied with the father of modern acting, Constantine Stanislavsky.—INTERNET



People watch the overflowing Chenab River, after heavy rains, at Akhnoor, about 30 kilometers (19 miles) northwest of Jammu, India, on 6 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

## Report says US atrocities in Vietnam were extensive

SAN FRANCISCO, 7 Aug — Killings of civilians by US soldiers during the Vietnam war were far more numerous than previously known and went largely unpunished, according to a survey of declassified Army documents by the *Los Angeles Times* published on Sunday.

The files are part of an archive of about 9,000 pages assembled by a Pentagon task force in the early 1970s, which the *Times* said confirmed that atrocities by US forces had gone far beyond what public records had shown.

Among the events substantiated by the records were seven massacres in Vietnam from 1967 through 1971 in which at least 137 civilians died. Those do not include the notorious 1968 massacre of about 500 civilians at My Lai Village.

There were 78 other attacks on non-combatants in which at least 57 people were killed, 56 wounded and 15 sexually assaulted. In total, 320 incidents of abuse by US soldiers are substantiated, it said.

"Abuses were not confined to a few rogue units," the *Times* reported. "They were uncovered in every Army division that operated in Vietnam," the *Times* reported.

The Vietnam report comes as the military investigates alleged abuse of Iraqi civilians by US soldiers, including the killing of 24 people in Haditha and a quadruple murder and rape in Mahumdiya.

One quarter of the 203 soldiers accused of harming Vietnamese ci-

vilians or prisoners were court-martialled, but only 23 were convicted, according to the newspaper's review.

The report is based on records of the Vietnam War Crimes Working Group at the National Archives in College Park, Maryland. The records were first released in 1994 — 20 years after the group closed its probe — and moved to the archive, where they went largely unnoticed, the *Times* said.

The collection includes 241-case summaries that chronicle more

than 300 substantiated atrocities by US forces and 500 unconfirmed allegations, according to the *Times*.

The newspaper said it examined most of the files and obtained copies of 3,000 pages, or one third of the total, before government officials removed them from public shelves, saying they were exempt from federal information disclosure laws.

The story, and supporting documents, can be found at <http://latimes.com/vietnam/>.

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Zhu Yuyao shows a piece of leaf-vein painting created by himself in Handan, north China's Hebei Province, on 5 Aug, 2006. Zhu began his creation of paintings on the vein of leaf after his retirement.—INTERNET

## 3 Chinese UN peacekeepers injured in southern Lebanon

BEIJING, 7 Aug — Three Chinese UN peacekeepers were lightly injured by a rocket that landed at their post in southern Lebanon on Sunday, a Chinese UN peacekeeper confirmed.

Luo Fuqiang, head of the Chinese contingent with the UN Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL), told *Xinhua* that at 11:40 am local time (0840 GMT), an Israeli Army unit passed by a village some 500 metres away from the Chinese contingent headquarters in Henniyyeh Village, south of port of Tyre.

MNA/Xinhua

## Golden dagger from 3,000 BC found in Thracian tomb

SOFIA, 7 Aug — A golden dagger dating to 3,000 BC, plus 500 golden ornaments, have been found in a Thracian tomb in central Bulgaria, an archaeologist said on Sunday.

"It's a really sensational discovery," Bozhidar Dimitrov, head of the Bulgarian national museum, told *Reuters*.

"The dagger, which we believe is made of gold and platinum, most probably belonged to a Thracian ruler or to a priest."

"No item of this type was found even in the legendary city of Troy," Dimitrov added, referring to ruins in Turkey widely regarded as the site of one of the leading cities of antiquity.

He said the 16-cm (6.3-inch) dagger had been dated to 3,000 BC, was in perfect condition and is extremely sharp.

The new findings come from a tomb

discovered two years ago near the village of Dubovo in central Bulgaria. Last year, archaeologists found more than 15,000 golden bits and pieces there from which the restorers assembled several necklaces.

Little is known about Thracians who lived on the fringes of the Greek and Roman civilizations, often intermingling and clashing with the more advanced cultures.

Some experts say Thracians settled on what is now Bulgaria, Romania, northern Greece and Turkey's European territory from as early as 4,000 BC until they were absorbed in around AD 45.—MNA/Reuters



**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes Thai Supreme Commander General Ruengroj Mahasaranond and party**

(from page 16)  
 welcomed by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party.  
 Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and General Ruengroj

Mahasaranond proceeded to the dais of the airport where they took the salute of the Guard of Honour.  
 After that, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and General Ruengroj Mahasaranond inspected the Guard of Honour.  
 Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greeted the delegation

**Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe ...**

(from page 1)

Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint and Deputy Minister U Maung Myint of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal, Military Attache Colonel Prissapa Suvanatat and officials. — MNA

**Senior General Than Shwe and General Ruengroj Mahasaranond pose for a documentary photo at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA**



**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San welcome General Ruengroj Mahasaranond at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA**

members who accompanied General Ruengroj Mahasaranond.  
 Likewise, General Ruengroj Mahasaranond greeted the welcoming party.  
 Afterwards, the visiting Thai general and party, accompanied by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party left for the Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone where they will be putting up.  
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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and General Ruengroj Mahasaranond inspect the Guard of Honour. — MNA



## Shan State PDC holds 9th prize presentation ceremony of matriculation examination for 2006

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaung Aye attended the 9th prize presentation ceremony which was held in honour of students for their outstanding performance in the matriculation examination at the city hall of Taunggyi on 6 August. The ceremony was organized by Shan State PDC.

