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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

State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—Mr Mark Canning, newly-accredited Ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 10 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department. —MNA

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of the newly-accredited Ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Myanmar Mr Mark Canning. —MNA



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe receives Mr Mark Canning, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Myanmar. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Enhance abilities of the youth of national races

Today, the government is stepping up the construction of social and economic infrastructures across the nation for the reason that its drive for restoration of peace and stability in border areas has been brought to fruition. As a result, the standard of living of national races is rising remarkably.

Thanks to the emergence of university, degree college, government technological college and government computer college in Kengtung, Shan State (East), local youth have got an easy access to tertiary education in the regions where they live.

It has established 27 nationalities youth development training schools in border areas that are designed to provide free education to the youth, while opening of more and more basic education schools with a view to improving the qualities of national race youth in border areas.

In addition, it has established Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges (Yangon) and (Mandalay) where arts and science degrees and AGTI Diploma courses are conducted.

Similarly, local youth can study at the basic construction course, basic mechanic course, basic electrical course and welding course in the Nationalities Youth Technical School of the Education and Training Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.

The government is putting into action a variety of projects so that local people in border areas can enjoy fruitful results of greater progress in the economic, social, education and health sectors. Due to the effective encouragement of the government to the national race youth, the number of intellectuals and intelligentsia and technicians of national race youth is on the increase.

Cash donated to MWJA

YANGON, 17 Aug — Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association is providing cash assistance for the health of writers, journalists and comedians using the funds.

On behalf of Chairman U Zaw Aye of Pyae Swan Ye Co, U Aye Ko (Zarni Ko) donated K 500,000; U Khaing Htwe (Asia Brave Trading Co Ltd) - Daw Thin Thin Khaing and daughters Ma The Yadana Htwe and Ma Su Yanda Htwe K 200,000; Dr Thein Nyunt (Nyunt Wai-Katha) K 100,000; Lt-Col Myint Thu (Retd) (Writer Thurein Oo) K 10,000; U Ye Lwin (Thint Bawa U Ye Lwin) K 10,000; and U Than Htaik of Bahan Township K 1,500 to the funds of MWJA. Vice-Chairman U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha), Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo and responsible persons of MWJA accepted cash donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Those wishing to donate cash to the funds of MWJA may contact No (529), second floor of Sarpay Beikman building on Merchant Street, Yangon (Ph: 385273, 252417). — MNA

People's Desire

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

Commander and wife attend talks on cancer of women's reproductive organ

YANGON, 17 Aug — Yangon East District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee organized the talks on cancer of women's reproductive organ, provided medical treatments and donated cash to the medical fund at North Okkalapa General Hospital yesterday afternoon.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win accepted K 2,303,000 from well-wishers. Professor Dr Aung Myint, Specialist Dr Daw Kyi Kyi Nyunt and Professor Dr Daw Aye



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win accepts cash to spend on providing treatment to women's reproductive organ cancer patients. — MNA

Aye Myint gave lectures on cancer of women's reproductive organ. Yangon Division

MCWSC Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai donated K 1.1 million to the fund for giving

treatment to cancer patients to Medical Superintendent Dr Mya Thaug.

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Mayor inspects sanitation tasks



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspects repair work on Kyaikkasan Road in Tamway Township. — YCDC

YANGON, 17 Aug —

Development Committee Chairman of Yangon City

Thein Lin and responsible personnel inspected sani-

tion tasks this morning and gave instructions on necessary instructions.

First, the mayor and party inspected repair of Kyaikkasan road and sanitation tasks carried out in Tamway Township. Next, the mayor and party looked into road repair in front of Shwebaho Specialist Clinic at the junction of Thameinbayan and Kyaikkasan roads. They then oversaw road repair in Thingan-gyun and South Okkalapa Townships with the use of heavy machinery. Next, the mayor gave necessary instructions and attended to the needs. MNA

Thai Air Asia introduces new flight, holds dinner

YANGON, 17 Aug — A ceremony to introduce Bangkok-Yangon-Bangkok flight schedule of Thai Air Asia was held at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel yesterday.

Present on the occasion were Chief Executive Officer of Thai Air Asia Mr Tassapon Bijleveld and members and media persons.

First, CEO of Thai Air Asia Mr Tassapon Bijleveld extended greetings on the occasion and explained facts about Bangkok-Yangon inaugural flight of Thai Air Asia. Next, CEO Mr



Press Conference of Bangkok-Yangon inaugural flight of Thai Air Asia in progress. — MNA

Tassapon Bijleveld replied to the queries raised by media persons present.

In the evening, a dinner was hosted to mark Bangkok-Yangon inaugural flight of Thai

Air Asia took place at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel.

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ASEAN officials seek to speed up building of AEC

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KUALA LUMPUR, 17 Aug—Senior economic officials from ASEAN countries met here on Wednesday to seek ways to bring the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) into reality earlier.

Advancing the AEC process is one of the major issues discussed at the ASEAN Senior Economic Officials preparatory meeting although there were few specific new initiatives popping up at the gathering, said officials attending the meeting.

The participants actually were following up on

instructions that their leaders gave last year to seek ways to push ahead the realization of the AEC, said Ooi Say Chuan, a senior official from the Malaysian International Trade and Industry Ministry.

The AEC was very important for ASEAN's integration efforts and it was among the substantial issues discussed at the meeting, an Indonesian official said.

ASEAN's progress with its dialogue partners was also among the discussion, the official said.

The AEC is a unified

community similar to the European Union that ASEAN hopes to establish by 2015 through various ways, such as the integration of business sectors.

ASEAN countries have worked out roadmaps for the eleven priority sectors toward liberalization, that is, automotive, garment and textile industries, e-commerce, healthcare, airlines, tourism, wood-based products, marine and aquatic products, rubber, agro-based products and electronics.

At the upcoming 38th

ASEAN Economic Ministers meeting to be held here later this month, ASEAN countries are expected to add a roadmap for the logistics sector, the 12th priority sector for integration.

The four new members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)—Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV), lagged behind the other six old members due to the limitations of their countries' economic developments, Vietnamese delegate Bui Huy Son said.

But the CLMV have agreed to advancing the realization of the AEC to 2015 from 2020, Bui said. However, he added, his country did not raise any specific issues at the preparatory meeting.

MNA/Xinhua



Children play with coloured foam at Gracia district in Barcelona on 16 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET



A Thai fishery department official catches a 30 kg (66 lbs) Mekong giant catfish to harvest its eggs, as part of a captive breeding programme, at the Inland Aquaculture Research Institute in the Bangsai district of Ayutthaya, 80 km (50 miles) outside Bangkok, on 16 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Thai police arrest six Peruvians for cocaine smuggling

BANGKOK, 17 Aug—Thai police at Bangkok's Don Muang International Airport on Wednesday arrested six men from Peru

for attempting to smuggle 6.7 kilos of cocaine into the kingdom, the country's drug suppression police chief said.

Watcharapol Prasarnrachakit, chief of the drug suppression police, told a Press conference the men had swallowed the cocaine after it was divided into small portions and wrapped in plastic bags, with each of them swallowing around 100 bags.

Watcharapol was quoted by the official *Thai News Agency* as saying that the drug carriers were part of an international cocaine trafficking ring and their arrests were made possible by intelligence cooperation between US and Thai police.

The Thai drug suppression chief said the men had said they were hired at 3,000 US dollars each by an American man to deliver the cocaine to a South American recipient in Thailand and that they were made to swallow the drugs to avoid police detection.—MNA/Xinhua



A frog is about to be skinned before being dropped into a blender to make a juice popular with working-class Peruvians who believe it can cure illness ranging from fatigue to sexual impotency, at a market in San Juan de Lurigancho, Lima, on 16 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

US airport in 'explosives' alert

LONDON, 17 Aug—An airport in Huntington, West Virginia has been evacuated after explosives tests on two containers in a female passenger's luggage came up positive.

The containers were spotted in the woman's hand bag and subjected to

swab tests and sniffer dog examinations, both of which gave positive results. Officials say the woman is of Pakistani origin and was travelling on a one-way ticket to Charlotte, North Carolina.

She has been detained and is now being ques-

tioned by FBI officials.

According to the woman's travel documents she is from Jackson, Michigan and was born in 1978. Chris Yates from Jane's Aviation told the BBC that both the swab and sniffer dog tests were extremely sensitive.

The likelihood that a container that had not come into contact with explosives would come up positive on both tests was extremely low, he said.

The containers have been moved to a remote area by robot for further tests, airport director Larry Salyers said.

About 100 passengers have been affected by the evacuation, airport officials say.—Internet



Lebanese worker unloads aid from a British Airways aircraft that landed at Rafik al-Hariri International Beirut airport on 17 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

"Saomai" death toll rises to 319, may climb

BEIJING, 17 Aug—The death toll from the strongest typhoon to hit China in half a century has reached 319 and could rise further, *Xinhua* news agency said

on Wednesday.

Much of southern China has been battered by a series of typhoons and tropical storms this year that have now killed

about 1,300 people.

Saomai, graded a "super typhoon" with winds exceeding 216 kilometres (134 miles) per hour, barreled into Cangnan County in the eastern province of Zhejiang on Thursday, flattening tens of thousands of houses, capsizing ships and damaging roads, bridges and buildings.

A total of 202 people were confirmed dead in Fuding City in the southeastern province of Fujian alone, *Xinhua* said.

MNA/Reuters

Monsoon rains kill 192, damage 18,000 houses in N-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 17 Aug—The recent torrential rains and flash floods have totally killed 192 people, damaged 18,027 houses and injured some 198 persons in Pakistan's North-West Frontier Province, the state-run *APP* news agency reported on Tuesday.

