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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

## Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends cash and kind donation ceremonies of Tatmadaw families and wellwishers to monasteries in Ahlon, Tamway, Mingala Taungnyunt

YANGON, 20 Aug — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence cil Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and senior military officers presented offertories to members of the Sangha. Lt-Col Myo Naing of Yangon Command Headquarters, Cmdr Nay Win of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command and Lt-Col Swe Lin of Mingaladon Air Base donated provisions of Tatmadaw families and wellwishers to the Sayadaw. Likewise, wellwishers donated cash and kind to the monasteries.



Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and senior military officers accepted cash donations from wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them. (See page 8)

attended the ceremony to donate provisions of Tatmadaw families and wellwishers to six monasteries in Ahlon Township this afternoon.

The ceremony was held at Sasana Hitakari Kwinkyang Pariyatti Monastery in Ahlon Township. Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and the congregation received the Five Precepts from Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sujata.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe offered robes and alms to the Sayadaw.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Coun-



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and congregation receive Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at the donation ceremony of rice and cash to six monasteries in Ahlon Township.—MNA

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At the ceremony, 412 wellwishers presented donations including TV sets, radio cassette players and publications worth over K 69 million. Ayeyawady Library has been served with over 7,300 various kinds of periodicals, over 800 CD-ROMs, 15 computer sets and the Internet access.

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CHIN GYA (MAUBIN)

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

# PERSPECTIVES

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## For perpetuation of traditional culture

The Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have been held since 1993 and now the competitions have entered the 14th time and they will be held on a grand scale in Nay Pyi Taw.

The performing arts competitions are being held for preservation of cultural heritage and national prestige and integrity in accord with the social objectives calling for uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character and uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit.

As information technology of today is advancing rapidly, there are advantages and disadvantages in various fields of the nations of the world.

Cultural products of the west are targeted on youths under 20, two-fifths of the world population. In musical world, electronic music may affect traditional music which has been preserved for thousands of years. The electronic music can influence people especially new generation youths.

Western culture has influenced about 75 per cent of the world population through the television and this is a challenge to the culture, patriotism and traditional customs of the nations.

Preservation and safeguarding of Myanmar traditional culture is part of the government efforts to defend the State. All the people of the nation are urged to make concerted efforts for perpetuation of Myanmar traditional culture.

## “သတိပေး နှိုးဆော်ချက်”

(က) မိုးရွာစဉ် ယာဉ်မောင်းလျှင် အောက်ပါအချက်အလက်များ သတိပြုပါ။

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- (၈) ခေလုတ်တံပါရှိရမည်။ ကောင်းမွန်ရမည်။
- (၉) မိုးသည်းထန်စွာ ရွာသွန်း၍ မြင်ကွင်းမကောင်းလျှင် ရေမီးကြီးကို ဖွင့်မောင်းပါ။
- (၁၀) မြေသယံဇာတ အုတ်၊ သဲ၊ ကျောက် သယံဇာတများ မိတ်စင်မှု မရှိစေရန် လုံခြုံစွာ တင်ဆောင်ပါ။

(ခ) အထက်ပါစည်းကမ်းချက်များအားမလိုက်နာ၍ ယာဉ်တိုက်မှု ယာဉ်တိမ်းမောက်မှုများ ဖြစ်ပွားပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူခြင်း ခံရမည်။

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## Bayintnaung District

- \* 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 inspects power lines, sub-power stations



Minister for Electric Power No (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects Power Station in Hlinethaya Township. — ELECTRIC POWER NO (2)

YANGON, 20 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and officials attended the opening ceremony of 33-KV new power line in North Okkalapa Township on 15 August.

Chairman of Yangon East District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein expressed thanks, and said that the new power lines will improve the production of business in the industrial zones.

Col Khin Maung Soe, Chairman of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board urged the officials and the people to expose illegal power consumption. In addition, System Improvement tasks were being carried out so that the people will have regular access to the electricity, he added.

The minister gave necessary instructions.

The minister and party attended an opening ceremony of North-Okkalapa Sub-Power Station and Col Khin Maung Soe of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board formally opened the station. The minister inspected progress in installation of 33 KV extension power lines and fulfilled the requirements.

At the construction site of Bayintnaung Sub-Power Station in Hline Township, the minister heard reports on progress of construction work and future tasks by an official and gave necessary instructions.

The minister and party inspected newly-built 230 KV Hlinethaya-Bayintnaung river crossing power line and fulfilled the requirements. They also inspected installation of power line at 33 KV Switch Yard in Hlinethaya Power Station and heard reports on power supply presented by an official. — MNA

## Construction of Kyangin-Okshitpin section of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad Project commences

YANGON, 19 Aug — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Minister U Pe Than and officials yesterday inspected Kyangin-Okshitpin section of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad Construction Project.

Project Director U Myo Win of Myanmar Railways reported on the axis chosen for Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad, heavy machinery and work undertaken. Deputy Minister U Pe Than gave a supplementary report.

The minister said under the guidance of the Head of State Pathein-Monywa Highway was built for development of the west bank of Ayeyawady River. The Head of State also gave guidance on construction

of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad that will lead to Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay Railroad to be opened soon. The minister told service personnel of MR to participate in the project that ensures smooth transport for local people and smooth flow of commodity.

The minister and party inspected earth work near Sharbo Village and Kyatpyin Village. The Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad includes five sections—Kyangin-Okshitpin, Okshitpin-Thayet, Thayet-Minbu, Minbu-Salin and Salin-Pakokku.

Construction of Kyangin-Okshitpin railroad section is being undertaken. The minister and party also inspected construction of Phatashin Bridge on Pathein-Kyangin Railroad.— MNA



Rail Transportation Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects Kyangin-Okshitpin section of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad Construction Project.— RAILWAYS



# India offers dramatic tariff concessions for ASEAN products

**KUALA LUMPUR, 19 Aug — India offered dramatic tariff concessions for products from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) here on Friday in a bid to conclude a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) early with the grouping.**

India provided preferential market access for more than 94 per cent of ASEAN's exports to India, Indian senior officials said after consultations with their ASEAN counterparts during the preparatory meeting here for the upcoming 38th ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) meeting.

The preferential market access included 95 per cent to 100 per cent for seven ASEAN members and 85 per cent or more for the other three members, they said in a Press paper.

During the consultation meeting, India tabled a detailed tariff elimination for over 4,000 tariff lines, or 77 per cent of the total tariff lines and

phased tariff reduction for more than 600 ones, or 12 per cent of the total.

India also offered to substantially reduce its import duties on some highly sensitive products of ASEAN, including palm oil, black tea and pepper.

Indian officials said that India had offered an extensive list and hoped ASEAN members would reciprocate accordingly in order to facilitate the conclusion of a FTA between the two parties soon.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said last year that his country hoped that India-ASEAN FTA negotiations could be completed by 2007 to help push bilateral trade to 30 billion US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

## 48 Bangladeshi students get Chinese Govt scholarship

**DHAKA, 19 Aug —** The Chinese Embassy in Bangladesh here on Thursday held a farewell party for 48 Bangladeshi students who have got the Chinese Government scholarship and are leaving for Chinese universities this month.

Expressing congratulations to the students, Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Chai Xi said, "I'm very happy that this year there are 48 students get the scholarship, recording the highest number in history."

Awarding of Chinese Government scholarship to Bangladesh students was started in 1976, and 288 students had benefitted by the year 2005.

