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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Cultivation of 10 major crops, pepper as much as possible stressed

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects irrigation facilities, construction tasks in Hinthada District



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects construction of three-storey building of Government Technological College (Hinthada).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the

Ministry of Defence viewed thriving physic nut plantations of the local station on 10 August.

Accompanied by

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Lt-

Gen Khin Maung Than met with officers, other ranks and family members of the local battalion, and urged them to undertake livestock breeding and agricultural tasks including cultivation of physic nut plants.

They viewed thriving monsoon paddy plantations in Ingapu Township.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than also inspected progress in construction of Ngawun Bridge (Myokwin).

Ngawun Bridge (Myokwin) will be 2,835 feet long and 34 feet wide. The 28-foot motorway will be flanked by three feet pedestrian ways.

At the hall of Ir-

rigation Department in Hinthada, he discussed maintenance of dykes and dams connected with Ayeyawady River.

At the city hall in

Hinthada, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met authorities and local people. In his speech, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that

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The government has been establishing libraries in the villages the length and breadth of the country with the aim of enabling the people to cultivate a good habit of reading, to have an easy access to good literary works and to increase their intellectual power through the knowledge gained from the works. Now, the establishment of village libraries in states and divisions is in full swing.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards development of trade and commerce

Nowadays, the global nations are striving for their economic development.

At such a time, relentless efforts are to be made through the national unity for strengthening the State's economy. The government has been giving top priority to the development of private economic sector.

Trade and commerce plays a pivotal role in the development of national economy. This being the case, the government is taking every possible step to promote trade and commerce.

The Muse 105th Mile border trade zone was established in order to systematically export the items of the nation. Furthermore, arrangements are being made for the establishment of the Myawady border trade zone.

The switching into normal trade from border trade will be beneficial to both countries and traders in the long run. The entrepreneurs being engaged in the business are to abide by rules and regulations laid down by the State and export the quality items so that they can secure the strong market.

In order to boost the country's foreign trade, the government has established the normal trade system in border trade regions in addition to trade through sea ports. The entrepreneurs and officials of the trade sector are to strive in unison for development of national economy.



To mark her 75th birthday, Daw Than Than of No H/90 on 2nd Shwetharaphi street in FMI City, Hlinethaya Township, recently donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through member of Administrative Board of the Home U Chit Myaing. — H

All this needs to be known

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

People's Desire

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

Minister for Electric Power No (1) receives Indian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No (1) Col Zaw Min received Ambassador of the Republic of India Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra at the ministry here on 10 August.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint and directors-general of the ministry. MNA



Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra calls on Minister for Electric Power No (1) Col Zaw Min. — NO (I) EP

Progress of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) inspected

YANGON, 12 Aug — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun together with officials inspected construction sites of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) this

morning. At the briefing hall on Mandalay bank, the minister heard reports on completed tasks presented by Deputy Superintending Engineers U Htay Myint and U San Win. The minister gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the requirements.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) is of steel arch-frame bridge. The main bridge will be 3,694 feet long, the approach bridge on Mandalay bank will be 1,140 feet and the approach bridge on Sagaing bank, 780 feet, totalling 5,614 feet.

At present, installation of the iron frames is nearing completion, and the remaining tasks are under construction. MNA

Applied Accounting & Management course opens

YANGON, 12 Aug — The opening ceremony of No 25 Course for Applied Accounting and Management (Level-I) organized by Education Working Committee of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry was held at UMFCCI Training Centre on BoSun Pet Street in Pabedan Township this afternoon with an address by UMFCCI General Secretary Chairman of Education Affairs Committee U Sein Win Hlaing.

Secretary of the Committee U Tun Aung briefed accounts on the

Chairman of Education Affairs Committee of UMFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing delivers an opening speech. UMFCCI



purposes of respective subjects to be lectured in the training course. Altogether 60 trainees are attending the three-month course. MNA

Cash donated to Myanmar Cricket Team

YANGON, 12 Aug — Managing Director Mr Bilal of KHinD Electrical and Electronics (Malaysia) donated K 350,000 to Myanmar Cricket Selected Team that will participate in the Asian Cricket Council Trophy Cricket Tournament 2006 to be held from 12 to 27 August in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia through President of Myanmar Cricket Federation U Nyunt Win and Vice-President U Kyaw Naing at the office of MCF in Aung San Stadium yesterday morning. MNA



President of MCF U Nyunt Win accepts K 350,000 donated by Managing Director Mr Bilal of KHinD Electrical and Electronics (Malaysia). MCF

Chad President vows to adhere to one China policy

N'DJAMENA, 11 Aug — Chad will stick to the one China policy and support China in its reunification cause, Chad President Idriss Deby said on Wednesday.

At the Presidential Palace, Deby met a Chinese delegation led by Zhai Jun, Assistant Foreign Minister and envoy of the Chinese Government, who was here to attend Deby's inauguration ceremony.

Zhai delivered to Deby a letter from Chinese President Hu Jintao.

Zhai said the resumption of diplomatic ties between Beijing and N'djamena would serve the fundamental interests of the two peoples and pro-

vide a political groundwork for both sides to resume friendly exchanges and conduct cooperation in all fields. China hopes to boost high-level contacts, deepen cooperation and strengthen coordination in international affairs with Chad, he added.

Deby spoke highly of the normalization of ties between Chad and China. He underlined that Chad will stick to the one China policy and support China in its reunification cause.

Chad is willing to reinforce exchanges and cooperation with China in various fields, so as to achieve a win-win situation of mutual benefit and seek common development, said Deby. Deby was sworn in on Tuesday as Chad's President for another 5-year term. Among the leaders attending the inauguration ceremony were Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir and Libyan leader Moammar Kaddafi.

MNA/Xinhua



Leader of Papuan Dani tribesmen leads a mock battle as part of a traditional cultural performance during the Baliem Valley Cultural Festival in Baliem Valley in Indonesia's Papua Province, on 9 August, 2006.—INTERNET



Italy to close US nuclear submarine base in 2008

ROME, 11 Aug— The US Navy will close a controversial nuclear submarine base on the Italian island of Sardinia in the first half of 2008, the Italian Defence Ministry said on Wednesday.

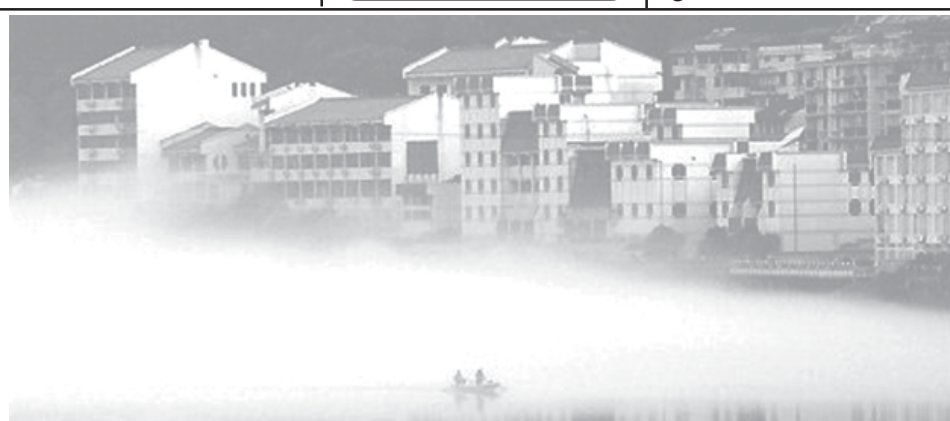
The date was agreed between the Italian and US governments in recent days, a ministry spokesman said. The two agreed in principle last November to close the Maddalena base which has been in operation since the early 1970s.

Environmentalists have complained for years that the base is a hazard to the island which is a Mediterranean beauty spot and

tourist magnet. Local politicians have gradually increased pressure for it to be closed.

Conservationist group Legambiente said last year it had conducted tests that showed increased levels of radiation in the waters that could be traced to the submarines. —MNA/Reuters

A Lufthansa aircraft flies in to land at Heathrow Airport in London on 11 August, 2006. Britain on Friday named 19 people suspected of being involved in a plot to blow up transatlantic airliners and ordered their assets frozen, a day after police said they had foiled attempts to cause mass murder.—INTERNET



35 killed, over 120 wounded in Najaf suicide bomb attack

BAGHDAD, 11 Aug — Thirty-five people were killed and more than 120 others wounded on Thursday when a suicide bomber struck a busy market near the Imam Ali Mosque in Najaf, said the Iraqi Defence Ministry. A suicide bomber blew himself up at a police commando checkpoint at the entrance of the market near the Imam Ali Mosque at about 10:00 am (0600 GMT) when he was stopped by the police and the Defence Ministry put the death toll at 35, with 122 injured.

Earlier reports said that at least 30 people were killed.

The mosque itself was untouched, but all the stores facing it were damaged, said police sources. —MNA/Xinhua

UK threat level remains critical

LONDON, 11 Aug—The UK security threat level is to stay at "critical" following a suspected plot to blow up passenger planes, Home Secretary John Reid has said.

He said he believed the main suspects were in custody but it was right to "err on the side of caution".

Everyone faced the threat and everyone "should respond with a common purpose and common solidarity", Mr Reid added.

Nineteen of 24 people

arrested have had their UK assets frozen. The names have been published by the Bank of England.

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott has paid tribute to the way the UK has reacted to an "extraordinary" past 36 hours "in the efforts to protect this country".

He expressed his "deepest appreciation" to the "real dedication" shown by security services, police, transport staff and aviation companies and praised Mr Reid and Transport Secretary Douglas Alexander. The British public had also acted "calmly, sensitively and with great patience", he added.

It is thought that the group of suspects were planning to blow up several planes by using liquid explosives carried in soft-drink bottles, and detonators disguised as electronic equipment.

UK police said the explosions could have caused "mass murder on an unimaginable scale".

Officials in Pakistan said security forces in the country had arrested two British men of Pakistani origin in connection with the alleged plot, who were picked up in Lahore and Karachi last week.—Internet

30 Israeli casualties in battle with Hizbollah

BEIRUT, 11 Aug — Israel suffered up to 30 casualties in a battle between Hizbollah fighters and Israeli force in southern Lebanon, Hizbollah announced here on Wednesday.