In the district of Mardan, some 50 kilometres north-east of NWFP provincial capital Peshawar, floods has left 51 people dead, 27 injured and 8,407 houses damaged, *APP* reported—MNA/Xinhua

President says Indonesia sticks to free, active foreign policy

JAKARTA, 17 Aug—The Indonesian Government remains consistent in implementing the foreign policy orientation that is free and active, President Susilo Bambang Yud-oyono said in his state address before the plenary session of the House of Representatives (DPR) here Wednesday.

“Every step in our foreign policy is undertaken by advancing—and we dedicate it to—the national interest,” the President said, adding that the strengthening domestic political, social, and economic situation has encouraged the government to further activate the role in the regional and global political arena.

He said that the Indonesian Government continued to play an active role in the process of regional integration towards the achievement of the ASEAN Community in 2020, and a closer cooperation between countries in East Asia.

The (Indonesian) Government was beginning to play a more active role in

the establishment of world peace, as mandated by the Preamble to the Constitution, such as in handling the Iranian nuclear case, the effort to reduce the tension on the Korean Peninsula, and our proactive measures to support the establishment of peace in the Middle East, he stressed.

“We remain consistent in supporting the struggle of the Palestinian people to realize a Palestinian

State that is independent and sovereign,” the President added.

Indonesia together with Malaysia had proposed the convening of the Emergency Summit of the ICO (the Organization of the Islamic Conference) in Kuala Lumpur, which had produced a declaration urging the United Nations to immediately end the conflict in Lebanon, he said.—MNA/Xinhua

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Indonesian soldiers march during the celebration of the 61st anniversary of Indonesia's Independence at the Presidential Palace in Jakarta, on 17 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Malaysia allows multiple-entry visas for nationals from China, India

KUALA LUMPUR, 18 Aug — Malaysia will allow one-year multiple-entry visas for nationals from China and India in an effort to promote its tourism, Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak said on Thursday.

Visitors from India and China will now be allowed to use multiple-entry visas, valid for a year, but not more than 30 days each entry, Najib was quoted as saying by Malaysia's national news agency *Bernama*.

The formality fees for the visas will be 50 ringgit (about 13.5 US dollars) for Indian citizens and 30 ringgit (8.1 US dollars) for Chinese nationals, he said, adding these are the same for single-entry visas for visitors from both countries now.

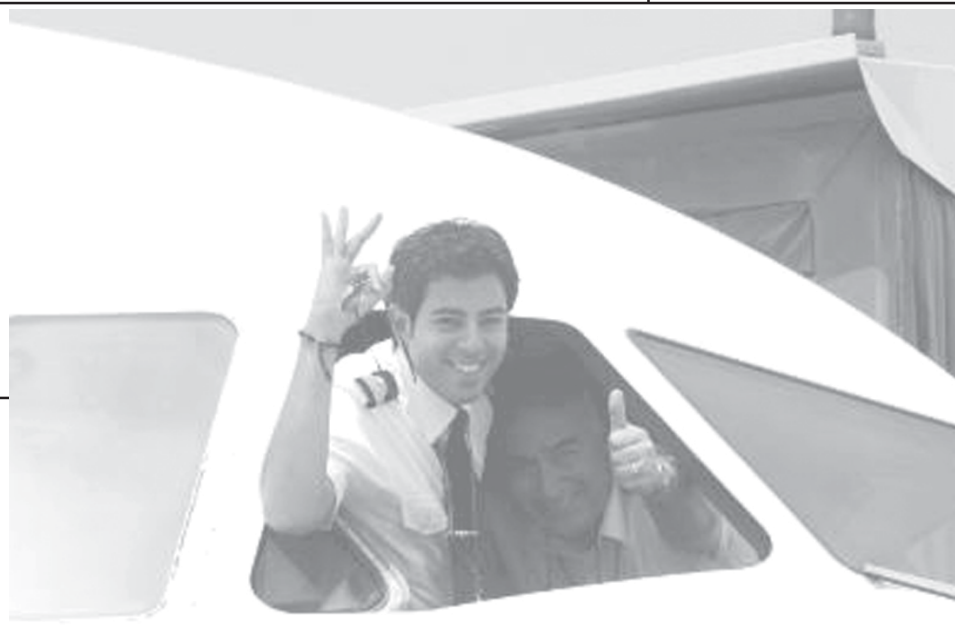
Bernama said that tourists from India and China made up about 10

per cent of some 7.19 million visitors to Malaysia in January-May this year.

Najib also said that the government has agreed to lift the freeze on the hiring of foreign caddies for golf courses in the country.

Malaysian Home Affairs Minister Radzi Sheikh Ahmad earlier this month said that Malaysia will allow tourists from 23 countries, including China and India, to apply for a one-month visa upon their arrivals at Malaysia's international airports, beginning from 1 September this year.

MNA/Xinhua



Pilots of Middle East Airlines gesture after the jetliner landed in Rafik al-Hariri International Airport in Beirut on 17 Aug, 2006. INTERNET

Looted Peru treasure found in UK

LONDON, 17 Aug—An ancient Peruvian headdress which was looted from an archaeological site almost 20 years ago has been found by police in London.

It is considered a national treasure had disappeared in 1988 after a tomb in northern Peru was raided and its contents sold on the black market.

It was handed to a firm of solicitors in central London by one of its clients who did not know it was stolen. The

headdress, depicting a sea god, dates back to 700AD.

It is an example of ancient Peruvian Mochica civilisation art and is regarded by experts as one

of the most important artefacts in Peruvian cultural heritage.

Dr Walter Alva, director of the Royal Tombs of Sipan Museum

in Peru, described the seizure as “a very important moment in the worldwide war against illicit art and the looting of my country”.

“We are speaking about an archaeological object of the utmost historical and aesthetic importance, which is one of the most important ornaments of the ancient Peruvian cultures,” he added. It was recovered by officers from Scotland Yard's Art and Antiquities Squad, who will now send it back to Peru.—Internet



Floods, lightning strikes leave 25 dead in N-W China region

URUMQI, 17 Aug—Natural disasters triggered by rain and snow melting at high altitudes have left 25 dead and affected 1.2 million people over the last month in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, said a regional civil affairs official on Tuesday.

Twenty-three people died in floods and mud-rock flows in the Kazak Autonomous Prefecture of Ili, Altay, in northern Xinjiang, and Turpan, in central Xinjiang, in July and early August, said the official.

MNA/Xinhua

Car bombs kill eleven in central Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 17 Aug—Two car bombs went off simultaneously in a square in central Baghdad on Wednesday, killing 11 people and injuring 43 others, a source from Iraq Interior Ministry told *Xinhua*.

The blasts occurred at about 6:40 pm (1440 GMT) in al-Nafirsquare, located in central Baghdad, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Some wounded were in critical condition and the death toll might rise, the source said, adding that some cars caught fire and some buildings were destroyed in the attacks.

MNA/Xinhua

Bird flu kills 1,800 ducks in China, 210,000 culled

BEIJING, 17 Aug—About 1,800 ducks have died from bird flu at a farm in central China and more than 210,000 have been culled, the online edition of *Xinhua* news agency said on Tuesday.

A total of 1,805 ducks have died at the farm in Changsha, capital of Hunan Province, since the first poultry death was reported on 4 August *Xinhuanet* quoted the Agriculture Ministry as saying.

About 217,000 ducks at the farm have been culled, *Xinhuanet* said. A national laboratory confirmed on Monday the ducks had died from the H5N1 bird flu virus, it said. — MNA/Reuters



A visitor touches a huge pumpkin during the 6th International Agricultural Food Fair in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 17 Aug, 2006. The fair opened to the public on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Lebanese troops move south as Israel moves out

BEIRUT, 17 Aug—About 6,000 Lebanese troops moved south across the Litani River on Thursday, reclaiming territory taken earlier by the Israeli army.

The Israeli army is methodically turning the territory south of the Litani River over to the UN Interim Force in Lebanon and the Lebanese army, Israel Defense Forces said.

Between 1,800 and 2,000 more Lebanese troops were expected to arrive in the southern port city of Tyre by midday Thursday.

Lebanon's government

Wednesday authorized the deployment of 15,000 troops to the south, moving to take control of a region Hizbollah militants have effectively controlled since 2000.

The army hopes to have all 15,000 troops deployed by Friday morning, an army official said. Beirut's airport also reopened Thursday.

A flight from Amman, Jordan, was the first to arrive since Israeli warplanes and gunboats destroyed the airport's three runways early in the 34-day conflict.

Two more flights, from

Amman and London, are scheduled to land later Thursday carrying passengers, members of the press and humanitarian aid, an airport official said.

British Airways said it expects to resume flights to Beirut by next week.

Internet



Lebanese army soldiers with the 12th Brigade head south, in Adloun on 17 Aug, 2006.

Lebanese troops crossed the Litani River today, heading southwards to take control of a Hizbollah stronghold in line with a UN resolution ending a month of conflict.

INTERNET

Flash floods kill five in C Vietnam

HANOI, 17 Aug—Flash floods sparked by torrential rain in Vietnam's central Binh Thuan Province have claimed five lives since the weekend, local newspaper *Youth* reported Wednesday.

Besides Binh Thuan, the flooding has hit some other Vietnam's central and southern provinces, including Thua Thien Hue, Quang Binh, Lam Dong, Dac Lac, Dac Nong, and Dong Nai, damaging tens of thousands of hectares of paddy rice and aquaculture ponds, many houses, schools, irrigation works and road sections.