"I will go to Nanjing Normal University (NNU) to study Chinese at the end of this month," said Farhana Akter, who has just got the bachelor's degree from

Dhaka University. "Before I get the scholarship, I have been studying Chinese in Dhaka University for one year." Farhana said she will take a one-year Chinese course in NNU and then go to Shanghai to pursue MBA degree.

MNA/Xinhua



**Vehicles drive down a flooded street in Karachi on 18 August, 2006. Pakistan's biggest city declared a public holiday on Friday as it cleaned up from heavy flooding that killed at least 15 people and more rain was expected, officials said. —INTERNET**



**Two men walk past the headquarters of the People's Bank of China (PBOC) in Beijing, on 18 Aug, 2006. The People's Bank of China (PBOC) announced on Friday that it raise the one-year benchmark interest rates by 27 basis points from 19 August. —INTERNET**

## Chavez pokes fun at new US spy chief for Venezuela

**CARACAS (Venezuela), 20 Aug —** Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez poked fun on Friday at

the freshly appointed chief of US spy operations on Venezuela and Cuba, Jack Patrick Maher, calling him "Jack the Ripper".

During a speech to hundreds of screaming supporters in his home province of Barinas, Chavez, who is running for reelection in December, was handed a CNN report saying Maher had been appointed to head US efforts to collect intelligence on the two Latin American countries.

Chavez, a constant critic of Washington who says socialism can unite South America against US

"imperialist" influence, said the appointment of Maher was a sign that "the empire is organizing a plan for December or before December".

Chavez often accuses the United States of plotting to overthrow him.

"Whatever that plan might be, we are going to defeat it!" Chavez said.

When Chavez first read Maher's name from the CNN report, he called him "Jack the Ripper". to laughter from his audience, and said US intelligence services are "stupid".

MNA/Reuters

## Four US troops killed in Afghanistan

**KABUL (Afghanistan), 18 Aug —** Four US servicemen and at least one Afghan soldier have been killed in two separate incidents in Afghanistan.

Three US soldiers died in clashes in the volatile eastern Kunar region, a spokesman said.

Another US soldier and an Afghan soldier were killed in a gun battle with Taliban fighters in south-

ern Uruzgan province, an official said.

The country is seeing its bloodiest period since the fall of the Taliban in 2001, says the BBC Kabul correspondent.

Militants have recently

stepped up their insurgency against government and foreign forces in the south and east.

NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said the US soldiers were embedded

with the Afghan army as trainers and "operating in support of the Isaf mission."

A coalition patrol was first struck by a homemade bomb and then came under attack from small arms and artillery fire in Kunar province, on the border with Pakistan, the US-led coalition said in a statement.

In Uruzgan, up to 150 Taliban fighters attacked a joint NATO-Afghan army convoy.

Three American soldiers were also wounded in the gun battle which lasted for four hours.

Internet



**Ford Motor Co said recently it would temporarily halt production at 10 assembly plants between now and the end of the year as part of its turnaround plan to respond to weakening US demand for fuel-hungry trucks and SUVs amid high gasoline prices. —INTERNET**



**A composite photo of twenty AIDS pins, representing some of the hundreds of unique pins, many hand made, worn by delegates at the 16th International AIDS conference in Toronto on 18 August, 2006. —INTERNET**



# Scientists say Ozone layer recovery will take longer

GENEVA, 20 Aug — The atmosphere will take up to 15 years longer than previously expected to recover from pollution and repair its ozone hole over the southern hemisphere, the United Nations' weather organization said Friday.

Thinning in the ozone layer — due to chemical compounds leaked from refrigerators, air conditioners and other devices — exposes the Earth to harmful solar rays. Too much ultraviolet radiation can cause skin cancer and destroy tiny plants at the beginning of the food chain.

Scientists said Friday it would take until 2065, instead of 2050 as previously expected, for the ozone

layer to recover and the hole over the Antarctic to close.

"The Antarctic ozone hole has not become more severe since the late 1990s, but large ozone holes are expected to occur for decades to come," ozone specialist Geir Braathen told reporters in summarizing a new report by the World Meteorological Organization and the UN Environment Program. The report

will be released next year. The ozone hole, a thinner-than-normal area in the upper stratosphere's radiation-absorbing gases, has formed each year since the mid-1980s at the end of the Antarctic winter in August, and generally is at its biggest in late September. Experts said they extended the projected recovery because chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, would continue to leak into the atmosphere

from air conditioners, aerosol spray cans and other equipment for years to come.

But there was cause for celebration, they said, noting a decline in CFCs in the first two atmospheric layers above Earth.

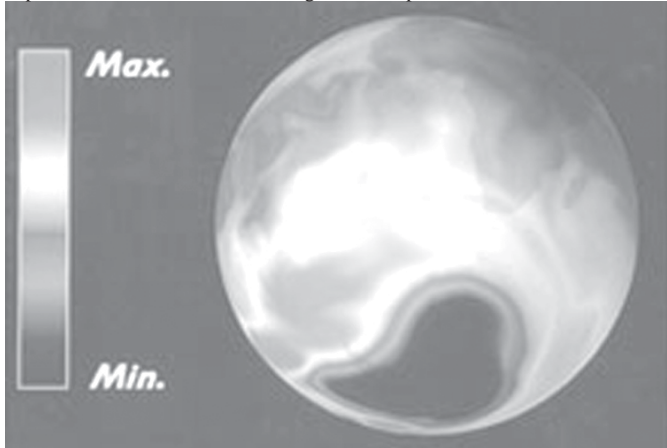
"The level of ozone-depleting substances continues to decline from its 1992-1994 peak in the troposphere and the late 1990s peak in the stratosphere," WMO secretary-general Michel Jarraud said in a statement.

Less of these chemicals are used every year, he said, after 180 countries in 1997 committed to reducing CFCs under the Montreal Protocol. "This shows that the Montreal Protocol is effective and is working," he said.—INTERNET

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel addresses a news conference after a meeting in Berlin on 17 August, 2006. Merkel said on Thursday Germany would not provide ground troops to a United Nations peace-keeping force in southern Lebanon and that her country may provide naval security as part of its effort to keep peace in the region.—INTERNET



View of the Ozone layer shot by European Space Agency (ESA) satellite ERS-2. The recovery of the earth's ozone layer, which protects life from excessive solar radiation, would take five to 15 years longer than predicted, two United Nations agencies reported on 18 August, 2006.—INTERNET

## Five die in N-E India heat wave

NEW DELHI, 19 Aug — At least five people have died of sunstroke in the past week in northeast Indian state Assam which recorded the highest temperature in August in the past 16 years, Indo-Asian News Service reported.

The temperature last week was at least four degrees Celsius higher

than normal and the rainfall this summer was 41 per cent less than

usual, said Dulal Chakraborty, deputy director general of the Regional Meteorological Centre in Guwahati.

Guwahati, the major city in the state, recorded 38 degrees Celsius last week, the highest temperature in August in the last 16 years, the weather authority said.

The unusually hot weather was caused by the dry continental winds from southern China, Chakraborty said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam evacuates thousands, flood toll rises to 27

HANOI, 19 Aug — Vietnam ordered the evacuation on Friday of thousands of people in its central and northern regions to avoid flash floods and landslides triggered by prolonged torrential rains that have killed at least 27.

Flooding hit the key coffee-growing region of the Central Highlands and four central coastal provinces, killing at least eight in Binh Thuan Province and four in Nghe An Province, a government report said.