Also present on the occasion were senior

military officers of the eastern command, members of Shan State PDC, departmental heads at state, district and township levels, township education officers, members of social organizations, teachers and outstanding students and guests. First, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win spoke of the performance of education promotion programme of the State while Shan State Education Officer U Aung Swe reported on result of the matriculation examination for 2005-2006 academic year.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented prizes to eight six-distinction winners who secured success in

2005-2006 academic year.

Afterwards, Commander Brig-Gen Thaung Aye awarded prizes to 12 five-distinction winners, wife Daw Thin Myo Myo Aung to 12 five-distinction winners and responsible personnel to eight five-distinction winners, 39 four-distinction winners, 86 three-distinction winners, three best pass rate schools and three townships and five winners in poster and essay contests to mark World Population Day.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win later cordially greeted those present. — MNA

## 1,036 residents in Lewe receive free medical treatment

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug — Over 1000 residents in Lewe received free medical treatment yesterday at People's Hospital in Lewe, Pyinmana District.

Doctors and specialists of 300-bed specialist hospital in Nay Pyi Taw and 100-bed hospital in Pyinmana performed for the free medical care programme organized by Ministry of Health and Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.

Out of 1,036 patients including 71



*A responsible person of MAAF presents K 800,000 for Lewe People's Hospital. — MNA*

children, 391 received free medication for eyes;

88 for teeth and 65 for surgeries and 131 were

taken to the 300-bed Hospital in Nay Pyi Taw.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo visited the hospital where Lewe residents were undergoing treatment and assisted in providing free medical care.

Members of Lewe District and Township Women's Affairs Organizations, Union Solidarity and Development Association and Myanmar Red Cross Society also provided help during the free medical care.

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*A patient receives medical care from a specialist at the hospital in Lewe. — MNA*

## Myanmar businessmen seek ways to promote trade with Russia

YANGON, 8 Aug — President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint yesterday received First Secretary Mr Nikolay A Barabanov of the Russian Embassy at UMFCCI office on Min Ye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township. They discussed matters on promotion of trade and investment between the two countries, exchanging business delegations, banking services and enhancing cooperation between the two chambers. Also present on the occasion were Vice-President U Zaw Min Win and General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing. — MNA



*President of UMFCCI U Win Myint meets First Secretary Mr Nikolay A Barabanov of Russian Embassy. —UMFCCI*

## World Breastfeeding Week marked in Yangon Command

YANGON, 7 Aug — A ceremony to mark the activities of World Breastfeeding Week of the Yangon Command Maternal and Child Welfare Association took place at the hall of the Yangon Command this afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai.

Also present on the occasion were station commanders, the Secretary of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and members, the Secretary of Yangon Command Maternal and Child Welfare Association and members, the chairpersons of Battalion/Regiment Maternal and Child Welfare Associations and members and guests.

Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai explained the salient points of breastfeeding.

Next, Secretary of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Dr Daw Nwe Ni Ohn gave talks on the advantages of breastfeeding.

After that, member of Yangon Command Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Nan Hla Si presented gifts to Dr Daw Nwe Ni Ohn.

After the ceremony, the chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and members presented gifts to expectant mothers who were present on the occasion.

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## Minister receives Charge d' Affaires of US Embassy

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug — Minister for

Labour U Thaung received Charge d' Affaires of US Embassy to Myanmar Ms Shari Vilarosa at his office here today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Sein, Director-General U Chit Shein of Labour Department, Director-General Dr Ko Ko Oo of the Ministry of Science and Technology and officials. — MNA

## Wider distribution of used text books helps reduce publication cost

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug — Text Book Publication Committee held its meeting 2/2006 at Ministry of Information, here this afternoon.

Speaking at the meeting, Chairman of the committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that the presses in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, and Mandalay of the Information Ministry will print text books for 2007-2008 academic year in accord

with the distribution schedule of the Ministry of Education. Printing work will complete in March 2007.

Wider distribution of used text books will help reduce publication cost as the government needs to print fewer books than the target. It is the duty of officials at different levels to distribute second-hand

text books more effectively and on a broader scale.

Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min explained distribution plans and Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung Nyein printing programmes.

Members of the respective bodies

presented work programmes to print and distribute text books in time.

In his concluding address, the minister spoke of the need to seek better publication plans for new books and more effective distribution plans for used books.

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## Objectives of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- To vitalize patriotism and nationalism
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- To preserve Myanmar national character
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- To strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.

**Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses at the 2/2006 meeting of the Text Book Publication Committee.**

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## Beware of and ward off saboteurs

YANGON, 7 Aug — The entire nation is witnessing peace and stability and sound development foundations thanks to the cooperative endeavours of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state, the wish of all the people of the Union of Myanmar. The nation now is in the process of implementing the seven-point Road Map to realize the people's wish based on the sound foundations.