Late last month, flooding and landslides caused by torrential rain killed or left missing at least 15 people in Vietnam's northern region. — MNA/Xinhua



A woman walks past a prayer wall where visitors write inspirational messages inside World Vision African AIDS exhibit near the site of the Sixteenth International AIDS conference in Toronto, on 16 August, 2006. —INTERNET

China ready to implement UN millennium development goals

BEIJING, 17 Aug—China is ready to work with the international community to strive for the implementing of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, said Chinese Vice Premier Zeng Peiyan here on Tuesday.

Zeng made the remark in a meeting with Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals Jeffrey D Sachs.

Zeng said China is ready to work with the international community, especially the United Nations, to keep close contacts and strengthen cooperation, in a bid to jointly implement the Millennium Development Goals.

He said that in order to realize the Millennium Development Goals, the international community has done a lot and made some achievements.

The Chinese Government has actively carried out the five measures proposed by

Chinese President Hu Jintao at the summit last year marking the 60th anniversary of the United Nations, he said, adding China also hopes the international community will in earnest implement the achievements made during the summit.

Zeng said China wishes international community will establish an equal, reasonable and effective evaluation framework for the

Millennium Development Goals and supervise and promote the implementation of international cooperation and development aid commitments.

The two sides also exchanged views on other issues of common concern, such as the current macro-economic situation, work of the aid-the-poor programme and renewable energy.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese artist to sculpt statue of Martin Luther King

CHANGSHA, 17 Aug—A Chinese sculptor from central China's Hunan Province has been chosen to sculpt a stone statue of

Martin Luther King, which will be unveiled in the Martin Luther King Square in Washington in 2008.

Lei Yixin, the 53-year-old director of the Hunan Sculpture Institute, received the contract from the Sculpture Committee of the Martin Luther King Square (SCMLS) on Sunday, as well as video, photographs and reading materials of the American hero.

"This is a recognition of Chinese sculptors," said the excited Lei, who has worked in sculpting for over 20 years.

MNA/Xinhua

Philippines struggles to contain big oil spill in sea

MANILA, 17 Aug—The Philippines tried to contain a massive oil spill in the central region caused by a sunken tanker last week, waiting for foreign experts to help conduct salvage operations in the sea, local media reported on Wednesday.

Estimated 200,000 litres of industrial fuel from the tanker have spilled into the sea so far, a report by ANC TV quoted the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) Commander Arthur Gosingan as saying.

The oil slick, which is around 460 kilometers south of Manila, was covering nearly 25 square kilometers of sea off the coast of Guimaras Province, local officials told reporters.

The magnitude of pollution this time would easily surpass the worst history record in December last year, when 364,000 litres of oil from a barge spilled into waters of the very same Visayas Region, they added.

The sunken *MT Solar I*, owned by Sunshine

Marine Development Corporation and chartered by oil company Petron, both Philippine entities, went down last Friday in huge waves and rested on the seabed under 900 metres of water with two million litres of oil, according to the Coast Guard.—MNA/Xinhua



Wang Xueqing learns some simple gestures in the Second People's Hospital of Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 15 Aug, 2006.

INTERNET



A visitor reads the front pages on terrorism at the Front Page: Celebrating 100 Years of the British Newspaper 1906 - 2006 exhibition at the British Library in London, Britain, on 16 Aug, 2006. Over 200 front pages of British newspapers in recent 100 years are displayed at the exhibition, which will last until October, bringing back the historical moments of a whole century.—INTERNET

Iran says can discuss atomic work suspension in talks

TEHRAN, 17 Aug—The Iranian Foreign Minister said on Wednesday Iran was ready to discuss the issue of suspending uranium enrichment in talks with the West but would seek to explain that Teheran believes any halt was "illogical".

A package of incentives backed by six world powers demanded Iran suspend enrichment before starting negotiations. Iran has said it would respond to the

proposal by 22 August but Iranian officials have so far given no indication they will accept.

"We are ready to discuss all the issues including the suspension. There is no logic behind the suspension of Iran's activities. We are ready to explain this to them," Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki told reporters.

The package of economic and other incentives was offered to Iran in June but Teheran's self-imposed deadline of 22 Aug to respond was deemed too long.

Iran's case was then sent back to the UN Security Council, which passed a resolution demanding Teheran halt the sensitive atomic work by 31 Aug or face possible sanctions.

"The resolution is illegal and politically motivated and has no value for us," Mottaki said. Iran says it wants to enrich uranium to make fuel for nuclear power plants. The West accuses Iran of using its civilian nuclear programme as a smokescreen to build atomic bombs.

MNA/Reuters

Niger Delta hostages safely released

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 Aug—Trico Marine Services Inc said on Wednesday that four of its employees had been safely released after being abducted from its supply vessel off the Niger Delta and held hostage for a week.

The two Norwegians and two Ukrainians were released on Tuesday, 15 August, the Houston-based oil field support services company said in a statement.

The men were abducted on 8 August from a ship servicing an offshore oil rig operated by Peak Petroleum in partnership with equator Exploration.

Peak is in dispute with a local community over jobs and other benefits. The four men were released after Peak struck an agreement to include the community in their benefits package, with the blessing of the local government, authorities said on Tuesday. Trico said that all four employees would undergo medical examinations and that they would be debriefed before returning to home. The men worked

on a vessel owned by a Norwegian unit of Trico that services an offshore drilling rig.

Eight foreigners were kidnapped from the same rig for two days in June. About 16 foreign oil workers have been kidnapped in five separate abductions in the past two

weeks in the oil-producing Niger Delta. Nine have been released.

A series of attacks and kidnappings at the beginning of the year by a new militant group demanding more local control over the delta's oil wealth prompted President Olusegun Obasanjo

to set up a committee to inject new investment into the neglected region.

Those attacks forced Royal Dutch Shell to shut about 500,000 barrels per day of oil production, almost a quarter of the capacity of the OPEC member nation.

MNA/Reuters



A Jordanian vendor arranges headscarves for sale, a week before the opening of school, in downtown Amman on 16 August, 2006. —INTERNET

Ammunition explosion kills four Vietnamese teenagers

HANOI, 17 Aug—An ammunition shell left by the Vietnam War exploded in Vietnam's central Binh Dinh Province, killing four grade students, a local official told Xinhua on Wednesday.

The explosion happened on 13 August, when the four teenagers in the age bracket of 12-15 from An My commune, Hoai An District were trying to break the shell found in a mountain, said Le Van Binh, chairman of the communal People's Committee.

"Three boys died on the spot, and a 13-year-old boy named Le Ngoc Quang died on the way to hospital. The unlucky grade students must have found the shell when they were looking after their bulls in the mountain," Binh said.

A piece of metal found at the incident site has "M118" written on it, so the ammunition must have been used by US aircraft, he noted.

According to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund of the United States, during the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1975, the US Armed Forces deployed more than 15 million tons of bombs, mines, artillery shells and other ordnance in the country, in which 10 per cent did not detonate as designed.

Vietnamese scrap collectors often saw unexploded ordnance (UXO) for metal and explosive, while small children play ammunitions by breaking them, resulting in hundreds of deaths and injuries annually.

MNA/Xinhua

Heavy rains destroy temple, flood homes in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 17 Aug—Torrential rains in Cambodia have destroyed an ancient Hindu temple, forced thousands of people from their homes and left major highways impassable, government officials said on Wednesday.

The 6th Century pre-Angkorian brick shrine at Sambor Prey Kuk in the northern province of Kampong Thom was battered by storms and collapsed on Tuesday, said the Deputy Minister of Culture.

"The temple had been there for more than a thousand years before it was destroyed by the heavy rains and strong winds this week," Chuch Phoeurn told Reuters. In the southern coastal province of Kampot, a fisherman was killed when

his boat capsized and an estimated 10,000 houses have been flooded.

"Several thousand people have been displaced to schools and high land," said the governor of Kampot, Thach Khorn.

At least five of Cambodia's 24 provinces have been hit by unusually heavy rains this week in what is normally the wet season.

Prime Minister Hun Sen on Wednesday visited Kampot, hardest hit by the rains which have shut the main road from the capital Phnom Penh to Cambodia's only deep seaport. Several thousand hectares of rice fields have been damaged.

MNA/Reuters



A woman has her hair done in a flooded beauty salon in the town of Kampot west of Phnom Penh on 16 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

MWAF raises awareness of HIV/AIDS, human trafficking

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized talks on awareness of HIV and AIDS and human trafficking this morning at Basic Education Middle School in Magyipin Model Village in Tatkon Township.

It was attended by heads of working sub-committees under MWAF, wife of Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, members of Tatkon township's and Magyipin village's Women's Affairs Organiza-

tions, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Union Solidarity and Development Association totalling 300.

Dr Daw Khin Than Oo of Ministry of Health gave talks on fighting and prevention of the infectious disease. Deputy Police Captain Ohnma Yin Mi of the central committee for prevention of transnational human trafficking gave talks on awareness of human trafficking.

Afterwards, those present were divided into seven groups and dis-

cussed matters relating to awareness of HIV/AIDS and human trafficking.

After the talks, responsible persons of MWAF handed over uniforms of the federation, 500 journals and magazines, and HIV/AIDS pamphlets donated by MWAF.

Head of Organization Department of MWAF Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo accepted 1,200 membership applications presented by Chairperson of Tatkon township WAO Daw Khin Myo Myo Kyaw.