State-run Vietnam Television said eight people, including two children, had died when landslides buried their homes in the mountainous northern province of Cao Bang on Friday morning.

The channel showed footage of rescuers pulling the body of a baby girl from the mud.

Six drowned in four other provinces and one in the Mekong Delta province of Dong Thap. The floods also displaced thousands of people, inundated 5,000 houses, submerged nearly 40,000 hectares (100,000 acres) of mainly rice and corn crops and blocked traffic.

MNA/Reuters



An actress from Els Comediants Theatre Company performs during the show 'Mozart andante' (Walking Mozart) in the southern Spanish town of Almeria on 18 August, 2006.—INTERNET

French soldiers from an engineering unit arrive to join the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) on the border with Israel at the Lebanese port of Naqura, near the southern city of Tyre (Soure), on 19 August, 2006.—INTERNET



## US soldier killed on patrol in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 19 Aug — An American soldier was killed on Thursday night when a roadside bomb went off near a foot patrol south of Baghdad, the US military said. It is reported that in a bid to win the trust of Iraqis, US soldier are patrolling the streets in some Baghdad neighbourhoods on foot, instead of riding armoured vehicles. The deaths bring the number of American soldiers that died this month in Iraq to 26.

At least 2,603 US military personnel have been killed in Iraq since the US-led war in March 2003, most of them died as a result of hostile action, according to media count. — MNA/Xinhua



Mikhail Nasanovich, a potter, makes a pitcher as his son Jury watches during a folk festival in the Belarussian town of Ivenets, some 60 km (37 miles) southwest of Minsk, on 19 August, 2006.—INTERNET

## Police say bombs on German trains may have been terror plot

WIESBADEN (Germany), 19 Aug— Two bombs discovered on trains in the German cities of Dortmund and Koblenz last month may have been part of a terrorist plot, the federal criminal police said on Friday.

"It's more likely than unlikely that there was a terrorist background," Joerg Ziercke, president of the federal crime office (BKA), told a news conference in Wiesbaden.

Federal prosecutors had earlier said they were looking at possible terrorist links after luggage with propane gas was found on trains at stations in both towns, but were also examining if it could have been a plot to blackmail the railways.

Ziercke said blackmail was now deemed unlikely and that preliminary investigations pointed to a

planned simultaneous attack.

The bombs were fitted with timers set to go off 10 minutes before the trains arrived in the two cities, but neither device exploded.

Rainer Griesbaum of the Federal Prosecutors Office said the probe indicated the plot most probably involved people living in Germany rather than outsiders.

The police also said they were looking for two male suspects caught on video cameras getting onto the trains in Cologne.

MNA/Reuters

## Acting leader says Cuba prepared for US aggression

HAVANA, 19 Aug— Cuba's acting leader, Raul Castro, said that the country had adopted measures to prepare for any military aggression by the United States, according to Friday's *Granma* newspaper.

"At 3.00 am on 1 August, I decided to raise our combat readiness and capacity significantly, by mobilizing tens of thousands of reservists and militiamen," Castro said in his first public statement since he took power, on a temporary basis, last month. Cuba's leader since 1959, 80-year-old Fidel Castro, temporarily handed over power to 75-year-old Defence Minister Raul Castro, on July 31 before undergoing an operation for intestinal bleeding.

Raul Castro said that he did not intend to exaggerate the danger, but cited statements by senior US officials to the effect that, should Fidel die, they were ready to "make sure there will be no succession to Castro's regime".

The Commission for Assistance to a Free Cuba created by US President George W Bush in 2004 delivered a report on Cuba

last month. The Plan Cuba document which was approved by Bush stated that an appendix had been kept secret "in order to ensure its effective realization".

Raul Castro said that the United States had not revealed the contents of

this appendix because it contained provisions for illegal activities, but Cuba's defence plans are transparent due to the simple fact that they are not designed to harass anyone, do not violate international law, and that their

only objective is to guarantee sovereignty and independence.

"We do not recognize the arrogant and interventionist policies which the current US Administration assumes," Castro said.

MNA/Xinhua



Security personnel surround an Excel Airways Boeing 767 after it made an emergency landing at Brindisi Airport in south-eastern Italy on 18 August, 2006, when a message was found indicating a bomb was aboard. Civil aviation authorities said no bomb was found.—INTERNET

## British flight lands in Southern Italy for bomb scare

ROME, 19 Aug— A flight for British low-cost airline Excel Friday was forced to land in the southern Italian city of Brindisi because of a bomb scare, Italian news agency ANSA reported.

An Italian Air Force fighter jet escorted the plane to Brindisi Airport after the pilot warned of a possible bomb threat and asked for permission to land, the news agency quoted Italian anti-terrorist police as saying.

Italian police and firemen immediately evacuated the passengers, boarding the plane to carry out a thorough search.

The flight was in the route to Egypt from Gatwick Airport, ANSA said, and the pilot launched his alarm as the plane was flying over Brindisi.—MNA/Xinhua

## Bomb explodes in Indonesia's Poso

JAKARTA, 20 Aug— A home-made bomb went off near a cafe in Indonesia's restive town of Poso late Friday, injuring no one, the national Antara news agency reported Saturday.

The blast occurred at 11:47 pm (1600 GMT) and was heard in a distance of one kilometre, said the report. There were no immediate reports of casualties but the blast damaged a nearby garden.

MNA/Xinhua

## Mass break-out hits Belgium jail

BELGIUM, 19 Aug— Twenty-eight inmates escaped from a Belgian prison early on Saturday after overpowering guards.

Six were swiftly recaptured, but police have launched an extensive search operation for the others.

Two prisoners managed to force their cell door open and took several guards hostage, demand-

ing their keys, local officials said.

The two then freed 26 other inmates at Termonde jail, north-west of Brussels. No-one was hurt in the jailbreak.

The escaped prisoners managed to get into the

prison courtyard and succeeded in scaling the prison walls.

The authorities were unable to say how the cell door had been forced or whether any dangerous criminals had managed to escape.—Internet



Scott Horowitz, NASA's associate administrator for the Exploration Systems Mission Directorate, is present at a news conference in Washington, on 18 August, 2006. Two private American companies, SpaceX of California and Rocketplane-Kistler (RpK) of Oklahoma City, were selected to develop and demonstrate commercial orbital transportation services, according to NASA on Friday.—INTERNET

## Pakistan arrests suspects in US consulate attack

ISLAMABAD, 19 Aug— Pakistani authorities have arrested six militants behind a suicide car-bomb attack outside a US consulate that killed four people, including a US diplomat, officials said on Friday.

The March 2 blast near the gates of the US consulate in the city of Karachi killed US diplomat David Foy, the bomber and three other people on the eve of a visit to Pakistan by

US President George W Bush.

"The recent suicide attack on the US consulate in Karachi has been resolved and the culprits arrested," the Interior Ministry said in a statement,

quoting Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf as telling a security meeting.

Musharraf did not say how many suspects had been arrested or identify them.—MNA/Reuters



## India urged to offer more for FTA with ASEAN

**KUALA LUMPUR, 19 Aug** — The FTA talks between India and ASEAN could not move ahead as India was unwilling to include those sensitive products that ASEAN is interested in, a Malaysian official said here on Friday.

Malaysian International Trade and Industry Minister Rafidah Aziz made the remarks during her inspection over facilities at a hotel, the venue for the 38th ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) meeting.