Hizbollah said its fighters had also launched seven rounds of anti-tank rockets against northern Israel on

the same day.

The Israeli military confirmed 15 soldiers had been killed in the battle. But Doha-based Al-Jazeera TV channel reported 11 Israelis had lost their lives. The violent fighting occurred in Dibel, southern Lebanon, which caused the highest casualties in a single day since the Israel-Hizbollah violence erupted on 12 July, when Hizbollah guerillas abducted two Israeli soldiers and killed eight others during cross-border attacks. —MNA/Xinhua

Mine blast kills six in Colombia

BOGOTA, 11 Aug — Six miners killed and one injured when an explosion ripped through a mine in central Colombia on Wednesday, police said.

The explosion occurred at the La Toma Mine, a 30-year-old mine close to the village of Cucunuba, about 70 kilometres north of the capital city of Bogota. All together seven miners were trapped deep inside the La Toma Mine when the explosion occurred.

The blast was proved to have been caused by a spark which ignited the mine gas, police said.

Witnesses said rescuers brought out six dead bodies and one alive. The mine has all of its legal paper in order, and had been digging at 450 metres deep from the surface, the Colombian Geology and Mining Institute said. —MNA/Xinhua

Mist is raising above Xin'an River at Baisha Town of Jiande city in east China's Zhejiang Province on 9 Aug, 2006. The phenomenon appearing in summer is caused by a big fall of temperatures between water surface and the air above.

INTERNET



Grandmaster Xu Tianhong (R) ponders his move against Chinese-chess computer Inspuras spectators try to help at the first Inspur Cup contest, on 9 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Over 1,000 Lebanese civilians killed in Israeli offensive

BEIRUT, 11 Aug — More than 1,000 Lebanese civilians have been killed since Israel launched an offensive on Lebanon nearly one month ago, the state relief committee announced on Thursday. At least 1,002 civilians and 30 soldiers and policemen have been killed and 3,580 wounded, the committee said.—MNA/Xinhua

NY police targeted with suspected anthrax letter

NEW YORK, 11 Aug — Two police officers were taken to a hospital on Wednesday after opening an envelope that contained a suspicious white powder, the New York Police Department said.

The two police officers worked in the mail screening facility at police headquarters in downtown Manhattan and opened an envelope that contained an “undetermined white powder”, said police department spokesman Paul Browne. They underwent decontamination at a hospital as a precautionary measure in case the powder turned out to be anthrax, Browne said.

The powder was not accompanied with a note.

On 14 July and 2 August, *The New York Times* said it had received an envelope with a

suspicious white powder, raising fears on of an anthrax attack. In both incidents the powder was found to be non-hazardous.

The incidents raised fears

of a repeat of a series of anthrax attacks in the United States, which started one week after the September 11 attacks in 2001.

MNA/Reuters



Nicolas Cage in "World Trade Center" from Paramount Pictures directed by Oliver Stone got off to a promising start at the box office in US. The receipts on 9 August, 2006 reached 4.4 million dollars in its first day, Paramount Pictures executives said.—INTERNET



Motorcycles are overthrown by strong wind on a street in Fuding, a city in southeast China's Fujian Province, on 10 Aug, 2006. Typhoon Saomai, the eighth to hit China this year, landed in neighboring Zhejiang Province late Thursday.—INTERNET

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Chavez, Castro trade letters

CARACAS (Venezuela), 12 Aug — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said on Thursday he had exchanged letters with his friend and ally Fidel Castro, who is recovering from abdominal surgery.

Chavez, who has described the ailing Cuban leader as a father for Latin American socialists, said during a ceremony in eastern Venezuela that he received a letter from Castro on Wednesday.

“I received a message from Fidel yesterday,” Chavez said on Thursday. “An emissary brought me a message that filled me with optimism and more faith. ... Fidel wrote me and said ‘Chavez, I keep saying God protects Chavez and his friends.’”

He also said he wrote Castro a handwritten letter, telling the veteran Cuban leader “you are fighting a great battle”.

Chavez, who has greatly increased ties with Cuba since taking office in 1999, will dedicate his Sunday radio and television broadcast to Castro, who will turn 80

on that day.

Because of his surgery, Castro recently handed the reins of the Cuban Government to his younger brother Raul, aged 75, while he recuperates from the

surgery. This week the government announced that Chavez’ brother Adan was leaving his post as ambassador to Cuba to become the new presidential chief of staff.

MNA/Reuters



Syafitri, an Indonesian baby born with two heads, sleeps in a Jakarta hospital on 10 August, 2006. The four-day-old baby girl weighs 7 pounds and 450 grams.—INTERNET

Rains unabated in India's Maharashtra, toll 180

NEW DELHI, 11 Aug — Nearly 180 people have died so far in rain-related deaths in Maharashtra in western-central India this year with fears that the

tally may go up as the monsoon fury continued unabated in the country's most industrialized state.

Several parts of the state received heavy downpour and tens of thousands of people were shifted to safe places by authorities.

According to government officials, over 250,000 people have been dislocated in 22 districts of the state in the past week. Two Indian Army helicopters were in operation in Nashik to carry out rescue operations, *Indo-Asian News Service* quoted Brigadier PB Charak, director-general (operations), Southern Command, as saying. The Army had at its disposal 20 helicopters to carry out relief operations in the flood-hit states within the jurisdiction of the Southern Command, Charak said.

MNA/Xinhua

Afghan blast kills NATO soldier

KABUL, 12 Aug — A suicide car bomber killed a NATO soldier in southern Afghanistan on Friday, and the US military said US-led and Afghan forces killed three suspected al Qaeda fighters and arrested three more in a raid. The bomber in a white Toyota Corolla attacked a NATO convoy on the main road linking Pakistan with the southern province of Kandahar, killing a soldier, the alliance said in a statement. It did not give the soldier's nationality. The US-led coalition raid in the eastern province of Khost, also bordering Pakistan, was aimed at an al Qaeda operative linked to a series of roadside and car bombings. “Upon arrival, the assault force received small arms fire from the targeted building,” the US military statement said. “The ground force returned fire, killing the three terrorists. The other three were detained on site without incident.” Weapons, ammunition and other ordnance were destroyed at the site, near the village of Ya’Qubi. Violence in Afghanistan is at its worst since US-led forces toppled the hardline Islamist Taliban government, allied to al Qaeda, in 2001.—Internet

Naples Mayor says sorry after US tourist attacked

NAPLES (Italy), 10 Aug—The mayor of Naples has apologized to a US tourist beaten up by a group of locals after he gave chase to two muggers in the southern Italian city.

The tourist tried to pursue thieves who snatched his camera while he photographed a monument. But instead of helping the victim, a group of bystanders grabbed him and beat him up, Naples police said on Wednesday.

"In the turmoil, the tourist was seriously kicked and punched while

the two (thieves) fled," the police said. The suspected thieves, two locals, were later arrested.

The head of the local council condemned the "hateful" incident and said he wanted to apologize personally to the tourist, Matthew Godfrey from Utah. He offered a personal guided tour to show Godfrey a more hospita-

ble side to the city.

"I have officially invited Matthew, who in the meantime has left to continue his travels, to return to Naples soon to eat a pizza together," Leonardo Impegno said in a statement.

Naples Mayor Rosa Russo Iervolino said the action of the locals in protecting the criminals darkened the city's name.

"To the American tourist, I say sorry, of course I do," she was quoted as saying in *Corriere della Sera* newspaper.

MNA/Reuters



Spanish bullfighter Miguel Encabo performs a pass to a bull during a bullfight at the Malagueta bullring in Malaga, southern Spain, on 10 August, 2006. —INTERNET

Malaysia offers visa on arrival for tourists from 23 countries

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Aug—Tourists from 23 countries can apply for visa upon arrival at Malaysia's international airports from 1 September, a senior Malaysian official said Wednesday.

The government made the decision to encourage more visitors coming, especially during Visit Malaysia Year 2007, said Home Affairs Minister Radzi Sheikh Ahmad.

Visa holders are allowed to stay in this country for one month but they will have to leave and re-enter Malaysia if they wish to extend their stay using the visa, said Radzi in the administrative centre of Putrajaya.

Among the 23 countries are India, Pakistan, China, Bangladesh and Myanmar, according to local media reports. However, the new measure will not apply to tourists arriving by sea or land, Radzi told reporters.

He added, multiple entry visa is still available for those who apply for it at Malaysian missions in their respective countries. — MNA/Xinhua

Spain cancels flight to London amid fear of terrorist attack

MADRID, 11 Aug—The Spanish airline Iberia said Thursday that it was cancelling flights to London's Heathrow Airport until noon after British police announced early Thursday they had thwarted a terrorist plot to blow up aircraft in mid-flight.

Iberia said it had cancelled two flights from Madrid and one each from Barcelona and Bilbao, following a request made by British Airports Authorities in the wake of the discovery of the terrorist plot.

MNA/Xinhua



People look at fountains on the Neva River in central St Petersburg on 11 August, 2006. Seven hundred fountains with jets that reach the maximum height of up to 60 meters (197 feet) are mounted on a 70 by 70 meters (230 by 230 feet) pontoon together with illuminating equipment for light and laser shows.—INTERNET

Toyota tops reliability rankings

LONDON, 11 Aug—Toyota has come top of a survey gauging the dependability of cars in the US.

The study of vehicles sold as new in 2003 by researchers JD Power found that Toyota cars caused the fewest problems to their owners, followed by Honda.

Almost 50,000 owners of cars and trucks were quizzed for the survey with owners reporting an average of 227 problems per 100 vehicles.

Wind noise and loud brakes were the most common faults. Land Rover had the most problems reported.

When individual models were examined, luxury cars had the fewest number of faults with the Toyota Lexus and Ford Mercury topping the rankings.

Fewer faults

MOST DEPENDABLE CAR BRANDS

Toyota (179)

Honda (194)

Jaguar (210)

BMW (212)

Ford (224)

Source: JD Power

(problems per 100 vehicles)

All problems with cars were given equal weight by the survey.

Top performers in a string of categories included the Honda Civic as best compact car, the Honda 2000 as top compact premium sporty car and the Toyota Lexus LS 430 as best large premium car.