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Responsible persons present uniforms of MWAF, publications and educative journals on HIV/AIDS to Tatkon Township WAO.—MNA



Members of MWAF take part in the round-table discussions held in Magyipin Model Village in Tatkon Township.—MNA



UMFCCI General Secretary meets Chinese guests

YANGON, 17 Aug — A three-member delegation led by Director Mr Hu Fuzhang of China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit Secretariat of Guangxi Province, People's Republic of

China, called on General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at the new office of UMFCCI on 14 August.

At the meeting, they made discussions on holding of China-ASEAN Business Summit to take place from 31 October to 3 November in Nanning, Guangxi Province.

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Director Mr Hu Fuzhang of China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit Secretariat calls on General Secretary of UMFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing.—UMFCCI

AIDS ရောဂါ တားဆီးကာကွယ်ရေး နှိုးဆော်ချက် (၁)

AIDS ရောဂါသည် HIV ဗိုင်းရပ်ပိုး ကူးစက်ခံရမှုကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားသည်။ HIV ပိုးရှိသူ အများစုတွင် နှစ်အတန်ကြာ မည်သည့်လက္ခဏာမှ မပြသေးဘဲရှိပါသည်။ သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ ကာယကံရှင်ကိုယ်တိုင် မိမိတွင် HIV ပိုးရှိမှန်းမသိလိုက်ဘဲ အခြားသူများကို ကူးစက်သွားစေနိုင်ပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ကူးစက်ရာတွင် အောက်ပါနည်းလမ်းများဖြင့် ကူးစက်ပြန့်ပွားစေနိုင်ပါသည်။

ကူးစက်နည်းများ

- (၁) ရောဂါပိုးရှိနေသူနှင့် အကာအကွယ်မပါဘဲ လိင်ဆက်ဆံခြင်း၊
- (၂) ရောဂါပိုးရှိသူ သုံးစွဲထားသည့် ဆေးထိုးအပ်/ပြွန်များ ခန္ဓာကိုယ်တွင်း ထိုးဖောက်သည့် ကိရိယာများအသုံးပြု၍ ဆေးထိုးခံခြင်း၊ ဆေးမှင်ကြောင် ထိုးခြင်း၊ အပ်စိုက်ခြင်း၊
- (၃) ရောဂါပိုးပါသော သွေးနှင့် သွေးပစ္စည်းများ သွင်းမိခြင်း၊
- (၄) ရောဂါပိုးရှိသော ကိုယ်ဝန်ဆောင်မိခင်မှ သန္ဓေသားသို့ ကူးစက်ခြင်း။

ကာကွယ်နည်းများ

ရောဂါကာကွယ်ရန် ဆေးမရှိသေးပါ။ အကောင်းဆုံးကာကွယ်နည်းမှာ မိမိတို့၏ အပြုအမူများကို ဆင်ခြင်နေထိုင်ခြင်းဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ထို့အပြင် အောက်ပါအချက်များကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးရန် လိုပါသည်။

- (၁) လိင်အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းနှင့် နောက်ကြောင်းရာဇဝင်အပြုအမူများကို သေသေချာချာ မသိသောသူနှင့် လိင်ဆက်ဆံခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။ မရှောင်ကြဉ်နိုင်ပါက ကွန်ဒုံးသုံးပါ။
- (၂) အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်များ အပြန်အလှန်သစ္စာရှိစွာဖြင့် တစ်လင်တစ်မယားစနစ်ကို ကျင့်သုံးပါ။
- (၃) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၄) ဆေးထိုးရန် လိုအပ်ပါက တစ်ခါသုံး ဆေးထိုးအပ်/ပြွန်ကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
- (၅) ရောဂါပိုးကင်းစင်အောင် ပြုလုပ်ထားသည့် ပစ္စည်းကိရိယာများကို အသုံးပြု၍ ဆေးမှင်ကြောင် ထိုးခံခြင်း၊ အပ်စိုက်ခြင်းတို့ကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
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ကျန်းမာရေး ဝန်ကြီးဌာန

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.

Each special development region ...

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C o m m a n d e r Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt formally opened the new road. The Secretary-1 and party inspected the new road.

The road, measuring 3,320 feet by 12 feet, was built with the contributions — K 5.25 million by Shan State (East) PDC and K 10 million by Kengtung Township Development Affairs Committee.

At Kengtung Nurses Training School,

the Secretary-1 urged the trainees to provide health care and disseminate health knowledge to the people with goodwill when they discharge the duties.

On arrival at Kengtung General Hospital (200-bed), the Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Medical Superintendent Dr Htay Kywe, doctors and health staff.

The Secretary-1 heard reports on treatment and management matters of the hospital and urged officials to make field trips to rural area for providing health

measures against common diseases in the region and give health educative talks.

The Secretary-1 and party asked after Sayadaw Bhaddanta Thitapañño, aged 81 and 61 vasa, of Kengngam Monastery of Kengtung receiving medical treatment at the hospital. Next, the Secretary-1 and party comforted the patients and inspected the hospital.

Afterwards, they inspected Shan State (East) Sports Ground.

On arrival at the construction site of the two-storey lecture hall of



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of newly-accredited Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Mr Turki Bin Naji Abdul Kadir Al Ali at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. (News on page 16) — MNA

Hwekha-Wampaung village tarred road, measuring 3,320 feet by 12 feet, was built with the contributions — K 5.25 million by Shan State (East) PDC and K 10 million by Kengtung Township Development Affairs Committee.



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party stroll along Hwekha-Wampaung Road. — MNA

the Secretary-1 heard reports on academic and management matters presented by officials. After attending to the needs,

care to the people, to strive for improvement of medical treatment while pursuing advanced therapies, and to take preven-

Kengtung Degree College being built by Shan State (East) Public Works, the Secretary-1 heard reports on con-

struction tasks presented by Shan State (East) Superintending Engineer U Thaug Htay and Deputy Principal of the Degree

College U Chit Swe. The Secretary-1 gave instructions on timely completion of the construction tasks.

At Kengtung Degree College, Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein met with faculty members at the conference hall. He heard reports on academic and management matters of the degree college and fulfilled the requirements. Next, the Secretary-1 delivered an address, saying that the Government is striving for ensuring equitable development of all regions of the nation. In this regard, region-wise development will contribute to improvement of the entire nation. Therefore, 24 main regions were designated as special development regions. In Shan State, Taunggyi, Kengtung, Lashio and Panglong regions were established as special development regions.

He added that each special development region has been

facilitated with one 200-bed specialist hospital, one university/college, one Government Technological College and one Government Computer College to ensure uplift of education and health standards of the local people and to develop human resources that will serve the interests of the region and the State. Therefore, it is necessary to nurture university students to become qualified technocrats in the respective fields.

The Secretary-1 stressed the need to teach the students to abide by school disciplines as well as civil laws and rules and regulations of the State. All the national races have been living in the Union in weal or woe since time immemorial. Therefore, the faculty members are to nurture the students and get them to be equipped with Union Spirit.

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Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects construction of Kengtung Degree College. — MNA

Each special development region facilitated with one 200-bed ...

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On 15 August evening, the Secretary-1 and party paid homage to Khemarattha Standing Buddha Statue in Kengtung and donated cash to the funds of the pagoda. They also paid homage to Maha Muni Buddha Image in Kengtung, and donated cash to the funds and gold foils to the Buddha image.

On 16 August morning, Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein met with officers, other ranks and family members of regiments and units of the local station at Triangle Region Command Head-

Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lin and military officers.

First, the Secretary-1 elaborated upon the progress of political, economic and social affairs of the State, and gave instructions on participation in regional development tasks. He cordially greeted the Tatmadawmen and family members.

At Government Computer College (Kengtung), the Secretary-1 heard reports on

The Secretary-1 and party proceeded to Government Technological College (Kengtung). Acting Principal Dr Yan Aung Oo and faculty members reported on academic and management matters. The Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party arrived at Kengtung and then flew back to Nay Pyi Taw.

On 14 August morning, Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo and CEC Member Thura U Myint Maung met with Secretary of Shan

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein visits Standing Buddha Image in Kengtung.
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Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets faculty members and students of Government Technological College in Kengtung. — MNA

quarters.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen

academic and management matters and attended to the needs.

State (East) USDA U Sai Lon Hsai and executives, members of Shan State

(East) Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, and nurses at Nursing and Midwifery Training School in Kengtung. They donated K 1 million to the fund of the training school.

USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo explained the purpose of the donation. Next, he handed over K 1 million and copies of Shwe

Naing-Ngan journal to Principal Daw Than Than Win.

On 15 August evening, USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo and CEC Member U Thein Nyunt met secretaries and executives of State, District and Township USDAs at Shan State (East) USDA Of-

fice.

Executives at different levels reported on carrying out of public welfare tasks. The Secretary-General and the CEC Member gave instructions to them on active participation in regional development and public welfare tasks.

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Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein speaks at the meeting with officers and other ranks of local regiments and units in Triangle Region Command. — MNA

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State developing politically and economically due to infrastructural development across the nation

Shan State (East) awards farmers for their outstanding performance in crop cultivation, production



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at a ceremony to present awards for outstanding performance in crop cultivation and production for 2005-2006 in Shan State (East). — MNA

Prizes were presented to farmers who produced 100 baskets and above of monsoon paddy per acre and 120 baskets and above of summer paddy per acre. Prizes were also presented to the township that produced largest amount of kitchen crops and edible crops, the village that produced largest amount of crops, and district and township supervisory committees for their best performance.

Shan State has already put 45,001 acres of land under rubber, and the target for 2007-2008 is 100,000 acres. In addition, tea farms have been extended in places that are 3,000 feet above sea level. According to the three-year physic nut cultivation project, sown acreage will reach 581,813 acres in 2008 against the target of 500,000 acres.