India's offer of hundreds of sensitive products for tariff elimination or phased reduction was not enough, Rafidah said when she was asked to comment on the

so-called current standstill on FTA talks between India and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

India should minimize the sensitive list to move the talks ahead, she added.

India offered dramatic tariff concessions for ASEAN products earlier Friday in a bid to conclude a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) early with the regional grouping.

Senior officials from

India, who were attending a consultation meeting here with their ASEAN counterparts, tabled a list of over 4,000 tariff lines for tariff elimination, or 77 per cent of the total tariff lines.

They also presented a list of more than 600 tariff lines for phased tariff reduction, or 12 per cent of the total, but they only offered moderate tariff reductions on such commodities as palm oil, black tea and pepper.

MNA/Xinhua



Actors in theatrical costumes perform at Nangong Square in Taiyuan, capital of north China's Shanxi Province, on 18 Aug, 2006. The fifth National Beijing Opera Seminar for College Amateurs opened here on Friday to promote the quintessence of national culture.—INTERNET

## Emergency landing for Alaska Airlines in Seattle

**SAN FRANCISCO, 19 Aug** — An Alaska Airlines flight made an emergency landing at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport on Friday morning after losing pressure in flight, an airport spokeswoman said.

Alaska Airlines Flight 690, from Vancouver, British Columbia, to San Francisco, was diverted to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport after reporting a rapid decompression.

The plane landed at about 8:10 am, with 10 passengers and four crew members requesting medical assistance for ear and sinus pain, said Terri-Ann Betancourt, a spokeswoman for the airport. All 14 were treated and released, Betancourt said. Alaska Airlines, operated by Alaska Air Group Inc, was not immediately available for comment.

MNA/Reuters



Spanish bullfighter Juan Serrano "Finito de Cordoba" waits for the start of a bullfight in the southern Spanish town of Malaga on 18 August, 2006.—INTERNET

## Heavy rains kill five in central India

**NEW DELHI, 19 Aug** — Downpour lashed several parts of central India's Madhya Pradesh Friday claiming at least five people's lives, Indo-Asian News Service reported.

Three people, including a woman and a child, died when a multi-storey building collapsed in Ratlam District in the state early Friday in the downpour.

Two other children were killed when a wall collapse in Hoshangabad, the report said.

Death toll relevant to rains in the state has reached 80 since last

week. About 38,595 people have been homeless and taken shelter in relief camps, according to the report.

The water level of the Narmada River at Hoshangabad has risen with 400,000 cusecs of water being released from Tawa dam in the higher reach, the report said, adding that traffic movement at many

places including the state capital has come to a standstill.

Eighteen of the 48 districts have been hit by the rains. Hoshangabad recorded the maximum rainfall of 183 millimetres, said a flood control room official.

More rain will fall in the next 48 hours, the weather authority said.

MNA/Xinhua

## One - fifth of Vietnam War veterans suffer psychological disorder

**LOS ANGELES, 19 Aug** — Nearly one-fifth of Vietnam War veterans in the United States have a lifetime war-related psychological disorder, according to a study released recently.

The disorder, called post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), is an anxiety that can develop after exposure to a terrifying event or ordeal. It may also appear in the US soldiers that are taking part in the Iraq War, warned the researchers from the Columbia University.

The study was published in the August 17 issue of the journal Science.

In the late 1980s, two major US Government-funded studies reached very different conclusions about the rate of PTSD in Vietnam veterans. One study of 1,200 veterans estimated that 30.9 per cent had developed PTSD during their lifetime, and that 15.2 per cent were currently suffering from it.

This result, though widely quoted, was controversial. Another study conducted by US Centre for Disease Control reported rates of 14.7 per cent lifetime PTSD and 2.2 per cent current PTSD 11 to 12 years after the Vietnam War ended.

Their results revealed a lifetime PTSD rate of 18.7 per cent among veterans, and 9.1 per cent were currently suffering from PTSD 11 to 12 years after the war. Current PTSD was typically associated with moderate impairment, the researchers found. — MNA/Xinhua

## Cholera spreads to all Angolan provinces, killing over 2,000

**LUANDA, 20 Aug** — The World Health Organization (WHO) has announced that a six-month cholera epidemic in Angola has claimed 2,167 lives from the 52,700 cases registered and has now reached all of the country's 18 provinces.

In its latest update on the outbreak, the WHO said Friday three cholera deaths had occurred in the past 24 hours from 41 new cases recorded.

The highest death toll since cholera first erupted February in the Luanda slums has been in the coastal province of Benguela with 523 fatalities, followed by Luanda (305), Kwanza Sul (259), Lunda Norte (245) and Malange (235).

This year's outbreak of the water-borne disease in Angola has been acknowledged by international relief organizations to be the country's worst since independence over three decades ago. — MNA/Xinhua



Boys play by the sea on the coast at Vouliagmeni, southwest of Athens on 18 August, 2006. Temperatures in the region are expected to soar over the next three days. INTERNET

# Self-reliant libraries enhancing international outlook of people

Chin Gya (Maubin)

According to the linguists, Myanmar alphabets are derived from Bjahmi alphabets. Many stone inscriptions in Rakhine were stated in Gutta alphabets, and Pyu people in Hanlin city state also used Gutta alphabets in writing Sanskrit stone inscriptions. Pyu people in Srikestra used Bhadanba alphabets, and Mon people around Madama gulf used Palla alphabets in the 7th Century.

Myanmar has used Myanmar alphabets since 11th Century. Many Kadanba and Pallava alphabets are found in Myanmar language. Gavampati stone inscription of King Anawrahta was written in Sanskrit and Pali in 1058, Raja Kumara stone inscriptions in Pali, Pyu, Mon and Myanmar in 1113, and Queen Phwa Saw stone inscription in 1269 in Myanmar.

As Myanmar preferred to use Pali literature first, in olden days, library was called Pitakataik. Myanmar literature has thrived since 1057, and there brought about Manuha Pitakataik, Anawrahta Pitakataik, King Kyaswa Pitakataik, and King Thibaw Pitakataik in Konbaung Period.

According to the stone inscription of Queen Phwa Saw, Myanmar had not used paper to write in Bagan Period. At that time, those who did not have easy access to Pitakataiks approached large teak boxes of palm-leaf inscriptions in monasteries to widen their knowledge. So, in olden days, Buddhist monasteries served as rural libraries.

According to the stone inscriptions of Bagan Period, kings, mothers of kings, royal relatives, ministers and the rich donated Pitakataiks whenever they built pagodas, stupas, temples and monasteries. According to a stone inscription written in 1273, the cost of building a Pitakataik was more than that of a monastery in Bagan Period.

In the obelisk set up in Mya Taung monastery on a hillock by the Tet Nwe Creek (now Shwe Creek) near Wetkyi Inn Village between Bagan and NyaungU, it was said that in 1442, a court official and wife from Innwa royal city visited Bagan and donated nearly 300 different topics of treaties.

Monyway Zetawun stone inscription donated by minister Letwe Sundara said that the minister donated Pitaka, palm-leaf inscriptions of various subjects and Parabaik in addition to paddy fields and cash. So, in Myanmar, literary donation has come into existence since then.

After Myanmar fell under alien subjugation, there emerged Bernard Pitakataik whose palm-leaf inscriptions and parabaiks were taken from King Thibaw Pitakataik. Kinwun Mingyi Pitakataik was contemporaneous with Bernard Pitakataik and had 1,333 sets of palm-leaf inscriptions and parabaiks.