The average number of faults was 227 per 100 cars - ten fewer than a year ago.

MOST TROUBLESOME VEHICLES

Land Rover (438)

Saab (326)

Suzuki (318)

Kia (310)

Volkswagen (299)

Source: JD Power

(problems per 100 vehicles)

"The voice of the consumer is getting heard by the manufacturers," said JD Power spokesman Neil Oddes.

"They are understanding what's getting replaced, what's going wrong, and then they're taking that information and designing better products." —Internet



Toyota Motor Corp's Lexus was rated as the most durable auto brand in an annual dependability study of three-year-old cars and trucks, JD Power and Associates said on 9 August, 2006. —INTERNET

Four foreign workers kidnapped from ship of Nigeria

OSLO, 10 Aug—Shipping company Trico Marine Services said on Wednesday four foreign

workers were kidnapped from one of its supply vessels off Nigeria.

The head of Trico Ma-

rine's Norwegian subsidiary told Reuters that two Norwegians and two Ukrainians were abducted.

"We will not come out with more information than that four of our crew were taken from a ship off Nigeria," Managing Director Bjoern Endresen told Reuters.

He said no demands had been made and did not specify where the ship was located expect to say it was in Nigerian territorial waters when the kidnapping occurred. Kidnappings of foreign workers are frequent in Nigeria, especially in the Niger Delta.

MNA/Reuters



The riverbed of the Jialingjiang River is seen at the Chaotianmen dock in Chongqing, southwest China, on 10 Aug, 2006. INTERNET

China's central bank vows to prevent economy overheating

BEIJING, 11 Aug — China's central bank has said it will continue the "rational" restriction of money supply and loans as the main weapon against an overheating economy.

In its latest quarterly monetary report, the People's Bank of China said the economy was expected to grow at a "slightly slower" pace, but would remain on a fast, stable track.

Growth soared to 11.3 per cent in the second quarter, the highest rate in a decade. This was despite a raft of government measures, including an interest rate hike in late April and regulations to limit foreign investment in real estate. They were meant to control the building of factories, luxury apartments and

other investment projects. "Great attention should be paid to risks posed by the fast growth of fixed assets investment, excessive money supply and loans," the bank report said. It did not confirm whether another interest rate hike was likely.

The central bank

increased the reserve ratio requirement for commercial banks by 0.5 percentage points from 5 July. The move has brought the reserves that most banks are required to keep on deposit with the central bank to eight per cent, restricting their lending capacities.

MNA/Xinhua



People canoe in the drought-stricken Entrepnas reservoir in central Spain on 11 August, 2006. The water level of many reservoirs in Spain has fallen to dangerous limits due to a severe drought.—INTERNET



People wait along a road damaged by Typhoon Saomai, some 30 km (19 miles) northeast of Cangnan in south China's Zhejiang Province on 11 August, 2006. Typhoon Saomai tore into Cangnan County on Thursday after authorities moved more than 1 million people in the densely populated commercial province to safety.—INTERNET

Earthquake jolts West Sumatra, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 12 Aug — An earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter Scale jolted south of Aceh Province on the West Sumatra Island, Indonesia early Saturday morning, but there is no immediate reports of casualties or material damage.

The quake, which occurred at 3:54 am local time on Saturday (20:54 GMT Friday), was hardly felt by the residents in Medan, capital of North Sumatra Province and Nias Island, the local website "Dedik" reported.

The tremor was located at 2.4 degrees northern Latitude and 96.3 degrees eastern Longitude at a depth of 18 kilometres below the sea, the Meteorological and Geophysical office in Jakarta said.

Indonesia with more than 17,000 islands, lies in a zone known as the Pacific "ring of fire", which is prone to earthquakes and volcanic activity.

MNA/Xinhua

Wal-Mart warned not to revenge for forming unions by local staff

BEIJING, 10 Aug — All-China Federation of Trade Unions Wednesday warned the world's largest retailer Wal-Mart not to take revengeful measures against some of their local employees who have set up four trade unions over the past 10 days.

The federation, led by the Communist Party of China (CPC) and backed by the government, will take measures to protect these workers if they are revenged by Wal-Mart, said Guo Wencai, director of the federation's grass-root building department.

It is not allowed to replace trade unions with any organization in other forms, the official said.

Wal-Mart should not question the legality of these trade unions, Guo said, noting that under the Chinese law, it is compulsory that any

company or institution with a staff of 25 or more must set up its own trade union. According to some local media, a Wal-Mart spokesman questioned if these trade unions were legal, by saying that the company had not been officially informed by the federation about the matter.

The federation has never made such a notice prior to the establishment of any of the existing more than 1.17 million grass-roots trade unions across the country, Guo said.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia culls 5.9 mln fowls to prevent spread of bird flu virus

JAKARTA, 11 Aug — The Indonesian Government has culled some 5.9 million fowls in various affected regions since the outbreak of bird flu in Indonesia in 2004, in a bid to prevent the spread of bird flu virus, according to a senior official on Thursday.

"Besides that, the government has also provided free vaccines for 262 million birds," Agriculture Minister Anton Apriantono said after a coordinating meeting on bird flu control here. The government has been conducting routine surveillance over fowls in endemic places and cooperating with local universities to find "hotspots" where the bird flu virus would most likely spread, he said.

At present, there were about 30 million households which raised fowls so that it was quite

difficult for the government to control all of them, Antara news agency quoted the minister as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



A fire-fighting plane dumps red powder during a forest fire in Ourense, in the northwestern Spanish region of Galicia on 11 August, 2006. —INTERNET

Italy steps up security after British bomb plot alarm

ROME, 12 Aug — The Italian Interior Ministry said on Thursday that it has stepped up security at potential terrorist targets in the country after a major bomb plot alarm in Britain.

The ministry said in a statement that "security at potential targets has been intensified, particularly regarding structures linked to Britain."

It stressed, however, that there were no

"specific alarm signals" for Italy. Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi, who is on vacation in his home-town of Bologna, said that "we are not taking any other special measures at the moment."

"But it's clear that our guard remains high and it certainly won't be lowered in the future," he added. British police said on Thursday morning that they had thwarted a plot to blow up several US-

bound airplanes.

Sources close to the investigation said up to 10 planes had been targeted in the plot which was believed to involve an explosive liquid chemical.

MNA/Xinhua

Minister, made the remarks while receiving Admiral Satirapan Keyanon, the Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy, in Hanoi on Wednesday.

Thanh said the move would help enhance the friendly relations and mutual understanding between the two peoples, as well as their navies and armies.

Keyanon informed the Vietnamese minister of the results of his meeting with the Commander-in-Chief of the Vietnam People's Navy Vice Admiral Nguyen Van Hien. The two sides agreed to further boost their joint sea patrols and discussed matters of common concern for regional and international peace, stability and prosperity.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam, Thailand to boost naval cooperation

HANOI, 11 Aug — Vietnam and Thailand, which have joined hands in joint sea patrol and information exchange in recent years, have agreed to beef up the naval cooperation, Vietnam News Agency reported Thursday.

Increased joint sea patrols and prompt information exchanges between the naval forces of Vietnam and Thailand have helped maintain common security and create favourable conditions for the fishing industries of the two countries, Senior Lieutenant-General Phung Quang Thanh, Vietnam's Defence

Education for All - Information of Libraries

Moe Htet Myint (Delta Region)

One can achieve correct views, right ideas and mature and sensible attitude by reading books that stand as true friends of human beings. And literature can enhance the reader's endurance to various forms of hardships in life. Something that strengthens man's intellectual power most is "reading". In this regard, it is required to choose proper literature and then to apply the knowledge gained from it into practice.

Since the time when King Anawrahta and Ven. Monk Shin Araham introduced Buddhism to Myanmar in the Bagan period, the literature of Theravada Buddhism has flourished in the nation. Myanmar, Mon and Shan languages derived from Pali, Sanskrit and Pyu.

Myanmar's firm philosophies are based on the Three Pitakas or three repositories of Buddhist Scriptures which arrived Myanmar more than 1,000 years ago.

Today, the government has been taking meas-

ures with might and main for the literary improvement such as creating a constant learning society, publishing a variety of literature, raising the standard of Myanmar literature by presenting various forms of literary awards, and occasionally holding essay, article, poem, cartoon and extempore talks contests.

Myanmar's views, attitude and efforts have been embodied clearly on its literature as historic evidences. Myanmar literature has fine traditions — portraying the fabric of Myanmar society, educating and organizing the people, and serving the national interest.

The fourth conference of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association took place at Kyaikkasan Grounds in Yangon on 1 July 2006. In his address, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that the MWJA was to see to the three tasks — to safeguard and protect national cause and national interest with firm concepts and conviction, to ensure

improvement of Myanmar literature, and to raise the socio-economic life of those who are engaged in the literary world.

So, it is incumbent upon all those in the literary world to take an active part in the drive for building a modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline.

At such an opportune time when efforts are being made to achieve the goal of ensuring that all the citizens are literate ones, good opportunities are to be created for all literate nationals to read good literary works all the more.

For that reason, the government has been establishing libraries in the villages the length and breadth of the country with the aim of enabling the people to cultivate a good habit of reading, to have an easy access to good literary works and to increase their intellectual power through the knowledge gained from the works. Now, the establishment of village libraries in states and divisions is in full swing.

Today, the government has been opening libraries in the villages of rural areas where more than 70 per cent of the nation's people live for the nation to become a nation of libraries.

So far, the Ministry of Information has helped open 54,707 rural libraries throughout the nation. Ensuring the development of human resources irrespective of age through libraries rests on the goodwill and endeavours of the writers.

Such a prudent investment is indeed part of the drive "Education for All" for enabling the people to catch up with the knowledge age.

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Earthquake hits Mexico, no major damage

MEXICO CITY, 12 Aug — An earthquake rocked central and western Mexico on Friday, forcing office workers and residents to evacuate large buildings in the capital but causing no major damage.

Panicked students fled out of a university library, fearing a repeat of a deadly 1985 quake that killed thousands.

"For the moment there are no reports of emergencies. Only panic attacks. It's minimal.

No buildings fell," said a spokesman for Mexico

City emergency services.