The region now has 36 dams, up from eight in 1988. Although there was no mini-dams in the past, the region has seen an increase in the number of 183 at present. Monsoon paddy per acre yield increased to 69.72 baskets at present from 51.77 in 1988.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo presented monsoon paddy highest per

K 200,000 to U Sai Than who won the third prize in producing summer paddy, a water pump and K 300,000 to U San Law for the second prize and a water pump and K 500,000 to U Aung Naing for the first prize.

Also present at the ceremony were Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint, ministers, deputy ministers, officials, local people and guests.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on realization of two objectives for development of agricultural sector, extended cultivation of annual and perennial crops and other new crop items and assistance being rendered to private growers; Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein on condition of investments and market and prospects of boosting trade in Shan State (East) that shares borders with Thailand, Laos and China; Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt on formation of the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National races with the Head of State himself as Chairman for the improvement of living standards of national people in border areas



NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — Shan State (East) presented awards for outstanding crop cultivation and production to winners at a ceremony held in Kengtung on 16 August, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing explained the agricultural sector of Shan State (East), saying that the competition was aimed at organizing farmers to have greater interest in scientific agricultural methods, raising paddy per acre yield and income of farmers, putting more land under high-yield crops and increasing the gross domestic product of the region. Thanks to the competition Shan State (East) enjoyed 165.35 per cent food sufficiency in 2005-2006, up from 129.11 per cent a year ago.

In accord with the Head of State's guidance, the region has targeted to put 400,000 acres of land under paddy, applying four methods to reach the goal.

acre yield award and outstanding summer paddy cultivation award to Tachilek Township, highest summer paddy production award to Kengtung Township and highest kitchen crops production award to Mongla.

Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein presented highest edible crops production award to Kengtung Township and award for producing largest amount of crops to Yanlaw village in Kengtung Township.

Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presented award plus K 300,000 each to Kengtung District and Township Agricultural Supervisory Committees for their best efforts.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence presented TV sets to U Aik Shan, the No 8 Provost Company, U Tha Hkam and U Sai Yi for their performance in raising summer paddy per acre to reach 120 baskets and above.

The Secretary-1 presented a water pump and

including Shan State (East) and work committee and other respective subcommittees, projects implemented from 1989 to 2006 for education, health, information and communications and cemented national consolidation due to progress of border areas.

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Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents a prize to a farmer who achieves targeted per acre yield. — MNA

The problem of narcotic drugs facing the country today does not come only now but it was left by colonialists as evil legacy.

State developing politically and economically...

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Next, the Secretary-1 said they were there to inspect the development of Shan State (East) and fulfill the requirements. He said they attended a ceremony to destroy seized narcotic drugs held in Kengtung on 14 August and visited Mongla Special Region (4) in Shan State (East), Wa Special Region (2) in Shan State (North) on 15 August to give necessary assistance in the drive for elimination of narcotic drugs and regional development.

The problem of narcotic drugs facing the country today does not come only now but it was left by colonialists as evil legacy. It is the national people of those special regions who had returned to the legal

fold and are participating in their regional development work. As a result Pangsang and Mongla can be found developing with characteristics of a town. Similarly, the Secretary-1 noted, due to the efforts of other national people who also returned to the legal fold and worked in cooperation with the government, their respective regions have seen peace and stability and progress.

Giving priority to ensuring peace and stability of the State and rule of law, the government first built national consolidation for the perpetuation of the Union. In consequence, the entire country has seen peace and tranquillity and significant development. Besides, the seven-step Road Map of the State is being

implemented to shape a democratic nation in accord with the wishes of the people. The National Convention with the delegates from all walks of life is also in progress to adopt basic principles that will include in the constitution. Now is the time when the State is developing politically as well as economically as there has been a network of facilities such as roads, bridges and dams across the nation. As Myanmar is an agricultural country, it is striving for the development of its economy based on agriculture. As Shan State (East) has favourable geographical conditions, it is required to grow more paddy and other crops in order to earn surplus income. Moreover, the local people are urged to grow rubber and tea in cooperation with service personnel, said the Secretary-1.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted those present. — MNA

Progress of Takaw-Mongping-Kengtung Union Highway inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (East) PDC Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and departmental officials met with officers, other ranks and their family members at Thanlwin hall of the local battalion in Takaw, Kunhing Station of Eastern Command, on 16 August.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win urged them to actively participate in regional development tasks joining hands with

the local people and fulfilled the requirements. Next, they looked into Takaw-Mongping-Kengtung Union Highway in a motorcade, and arrived at Thanlwin Bridge (Takaw) at mile post No 283/4.

Next, they looked into Takaw-Minebyin-Kengtaung Union Highway in a motorcade and arrived at Thanlwin Bridge (Takaw) at milepost No 283/4.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected maintenance of the bridge, and gave necessary instructions to the officials. They also inspected extension of the

road, dredging of drains between mile post No 292/4 and No 302/4 at the road section of Takaw-Mongping and building of the retaining walls between mile post No 315/1 and No 326/43 being carried out by Public Works and maintenance of roads and bridges along the Union Highway.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports by an official. Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing reported on progress of Takaw-Mongping-Kengtung Union Highway. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win fulfilled the requirements.

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33 members of Mawlamyinegyun Township NLD quit due to ignorance of NLD to serve interests of the State and the people

YANGON, 18 Aug — A total of 33 members of Mawlamyinegyun Township National League for Democracy of Ayeyawady Division including Vice-Chairman U Aung Kyi of Htiseik Phayasu Village, executive U Tun Kywe, U Sein Aye, U Sein Win and U Myint Swe, Daw Than Than Aye and U Khin Maung Thein of Mabay Village, Secretary U Myint Soe, U Khin Maung Myint and U San Lwin of Maye Ohnbinu Village and U Khin Maung Soe, U Myo Myint and U Than Htwe of Thabyechaung Village resigned from the NLD of their own accord on 26 July.

They sent letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities. In their letters sent to Mawlamyinegyun Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-commission they said that they had lost interest and trust in the NLD and its functions due to the ignorance of the NLD to serve the interests of the State and the people. That was why they resigned from the NLD of their own accord, they said. —MNA

Palm oil-loaded vessel arrives

YANGON, 18 Aug — A sea-going vessel loaded with 2750-ton palm oil arrived at Htidan Wharf, here, this afternoon. The officials inspected the vessel.

Similarly, two palm oil-loaded vessels will arrive on 20 and 23 August respectively. —MNA



The vessel loaded with 2750-ton palm oil rests at Htidan Wharf. — MNA

Floods force families to evacuate, cause no casualty

YANGON, 18 Aug — The incessant rains caused flooding in some areas of Taninthayi Divi-

sion on 16 August.

The road section near Kywe Ku bridge in Myeik was destroyed by the flooding.

The water level of Taninthayi river is at above 35 inches. So the

families of Chaunggyi and Chaungnge wards in Taninthayi were evacuated from the flooded areas, and floods forced the schools to temporarily close. Similarly, floods also forced the families of

Lenya and Mandaing villages to evacuate due to the swelled water of Lenya river. However, the floods cause no casualty, and safe and rescue measures have been taken by officials.

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Young people were seen at Cyber Friends, one of the Public Access Centres of Myanmar Info-Tech, which was recently opened at No 48 on Dhammavihara Road in Tamway Township. — H

Japan hopes to conclude FTA with ASEAN next year

KUALA LUMPUR, 18 Aug — Japan hopes to conclude a free trade agreement (FTA) with ASEAN by March next year, a senior Japanese official said here on Thursday. Japan was continuing to discuss the modalities of the ASEAN-Japan economic partnership pact, including the

government procurement, said Nobuhiko Sasaki from the Japanese Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry.

Negotiations on FTAs with dialogue partners were among major discussions during the ongoing ASEAN Senior Economic Officials Meeting here in preparations

for the 38th ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) meeting, due to be held later this month. ASEAN currently is negotiating such an agreement with several countries, like Japan, China, South Korea in a bid to strengthen its economic ties with the countries outside of the region. — MNA/Xinhua

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NZ PM expresses concern over journalist kidnapped in Gaza

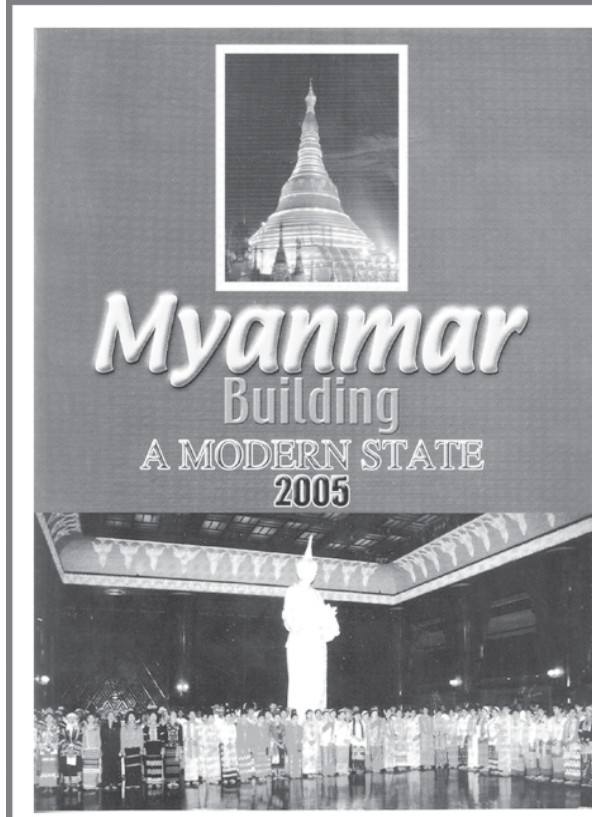
WELLINGTON, 17 Aug— New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark said Tuesday her Government was "very concerned" for the safety of Olaf Wiig, a New Zealand journalist kidnapped in Gaza.