In 1952, Jubilee Hall was renamed Union of Myanmar Pitakataik which was shifted to Pansodan Street in 1962, and to City Hall in 1965 and renamed the National Library. According to the data collected in 1952, there were more than 3,000 self-reliant libraries. Under the Ministry of Information were 35 libraries in 74 in the states in 1972.

In adherence to the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Information has been opening rural self-reliant libraries since 2004-2005. Up to 7 June 2006, it had facilitated 54,707 villages with a library each against more than 60,000 villages in the nation. The remaining villages are sparsely populated ones.

Chairperson of Ayeyawady Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Than Than Nwe and party donated rice, publications and cash to monastic education schools in the division.

The division has got 11,838 self-reliant libraries and the number accounts for one-fifth of the libraries in the nation.

Ayeyawady Division celebrated its successful completion of establishment of a library each in its villages along with the second cash donations presentation at City Hall in Patheingyi on 1 August 2006. It was attended by Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Chairman South-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Division MCW Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Than Than Nwe and wellwishers.

On the occasion, the minister said that the donations of wellwishers worked effectively and Myanmar was proud to be the first-ever country where all the villages have a library each.

At the ceremony, 412 wellwishers presented donations including TV sets, radio cassette players and publications worth over K 69 million. Ayeyawady Library has been served with over 7,300 various kinds of periodicals, over 800 CD ROMs, 15 computer sets and the Internet access.

During the 19 ceremonies organized by the ministry, wellwishers donated publications, TV sets and radios worth over K 218.7 million, about 2.3 million publications, and over K 140 million. States and divisions are holding ceremonies to mark successful completion of establishment of self-reliant village libraries in respective regions.

At the 4th conference of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association held at Kyaikkasan Grounds in Yangon on 1 and 2 July this year, representatives of township WJAs donated cash and kind worth about K 4.747 million to the libraries through the Minister for Information.

The purpose of the establishment of rural self-reliant libraries is to enhance the horizons of the people to be able to be aware of instigation, deception, enticement and threats. Therefore, the people are exhorted to maintain the already-established libraries for their durability.

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## Zimbabwe to relaunch literary organization

HARARE, 20 Aug — The Zimbabwean chapter of the International PEN Association that died a few years ago will be reestablished before the end of the year, the official The Herald reported on Saturday.

The association, which brings together writers from across the globe with the aim of promoting literature, has

worked out a draft Constitution having been adopted by at least 25 writers. A board of trustees and an executive committee will be elected.

The executive committee will work with International PEN and represent the chapter when it is reintroduced at the International PEN Congress in Dakar, Senegal in July 2007. — MNA/Xinhua

*A streetlight illuminates an abandoned street in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans on 19 August, 2006. Katrina flooded New Orleans and sent a 28-foot (8.5 meter) storm surge into Mississippi and Alabama last year, forcing about 1 million people to evacuate to neighboring states.*

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**Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence offers alms to a Sayadaw at donation ceremony of rice and cash to six monasteries in Ahlon Township. — MNA**



**Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence accepts cash from a wellwisher at donation ceremony of rice and cash to eleven monasteries in Tamway Township and nine monasteries in Mingala Taungnyunt Township. — MNA**



**Yangon Command Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win donates provisions to a Sayadaw. — MNA**



**Yangon Command Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win accepts cash from a wellwisher. — MNA**

**Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends cash and kind donation...**

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Cmdr Myint Swe of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command supplicated on the purpose of the donations. The Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party shared merits gained.

Today's donations to monasteries in Ahlon Township totalled 223 bags of rice, 116 viss of edible oil, 1,524 viss of iodized salt, 7,357 bottles of traditional medicine, 152 viss of gram, 152 tubes of toothpaste and K 4,648,500.

At Maha Santi Sukha

Buddhist Missionary Monastery in Natchaung Ward of Tamway Township, a similar ceremony to donate provisions to 11 monasteries in Tamway Township and nine monasteries in Mingala Taungnyunt Township was held at 3 pm, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe presented robes and alms to members of the presiding patrons of Mingala Thukha Pali Tekkatho of Tamway Township Sayadaw Bhaddanta

Nandavamsa. The commander and senior military officers donated of-fertories to members of the Sangha.

On behalf of families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air), Lt-Col Myo Naing of Yangon Command Headquarters, Cmdr Nay Win of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command and Lt-Col Zaw Min of Mingaladon Air Base presented donations to the Sayadaw. Wellwishers also offered cash and kind to the Sayadaw.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and senior military officers accepted cash donations from wellwishers and gave certificates of hon-

our to them. Lt-Col Zaw Min of Mingaladon Air Base supplicated on the purpose of the donation.

Today's donations to

Tamway and Mingala Taungnyunt Townships totalled 416 bags of rice, 179 viss of edible oil, 359 viss of gram, 1,796 viss of

iodized salt, 1,989 bottles of traditional medicine, 360 tubes of toothpaste and K 29,463,550.

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**Lt-Col Myo Naing of Yangon Command, Cmdr Nay Win of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command and Lt-Col Swe Lin of Mingaladon Air Base donate provisions to a Sayadaw. — MNA**

**Hindu families offer Waso robes, 'soon' to members of the Sangha**

YANGON, 20 Aug — Thanantana Dhamma

Palaka (Hindu) Organization this morning held

a ceremony at Mogok refectory on Kaba Aye



**Hindu families offer Waso robes to a Sayadaw**  
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**Tailoring course concludes in Myeik**

YANGON, 20 Aug — The conclusion ceremony of advanced tailoring course No-13 and basic tailoring course No-42 were held at Vocational Training School of Education and Training Department of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in Myeik on 18 August with an address by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo.

The Patron of Taninthayi Division Women's Affairs Organization wife of commander presented awards to outstanding trainees of the two courses. The 43 trainees attended the two courses. Similarly, the two tailoring courses were held at Vocational Training Schools of Mudon in Mon State, Lashio and Muse in Shan State (North) and Kengtung, Monghsat and Tachilek in Shan State (East), Myawady in Kayin State and Maungtau in Rakhine State. — MNA

Hill to offer Waso robes to 15 Sayadaws of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and 69 Sayadaws of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) and 'soon' to 450 members of the Sangha.

At the ceremony, Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Ariya Bhivamsa invested the congregation with the Five Precepts. — MNA



## Stake driven to install lifts at Shwedagon Pagoda



**Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence and congregation accept Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at the ceremony to install lifts in Shwedagon Pagoda. — MNA**

YANGON, 20 Aug —A stake was driven to install lifts at the western stairway of the Shwedagon Pagoda this morning, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were members of the Sangha led by Ovadacariya of Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Aungmye Bonsan Kyaung Sayadaw of Bahan Township Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma-jotika Bhaddanta Paññindabhivamsa, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council

Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Chairman of Work Committee for All-round Renovation of the Shwedagon Pagoda Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun, departmental officials, members of religious associations and Wut associations and guests. The congregation received the Five Precepts from the Aungmye Bonsan Kyaung Sayadaw. And, members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe presented offertories to the Aungmye Bonsan Kyaung

Sayadaw.

After that, the commander, the minister and the deputy commander presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

Later, Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Aungmye Bonsan Kyaung Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññindabhivamsa delivered a sermon and merits gained were shared.

After that, the ceremony to drive the stake was held at the western archway. At the auspicious time, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party drove the stake and sprinkled it with scented water.

The ceremony

ended with the recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ciram Tithatu three times.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected the scale model of the

strutcher to be installed and attended to the requirements.