An official in the western state of Michoacan, where the quake — measuring magnitude 5.9 — was centred, also reported no major damage.

The US National Earthquake Information Centre said the quake was centred about 126 miles (204 kilometres) from Mexico City.

"It was very short but it felt really strong," said 74-year-old Juana Ruiz in

Mexico City's historic centre, which was devastated by the massive earthquake in 1985.

"I was bringing my clothes in from the patio and I thought it was my blood pressure until the neighbour from upstairs started shouting that it was an earthquake," she said. Students at the capital's UNAM university, the biggest in Latin America, ran out of the library in panic.

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Rescue workers from Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) rescue a man (L) in Surat, about 260 km (162 miles) south of the western Indian city of Ahmedabad, on 11 August, 2006.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects construction of Ngawun Bridge (Myokwin). — MNA

Cultivation of 10 major crops, pepper as much as...

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Hinthada District plays an important role in Ayeyawady Division. The Government is providing agricultural technologies and irrigation facilities to the local farmers. He stressed the need to grow 10

major crops and pepper as much as possible. Especially, it is necessary to cultivate physic nut plants to exceed the target. He urged local people to join hands with the Government in tasks to prevent overflow of water at rivers.

While in Hinthada, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected construction of buildings at Government Technological College (Hinthada). He met with fac-

ulty members and gave instructions on academic and management matters. In Shweku Ward, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected preventive measures against flooding.

In Zalun Township, they viewed weeding work at 100 acres of paddy plantations at Thanlwinwin.

In the evening, they arrived at Yangon.

MNA

Commander, minister accept USDA membership applications in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug — Patron of Mandalay Division Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and USDA Secretariat Member Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung attended the submission of USDA membership applications at Kyaukse University in Kyaukse, Mandalay Division, yesterday afternoon.

Pro-rector U Khin Maung Kyaw of Kyaukse University, on behalf of the faculty members, presented 143 membership applications to the commander, and a student, 708 membership applications to the minister.

In his address, the commander called on the members to play a leading role in the public welfare tasks and to participate in national causes.

The minister also urged them to take part in the national causes with right concepts and conviction, especially in the five rural development tasks, and to sharpen the abilities of the students.

Associate Professor Daw Nyein Nyein of Myanmar Department of the university explained the purpose of collective submission of membership applications.

At a similar ceremony



Minister U Aung Thaung accepts USDA membership applications from a student of Kyaukse University. — MNA

held later in the afternoon at Dagundaing Ward in Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay, the commander accepted 800 membership applications and the minister, 700 membership applications. Next, they delivered speeches.

The USDA secretariat member held a meeting with secretaries, executives

and members of Mandalay Division and district USDAs at the division USDA office in the afternoon. Mandalay Division USDA Secretary U Tin Maung Oo reported on measures for holding annual meeting (2006) of division USDA; and district secretaries, on work progress of public welfare services, the five

rural development tasks and donating desks and benches to primary and middle schools.

In response, the secretariat member fulfilled the requirements, calling for speedy implementation of the five rural development tasks and donating desks and benches to the schools in respective regions and wards. — MNA

Sangyoung Tsp launches greening and sanitation campaign

YANGON, 12 Aug — Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee organized a campaign for Sangyoung Township greening and sanitation tasks at No 2 Basic Education High School in Sangyoung Township, Yangon West District, this morning.

Chairperson of the committee Daw Mar Mar Wai briefed those present on the purpose of the campaign and accepted 1,000 membership applications from Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Saw Wai.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai and officials presented sanitation equipment to the 18 wards in the township.

Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint presented copies of educative wall sheets on prevention of dengue haemorrhage fever to Daw Khin Saw Wai.

The commander and wife also attended the monsoon tree-plantation ceremony held on the lawns of the school and planted commemorative trees.

The commander and party inspected the planting of trees and preventive measures against dengue haemorrhage fever in the wards by members of social organizations. — MNA

MMCWA(Central) gives educative talks in Kyauktan

YANGON, 12 August — A ceremony to give educative talks on health given by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) took place at No (1) Basic Education High School in Kyauktan Township yesterday morning. It was attended by CEC members led by Daw Khin Nwe Nwe, members of Division/District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees, chairperson and members of township MCWA, responsible persons, teachers and students.

At the ceremony, CEC member Daw Khin Nwe Nwe explained the purpose of holding educative talks. CEC member Daw Thazin Nwe and Dr Than Oo gave talks on personal hygiene and school health.

Next, Daw Khin Nwe Nwe presented prizes to outstanding students in the tests on school health.

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CEC member of MMCWA Daw Thazin Nwe giving talks on health.

MCWA

Commander meets Cocogyun-bound service personnel



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win meets departmental personnel who will serve duties in Cocogyun Township.—MNA

YANGON, 12 Aug — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win met 39 departmental personnel who will serve duties in Cocogyun Township in the hall at Nanthida Jetty, Seikkan Township this morning.

The commander told them to cooperate with local people for development of the township.

The commander presented K 78,000 to officials for service personnel and K 801,000 for 178 in-service

personnel.

Private companies also presented books and stationery worth K 246,400 for students of Basic Education High School in Cocogyun Township to Headmaster U Hla Kyi.

The commander inspected sanitation work at Nawaday Housing of Yangon Command in Bahan Township and he also visited Chaukhtatgyi Shwethalyaung reclining Buddha Image.

MNA

No 020 gas filling station springs up in Mingala Taungnyunt

YANGON, 12 Aug— A gas filling station sprang up in Mingala Taungnyunt today. The opening ceremony of the new filling station No 020 took place in the presence of Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, heads of department and others.

Managing Director of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise U San Lwin and Yangon East District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein formally opened the filling station and the commander unveiled the signboard of the station.

The officials later conducted the commander and party around the filling station. The commander and the minister also greeted the drivers at the filling station. — MNA

Desks donated to BEPSs in Hlegu Township

YANGON, 12 Aug — Yangon Division Union Solidarity Development Association donated desks to Basic Education Primary Schools in Hlegu Township this morning. The donation ceremony was held at Mingalar hall of Myoma market in Hlegu Township with an address by CEC member of USDA Yangon Division In-Charge Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

At the ceremony, the mayor handed over 100 desks for BEPSs in the township to respective headmasters and headmistress. The mayor also accepted 560 membership applications presented by a USDA member. — MNA

Myanmar Iodine Deficiency Elimination Central Committee meets



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint addresses Myanmar Iodine Deficiency Elimination Central Committee Meeting. — HEALTH

Gen Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, departmental heads and officials.

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NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug — The meeting (1/2006) of Myanmar Iodine Deficiency Elimination Central Committee under the Ministry of Health took place at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon, with an address by Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Health.

In his speech, the minister said Myanmar has launched a strategy since 2006 to enable the people to get in the habit of eating iodized salt for the elimination of iodine deficiency.

As a result, the number of those who consume iodized salt has

reached 90 percent. Health Department and Myanma Salt and Marine Chemicals Enterprise are taking measures to provide iodized salt to Rakhine State, Kayin State, Taninthayi Division and Ayeyawady Division. So, consumption of iodized salt is on the increase, he said.

It was found that outbreaks of goitre, a disease that inflicts due to iodine deficiency, decreased up to 5.5 per cent in 2005. Soon, it will decrease to lower than 5 per cent. Later, departmental heads reported on measures being taken for

elimination of iodine deficiency.

Also present at the meeting were Minister for Mines Brig-



USDA CEC member Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin donates desks to the schools in Hlegu Township. — YCDC

Tax free markets inspected

YANGON, 12 Aug — Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa together with Head of Markets Department U Soe Myint and officials inspected the sale of foodstuffs and utensils in tax free markets in Dagon Myothit (North), Dagon Myothit (South) and Thakayta Townships this morning and cordially met with shopkeepers and consumers.

Next, the vice-mayor met with chairman and responsible persons of Myanmar Rice Dealers Association at the meeting hall of the association in Seikkan Township and gave necessary instructions. A total of 51 rice shops have been opened in 21 Townships in Yangon and the shops sell 4 pyis of rice to a person for 400 kyats per pyi. — MNA

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Official says AFTA bears significant fruit

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 Aug — Tariff reductions by ASEAN member countries under the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) over the last twelve years have reaped significant fruit, a senior official said here on Friday.

The tariff reductions raised intra-ASEAN trade substantially to 269.8 billion US dollars in 2005 from 82.4 billion US dollars in 1993 when the process started, Malaysian International Trade and Industry Minister Rafidah Aziz said.

The measures also attracted greater foreign direct investment (FDI) flows into the region, she

told local reporters ahead of the 38th ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) meeting which will open here later this month.

The reduction or elimination of duties led to the expansion of the intra-ASEAN trade and enabled ASEAN to attract greater FDI, she said.

According to statistics, from 1995 to 2004, FDI in flows into

ASEAN totalled 241.8 billion US dollars or an average of 24.2 billion US dollars each year.

Generally, the sectors which gained most from the implementation of AFTA are electrical and electronics, plastics-making industry, chemical products, rubber products, textile and apparel and automotive, Rafidah said.

Major industries in

Malaysia benefitting from AFTA were electric and electronics, plastics, chemicals, iron and steel, machinery, rubber, vegetable fats and oils, automotive and footwear, she said.

The major beneficiaries are countries such as Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia, she added.

Besides the gains by the relatively developed members, the newer member countries, like Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV) are also increasing their exports to other ASEAN countries, the minister said.

MNA/Xinhua

Daihatsu Indonesia to materialize \$70m investment in 2007

JAKARTA, 12 Aug — Japanese car manufacturer Daihatsu will materialize a new investment of 70 million US dollars in Indonesia next year through local unit PT Astra Daihatsu Motor (ADM) in the company's effort to increase production.

The new investment will be made in the first quarter of 2006 to boost production to 150,000 units a year from the current 114,000, ADM vice-president Sudirman said in a gathering with local media in the West Java town of Sukabumi Friday.

The investment will be used to finance the construction of a new assembly plant in the Jakarta suburb of Karawang and expansion of the Sunter plant in North Jakarta.

The new plant and expanded factory will create 1,400 jobs.