On the other hand, saboteurs from inside and outside the nation who are against the national peace and stability and progress are working according to the plots of the powers controlling them, sending terrorists into the nation to commit destructive acts and blow up bombs and making attempts to stir up unrest in the nation in collusion with their foreign perpetrators. As information about the destructive schemes was received, the government has cautioned

the people, and the people who have never accepted terrorism in any form have been able to ward off terrorist acts in cooperation with public forces.

The authorities have received information that those who took part in 1988 unrest and members of a local political party under foreign influence are planning to organize a public gathering under the pretext of a religious ceremony on 8 August, to hold a memorial service at Shwedagon Pagoda and to distribute agitative leaflets.

The public have been alerted to clearly distinguish between the nation builders and destructionists and to ward off the danger of destructionists to safeguard already achieved national peace and stability and progress against possible unrest caused by internal and external spoilers to grab power through short cut and the nation from disintegration.

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## Industry-2 Ministry puts fingerlings, plants trees

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug — A ceremony to release various kinds of fish held in conjunction with tree planting ceremony of the Ministry of Industry-2 took place at the ministry on 4 August morning in Nay Pyi Taw.

Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, departmental heads and service personnel put fingerlings into No(7) dam of the ministry.

Next, the minister and deputy minister also participated in the plant growing ceremony. — MNA

## Education Planning and Training Department meets

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug — The Education Planning and Training Department and the education colleges held the work coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Education here yesterday morning with an address by Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein.

In his address, Minister Dr Chan Nyein called for the education colleges to strive for the basic education teachers to be highly qualified, to enhance the curricula and syllabus up to the international level, to extensively use the teaching and learning aids and multimedia and to train and nurture the youths imbued with morale and discipline.

Next, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min spoke on the occasion.

Also present on the occasion were the director-general of DPTD and officials, the principal of the Education College and responsible personnel.

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## Bangladesh vaccinates 24 mln children against polio

DHAKA, 7 Aug — Bangladesh on Sunday began to vaccinate 24 million children below five years against polio, as the virus resurfaced in the country after five years with the detection of new cases.

Bangladeshi Government used 700,000 volunteers to vaccinate the children across the country, Health Ministry spokesman Golam Kibria told Xinhua Sunday.

Bangladesh was unofficially declared polio-free in 2000, but two cases of polio were detected this year, Kibria said.

The number of polio cases is increasing since March this year and the government was worried about the resurface of the virus.

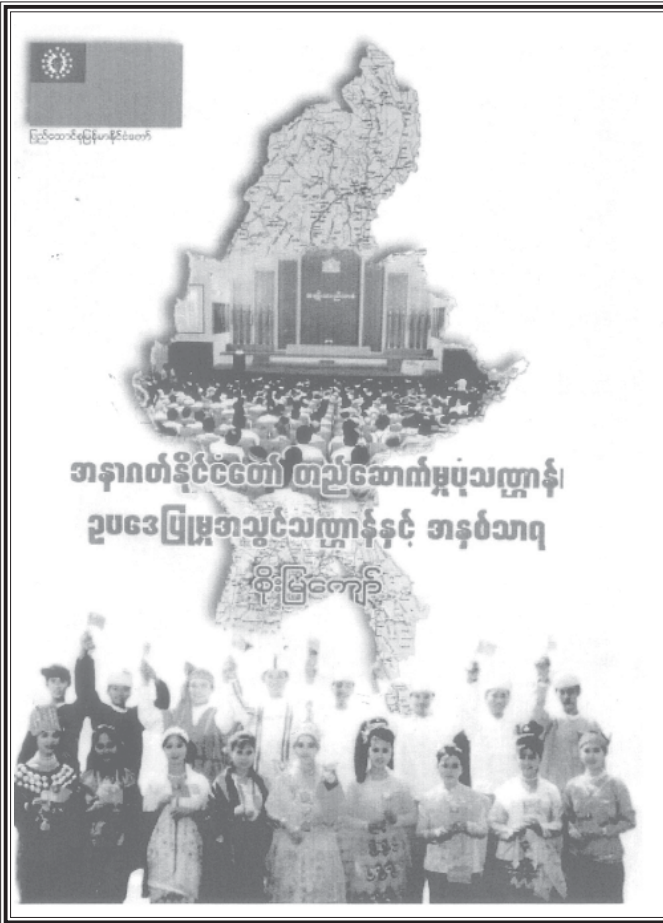
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## US Senator opposes sending more troops to Baghdad

WASHINGTON, 7 Aug — Nebraska Senator Chuck Hagel, a frequent Republican critic of President George W. Bush's Iraq policy, said on Sunday it was irresponsible and wrong to send more US troops to Baghdad. Speaking on the CBS show "Face the Nation", Hagel said pouring more US troops into Baghdad would not reverse the rising tide of sectarian killing there.

"Where we go from here... is a cold, hard assessment that Iraq is not going to turn out the way we were promised it would, and that's a fact, not because I say it — that's the way it's going," he said.

Hagel said there were no longer any good options in Iraq for the United States. — MNA/Reuters



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China's Wang Jie (L) and Tian Jia (R) celebrate after winning the final match at the FIVB beach volleyball grand slam in Klagenfurt, on 5 Aug, 2006. China won against Brazil's Juliana Felisberta and Larrissa Franca 2-1. —INTERNET

**Coal mine gas leak kills 18 miners in Shanxi Province**

TAIYUAN, 7 Aug —Eighteen miners were killed in a coal mine gas leak in Ningwu County, North China's Shanxi Province.