Clark said information regarding the circumstances of the kidnapping was "sketchy".

"It is not clear who is responsible for their captures and where in Gaza the incident took place," Clark said in a statement.

Wiig, working for America's Fox News, has been kidnapped in Gaza area, according to report.

Fox News said Monday Palestinian gunmen kidnapped Wiig and journalist Steve Centanni.—MNA/Xinhua



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China uncovers illegal production of drugs, medical equipment

BEIJING, 17 Aug— China uncovered 167,000 cases of illegal production and trade in medicines and medical equipment in the first half of this year, according to the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA). A total of 260 million yuan (32.5 million US dollars) was involved in the cases and more than 200 underground drug production sites were shut down.

Fraudulent pharmaceutical company registration procedures were also detected and

punished. The SFDA inspected 14 companies and investigated 131 kinds of drugs between January and June, said head of SFDA Shao Mingli.

Meanwhile, the administration monitored 270,000 illegal advertisements in the public domain of drugs, medical equipment and health foods and reported them to the industrial and commercial authorities.

The administration also punished 20 companies for illegal production during the first

half of the year, said Shao.

It is planning to launch a one-year national campaign to regulate the drug market, which will target malpractice in drug research, production, distribution and application as well as slack supervision.

The decision was made after the administration came to the conclusion that the cause of a problematic antibiotic injection case, which left six dead, was improper sterilization during its production.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam halves gold import tariff

HANOI, 17 Aug— Vietnam has reduced its import tax on gold bullion to 0.5 per cent from 1 per cent, according to the Vietnam Gold Business Association on Wednesday.

The tax decrease recently decided by the Vietnamese Finance Ministry is a move to develop the domestic gold market and minimize smuggling, said the association's deputy chairman Dinh Nho Bang.

But, the tariff imposed on gold powder remains unchanged, at 0.5 per cent, he said.

Vietnam imported some 40 tons of gold in the first seven months of 2005, 65 tons in 2004, and 59 tons in 2003, said the association.

Nearly half of the precious metal was used for crafting jewellery products for local sale and export. The country has around 8,000 gold trading firms.—MNA/Xinhua

Two fuel ships to dock in Lebanon

BEIRUT 17 Aug — Two tankers carrying fuel will arrive in Lebanese ports on Wednesday, helping ease the shortage caused by Israel's air and sea blockade of Lebanon during the month-long

war with Hizbollah, officials said.

"Two ships have got permission and guarantees to dock today and one should be coming in tomorrow," said Bahij Abu Hamze, head of Lebanon's Association of Fuel Importers.

The first ship, carrying fuel oil for power stations, will dock at Zouk

Port, north of Beirut. The second, arriving later at the port in Tripoli, is carrying diesel for petrol stations. Between them, the two tankers are carrying nearly 90,000 tons of fuel oil and diesel.

Abu Hamze said a third ship should arrive on Thursday carrying 28,000 tons of petrol.

MNA/Reuters

Medicos preparing for Mt Everest "lab"

KATHAMANDU, 17 Aug— A 20-member team of British-based medicos is preparing to carry out medical lab experiments on the slopes of south col of Mt Everest, which they said will be the world's highest laboratory.

According to a local website report, the medical research team of Xtreme Everest will make the first ever measurements of blood oxygen in the "death zone", at altitudes above

8,000 metres where the human body has struggled and frequently failed to survive, to find out effects on the human body in high altitude.

The team plans to take measurements of oxygen in arterial blood at extreme high altitude above 8,000 metres for the first time.

It is anticipated that up to 10 members of the team will summit Mt Everest, one of the organizers Amanda Parkinson told

nepalnews.com website.

The Centre for Aviation, Space and Extreme Environment Medicine team of the University College London will lead the expedition scheduled for May 2007, the website said.

The experts will measure the amount of oxygen in their own blood along with running tests to see how well their brains, lungs and metabolism are working at such extreme altitude.

They have asked for 208 volunteers having good level of fitness for the 23-day expedition, Parkinson said.

MNA/Xinhua

Air NZ relaxes hand luggage restrictions

WELLINGTON, 17 Aug— Air New Zealand began Wednesday to relax some restrictions on cabin baggage carried into the United States.

Passengers are now allowed normal carry-on baggage. Previously, they were only allowed to carry essential travel documents in plastic bags, said Air New Zealand, the No 1 airways of the country.

Security at New Zealand airports was ramped up in the wake of the alleged plot to blow up

US-bound planes last week.

Air NZ said electronic devices could now be carried on to the aircraft, but passengers should expect to have them ready for inspection.

Aerosols, gels and liquids in carry-on baggage are still prohibited. They must be placed in checked-in baggage.

Owing to the possibility of further changes to security requirements, Air NZ said

it was not allowing passengers to carry duty free liquids in the cabin on flights into the United States and Britain, to avoid possible confiscation on arrival.

The maximum allowable weight of checked-in economy class baggage reverts to two items not exceeding 46 kilos in combined weight. The maximum allowable weight of carry-on economy class baggage reverts to seven kilos.

MNA/Xinhua

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Third of world faces water shortages, crisis looms

CANBERRA, 17 Aug— A third of the world is facing water shortages because of poor management of water resources and soaring water usage, driven mainly by agriculture, the International Water Management Institute said on Wednesday.

Water scarcity around the world was increasing faster than expected, with agriculture accounting for 80 per cent of global water consumption, the world authority on fresh water management told a development conference in Canberra.

Globally, water usage had increased by six times in the past 100 years and would double again by 2050, driven mainly by irrigation and demands by agriculture, said Frank Rijsberman, the institute's director-general.

Billions of people in Asia and Africa already faced water shortages because of poor water management, he said.

"We will not run out of bottled water any time soon

but some countries have already run out of water to produce their own food," he said.

"Without improvements in water productivity ... the consequences of this will be even more widespread water scarcity and rapidly increasing water prices."

The Sri Lanka-based institute, funded by international agricultural research organizations, is due to formally release its findings at a conference in Sweden later this month.

Rijsberman said water scarcity in Asia and Australia affected about 1.5 billion people and was caused by over-allocating water from rivers, while scarcity in Africa was caused by a lack of infrastructure to get the

water to the people who need it.

"The water is there, the rainfall is there, but the infrastructure isn't there," Rijsberman told reporters.

He said more needed to be done to promote rain-fed agriculture and to increase water storage in Africa, where many people live with water scarcity.

.MNA/Reuters



A newly-born giant panda is fed in an incubator at a giant panda breeding centre in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 16 Aug, 2006. Weighing only 51 grams on birth, the baby giant panda, the world lightest in record, is deserted by its mother Qizhen and has to be manually fed.—INTERNET

German population shrinks, births lowest since WWII

BERLIN, 17 Aug— Germany, which has one of the lowest birth rates in Europe, saw its population shrink last year as deaths outpaced births and the number of immigrants declined, the Federal Statistics Office said on Tuesday.

The office confirmed that the number of births in 2005 had fallen to 686,000, its lowest level since it began measuring in 1946.

More than 830,000 people died in Germany last year, it said, causing a net population decline of more than 144,000 — a drop exceeded only once in the last quarter-century.

For the third straight year, immigration failed to make up the difference. The office released figures earlier in the

summer showing that net immigration — the number of people moving to Germany minus those leaving — fell to 78,953 last year, the lowest level since 1998.

Economists have warned that unless Germany's demographic trend is reversed, Europe's largest economy will go into terminal decline, with pensions and healthcare costs soaring as the average age gets higher and higher.

.MNA/Reuters

Singapore launches 'IT' implementation guide for companies

SINGAPORE, 18 Aug — Singapore on Thursday launched a guide on Best Practices on Infocomm Technology (IT) Implementation for local companies.

"This guide... aims to provide step-by-step directions, as well as tips on how companies including SMEs (small- and medium-sized enterprises) can adopt, leverage on and derive the maximum benefits from infocomm," said Vivian Balakrishnan, Second Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts at a local infocomm commerce conference.

The guide has taken into consideration companies' different infocomm needs based on their business nature and scale of operations, added Balakrishnan, who is also Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports.

The guide is jointly developed by the Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board of Singapore and the Singapore Infocomm Technology Federation.

.MNA/Xinhua



The definition of planet was given by committee of the International Astronomers Union (IAU) at a conference in Prague, the Czech capital, and three new planets will be added to Solar System in line with the definition. — INTERNET

Panel formed in Nepal to save rhinos

KATHMANDU, 17 Aug— A Rhino Conservation Coordination Committee has been formed in Chitwan in central Nepal, the World

Wildlife Fund (WWF) Nepal said in a Press release issued here Wednesday.

The committee was formed following the conclusion of a two-day programme on the condition of rhino conservation.

The committee comprises representatives of political parties, partner organizations, media, Hotel Association of Nepal, among others.

"The committee will review policies, coordinate among partners, monitor rhino conservation activities, and organize meetings on rhino conservation," the WWF Nepal said in the release. Poachers killed at least three rhinos in forests in the area in a week of July, according to an earlier report.—MNA/Xinhua

Philippine volcano's high alert to last weeks

LEGAZPI CITY (Philippines), 17 Aug— Seismic activity at the Philippines' most active volcano calmed overnight but it could be weeks before 40,000 people evacuated from the shadow of the shuddering mountain can return home.