"The Daihatsu headquarters in Japan has decided to make Indonesia its foreign production base and export base for the Daihatsu global business," he was quoted by the Detikcom news website as saying.

Daihatsu grabs 10.5 per cent of the Indonesian market share until the first seven months of this year.

Sudirman said Daihatsu aims to hit global sales of one million from the current 820,000.—MNA/Xinhua



Cast members of the new thriller film 'Pulse' (from L-R) Ian Somerhalder, Rick Gonzalez, Kristen Bell, Samm Levine and Christina Milian, pose at the film's premiere in Hollywood on 10 August, 2006. The film is about wireless technologies making a connection to a world beyond our own and opens in the US on 11 August.—INTERNET

Boeing forms joint venture with Russian titanium producer

Moscow, 12 Aug — US aviation giant Boeing and Russia's SMPO-Avisma, the world's largest titanium producer, have formed a joint venture to produce titanium for Boeing commercial airplanes, the *Interfax* news agency reported on Friday.

The joint venture, with the two companies holding a 50-per-cent stake apiece in it, will produce titanium parts for Boeing 787 Dreamliners, *Interfax* said, citing a Boeing statement.

"VSMPO will expand its capabilities in titanium parts production, and Boeing will increase efficiency and reduce the waste associated with titanium machining," Mike Cave, vice-president of Airplane Programmes for Boeing Commercial Airplanes, was quoted as saying.

"Boeing will continue to work closely with all government agencies to ensure our joint venture and all other

activities in Russia remain compliant with all US and international obligations," Cave said.

The announcement came amid fears that US sanctions on Russian state arms exporter Rosoboronexport and aircraft maker Sukhoi could affect Boeing's projects with Russian companies, including joint work on a regional jetliner with Sukhoi.

The US State Department earlier this month slapped sanctions on Rosoboronexport and Sukhoi for their alleged arms deals with Iran. Both companies denied the allegations.

MNA/Xinhua

Indian Govt admits sharp rise in polio

NEW DELHI, 12 Aug — There has been a sharp rise in polio cases in India with the number almost doubling to 155 till now this year as against a total of 66 last year.

Indian Health Minister Anbumani Ramadoss admitted in the Parliament Friday that the transmission of poliovirus may continue beyond 2006 with "India ...likely to miss the current eradication target".

In a written answer he said that there were 138 cases reported this year from Uttar Pradesh, 14 from Bihar, and one each from Madhya Pradesh, Jharkand and West Bengal.

He cited reasons like high density population, poor sanitation, high birth rate along with high rate of enteroviruses that resulted in lower vaccine efficacy. "These factors have led to the increase in cases," *Indo-Asian News Service* quoted Ramadoss as saying.

Ramadoss said since the polio surveillance campaign started in India in 1997, the number of cases reported across the country was 6,297. —MNA/Xinhua



Kenya Wildlife Service ranger Daniel Lelimo holds a small Leopard tortoise in an enclosure at Nairobi Animal Orphanage on 10 August, 2006. Some 228 tortoises were being exported as "shells" from Uganda to Thailand according to the transport documents and were found after airport personnel saw drippings from the packages.—INTERNET

Poland to open honorary consulate in Bali

JAKARTA, 12 Aug — Poland plans to open an

honorary consulate on Indonesia's resort island of Bali to look after the interests of the Poles visiting the island, an envoy said Friday.

Polish Ambassador to Indonesia Tomasz Lukaszuk said the new office is expected to start working in December or in 2007 at the latest.

An honorary consul,

who is expected to be a native Balinese, will be appointed soon, the ambassador was quoted by the *Antara* news agency as saying during a visit to Bali.

The number of Polish tourists visiting Indonesia is around 4,000 a year with 90 per cent opting to visit Bali.

MNA/Xinhua

A woman feeds a cow during "Gaijatra" or cow festival in Nepali capital, Kathmandu on 10 August, 2006.—INTERNET



UNSC unanimously approves Mideast resolution

UNITED NATIONS, 12 Aug — The UN Security Council unanimously passed a resolution on Friday that calls for an end to the bloodshed in Lebanon and Israel and authorizes up to 15,000 UN troops to help enforce it.

The 15-0 vote capped weeks of anguished negotiations at the United Nations and elsewhere and is the first measure aimed at ending a month of fighting between Israel and Hizbollah militia that has killed some 1,000 Lebanese and 121 Israelis.

The resolution calls for a “full cessation of hostilities” and tells Hizbollah to stop all

attacks immediately and Israel to end “all offensive operations”.

A deal on the resolution’s text, negotiated by the United States and France, was announced only hours before the vote by British Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett.

Approval from both the Israeli and the Lebanese Cabinets is expected this weekend,

with leaders of both countries urging ministers to accept the resolution.

But UN Secretary-General Annan chastized the Council for its delay in negotiating the resolution. He also said he was going to contact all parties this weekend to set a timeline for ending the fighting.

“All members of this Council must be aware that this inability to act

sooner has badly shaken the world’s faith in its authority and integrity,” Annan said in a lengthy speech. “War is not politics by other means.”

The resolution empowers new troops in the UN Interim Force in Lebanon, known as UNIFIL, to “take all necessary action” needed to perform their duties.

MNA/Reuters



Sony unveiled a new pocket-sized gadget for instant messaging and other Internet-based communications on 8 August, 2006.

INTERNET

Six die in Iran helicopter crash

TEHERAN, 12 Aug — Six people aboard a helicopter were killed when it crashed in Iran’s Caspian Sea province of Mazandaran on Friday, an official told state television.

The helicopter crashed into Damavand Mountain near the northern town of Amol at around 06.00 am (0230 GMT). “Unfortunately, there were no survivors. The three flight crew, two Air Force personnel and a member of Iran’s National Mountaineering Federation died in the crash,” Mazandaran disaster chief Behzad Pourmohammadi said. — MNA/Reuters

Indonesia plans to divert hot mudflow to sea

JAKARTA, 12 Aug — A huge flow of hot mud pouring out of an exploratory oil well in Indonesia will be treated and channelled into the sea, the Environment Minister said on Thursday.

Authorities have been struggling for more than two months to plug the leak near the well just south of Indonesia’s second city of Surabaya. The noxious mud flow has displaced about 8,000 people from their homes.

“To overcome this we will expand the area for the mud, second we will process the mud to naturalize it and the water can flow either to the sea or to the river,” Environment Minister Rachmat Witoelar told reporters after a Cabinet meeting.

“We hope we can handle that process in three months”. Marking the latest trouble from the mud, a watershed protecting two villages was breached on Thursday, sending dark-grey water up to chest height gushing into the area.

On Tuesday, a major toll road was forced to close after the hot mud engulfed a large section of the highway.

MNA/Reuters



Lebanese families load their personal belongings into a car as they flee the southern suburbs of Beirut on 10 August, 2006, after Israel warned people still living in south Beirut to leave the heavily bombed area immediately. —INTERNET

British agency comes closer to back new breast cancer drugs

LONDON, 12 Aug — Britain’s cost-effectiveness watchdog NICE came one step closer on Friday to approving a new class of breast cancer treatments known as aromatase inhibitors.

The decision by the National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) to proceed to its final appraisal means drugs made by the likes of AstraZeneca, Swiss drugmaker Novartis and Pfizer Inc. could soon be freely available to patients on the country’s National Health Service.

NICE said its appraisals committee had prepared a final report and sent it to the institute.

NICE, which is responsible for deciding which medicines are paid for on the NHS, said there was now a 15-day appeal period.

“Subject to any appeal by consultees, the (final appraisal) may be used as the basis for the institute’s guidance on the use of the appraised technology in the NHS in England and Wales,” the appraisal committee said.

Aromatase inhibitors have been shown in clinical trials to give greater protection than tamoxifen against the risk of breast cancer returning after surgery. Tamoxifen has been used to treat breast cancer for decades.

“This milestone brings us close to ending the postcode lottery for

AIs, such as anastrozole, which has been shown to significantly improve women’s chances of surviving early breast cancer over and above the benefit seen with tamoxifen,” said Professor Jeffrey Tobias of London’s University College.

“This recommendation brings the Britain in line with some other European countries, where AIs have now become the new gold standard treatment for early breast cancer,” said Tobias, professor of cancer medicine at the university.

AstraZeneca, Novartis and Pfizer make Arimidex, Femara and Aromasin respectively. Their drugs chemical names are respectively known as anastrozole, letrozole and exemestane.

MNA/Reuters

US Embassy warns of terrorist attacks in India

NEW DELHI, 12 Aug — The US Embassy in India warned American citizens on Friday of likely terrorist attacks, possibly by al-Qaeda, in or around New Delhi and Mumbai in the run-up to the country’s Independence Day celebrations next week.

The warning came a day after British police said they had arrested 24 people and foiled a major plot to attack trans-Atlantic airliners.

India celebrates the anniversary of independence from British colonial rule on 15 August.

“We have urged US citizens to keep a low profile, be alert and attentive to their surroundings,” an embassy spokesman said.

“The embassy has learnt that foreign terrorists, possibly including members of al-Qaeda, allegedly intend to carry out a series of attacks,” he said, adding the attacks might occur in or around New Delhi

and Mumbai.

The information was gathered by US intelligence agencies and the embassy was working closely with the Indian Government, he added.

“Likely targets include major airports, key central Indian Government offices, and major gathering places such as hotels and markets,” he added.

MNA/Reuters



Photo taken on 10 Aug, 2006 shows the scenery of the Yalujiang River in Ji'an, northeast China’s Jilin Province. —INTERNET

Iran says West dragging feet on Middle East truce

NEW DELHI, 12 Aug — Western nations are dragging their feet over halting hostilities between Israel and Lebanon because war helps their goals in the region, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said in remarks published on Thursday.

Although there is an urgent need for a ceasefire, countries led by the United States and Britain have been killing time to help Israel achieve military victories, he said in an interview with India's *Hindu* newspaper.

Ahmadinejad's comments came as Israeli troops battled Hizbollah deep into south Lebanon and the Islamist group's leader vowed to turn the area into a graveyard for invading troops.