A collapse happened in the ground within the mining area of Dahuiyao Coal Mine in Ningwu County around Friday noon, which opened a previously closed area beneath the coal mine shaft and caused a fire, producing large amount of harmful gas, said sources from Shanxi Provincial Bureau of Work Safety.

Rescuers later lifted 14 more miners out of the shaft, of whom, one died in hospital. By 10 am, the rescuers found the remains of the 17 other miners trapped in the mishap.

With vast coal reserves, Shanxi Province is the biggest coal producer in China. However, a large number of fatal accidents in the mining industry occur in the province each year.

Altogether 34 miners were working in the shaft when the accident happened. Three of them escaped the site of the

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Photo taken on 5 Aug, 2006 shows some harmful gas emitting from Dahuiyao Coal Mine in Ningwu County of north China's Shanxi Province. Eighteen miners were killed when a collapse happened in the ground within the mining area of the coal mine. Altogether 34 miners were working beneath the shaft when the accident happened.

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**Siberian tiger population exceeds 700 at N-E China's breeding base**

HARBIN, 7 Aug — The Siberian tiger population has exceeded 700 with more than 80 baby tigers born this year at the Siberian Tiger Park in northeast China. The Siberian Tiger Park, the world's biggest artificial breeding base of this kind, in Harbin, capital of Heilongjiang Province, expects other more than 20 baby tigers to be born in the

rest months of this year, said Liu Dan, an official with the park. The park housed more than 620 Siberian tigers at the end of last year. It has more than 200 tigresses at baby-bearing ages, among which at least 50 are expected to give births this year. Siberian tigresses give births after a 105-day gestation period,

and those living in the wild will not mate before their cubs are two years old. However, a captive Siberian tigress gives two births in a year in the care of human beings. The park was established in 1986 with only eight Siberian tigers and the population at the park is nearly half of the total in China.

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**Eight injured in road accident in eastern Nepal**

KATHAMANDU, 6 Aug— At least eight people have been seriously injured in a road accident in eastern Nepal, local police confirmed Friday.

“At least eight passengers were seriously injured when the bus they were travelling in overturned at Pakali Chowk area of Sunsari District, some 400 kilometres east from Kathmandu” on Thursday, Sunsari District Police Office said in a statement.

All of the seriously injured passengers were rushed to the B.P. Koirala Health and Science Academy of the district, said the statement.

Some others who sustained minor injuries were given first aid at the local clinics, it added.

The bus, heading towards Rajbiraj Town of neighbouring Saptari District from Biratnagar Town of another neighbouring Morang District, overturned after the driver lost control over the bus due to high speed.

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**Landslides creating wave of Pakistan quake refugees**

ISLAMABAD, 6 Aug— Landslides and floods triggered by monsoon rains are creating thousands of new refugees in parts of Pakistan that were devastated by last October's earthquake, local newspaper *The News* quoted the UN refugee agency as saying on Friday.

More than 6,000 quake survivors have fled dangerous areas and nearly 20,000 more are set to seek refuge in camps, said Kilian Kleinschmidt, the agency's senior emergency coordinator for the South Asia earthquake.

“The likelihood of

larger displacement due to the ongoing monsoon is very grave,” Kleinschmidt said. “It is very big and we have already seen more than 6,000 newcomers into camps over the last three weeks in the Pakistan-controlled Kashmir towns of Bagh, Garhi Habibullah and Muzaffarabad,” he said.

“Currently there are 32,000 people in organized camps and we estimate up to 50,000 by the end of the monsoon,” he said.

Donors and aid agencies are meeting to prepare for the feared second wave of refugees, Kleinschmidt said.

The officials confirmed that 6,615 quake survivors had been moved from 23 villages in areas threatened by landslides.

The UN official's warning came as 15 earthquake survivors including eight children were killed by landslides and floods on Thursday. Another 12 died last week.

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**Earthquake jolts northwest India**

NEW DELHI, 6 Aug— An earthquake, measuring 5.0 on the Richter Scale, hit northwest India's Uttaranchal Saturday noon, NDTV reported.

Slight tremors were felt in Indian capital New Delhi.— MNA/Xinhua

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**US July jobs growth weaker than expected**

WASHINGTON, 6 Aug— US employers added a smaller-than-expected 113,000 new jobs in July and the unemployment rate jumped unexpectedly to 4.8 per cent, Labour Department data showed on Friday.

The report implied softening job markets that may make it easier for Federal Reserve policymakers to decide to halt in their two-year-long campaign of interest-rate rises when they meet on

Tuesday. Though average hourly earnings continued to rise last month, the unemployment rate was the highest since a matching 4.8 per cent in February and was contrary to Wall Street economists' forecasts that the rate would be unchanged from June's 4.6 per cent.

Analysts had also forecast a more robust 142,000 new jobs would be generated in July. The department revised

June's new-job total up modestly to 124,000 from a previously reported 121,000 and said that in May 100,000 jobs were created rather than 92,000.

Still, average hourly earnings increased 7 cents for a second straight month to 16.76 US dollars in July, a 0.4-per-cent increase, the same as in June. In the year through July, average hourly earnings rose 3.8 per cent, down slightly from the 3.9 per

cent year-over-year gain posted in June.