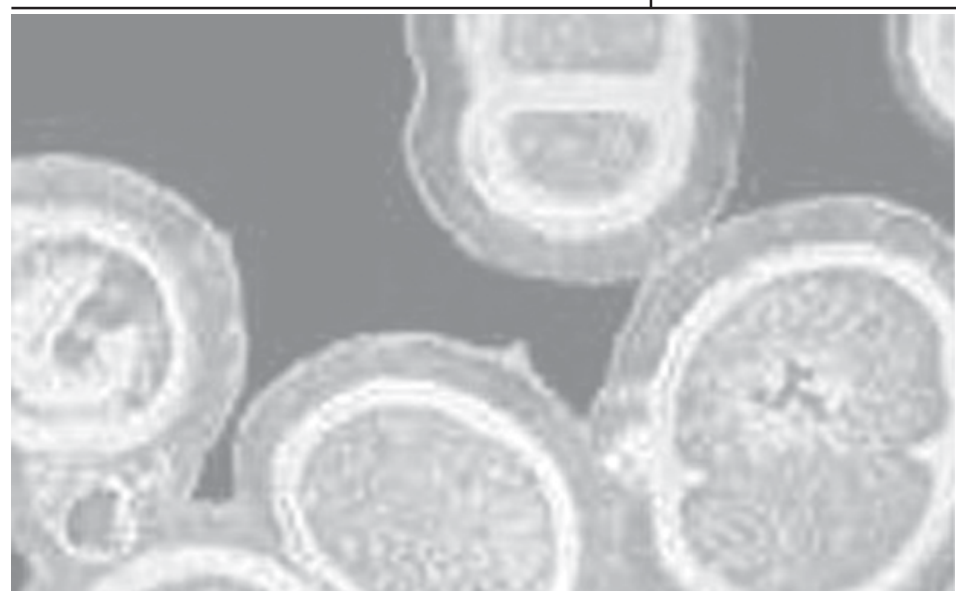
Villagers, sheltering in schools, have been waiting for Mount Mayon to explode after experts warned last week it could erupt at any time. The warning triggered mass evacuations from an eight-kilometre (five-mile) danger zone on the mountain's southeast flank.

"If the decline in volcanic activity will be sustained for two weeks then the alert level could be possibly be downgraded," July Sabit, acting head of monitoring at the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, told Reuters on Wednesday.

"We are looking at two scenarios right now. One is that activity may be sustained and eventually decline. The other is the possibility that the volcanic activity will pick up and result in a more explosive type of eruption."

Sabit said if Mayon did erupt it could take up to a month before residents, many of them rice and coconut farmers, could return to their homes.

.MNA/Reuters



A once rare drug-resistant germ that were rare a decade ago is now the leading cause of all skin infections treated in US emergency rooms (ER), according to a new study, published on 17 Aug, 2006. Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus under microscope.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Giuly gives Barcelona 1-0 advantage in Super Cup

BARCELONA, 18 Aug—French winger Ludovic Giuly gave league champions Barcelona a 1-0 victory over King's Cup winners Espanyol in the first leg of the Spanish Super Cup at Montjuic on Thursday.

The former Monaco player steered a first-time shot past goalkeeper Gorca Iraizoz in the 44th minute after Ronaldinho had threaded a clever pass through the defence. Barca struggled to find their rhythm in the first half of the traditional curtain-raiser to the season and it was city rivals Espanyol who had the better of the opening minutes. The goal settled the nerves of the European champions and they would have extended their lead in the second period but for a string of fine saves from Iraizoz. Frank Rijkaard's side host Espanyol in the second leg at the Nou Camp on Sunday.

Espanyol, who beat Real Zaragoza 4-1 in the final of the King's Cup but only avoided relegation thanks to a last-gasp goal in the final match of the season, played the more fluent football for much of the first half.

MNA/Reuters

Dunga selects Ronaldinho, Kaka for friendly against Argentina

RIO DE JANEIRO, 18 Aug — The Brazilian Football Federation (CBF) released on Thursday the list of players who will participate in two friendly matches that Brazil national team will play in Britain on 3 September, against Argentina, and on 5 September, against Wales.

In relation to the team that tied 1-1 Wednesday in a match against Norway in Oslo, head coach Dunga included three new names: Milan's midfielder Kaka, Barcelona's midfielder Ronaldinho and striker Rafael Sobis.

Kaka, Sobis and Ronaldinho will replace three other players from the national team: Wagner, who plays for Brazil's Cruzeiro; Brazil's Vasco da Gama midfielder Moraes; and Jonatas, who has recently left Brazil's Flamengo to play for Spain's Espanyol. Wagner, Moraes and Jonatas were second-choice players in the national team and did not play Wednesday.

The choice for Sobis was an acknowledgement for his role in Wednesday's Internacional winning of the Libertadores Cup title. The striker scored twice in the first match of the finals against Sao Paulo.

MNA/Xinhua

Brazil's Internacional win Libertadores final

BRASILIA, 18 Aug — Brazil's Internacional won the Libertadores Cup for the first time on Wednesday, clinging on for a 2-2 draw at home to Sao Paulo in the final's second leg to win 4-3 on aggregate.

Internacional, 2-1 ahead from the first leg, twice led in the all-Brazilian tie but suffered a nail-biting finale with ten men as Sao Paulo levelled with five minutes to play and nearly snatched a third. Striker Tinga gave Internacional a 2-1 lead in the 66th minute but was immediately sent off as he was shown a second yellow card for his goal celebration.

Lenilson levelled in the 85th minute and Internacional goalkeeper Clemer made two outstanding saves to stop the game going to extra-time as his side won their first Libertadores title.

Striker Fernandao had opened the scoring in the first half and Fabao levelled early in the second.

MNA/Xinhua

Kanu signs for Portsmouth

LONDON, 18 Aug — Portsmouth have signed Nigerian striker Nwankwo Kanu on a one-year contract, the Premier League club said on their website on Thursday.

The 31-year-old left West Bromwich Albion when they were relegated to the Second Division at the end of last season.

Kanu, who has scored six goals in 39 appearances for his country, is in line to make his debut for Portsmouth in their first game of the season at home to Blackburn Rovers on Saturday.

The Nigerian previously had spells with Arsenal, Inter Milan and Ajax Amsterdam. — MNA/Reuters



Bulgarian sprinter Tezdzhan Naimova first crossed the finish line to claim the women's 100m gold on the second day of the IAAF World Junior Championships here on 17 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET



Australian Robert Crowther leapt to the top of the podium in the men's long jump at the IAAF World Junior Championships here on 17 Aug, 2006. Crowther secured the title in his fifth attempt when he jumped to 8.00 meters to stand out.—INTERNET

Mexico tennis FED appoints Ortiz, Davis Cup captain

MEXICO CITY, 18 Aug — The Mexican Tennis Federation (FMT) announced the Oscar Ortiz will captain the country's Davis Cup team after Oliver Fernandez on Thursday announced his resignation to media.

"I have completed my cycle as captain," Fernandez told reporters. "I have other personal commitments and responsibilities which do not allow me to dedicate the time the captain's responsibilities need," Fernandez said.

He said that Mexico would do well without him, however. "The captainship is in good hands with Oscar." — MNA/Xinhua

Real close to agreeing deal to extend Beckham's contract

MADRID, 18 Aug — Real Madrid are close to agreeing a deal to extend David Beckham's contract beyond the end of the season, club president Ramon Calderon said. "We have spoken with his agent and we are agreed that we should extend his contract," the Real supremo told Spanish sports daily AS on Thursday. "Beckham has told me that he is happy in Madrid, that his children are happy, that Brooklyn speaks Spanish.... He is delighted with things and for Madrid he is a vital player for his contribution on the pitch and for what he represents."

Beckham joined Real Madrid on a four-year contract from Manchester United in 2003, but has yet to win a major trophy at the club. Spanish media have reported that Real want to extend his contract until 2009.

The midfielder arrived late for Real Madrid training on Wednesday after his flight from England was delayed and new coach Fabio Capello hinted that he would be sanctioned by the club.

"It is an internal matter, but the rules are the same for everyone," the Italian told a news conference on Thursday.

The 31-year-old Beckham resigned the captaincy of England after the World Cup and was dropped by new coach Steve McClaren for Wednesday's friendly against Greece. — MNA/Reuters

Turkey's Besiktas signs contract with Ricardo

ANKARA, 18 Aug — Besiktas soccer club of Turkey on Thursday signed a three-year contract with Brazilian football player Ricardo Luiz Pozzi Rodrigues, publicly known as "Ricardinho".

A statement aired on Besiktas' web-page said that Ricardinho is expected to be in Istanbul, the largest city of Turkey, on Saturday.

Thirty-year-old Ricardinho is a member of the Brazilian national football team and he also played in Corinthians, one of the teams in the Brazilian League. — MNA/Xinhua

Italian tribunal says Reggina to stay in Serie A

ROME, 18 Aug — Italy's soccer tribunal ruled on Thursday that Reggina would remain in the top division but will start the season with a 15-point deduction for attempted match-fixing.