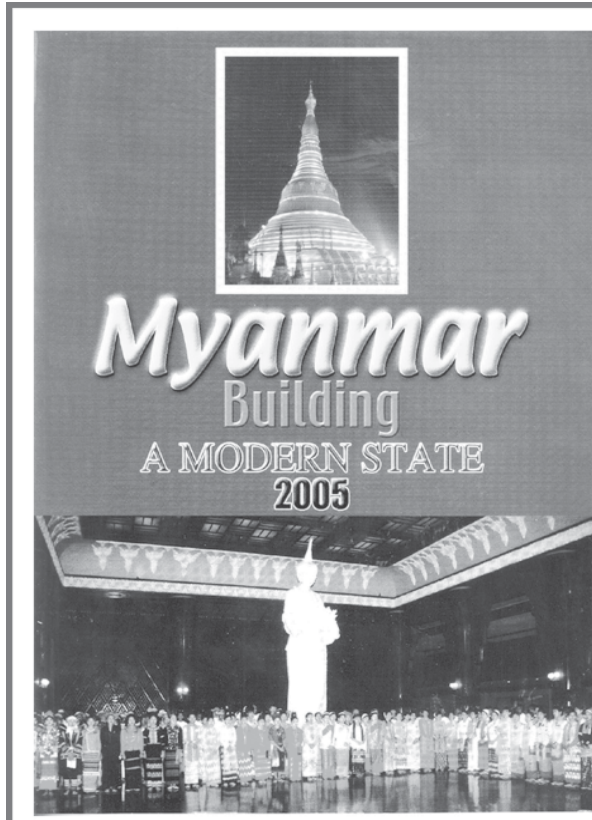
Diplomats are still working on a UN resolution aimed at ending the war but, with world powers divided, no UN Security Council vote seems imminent.

"The first action that must be taken is to establish a ceasefire,"

Ahmadinejad said in the interview, which was conducted on Tuesday in Teheran. "(But) as we speak, they are still killing time, dragging their feet, to buy the Zionists some time so that they can have some military victories."

"On the other hand, they are talking about and circulating texts for specific resolutions to be passed and through these they are hoping to secure the interests that the Zionist regime failed to secure through a military attack," he said. "For this reason ... the war rages on." Western powers have displayed a similar attitude in talks with Teheran over its contro-versial nuclear programme, the Iranian President said.

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Pakistan committed to produce 1 mln skilled workers by 2010

ISLAMABAD, 11 Aug — Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz asked the National Vocational and Technical Education Commission (NAVTEC) on Wednesday to focus on enhancing the capacity of training institutes to honour the government commitment to produce one million skilled workers by 2010.

Presiding over a meeting here at the PM's House this evening to review the NAVTEC policy and plan, the Prime

Minister asked the NAVTEC to ensure that it meets the target of training 158,000 workers by the end of 2007. He said

25,000 workers would be trained in special skills by December 2007.

The Prime Minister said that "presently there is a widening gap between the demands of industry and skilled manpower produced by training institutes due to the inability of training institutes to keep up with new technologies."

"Also there is an imbalance between supply and demand of skilled workers and the government will initiate short, medium and long term training programmes to produce high quality skilled manpower in priority areas," he said.

Aziz said NAVTEC should work to upgrade and strengthen the existing facilities, establish centres of excellence on public-

private partnership basis and upgrade skills of trainers.

It should improve coordination between provincial and federal departments, he added.

He asked NAVTEC to train the workers keeping in mind the demand pattern for labour abroad where there is a demand so that remittances can be increased. Chairman of NAVTEC in his presentation said the current labour force in Pakistan is 45 million with projected annual growth of 1.24 million (based on 6 per cent GDP growth). He said half of the workforce is in low/medium-skill employment and 620,000 labour force requires technical education and vocational training each year.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia jails spy for selling secrets to Britain

MOSCOW, 10 Aug — A Moscow court gave a 13-year jail sentence on Wednesday to a double agent who for a decade sold details about Russia's spy network to Britain's secret service.

In a case that echoed Cold War spy scandals, a military court found 55-year-old Sergei Skripal guilty of high treason and spying and stripped him of his rank of Colonel, Russia's Chief Military Prosecutor Sergei Fridinsky told reporters. Skripal was "turned" by Britain's Secret Intelligence Service, known as MI6, in the mid-1990s and until his arrest in 2004 he helped blow the cover of dozens of Russian spies working abroad, an intelligence source said.

"Through his actions, the spy inflicted significant damage on the defence capability and security of the state," said a spokesman for Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB), the KGB's main successor agency. Prosecutors said Skripal was paid as much as 200,000 US dollars which was deposited in a Spanish bank account. Officials said he pleaded guilty at his trial, which was held behind closed doors.

The FSB's counter-intelligence department arrested Skripal after a

probe. Details of the case have not previously been made public.

Russian television showed footage of a shocked Skripal being arrested by five men and then shoved into a van with his arms held behind his back. He will serve his sentence in a high security prison.

It also showed grainy images of Skripal, carrying a luxury Louis Vuitton bag, going through security checks at an airport. Rossiya television station said he was flying to meet his handlers in Britain.

It was unclear which Russian intelligence service employed him. The FSB said he was a Colonel in the Russian military. The military has its own intelligence arm called the GRU. "He was turned by British special services in the mid-1990s and until 2004, when he was detained, he gave them top secret information for money," Yevgeny Komissarov, a spokesman for the military court, told reporters.

MNA/Reuters



Strathclyde policemen stand outside Glasgow Airport in Scotland on 10 August, 2006.

British police said on Thursday they had thwarted a plot to blow up aircraft in mid-flight between Britain and the United States and arrested more than 20 people.—INTERNET

Any UN resolution should be approved by Lebanon

CAIRO, 10 Aug — Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit said here on Wednesday that any UN Security Council draft resolution on Lebanon should be approved by Lebanon or the situation would further escalate, the official MENA news agency reported.

Abul Gheit made his remarks at a joint Press conference with visiting Finnish counterpart Erkki Tuomioja, whose country holds the rotating EU presidency.

Abul Gheit said Egypt and other Arab nations backed Lebanon's demands to amend a US-French draft resolution, adding that there were basic elements that must be included in any draft resolution.

The top Egyptian diplomat said that the current UN Security Council draft resolution failed to call for the Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon and also failed to tackle the issue of the Lebanese and Israeli prisoners on equal footing. — MNA/Xinhua



A survivor is assisted by rescuers from a collapsed two-floor building in Wenzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province on 11 August, 2006. The building collapsed on Thursday due to Typhoon Saomai, leaving 41 people dead including 8 children.

INTERNET

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New mobile technology gets Beijing Olympics closer to spectators

BEIJING, 11 Aug— Buying match tickets on the bus or watching live broadcast of track&field events at the diving venue, all this will come true during the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

The national telecommunication operator China Mobile launched an initiative here from 8 to 10 August, to allow people to have a preview of mobile

communicating operations during the Games.

On show here were 14 new communicating operations especially designed for Beijing 2008 Olympics, including

moving electronic ticket service, wireless video supervision system, television service for cell phone, cell phone talkback, cell phone map, wireless Olympic official websites, and traffic regulating and guiding service.

With all the operations, an all-round service solution will be provided to the organizers, competitors and audience of the Games, a staff told reporters at the exhibition.

During the Games, it is

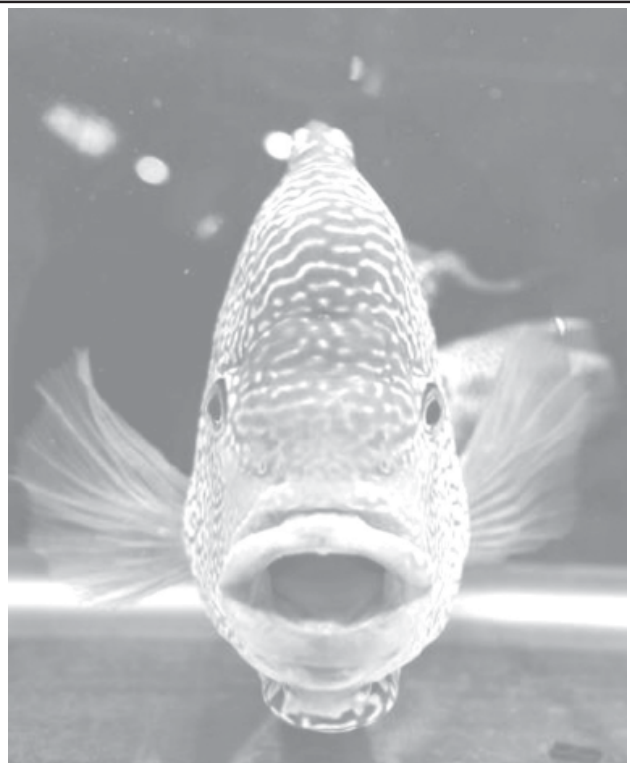
expected that all China Mobile users can receive the latest competition news via their cell phones at any time and any place and easily find venues and hotels through the mobile phones.

The organizers can also deploy volunteers and staff by cell phone talkback, and efficiently supervise the arrangement of ground and traffic condition through pictures shot by video cameras linked in by broadband.

MNA/Xinhua



Abhay Prakash Verma, 17, holds a sculpture of Indian national flags in the northeastern Indian city of Siliguri on 11 August, 2006. India will celebrate Independence Day on 15 August.—INTERNET



A Cichlasoma citrinellum fish floats in its tank at a pet show in China(Taipei) on 11 August, 2006.—INTERNET

Vietnam raises petroleum products prices

HANOI, 10 Aug— Vietnam increased retail prices of petroleum products on Wednesday afternoon due to the world hikes, according to the Vietnamese Finance Ministry.

Retail prices of petroleum products rose by 1,000 Vietnamese dong (VND) (six US cents) to 12,000 VND (75 cents) per litre, while those of diesel oil and kerosene increased by 800 VND (five cents).

The hike came after a recent increase in world oil prices, which now exceed 76 US dollars per barrel.

This is the second time Vietnam has increased retail prices of petroleum products since the beginning of this year. The first time happened in April.

Vietnam imported over 6.8 million tons of petroleum products worth roughly 3.7 billion dollars in the first seven months of this year, down 2.1 per cent in volume but up 29 per cent in value over the same period of last year,

according to the country's General Statistics Office.