With the arrangement of the Leading Committee for All-round Renovation of

Shwedagon Pagoda, Fortune International Ltd will install the lifts. The installation of 143 feet facility will last six months.

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**Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence drives a stake to install lifts at western stairway of Shwedagon Pagoda. — MNA**

## Cash donated for building historic Vipassana Pagoda in Mumbai, India

YANGON, 20 Aug —The fourth ceremony to donate cash to historic Vipassana Pagoda being built in Mumbai, India was held at the Dhamma Hall of Dhammajoti Meditation Centre on Ngahtatgyi Pagoda Road in Bahan Township here this morning, attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung.

It was also attended by Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Dr Myo Myint, yogis of the Meditation Centre, members of the Meditation Centre, Board of Trustees and wellwishers.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung made a speech on the occasion.

This was followed by the cash donation ceremony which included K 30 million by Daw Win Kyi Myint and family of Tamway Township, K 12 million by U Than-Daw Saw Yin of Champion family, K 7 million and a bunch of gold worth K 400,000 by Thirithudamma Theingi Daw Nyo Nyo, K 2.5 million by U San Win-Daw Tin Tin Yi and family of Pyinmana, golden works worth over K 1.9 million by Daw Ahma and son U San Lin-Daw Khin Than Win and family of Lanmadaw Township, US\$ 1000 by Daw Tin Hla and family of New University Avunue, K 1.2 million by Daw Hla Than, U Aung Kyi, U Thaug Tun, Daw Tin Yon and family of Mayangon Township, K 1.13 million by U Myint Htay-Daw Thanda Kyaw and family, K 1.1 million by Thirithudamma Manijotadhara U Khin Hla-Daw Khin Mya Mya Aung and others. Director-

General Dr Myo Myint and officials accepted the donations and merits gained were shared.

Today's donation includes K 114,004,690, US\$ 3,330, FEC 850, £ 100 and items made of gold worth K 2,428,903.

The ceremony to close the religious reliquary of the pagoda will be held on 29 October 2006 with the presence of State Ovadacariya Sayadaws. Those wishing to attend the ceremony are to contact the Meditation Centre not later than 31 August. — MNA



**Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepts K 7 million from a wellwisher to historic Vipassana Pagoda in Mumbai, India. — MNA**

## CEC member attends ceremonies to present prizes to outstanding students

YANGON, 20 Aug — Member of Central Executive Committee of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung and wife attended the ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students of Pyinsi Village Basic Education High School and Kanna Village Affiliated BEHS at Pyinsi Village BEHS in Natogyi Township on 16 August morning.

The CEC member presented prizes to outstanding students for 2005-06 academic year and teachers.

At Natogyi BEHS, the deputy minister and wife also attended the prize distribution ceremony for outstanding students of Natogyi BEHS and Myoma BEHS (Branch). They awarded prizes to 32 outstanding students in the 2005-06 matriculation examination and outstanding teachers.

On behalf of the outstanding students, Ma Thawda Kyemon Win who had passed the exam with five distinctions expressed gratitude.

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**Donate blood**



## Ministry of Industry-1 honours outstanding children of its employees

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug — Ministry of Industry-1 held the ninth ceremony to present prizes to the children of service personnel of the ministry, who passed the matriculation examination in 2005-2006 academic year, at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the ceremony, after giving a speech, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang awarded three six-distinction

winner; Adviser U Kyaw Myint, 10 five-distinction winners; Adviser U Myint Oo, 12 four-distinction winners; Director-General U Thein Aung of Directorate of Industries, 10 three-distinction winners; and directors-general and managing directors, 40 one-distinction winners. Prizes were also awarded to outstanding participants in the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Arts Competitions. — MNA

## Communication stations inspected

YANGON, 20 Aug—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and officials inspected international express mail service this morning.

Officials concerned reported on the mailing service and fulfilled the requirements.

The minister and party went to Hanthawady auto exchange. The minister told service personnel to maintain equipment and enhance their work efficiency.

They proceeded to GSM and CDMA mobile communication station and gave instructions on completion of the mobile phone system project.

The minister also inspected overseas communication station in Mayangon.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw visits GSM and CDMA communication station. — COMMUNICATIONS

## Several dead as immigrant boat sinks near Sicily

ROME, 20 Aug — At least seven people were killed and others feared dead when a boat believed to have been carrying some 100 illegal immigrants sank off the coast of Sicily early on Saturday morning, the Coast Guard said.

A Coast Guard official at the rescue coordination centre in

Rome told Reuters that as of about four hours after the accident, 79 immigrants had been rescued alive and that the bodies of seven victims had been plucked from the sea.

The official said survivors recounted that there were between 100 and 120 immigrants on board. But he cautioned that such counts were

often inexact, so it was difficult to say how many were still missing and feared dead.

The boat, about 10 metres long, sank some 10 miles off the island of Lampedusa. One Navy ship was already following the immigrant boat and was able to start the rescue quickly.

MNA/Reuters

## Development tasks of Htigyaying, Katha under supervision



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye unveils signboard of a new building of District Information and Public Relations Department in Katha. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye viewed participation of social organization members in cultivation of physic nut plants near Mottahtaung Pagoda in Tidaw Village-tract, Htigyaying Township, on 12 August.

The commander attended the ceremony to commission Inywa Model Village. After the opening ceremony, he inspected Inywa Station Hospital and Inywa Market. While in Inywa, the commander inspected development of the village.

Officials accepted cash, sports gear, school uniforms and stationery from wellwishers at the

opening ceremony of Inywa Model Village.

In the afternoon, the commander attended the opening ceremony of Katha District Information and Public Relations Department Office in Katha. Chairman of Katha District PDC Lt-Col Aung Aung and Staff Officer of IPRD U Nyunt Shwe formally opened the new building.

At the hall, the commander heard reports on tasks of the department by Staff Officer U Nyunt Shwe. While in Katha, the commander inspected physic nut plantations. He viewed thriving physic nut plants along Indaw-Katha Road. At Katha District PDC Office, the commander instructed officials to make efforts for meeting the production target of agricultural products. — MNA

## Under-3 cm eels released into water

YANGON, 20 Aug — As part of environmental conservation, the ceremony to release eels under three centimetres, jointly organized by Fisheries Department and Myanmar Eel Entrepreneurs Association, was held at the wetland of Nyaungdon on 18 August, attended by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung

Maung Thein.

Directors U Win Myint Maung and U Khin Maung Win explained conservation of natural resources to those present. Secretary of Myanmar Eel Entrepreneurs Association U Aung Kyaw Htoo explained prevention against depletion of eel species.

Chairman of Maubin District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Sein Maung instructed fishery workers to abide by rules and regulations adopted by the departments concerned.

Next, Myanmar Eel Entrepreneurs Association donated cash to the funds of Mezali BEMS and social organizations. Later, they released 75,000 eels into the water. — MNA

## Man Utd trounce Fulham 5-1

LONDON, 20 Aug—Louis Saha headed United in front on seven minutes before his cross forced Ian Pearce to divert into his own net.

Rooney tapped in before crossing for Ronaldo to make it four in 19 minutes.

United went ahead when a superb cross from Ryan Giggs fell between Pearce and Liam Rosenior, allowing Saha to head home his third goal against his former club.

Pearce then got in front of Rooney to try to cut out Saha's low cross from the left but could only steer the ball into his own net on 14 minutes.