During July, the number of people looking for work and employed rose more than 200,000, one reason that the unemployment rate was up. Manufacturing shed 15,000 jobs last month after adding 22,000 in June and goods-producing businesses overall cut 2,000 jobs after adding 23,000 in June.—MNA/Reuters



*Two contestants cram noodles and slices of fish in mouths during a first round eating champion in Hong Kong on 6 Aug, 2006. Four-time world woman eating champion Sonya 'Black Widow' Thomas, not in photo, will attend the champion in the final round on 12 Aug.—INTERNET*

**Portugal raises fire alert as temperatures rise**

LISBON, 6 Aug— Portugal raised its national fire alert to the second highest level on Friday, as rising temperatures and falling humidity threatened to mar a summer fire season that has so far been mild.

The authorities said they expect temperatures

to rise in the coming days while humidity drops to below 20 per cent.

“Because of this, between August 4 and 7, we have raised the fire alert level to orange,” the National Fire and Forest Institute said on its website, referring to the second-highest of four

levels. The alert was previously at the third level. Up to now, Portuguese fires have been smaller in number and less intense than recent years — 2003 saw the worst on record, and last year was the second worst.

MNA/Reuters

**Flood kills four in S Afghanistan**

KABUL, 6 Aug— Heavy rains and floods have killed four persons in Afghanistan's southern Ghazni Province, provincial police Chief Tafsir Khan Khogyani said Saturday.

“Four persons were killed Friday night as downpour and floods washed away a large number of agricultural lands and damaged local properties in the districts of Khawaja Amro, Gero and Andar,” Khogyani told Xinhua.

The number of casualties could be higher as inspection and survey has not been completed, he added.

Similar downpour left 15 dead in Ghazni and the neighbouring Khost and Paktika provinces early in the week.

MNA/Xinhua

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### Russian art thefts worth \$130m, dealers say

Moscow, 6 Aug—Art dealers estimate the 220 items stolen from Russia's famous Hermitage Museum could be worth over \$A130 million.

The missing items include scores of icons mounted in gold or silver frames, silver vases, watches and jewellery.

Initially the Hermitage Museum said the objects were worth \$A6.5 million but art dealers say their value on the open market is around 20 times

that figure. The disappearances were uncovered during a routine check of sealed vaults after the sudden death of a curator.

The museum's director believes employees are behind the thefts that were committed over several years.

Internet



A tourist watches ponies on a one kilometers Jaguar trail at the Night Safari in Thailand's northern Chiang Mai Province recently. — INTERNET



### Chinese TV stations facing steep loss of revenue after ads banned

BEIJING, 6 Aug — After ads for some products were banned, Chinese television stations are staring at a possible 60-per-cent decline in advertising revenue.

The ban on television and radio advertisements for weight loss, breast enlargement and other

beauty products and treatments, was announced in July and became effective on 1 August.

It was introduced by the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television

(SARFT) and the State Administration of Industry and Commerce (SAIC) because of fears that such ads violate consumers' rights and endanger their health.—MNA/Xinhua

### Counterfeit Oscar withdrawn from sale

CHICAGO, 6 Aug—An online auction of an Oscar statuette expected to sell for more than \$US100,000 has been cancelled after investigators discovered it was a "high quality" counterfeit, the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences says.

The statuette, which was being offered by Chicago firm Mastro Auctions, had been billed as the one received in 1944 by director Leo McCarey for his work on the Bing Crosby film Going My Way. The firm said the best director's Oscar was expected to fetch more than \$US100,000.

Mastro Auctions brought the Oscar to the Academy to be authenticated after McCarey's daughter, Mary McCarey Washburn, said she still had all three of her father's Oscar statuettes.

The Academy has strict rules against the sale of Oscars but they came into effect in 1951, making

Oscars won before that year valuable auction items. Academy executive administrator Ric Robertson says the "McCarey" statuette was made up of two mismatched parts, including an authentic Oscar base. The statuette top weighed a pound more than an authentic one. He says there are indications the person who consigned the statuette to the auctioneers may have been misled at the time he acquired it.

He says the Academy will attempt to identify those who unlawfully reproduced its copyrighted award, and it will pursue its legal options if those efforts are successful.

Internet



### Task force formed in California for heat wave response

LOS ANGELES, 6 Aug — Officials in California said Friday they are setting up a task force to help the state's response to heat waves like the recent one that have probably caused over 140 deaths.

"California has a nationally recognized emergency response system developed after years of earthquakes, fires and floods," said Henry Renteria, director of the state's Office of Emergency Services.

He said that the newly formed task force would use such experiences in responding to extreme heats, which have been so

far largely shunned by the emergency response system in the state.

The task force, which includes representatives of state and local emergency organizations and non-profit groups, will look at ways to track people vulnerable to heat climate and to provide necessary help.

The heat wave that hit last month is believed

as the state's deadliest act of nature in years and has prompted calls for the government to overhaul the way it deals with the elderly during periods of extreme temperatures.

The suspected death toll from the heat wave exceeded 160 as of late this week, far surpassing the number of deaths caused by major earth-

quakes in California in recent two decades.

Most of the victims were elderly people who lived alone and in isolated areas.