Football federation prosecutor Stefano Palazzi had requested that Reggina, which is based in Reggio Calabria in the southern tip of Italy, be relegated to Serie B and docked 15 points. The tribunal also ruled that Serie B side Arezzo would be docked nine points at the start of the season. Reggina, who fought to avoid relegation in the last two seasons, are the latest and least known of the five Serie A clubs to be implicated in the match-fixing scandal that has rocked Italian soccer. Juventus were relegated to Serie B and docked 17 points at the start of the season for seeking an unfair advantage in the appointment of referees. They were also stripped of the Serie A titles they won in the last two seasons. — MNA/Reuters



Britain's Simon Archer, who boasts the fastest smash in the game, quit international badminton on 16 Aug, 2006 because of injury.—INTERNET



Jockey of Selva Parish, Alberto Ricciari, leads the pack of horses to win the Palio horse race in central Italy's city of Siena on 16 Aug, 2006. Each 2 July and 16 August, almost without fail since the mid-1600s, 10 riders have hurtled bareback around Siena's shell-shaped central square in a desperate bid to win the Palio, a silk banner depicting the Madonna and child.—INTERNET

Accidents kill over 60,000 in China in first 7 months

BEIJING, 18 Aug — The number of people killed by accidents in China dropped 11 per cent year on year in the first seven months, but it has been climbing again since May, China's state work safety watchdog said on Tuesday.

About 61,100 persons have died in colliery, fire, road and other accidents since the beginning of the year, said Wang Xianzheng, deputy director of the State Administration of Work Safety (SAWS).

In the first seven months, death tolls

in coal mines went down 23.5 per cent year on year, said Wang.

But the official warned that the situation in Chinese collieries is still grave. Coal mine deaths rose 11 per cent, 12.4 per cent and 15.7 per cent year-on-year in May, June and July respectively.

Illegal activity and over-production are major reasons for the growing number of deaths in the May-July period, said Wang. There are still a large number of small collieries operating without licences, according to the agency. — MNA/Xinhua

Four villages buried by mud in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 18 Aug — Mud flows have buried more than 1,600 houses and other buildings in four villages in Indonesia's East Java Province as authorities have so far failed to control the mud flowing out from a drilling project, a report said Wednesday.

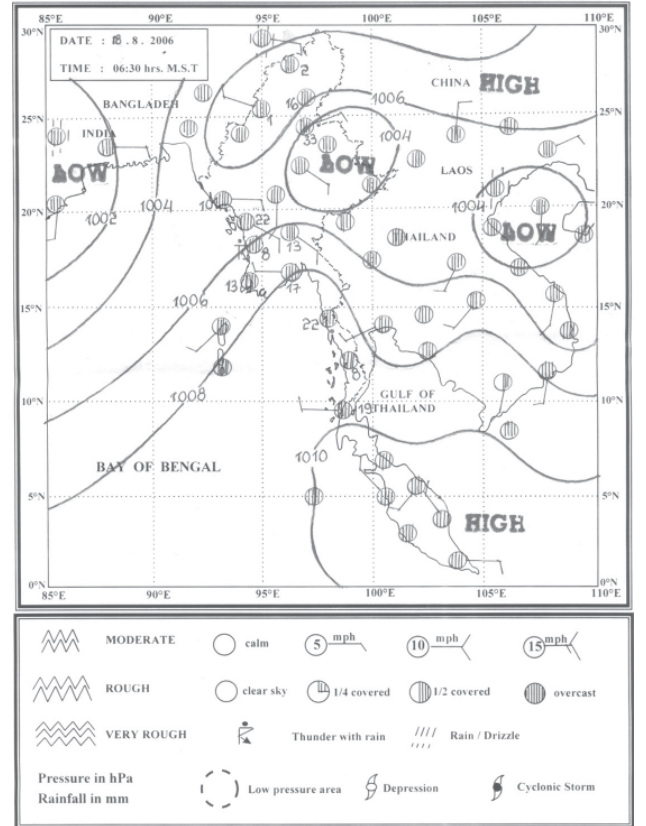
The government has been struggling for a solution to overcome the mud flow crisis beginning more than two months ago, apart from building temporary dam surrounding the areas.

The hot, toxic mud has now breached the dam and displaced more than 10,000 people in the town of Sidoarjo, some 750 kilometres east of Jakarta.

The unstoppable flow has created a large pool of mud. What left from the villages were the roofs of tall buildings like schools, factories and mosques, reported the Detikcom news website.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 18 August, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain have been isolated in Shan State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Shan State and Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Taunggyi (3.11) inches, Bhamo (2.99) inches, Kyaukpataung (2.17) inches, Hinthada (2.01) inches, Thandwe (1.50) inches and An (1.22) inches.

Maximum temperature on 17-8-2006 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 18-8-2006 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 18-8-2006 was (92%). Total sunshine hours on 17-8-2006 was nil.

Rainfalls on 18-8-2006 were (0.91) inch at Mingaladon, (0.67) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.15) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (68.74) inches at Mingaladon, (80.24) inches at Kaba-Aye and (84.13) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 17-8-2006.

Bay inference: Monsoon is generally moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 19-8-2006: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Shan States, Mandalay and upper Sagaing Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State, Yangon and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 19-8-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).


Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 19-8-2006: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 19-8-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for last weekend of August 2006: During the coming weekend, isolated rain are likely in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Divisions, rain will be fairly widespread in Yangon Division.




Nereu Correia, one of the groundskeepers at the Beira Rio stadium, places candles and a statue of Saint Anthony behind one of the goals to give good luck to his favourite soccer club, SC Internacional, before the second leg Copa Libertadores final match against Sao Paulo FC in Porto Alegre, southern Brazil, on 16 August, 2006. — INTERNET



TV Myanmar

Saturday, 19 August
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am</p> <p>5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:10 am</p> <p>6. ဝမ်းပုံရေလှောင်တစ်</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>8. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>9. Grammar made easy</p> <p>11:00 am</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>11:15 am</p> <p>2. Musical programme</p> <p>11:30 am</p> <p>3. News</p> <p>11:40 am</p> <p>4. Games for children</p>	<p>12:05 pm</p> <p>5. Round up of the week's TV local news</p> <p>12:35 pm</p> <p>6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆည်းဆာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)</p> <p>1:15 pm</p> <p>7. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ</p> <p>1:25 pm</p> <p>8. "တို့တစ်ရွာလုံး ချမ်းသာပြီ" (ဆန်းထွန်း၊ သူသူဟံသာ၊ အကယ်ဒမီဇော်ဦး၊ မိုးဒီး၊ ငွေတောင်၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ဂွမ်းပုံ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-တင်အောင်ရွှေ-သူတေသီ)</p> <p>1:55 pm</p> <p>9. ခြံစည်းရိုးကြက်ဆူပင် သူတေသန စံပြဇက (၁၀၀) စိုက်ခင်း</p> <p>2:05 pm</p> <p>10. Dance of national races</p> <p>2:20 pm</p> <p>11. မျှော်လင့်ခြင်းများစွာ.....၏ ရင်ခုန်သံ (၁)</p> <p>2:30 pm</p> <p>12. "မျှော်သူမမောစေချင်" (စိုးသီဟ၊ ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)</p> <p>2:40 pm</p> <p>13. ရွှေလောင်းတံတား</p> <p>2:45 pm</p> <p>14. International news</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. English for everyday use</p>	<p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. Musical programme</p> <p>4:55 pm</p> <p>5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ်(သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)</p> <p>5:10 pm</p> <p>6. နားဝင်ပီယံ သူ့လက်သံ</p> <p>5:20 pm</p> <p>7. Musical programme</p> <p>5:35 pm</p> <p>8. Games for children</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>9. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>10. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm</p> <p>11. Discovery</p> <p>6:50 pm</p> <p>12. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>7:05 pm</p> <p>13. A selection of TV song</p> <p>7:20 pm</p> <p>14. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>7:35 pm</p> <p>15. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် ဖြန့်ဖြူးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေးနှင့် ကာလပေါ်တေး) (ပညာရှင်အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>16. News</p> <p>8:15 pm</p> <p>17. International news</p> <p>8:30 pm</p> <p>18. Weather report</p> <p>8:45 pm</p> <p>19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)</p> <p>9:00 pm</p> <p>20. The next day's programme</p>
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Radio Myanmar

Saturday, 19 August
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:
-My love

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:
-Marbo No 5

8:50 am National news & Slogan

9:00 am Music:
-Forget me not

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music:
-Lost in music

1:30 pm News & Slogan

1:40pm Lunch time music
-Facts of love
-Blue Hawaii
-Stupid cupid

9:00pm ASEAN Food Festival 2006

9:10 pm Article

9:20pm Myanma culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

9:30 pm Souvenirs
-Puppy love
-Count every star

9:45 pm News & Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe receives newly-accredited Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Myanmar Mr Turki Bin Naji Abdul Kadir Al Ali at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug— Mr Turki Bin Naji Abdul Kadir Al Ali, newly-accredited Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior Gen-

eral Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 10.30 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-

1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department. — MNA

Each special development region facilitated with one 200-bed specialist hospital, one university/college, one GTC and one GCC

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects progress of regional development tasks in Shan State (East)

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspected development tasks in Kengtung on 14 August after attending the ceremony to commission Hwekha-Wampaung village tarred road constructed by Kengtung Township Development Affairs Committee.

A ceremony to inaugurate Hwekha-Wampaung village tarred road was held at the road in the morning, attended by Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, Military

Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Shan State (East) PDC Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, the ministers, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental officials and local people.

Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Khin Kyaw reported on construction of the road. U Kya Khu, on behalf of the locals, spoke words of thanks.

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Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects 200-bed hospital in Kengtung. — MNA

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The government is putting into action a variety of projects so that local people in border areas can enjoy fruitful results of greater progress in the economic, social, education and health sectors. Due to the effective encouragement of the government to the national race youth, the number of intellectuals and intelligentsia and technicians of national race youth is on the increase.