Meanwhile, it exported over 9.6 million tons of crude oil worth more than 4.9 billion dollars, down 5.8 per cent in volume but up 22.4 per cent in value.

MNA/Xinhua

Cambodia unveils new credit information sharing system

PHNOM PENH, 11 Aug— Cambodian banks for the first time have a tool to extensively assess the creditworthiness of potential borrowers, local media reported on Thursday. The government with the help of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), has established the first nationwide Credit Information Sharing System (CIS) among all 18 commercial banks, *The Cambodia Daily* quoted the National Bank Director-General Tal Nay Im as saying.

By the end of the month, all the banks will have submitted reports of negative credit information into the web-based system. The CIS database provides credit information on past due and defaulting borrowers and maintains the confidentiality of existing lenders by not disclosing the name of the lenders. The pilot project will be monitored by the National Bank of Cambodia (NBC) for violations of borrower privacy and will only include information on failures to repay loans in the beginning. Later, a private credit bureau will be granted a concession to run the information system. "With the development of the habit of using credit information, good borrowers will benefit and have greater access to finance," Tal Nay Im said.

Access to loans is a major problem in Cambodia, with 700 million US dollars in the possession of banks that are unwilling to take risks on local borrowers, she said.

MNA/Xinhua

English teaching programmes to open on Shanghai buses

SHANGHAI, 11 Aug— Citizens in Shanghai are expected to widen their English learning channels as some teaching programmes are planned to be broadcast on the metropolis' buses.

World Link, published by US-based Thomson Learning, will be available on the buses in Shanghai this month, according to Shanghai Foreign Language Education Press (SFLEP) at the ongoing Shanghai Book Fair. The programme is jointly done by the SFLEP, the Oriental Pearl Mobile TV and Thomson Learning. Passengers will follow the programme to listen to and speak English. According to the rough estimation of the Oriental Pearl Mobile TV, the programme will have at least nine million audience every day.

"A realistic and interesting environment is very crucial for the English learning," said Zhuang Zhixiang, president of SFLEP.

He said he hopes the programme will somewhat help enhance the English proficiency of Shanghai citizens. World Link contains six levels for primary, intermediate and advanced learners. The course is also featured as a combination of language learning with fresh news and hot topics, vivid and interesting enough to attract audiences.— MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam to allow condom sales at mini-hotels

HANOI, 11 Aug— Vietnam will, for the first time, permit inns (a sort of mini-hotels) to sell or provide free condoms next January to prevent HIV/AIDS spread, local newspaper *Vietnam News* reported Thursday.

Under a law on HIV/AIDS slated to come into effect from 1 January, 2007, Vietnam will allow the sales and distribution of condoms, regarding it as a harm reduction method. Now, condom sales and distribution are not allowed in mini-hotels since many of them shelter prostitution.

Many local experts said besides prostitutes and sex buyers, many couples rent rooms at mini-hotels, so it is necessary to legalize condom sales and distribution in the facilities so that they can avoid unwanted pregnancies and sexually-transmitted diseases.— MNA/Xinhua



The lower section of a cooling lava flow on Mount Mayon lets off smoke while its peak is covered by clouds near Legazpi City, Albay Province, south of Manila, on 11 August, 2006.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Man United midfielder Martin to play for Rangers

LONDON, 12 Aug—Rangers have signed Manchester United left winger Lee Martin on a loan deal until the end of the year, the Scottish Premier League side confirmed Friday.

Martin passed a medical and agreed terms with Paul Le Guen's side on Friday. The 19-year-old, who spent the second half of last season in Belgium with Royal Antwerp, was in Glasgow two weeks ago when Manchester United played a friendly against Celtic.

Martin has only played once for the United first team in a competitive game when he featured in the League Cup tie with Barnet last October.

MNA/Xinhua

Nadal ousted of Toronto Masters

OTTAWA, 12 Aug—Defending champion and second seed Rafael Nadal has been ousted of the Toronto Masters, a warm-up event of the US Open, losing to Czech Tomas Berdych 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 in the third round on Thursday.

The 20-year-old Czech denied a possible showdown between Nadal and world number one Roger Federer, who advanced to the quarterfinals of the ATP Masters Series event by defeating Russia's Dmitry Tursunov 6-3, 5-7, 6-0 on the same day.

Berdych, ranked 14th in the world, expressed his satisfaction after giving the spectators a gritty performance.

"I was playing one of my best matches," Berdych said. "I was

almost perfect. I was putting pressure on Nadal." The match, lasting one hour and 48 minutes, had an impressive start. Berdych broke Nadal firstly and took the first set 6-1 before the world number two Spaniard broke back in the second set.

Berdych, however, did not give the second seed any chance and defeated him quickly with a 6-2 decisive set, while Nadal failed to find his own rhythm in the game.

MNA/Xinhua



The Chinese national soccer squad crushed Thai under-23 national team 4-0 in Qinhuangdao, north China on 10 August, 2006 night in a soccer friendly.—INTERNET

Benitez not rising to Mourinho mind games

LIVERPOOL, 12 Aug—Liverpool coach Rafael Benitez is refusing to be drawn into a war of words with Chelsea counterpart Jose Mourinho before Sunday's Community Shield match.

Mourinho claimed last week that he did not like the way Liverpool played football.

"I prefer to focus on my team and I don't waste time with these games," Benitez said when asked about Mourinho's words at a Press conference on Friday.

"For our supporters the most important thing is to see the game on the pitch and not hear what one manager says and then hear the other manager."

Benitez, who does not expect the match to give an indication of how well the two teams can do this season, is planning to play a mixture of his big name players and the lesser lights in the Liverpool squad. "I have to choose between the players with names and those who are fitter," he added.

"Some of the players who were at the World Cup have only been training for 15 or 20 days and are not as fit as other players. "It is always important to win trophies, but we are still in our pre-season and both teams will just be looking to improve."—MNA/Reuters

Winnipeg Blue Bombers running back Charles Roberts (1) and British Columbia Lions linebacker Javier Glatt (6) reach for the ball during the first half of Canadian Football League action in Winnipeg on 10 August, 2006. INTERNET

Porto coach Adriaanes resigns

LISBON, 12 Aug—Portuguese champions Porto's coach Co Adriaanse has stepped down due to disagreement with the management board.

"Adriaanse presented his resignation from Porto on Wednesday morning," said the club in a statement on its website.

It said the Dutchman had already personally said goodbye to the players and would not join the team on a pre-season tour of England.

Porto gave no reason for his resignation,

but the Dutch news agency ANP said Adriaanse had left because of a "rift in confidence" with Porto's management board.

The club did not say anything about Adriaanse's replacement, and until a new coach is named, the side will be coached by former Porto player Rui Barros.

MNA/Xinhua

Ibrahimovic moves from Juve to Inter

ROME, 12 Aug—Trouble-hit Juventus have sold striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic to Italian rivals Inter Milan, said the Serie A club of Turin in a statement on Thursday.

The Swedish international was sold for 24.8 million euros (31.95 million US dollars), making a profit of 15 million euros for Juve.

For their role in the Italian soccer's match-fixing scandal, Juve have been demoted to Serie B last month.

The club began selling their leading

players after the demotion decision.

MNA/Xinhua



Sweden forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic shows his new team shirt during the official presentation at the Inter Milan training center in Appiano Gentile, north of Milan on 10 August, 2006. Ibrahimovic became the latest big name to desert Juventus when he moved to Italian rivals Inter Milan for 24.8 million euros (\$31.95 million) on Thursday.—INTERNET

United keen to offer Rooney new contract

MANCHESTER (England), 12 Aug—Manchester United are planning to offer Wayne Rooney a new contract in a bid to keep him at the club for the rest of his career.

"It is something (chief executive) David Gill and I have discussed because we all know we want Wayne to stay here for a lifetime," manager Alex Ferguson told reporters on Friday.

"He has the energy and enthusiasm and the desire to be at the top and we want young players like that." Rooney's current contract runs until 2010 but Gill admits that talks are in the pipeline.

"It is in our plans to do that," Gill said. "But we will not put a deadline on it or a timing on it. Any change can be made retrospectively."

MNA/Reuters

Report says Beckham dropped from England squad

LONDON, 12 Aug—David Beckham will not be listed in new England manager Steve McClaren's first squad to be revealed later Friday, according to reports here.

According to BBC Sport, citing unnamed sources in the FA, Beckham will not be in the squad and while a recall is not impossible, it is considered "highly unlikely" he will get the chance to add to his 94 caps.

The 31-year-old, who stepped down as captain in June after six years, returned to club action for Real Madrid this week after suffering an Achilles injury during the World

Cup quarterfinal loss to Portugal.

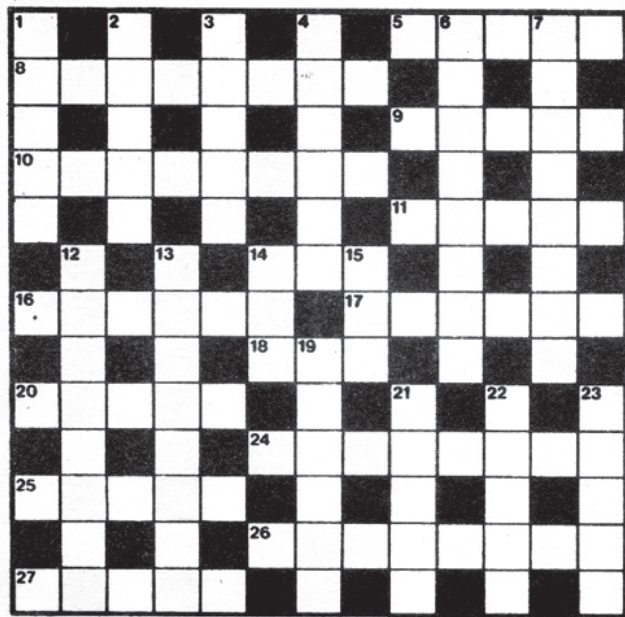
Although being recovered from injury and available for selection Beckham's name is not expected to be on

McClaren's list to play European champions Greece in a friendly at Old Trafford on 16 August, as the new England boss looks to stamp his mark on the team.—MNA/Xinhua



Athletes clear a hurdle in the women's 100 m hurdles semi-final at the European athletics championships in Gothenburg (Sweden), on 11 August, 2006.—INTERNET

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 5 Legend
- 8 Swiftest felines
- 9 Meat-juice
- 10 Body of soldiers
- 11 Employing
- 14 Beseech
- 16 Light wind
- 17 Defensive dress
- 18 Immerse
- 20 Film award
- 24 Headlong rush of herd
- 25 Nose of pig, etc
- 26 Brave
- 27 Newly-married woman

DOWN

- 1 Fruit of oak
- 2 Coalesce
- 3 wicket
- 4 Alter
- 6 Tedious
- 7 Intensely hungry
- 12 Captive
- 13 Cheapened
- 14 Garden plot
- 15 Cleft
- 19 Mean
- 21 Spruce
- 22 Time (mus)
- 23 Very poor

Ugandan Govt to ban motorcycles in city centre

KAMPALA, 12 Aug — The Ugandan Government planned to ban motorcycles widely used as a way of public transportation in Kampala City Centre next January in a bid to decongest the worsening traffic in the capital.