Most of the deaths occurred in the Central Valley and desert regions, where temperatures often jumped to over 45 degrees Celsius during the heat wave period.

MNA/Xinhua

### Heirs sell off Nazi-acquired art

BERLIN, 7 Aug—A painting seized by the Nazis, which was later returned to the descendants of its Jewish owners, is expected to raise up to \$25m (£13m) at auction.

Ernst Ludwig Kirchner's Strassenszene, Berlin, shows a city street scene, and was one of 11 paintings of his portraying everyday life. It is "the most significant German Expressionist picture ever to come to auction", Christie's Germany said. Nearly 600 of Kirchner's works were destroyed by Nazis in the 1930s. It is not clear exactly how Strassenszene, Berlin, was taken from its owners, Jewish collectors Alfred and Thekla Hess.

"It is believed this was a forced sale which was not planned with the knowledge of the widow Thekla Hess," Andreas Rumberger of Christie's told the Reuters news agency. "Money was paid by the collector in 1937, but we have to assume the widow never saw the money. We have to assume it was taken by the Nazis," he said.

Kirchner was considered a "degenerate" artist by the Nazis, he added, but they may have seen the commercial value in selling on his work.—Internet



Art02 The painting was returned by Berlin's Brucke-Museum last year—Internet

## SPORTS

## Nine-man Santos hit back to beat Internacional

RIO DE JANEIRO, 7 Aug — Santos scored twice in the last five minutes as they came from behind to beat Internacional 2-1 in the Brazilian championship on Sunday despite being reduced to nine men.

Santos, trailing 1-0 to a first-half goal from Ianley, had striker Reinaldo sent off in the 74th minute for petulantly kicking Perdigao in front of the referee.

Six minutes later, they lost Chile midfielder Claudio Maldonado through injury when they had already made three substitutions.

But two late strikes from midfielder Wendel gave Vanderlei Luxemburgo's team an unlikely win.

He scored directly from a free kick and then converted a controversial injury-time penalty after Rubens Cardoso tripped Denis, with the visitors claiming the foul was outside the area.

Santos climbed to third place with 27 points from 15 games, three behind leaders Sao Paulo.

Internacional, who rested several regular players because they face Sao Paulo in the first leg of the Libertadores Cup final on Wednesday, dropped to fifth with 26 points. Sao Paulo managed a 1-1 draw away to Botafogo despite also resting several players.

Felipe Adao scored early in the first half for Botafogo and Thiago replied early in the second for the reigning South American and world club champions.

Parana went second, ahead of Santos on goal difference, by beating Vasco da Gama 2-1. —MNA/Reuters

## Clijsters beats Hingis, Sharapova through in San Diego

SAN DIEGO, 6 Aug — Top seed Kim Clijsters overpowered Martina Hingis 7-5, 6-2 to reach the Acura Classic semifinals on Friday in San Diego.

Second seed Maria Sharapova crushed defending champion Mary Pierce 6-2, 6-3, setting up a last four clash with Patty Schnyder of Switzerland, who beat number four Elena Dementieva 6-4, 6-3.

Belgian Clijsters will face seventh seed Nicole Pietrangeli of Czech Republic after she beat Russian Anna Chakvetadze 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Hingis came back from a 2-4 deficit in the first set to take a 5-4 lead, but Clijsters served brilliantly and came back to win the set 7-5.

A deflated Hingis looked sloppy in the second set and Clijsters pounded out the win.

"Mentally she puts so much pressure on you," Hingis said. "She doesn't really give you a free point. She doesn't really have a weakness."

MNA/Reuters



Belgium's Kim Clijsters hits a shot to Switzerland's Martina Hingis at the 2006 Acura Classic women's tennis tournament in Carlsbad, California, on 4 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

## Woods stays on course for 50th title

GRAND BLANC (Michigan), 6 Aug — Tiger Woods birdied two of his final three holes to grab a two-shot lead in the Buick Open third round and move within sight of his 50th career title on Saturday.

The world number one, fresh from his British Open triumph, got his round off to a dubious start with a bogey at the second but was flawless the rest of way, hitting seven birdies to post a six-under 66 for the third consecutive day and leading total of 18-under 198.

Lurking just two shot back were Americans Lucas Glover and Scott Verplank and Australia's Robert Allenby, who all returned 66s under ideal scoring conditions at the Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club to get to 16-under 200.

Two-times defending champion Vijay Singh moved into contention for an unprecedented third consecutive and fourth Buick title with four-under 68 to headline a group of five players sitting just three off the lead.

Joining the Fijian at 15-under 201 were Canadians Mike Weir (68) and Stephen Ames (66) and Americans Joe Durant (67) and Vaughn Taylor, who shot a best-of-the-day 63 to rocket up the leaderboard.

MNA/Reuters



Juan Manuel Marquez, of Mexico, sets to punch Tetsak Jandaeng, of Thailand, during their WBO interim featherweight championship boxing bout in Stateline, Nev, on 5 Aug, 2006. Marquez won the fight. —INTERNET

## Bednar hits late winner as Hearts beat Celtic

GLASGOW, 7 Aug — Czech Republic forward Roman Bednar struck a late winner to earn Hearts a 2-1 win over champions Celtic at Tynecastle on Sunday.