With Fulham in complete disarray, Rooney sidefooted a third after Antti Niemi had parried Saha's volley before turning provider for Ronaldo to half-volley home a fourth with just 19 minutes gone.

Fulham's first-half display did not merit a goal, but they found the net when Helguson's shot hit Ferdinand and looped over the stranded Edwin van der Sar six minutes before the break. Michael Brown was fortunate to escape with only a yellow card for a horrible two-footed lunge on Giggs after the interval.

United extended their lead again with a devastating attack on 63 minutes. Ronaldo picked up the ball from Scholes and fed the overlapping Wes Brown, who pulled it back for Rooney to shoot low into the corner.

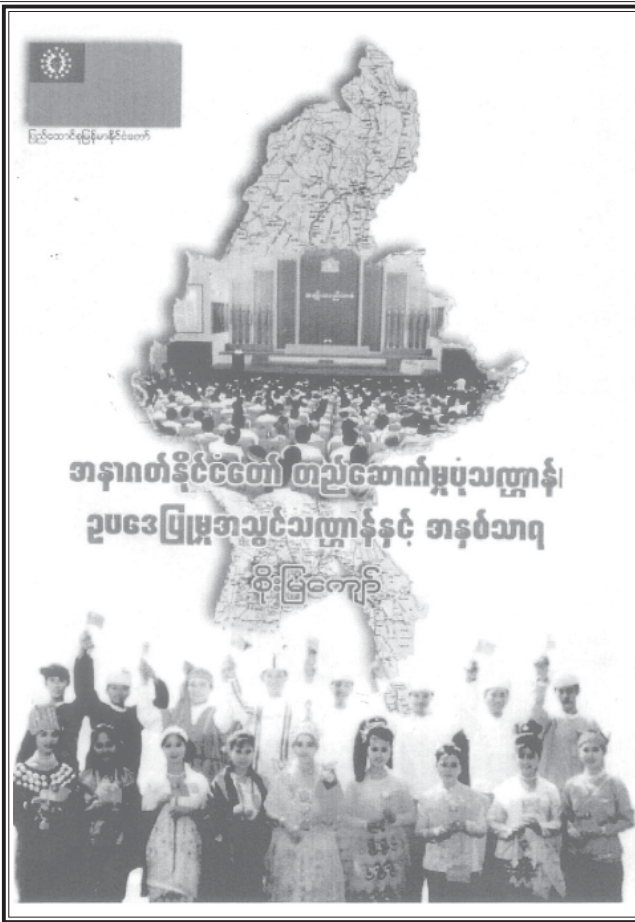
United took their foot off the pedal as the clock ran down, but Fulham were too shell-shocked to take advantage. — Internet



Man Utd 5-1 Fulham: Former Fulham man Louis Saha heads in the opening goal after only seven minutes at Old Trafford Sunday.

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## ADB to give \$1b for Pakistan's trade corridor

ISLAMABAD, 20 Aug — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has agreed to provide one billion US dollars for Pakistan's National Trade Corridor (NTC) project that would link Karachi to Gwadar and Khunjab in Northern Areas, local newspaper Dawn reported on Saturday.

The World Bank and other lenders have already agreed to provide 1.8 bil-

lion dollars for the Karachi-Gwadar-Khunjab section, which is estimated to cost 2.8 billion dollars.

The overall cost of the NTC programme is estimated at six billion dollars. The programme envisages improving all sectors of communications, including ports, shipping, aviation, etc.

ADB's team leader for NTC investment pro-

gramme Sean O'Sullivan discussed the project with adviser to Prime Minister on finance Salman Shah and authorities of the National Highway Authority.

Shah said the highway would be made commercially viable by encouraging commercial and industrial activities and the revenue generated by these activities would contribute to the cost of the NTC project.

MNA/Xinhua

## Zambian talent girl records first album in US

LUSAKA, 20 Aug — A 15-year-old Zambian girl recorded her first album recently in Atlanta, in the United States, Times of Zambia reported Saturday.

Unlike most upcoming young artistes who do covers by miming and lip-synching to existing songs, Mwice Kavindele has the rare gift of writing, singing and producing her own music, according to the

newspaper.

Her musical talent encompasses different music genres ranging from jazz, Hip-Hop, Rap, R&B, Neo Seoul to Acoustic and classical music.

She also plays a combination of musical instruments including the violin, piano, clarinet and the guitar. The multi-talented Mwice, who has spent part of her summer holiday in

Atlanta, has trained in ballet, tap, jazz and modern dance, and choreographs her own dance moves and that of her crew, the Laydee Mafia.

Although Mwice was born in England and has always lived there, she is very proud of her Zambian background and she lets the world know this fact in her Rap Intro, said the newspaper.

MNA/Xinhua

## Landslide kills 8 in northern Vietnam

HANOI, 20 Aug — A landslide on Friday morning killed at least eight local people and injured seven others in Vietnam's northern Cao Bang Province, Vietnam News Agency reported.

As of Friday afternoon, local rescuers found eight bodies, including three men. Most of the victims were freelancers and migrant workers.

Rescue work by relevant agencies are still actively on. The provincial People's Committee has decided to offer 1.5 million Vietnamese dong (94.3 US dollars) to the family of each victim.

MNA/Xinhua

## Scientist decodes air pollution in mountain glaciers

GUYANG, 20 Aug — Air pollution caused by human activities has left its mark in the glaciers of the Tianshan Mountains in Xinjiang, at least 105 kilometres away from the hustle and bustle of Xinjiang's regional capital, Urumqi.

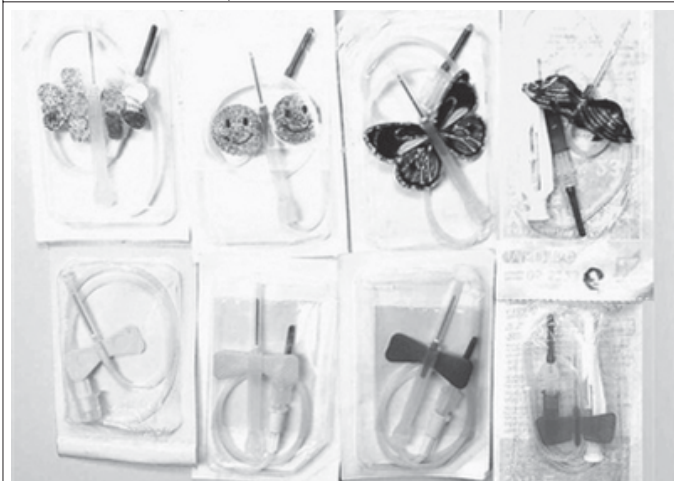
Chinese scientists say they have found evidence of air pollution in the Tianshan Mountains in a 14-metre-long ice core formed between 1955 and 1998.

The peak of the Tianshan Mountains is 5,445 metres above sea level and a geological label of the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which covers one sixth of Chinese territories. The Tianshan Mountains are also famous among tourists and climbers.

The ice core is located on the Heyuan-1 Glacier east of Urumqi in an area surrounded by deserts and previously believed to be free from human influence.

"We have analyzed its organic acid content, which we think is a result of air pollution and acid rain," said Li Xinqing, a geochemist based in Guiyang, southwest China's Guizhou Province.