Motorcycles, locally known as boda-bodas, have posed a great threat to the already crowded roads in the city when more and more used cars poured into the country with an affordable price for local residents.

John Byabagambi,

the Minister of State for Works and Transport, quoted by *Daily Monitor* on Wednesday, told a parliamentary committee on physical infrastructure that the move was aimed at decongesting the city

and regulating traffic flow. He said boda-bodas would be relocated to the outskirts. Some 10,500 boda-bodas have been operating within Kampala alone.

MNA/Xinhua



Omar Nino of Mexico celebrates his victory over WBC light flyweight champion Brian Vitoria of Hawaii with trainer Juvenal Murillo at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas on 10 August, 2006. Nino took the title by unanimous decision. — INTERNET

More Vietnamese bitten by rabies-infected pets

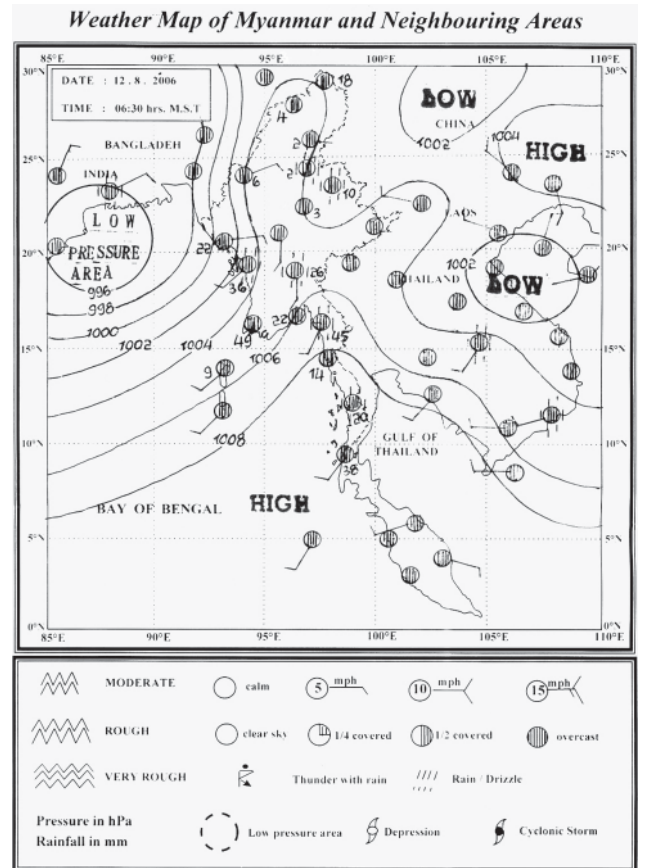
HANOI, 12 Aug — Nearly 5.9 million people in Vietnam have been bitten by dogs or cats infected with rabies in the last 10 years, much higher than the figure in the pre-1996 period, according to local newspaper *Young People* on Friday.

The rise is mainly attributed to higher numbers of cats and dogs raised by local residents, many of which have not been vaccinated against rabies, the paper quoted sources from the country's Health Ministry. Now, only 30-35 per cent of dogs nationwide have been vaccinated against the disease.

The disease claims dozens of lives in Vietnam each year.

Vietnam, with a population of over 83 million, is boosting production of low-cost rabies vaccines, and encouraging vaccinations among people and dogs in a bid to contain the disease in 2010 and eradicate it by 2015, the paper said.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Saturday, 12 August, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been scattered in Mandalay and lower Sagaing Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State and Magway Division and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Gwa (2.99) inches, Katha (2.12) inches, Patheingyi (1.97) inches, Mawlamyine (1.93) inches, Shwegyin (1.73) inches, Kyaukpadaung (1.69) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.89) inches and Hakha (1.61) inches and Magway (0.63) inch.

Maximum temperature on 11-8-2006 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 12-8-2006 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 12-8-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 11-8-2006 was nil. Rainfalls on 12-8-2006 were (1.61) inches at Mingaladon, (0.87) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.55) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (63.74) inches at Mingaladon, (75.55) inches at Kaba-Aye and (79.13) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 11-8-2006.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, the low pressure area over North Bay and adjoining Central Bay still persists. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 13-8-2006: Rain will be isolated to scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin States, upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas are likely off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 to 40 mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 13-8-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 13-8-2006: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 13-8-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Sunday, 13 August
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-Time has come today
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-Ob-la-di, ob-la-da
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-Put your hand in the hand
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar
- 9:20 am Music:
-Winning
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40pm Children's delight
-Story for children
-Songs for children
- 9:00pm Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20pm Music:
-Stuck in my heart
-Evergreen
-Be you remember
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Sunday, 13 August
View on today

- 7:00 am
1.ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am
2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါဒ်သန္တိပဋိတော်
- 7:25 am
3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:05 am
7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
8. ရေလှောင်တစ်ရံနွယ်
- 8:30 am
9. International news
- 8:45 am
10. Say it in English
- 11:00 am
1. Martial songs
- 11:10 am
2. Musical programme
- 11:20 am
3. Round up of the week's international news
- 11:30 am
4. Myanmar movie:
"တစ်ကျော့နှစ်ကျော့တေးကိုသိ" (ဝင်းဦး၊ တင်တင်မြ၊ ရီရီဖြိုး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ထွန်းညွန့်ဦး)
- 2:20 pm
5. အထွက်တိုးလိုနေပါမည်စပါး မှာဆင်းရွေ့လီ
- 2:30 pm
6. "အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစေရေးရှင်းစေ" (လူမင်း၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)
- 2:45 pm
7. International news
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial songs
- 4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. English for everyday use
- 4:45 pm
4. သာယာချိုအေး(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာတေး
- 5:00 pm
5. အစေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး
- ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ အထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)
- 5:15 pm
6. Song of national races
- 5:30 pm
7. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm
8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
10. သီရိဂေဟာ
- 7:00 pm
11. Discovery
- 7:10 pm
12. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:25 pm
13. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင် င် ပွဲ ဝ င် များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၅-၂၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား/အမျိုးသမီး)
- 7:40 pm
14. ရှမ်းပြည်နယ် မြောက်ပိုင်း တန့်ယန်း မိုင်းရယ်ကြက်ဆူ
- 8:00 pm
15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဓမ္မတ္တပန်းတိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)
- 19. The next day's programme

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends cash donation ceremony for construction of buildings at Wailuwun Monastery in Hlegu Township

YANGON, 12 Aug — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended a ceremony to donate cash to the funds for construction of the ordination hall, Dhammayon and two-storey refectory hall of Wailuwun Monastery in Thabeikkon Village of Hlegu Township this morning.

The ceremony was held at the office of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on Min Ye Kyawswa Road in Ward 9 of Lanmadaw Township.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, President of UMFCCL U Win Myint and CEC members, local authorities, officials and wellwishers.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials accepted K 2 million donated by UMFCCL President U Win Myint and K 1.5 million by Vice-President U Win Aung; K 5 million by Chairman of Maung Weik Family Co Ltd U Maung Weik; 140 corrugated iron sheets worth K 3,008,000 by Royal Golden Point Industrial Ltd; K 2 million each by Chairman Mr Li Jinyuan of Tianjin Tianshi Group Co Ltd of China and Managing Director U Kyaw Sein of Jewellery Luck Co Ltd; K 1.5 million each by Chairman U Thein Tun of MGS Beverage Co Ltd, Chairman U Maung Maung of Asia Express Co Ltd and U Zaw Win of AyonU Construction; K 1 million each by Chairman U Ko Ko Htwe of Tawwin



Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepts cash donation from a wellwisher for construction of the ordination hall, Dhammayon and two-storey refectory hall of Wailuwun Monastery in Thabeikkon Village of Hlegu Township.—MNA

Family Construction and U Thaug Tan of Bommyint Co Ltd; and other wellwishers. UMFCCL President U Win Myint spoke

words of thanks.

Today's donations from 93 wellwishers totalled K 42,339,000. — MNA

Minister inspects progress of Thiri Nanda Dam, Pozolan Cement Plant



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Thiri Nanda Dam in Myaing Township, Magway Division.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo discussed boosting of agricultural production with members of Division, District and Township Agricultural Coordination Committees at the hall of Thiri Nanda Dam in Myaing Township on 6 August.

Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected inflow of water into the dam, the water control tower and the conduit.

Thiri Nanda Dam was built on Htanngeta Creek in DaungO Village-tract in Myaing Township. The embankment of the dam is 3,000 feet long and 54 feet high. The dam that can store 1,820 acre-feet of water irrigates 300 acres of paddy plantation.

On arrival at Pozolan Cement Plant built by Water Resources Utilization Department in NyaungU Township, the minister inspected production process of the plant and left necessary instructions. — MNA

Tune in to MRTV programmes on 15.0 Msym/sec

YANGON, 12 Aug — As from 10 am on August 18, those watching MRTV programmes via satellite are to change the current symbol rate (12.5 Msym/sec) for the new symbol rate — (15.0 Msym/sec).—MNA

Weather Forecast for (13-8-2006)

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

Yangon and neighbouring areas
Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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