Bednar had opened the scoring on 50 minutes with an angled shot from the left which beat keeper Artur Boruc and clipped the inside of the right post.

Celtic levelled after a sweeping move from defence was completed by Bulgarian Stilian Petrov lashing a left foot shot into the top left hand corner from 18 metres after 65 minutes.

Hearts snatched the points three minutes from time when Celtic substitute Neil Lennon's poor backpass from just inside his own half was pounced on by Bednar who beat Boruc to the ball and slotted home.

Celtic manager Gordon Strachan and Hearts' assistant John McGlynn were both ordered to the stand by referee Stuart Dougal following a touchline bust-up shortly before halftime.

They clashed over referee Dougal halting play when Hearts' Julien Brellier went down under a challenge from Celtic's Aiden McGeady.

Strachan told BBC Radio Scotland: "I was saying to our players about why they had stopped, I didn't realize the referee stopped play, because previously Hearts had played on 10 minutes earlier (when one of their players needed treatment).

"There was a bit of verbals from both technical areas, but I stayed out of the way."

Strachan added on Setanta TV: "There was a bit of abuse thrown at each other from the technical area, but I never left my technical area. I am just upset that I let my team down by not restraining myself."

Of the game he said: "It's fast and furious when you come here. Their two goals were caused by errors on our own behalf. We gave them a couple of chances and they took them." Hearts, St. Mirren and Falkirk have maximum six points from two games. —MNA/Reuters



South Korean FC Seoul's Ricardo Nuno Queiros (R) tackles Japanese FC Tokyo's Lucas during the first half of a friendly soccer match at the Seoul World Cup stadium on 5 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

## Veron makes emotional return as Estudiantes win

BUENOS AIRES, 7 Aug — Estudiantes gave former Argentina midfielder Juan Sebastian Veron a winning return on Sunday as they won 1-0 at Quilmes in the Apertura championship.

It was an emotional afternoon for the former Manchester United, Inter Milan and Lazio midfielder, who was playing his first game for 11 years at the club where he was raised.

Veron played a part in the only goal as his long cross was misjudged by goalkeeper Fabian Ramirez, hit the crossbar and was tucked away by Mariano Pavone in the 33rd minute.

"I was very moved by the reception I got from the supporters, I've missed the Argentine public," said Veron, who has spent the last ten years of his career in Europe.

It was also Estudiantes' first game under former Argentina captain Diego Simeone.

Striker Martin Palermo scored twice as defending champions Boca Juniors kicked off with a 3-0 win over Banfield.

Palermo scored the first in the 58th minute after Sebastian Battaglia found him unmarked in the area and the last in the 76th minute at the second attempt after his first shot was blocked.

Battaglia scored the other goal in between as he took advantage of poor marking by Banfield.

River Plate, Independiente, Racing Club and San Lorenzo, the other major Buenos Aires teams, also kicked off with wins.

River won 2-0 at Lanus thanks to a Maximiliano Vasquez own goal early in the second half followed immediately by a strike from teenager Gonzalo Higuain.

Former Argentina international Ariel Ortega came on in the second half as, like Veron, he returned to the club where he began his career. Independiente gave 1986 World Cup winner Jorge Burruchaga a winning start as their new coach by trouncing Colon 4-1 away.

Sergio Ortoman, German Denis, Rodrigo Diaz and Daniel Montenegro shared the goals in the second half after Colon had led at halftime through an Esteban Fuentes penalty. —MNA/Reuters



Ai Miyazato of Japan watches her putt on the 11th hole during the fourth round of the Women's British Open at the Royal Lytham and St Annes golf course in north west England on 6 Aug, 2006.

INTERNET

# Heat wave claims at least 20 lives in New York

NEW YORK, 7 Aug — The death toll from the searing heat that scorched the city earlier in the week exceeded 20, the city medical examiner's office said on Saturday.

The office confirmed 10 heat-related deaths on Saturday after autopsies on the dead. It already reported 10 heat-related deaths on Friday.

The new autopsy results were those of two Brooklyn residents and eight Queens residents.

The new victims include six women and four men who ranged in age from 52 to 99, said Ellen Borakove, spokeswoman for the medical examiner's office.

The death toll could rise further as the medical examiner's office continues to conduct autopsies.

The city's Office of Emergency Management said it would review its emergency planning once all of the investigations into the deaths are completed.

Before the three-day heat wave broke Thursday night, the temperatures at times hit triple

digits (high-30s Celsius), causing power outages throughout the city.

On Friday, Borakove confirmed 10 deaths, four in Manhattan and six in Brooklyn, as being heat-related. All those victims had died Thursday.

But none of the deaths confirmed so far occurred in parts of the city that suffered power outages due to the persistent heat wave, Borakove said.

MNA/Xinhua

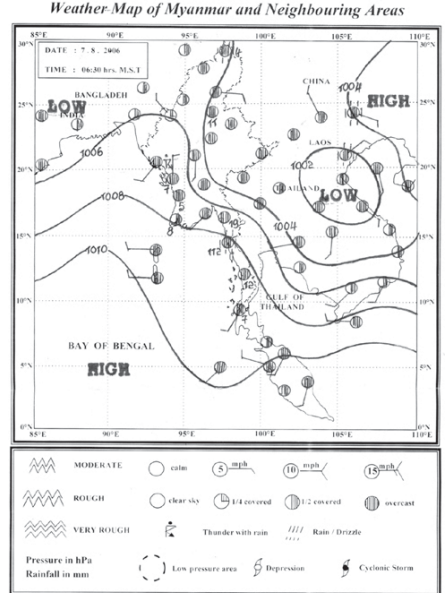
# Strong earthquake jolts Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 7 Aug — A strong earthquake hit Argentina early Saturday, causing damage to buildings but no casualties, the country's seismological bureau said.

The focus of the quake, measuring 5.7 on the Richter Scale, hit at 11:03 local time (1403 GMT) and is located 27 kilometres south-southeast of Mendoza, Argentina and 190 kilometres east-northeast of Santiago, Chile, the bureau said.

The quake shattered some windows and left cracks on buildings, causing panic among local residents. Some people were evacuated to shelters offered by the government, the bureau said.

A quake measuring six on the Richter Scale rattled the same area in August 1985, causing some 12,500 houses to collapse and killing six people. — MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Monday, 7 August, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing, Magway and Yangon Divisions, rain have been isolated in Shan and Chin States and upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Kachin State and Bago Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (4.61) inches, Machanbaw (1.61) inches, Thaton (1.14) inches, Maungtaw (1.06) inches and Pinyinna (0.12) inch.

Maximum temperature on 6-8-2006 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 7-8-2006 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 7-8-2006 was (79%). Total sunshine hours on 6-8-2006 was (6) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 7-8-2006 were (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) 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 (12) mph from West at (15:00) hours MST on 6-8-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 8-8-2006:** Weather will be partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain will be isolated in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Shan and Kayah States, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Kachin States and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls are likely in Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely attimes off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 to 40 mph. Seas will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Increase of rain in eastern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 8-8-2006:** Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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



Three Magellanic penguins enjoy the warm light in Niteroi zoo in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 5 Aug, 2006. Dozens of Magellanic penguins, strayed from their community during migration, were washed to the beach near Rio de Janeiro by ocean currents in recent days. Local people sent the exhausted penguins to the zoo. They will be sent back to the icy waters of Antarctica when they recover. Brazilian Air Force has sent 24 recovered penguins home by a special plane on 3 August. — INTERNET



Tuesday, 8 August  
View on today

- 7:00 am
  1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာရဋ္ဌဂူ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိတ၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မေဃာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
  - 7:15 am
    2. တိပိဋကဓရမေဃာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသီရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သောဥပုသ်တပည့်တော်
    - 7:30 am
      3. Morning news
      - 7:40 am
        4. နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာ နာယက အဖွဲ့၊ တွဲဖက်အကျိုးတော်ဆောင် ဆရာတော်၊ ဓမ္မပြည်တော် တပ်ကုန်းမြို့၊ ရှုဦးစံနာရုံ ကျောင်းတိုက်၊ ပဝေနနာယက ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဇနသီရိ (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိကဓမ္မ) ဟောကြား တော်မူအပ်သော "ဗြဟ္မစိုရ်လေး ပါးတရားတော်"

- 8:00 am
  5. Nice and sweet song
  - 8:05 am
    6. အဆိုဖြင့်ပွဲ
    - 8:30 am
      7. International news
      - 8:45 am
        8. Islands of Dhamma
        - 8:50 am
          9. ဘဒ္ဒန္တ သောဘာတ (အဘိဓမ္မ မဟာရဋ္ဌဂူ) နိုင်ငံတော်ကြွပါခါ ဓရိယ ရွတ်ဂုဏ်တော်ကြွပါ ခါဓရိယ လှောင်တုန်းပါဠိ တက္ကသိုလ် ကျောင်းတိုက်၊ ဗဟန်းမြို့နယ်၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းထဲ မှ နဂါးပင်ပေါင်သီလံ ခံယူ ဆောက်တည်ခြင်း



- Tuesday, 8 August  
Tune in today
- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
  - Colour of your dream
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
  - Delicious
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
  - Back for more
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
  - She's a river
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music
  - I see your smile
  - Sometimes love just ain't enough
- 9:00pm Fullmoon day of Wakhauung
- 9:10pm English Speaking Course Level ( ) Unit ( )
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:20pm Weekly sport reel
- 9:30 pm Music for your listening pleasure
  - That's when you know
  - Because you love me
- 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

# Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes Thai Supreme Commander General Ruengroj Mahasaranond and party

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug — At the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, a goodwill delegation led by Supreme Commander General Ruengroj Mahasaranond of Royal Thai Armed Forces and wife arrived here by special flight this morning to pay a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar.

The visiting Thai

ral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint and their wives, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal to Myanmar, Defence Attaché Col Prissapa Suvanatat and officials.

On arrival at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 11.10 am, the visiting Thai general and party were

*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greets General Ruengroj Mahasaranond at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.*  
MNA



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and General Ruengroj Mahasaranond take the salute of the Guard of Honour at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA*

general and party were welcomed at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admi-



**INSIDE**

**In the Myainggyingu Special Region in Hlinebwe Township, DKBA, which has returned to the legal fold, is working together with the government for development in the transport, economy, education, health, and agriculture sectors of the region.**