The analysis of the acid content suggests that the air over Tianshan Mountain has been contaminated by pollutants from forest fires, vehicle emissions and industrial waste in Urumqi and its surrounding regions. — MNA/Xinhua



In this undated photo released on 18 Aug, 2006 by the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, in Albuquerque, NM, a decorated needles are seen. Researchers at the University of New Mexico's Health Sciences Center believe they have found a way to make patients less fearful of needles, decorate them with butterflies, flowers and smiley faces. — INTERNET

## Chocolate bars with hallucinogenic effects found at Dutch airport

BRUSSELS, 19 Aug— Customs officers at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport have warned the public about bars of chocolate with hallucinogenic effects that are regularly found at the international airport, Dutch news agency ANP reported Thursday.

The police came across the chocolate on Thursday when a homeless person reported finding and eating a bar of it before becoming ill and suffering anxiety and hallucinations.

The Dutch Forensics Institute tested a similar bar to the one eaten and found it contained the hallucinogen psilocine, an active ingredient in "magic mushrooms". Customs officials warned that the bars are found

regularly at the airport.

"We suspect that travellers have bought the bars elsewhere and then been too afraid to take them onboard their flight because there are drugs in them," a Customs spokesman was quoted as saying.

The chocolate bars are about 10 centimetres long with a black/brown/gold wrapper with the words "NOIR de NOIR" and "72 per cent cacao" written in gold letters.

MNA/Xinhua

## Estonia approves anti-terrorist programme

RIGA, 19 Aug— The Estonian Government approved on Thursday an anti-terrorist programme in a bid to tighten national security and protect its people, news reaching here from the Estonian capital of Tallinn reported.

Estonian Interior Minister Kalle Laanet told reporters after the approval of the programme that anti-terrorism is not only a focal issue in the Estonian society, but also an important topic being discussed in international and domestic political

relations.

He said the main goal of the programme was to effectively prevent possible terrorist attacks in the future. So far, the Estonian Government has not found any signs of terrorist activities in the country, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

## Libya deports over 2,200 illegal immigrants

TUNIS, 19 Aug— The Libyan security authorities announced on Thursday that they had captured and deported 2,258 illegal immigrants attempting to enter Europe through the North African country in the past 12 days, said reports reaching here from Tripoli.

Among the illegal immigrants, 1,101 were captured between August 1 and 11 August, and the other 1,157 were detained earlier. Libya has recently announced the establishment of a new

border security service to stem the flow of illegal immigrants to Europe.

On 25 April, the International Organization for Migration set up a liaison office in Libya. — MNA/Xinhua



Armed policemen spray water to extinguish invisible fire in a virgin forest near the county seat of Bomi in Nyingchi Prefecture, southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 19 August, 2006.—INTERNET

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## "NYT" reports probe suggests US Marines hid Haditha evidence

WASHINGTON, 19 Aug— A Pentagon investigation into the deaths of two dozen Iraqi civilians in Haditha has found possible concealment or destruction of evidence by US Marines involved in the case, *The New York Times* reported on Friday.

Two Defence Department officials briefed on the investigation said the unit's logbook had been tampered with and an incriminating video taken by an aerial drone was not given to investigators until a top-ranking commander in Iraq intervened, the newspaper reported.

The findings, based on an investigation by Army Major-General Eldon Bargewell, draws no conclusions about who

may have tampered with the log and does not directly accuse Marines of attempting a cover-up, *The New York Times* said.

It said the report, concluded last month but not made public, is the first time details about possible concealment or destruction of evidence have been disclosed.

The Pentagon had no

immediate comment.

US Marines have been accused of killing 24 unarmed Iraqis in Haditha in November 2005, one of a series of incidents in which US troops are suspected of killing Iraqi civilians.

Two investigations were initiated into the Haditha case — a murder inquiry and a probe into

the Marines' procedures following the killings.

The Bargewell report was sent to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the *Times* report said. According to the newspaper, the report faults officers in the Second Marine Division for not aggressively investigating the Haditha killings.— MNA/Reuters



Lava cascades down the slope of Mount Mayon Volcano near Legazpi City, south of Manila, on 19 August, 2006.—INTERNET

## German police detain suspect in July bomb plot

BERLIN, 20 Aug— German police have taken into custody a suspect linked to last month's failed plot to explode bombs on German trains, the federal prosecutor's office said on Saturday.

"The person appears to be one of the two suspects that have been sought since yesterday with the help of video footage that was made public," the office said in a statement.

Police seized the suspect at the main train station in the northern city of Kiel.

Earlier, police had shut the station for five hours. They said the move was linked to the investigation into two bombs that were discovered in abandoned suitcases on trains in Dortmund and Koblenz last month.

Police said on Friday they were looking for two male suspects who were caught on video boarding the trains with the suitcases in Cologne. The footage of the two men was put on the Internet to help the manhunt.

Police have said the bombs may have been part of a plot designed to show anger over the Middle East crisis. The bombs were fitted with timers set to go off 10 minutes before the trains arrived in the two cities. The explosives had been ignited but failed to detonate.—MNA/Reuters



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### China to allow foreign investment in vocational training

**BEIJING, 19 Aug** — China's employment authorities have opened up the country's vocational training to foreign investment so as to meet a growing demand for skilled workers.

A regulation, issued by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, effective from 1 October, allows foreign education institutions to cooperate with Chinese counterparts.

"The Chinese institutions and programmes must not profit from the training activities," said Wang Yadong, deputy director of the ministry's Employment Training Department.

There are 330,000 job vacancies for skilled workers, such as millers and welders, each year in Beijing, but there was a dearth of qualified people, and the situation is the same all over the country, Wang said.

Chinese institutions with foreign cooperation must be able to train at least 200 people at one time, and the fixed assets and registered capital of the institutions must exceed 500,000 yuan

(62,500 US dollars), according to the regulation.

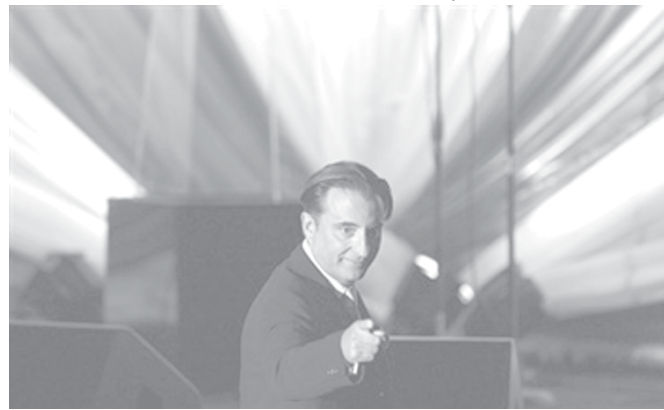
While university graduates have been scrambling for jobs in recent years, the employment rate of secondary vocational school graduates remains high, statistics from the Ministry of Education

show. From 2001 to 2005, the employment rate was 95 per cent on average, and the average salary of graduates of secondary vocational schools was higher than college graduates this year in the cities of Harbin, Hangzhou and Chengdu.

MNA/Xinhua



Tourists run strenuously in a race on the beach of a bathing resort of Lianyungang, a port city of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 18 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET



Actor and director Andy Garcia gestures as the movie 'The Lost City' is announced winner of the award for best picture at the 21st Annual Imagen Awards in Beverly Hills on 18 August, 2006. The Imagen Awards were established in 1985 to encourage and recognize the positive portrayal of Latinos in the entertainment industry.—INTERNET

### Holiday web scam snares thousands with fake sites

**LONDON, 19 Aug** — British travel agents warned holidaymakers on Friday to be careful about booking trips online after an Internet scam was uncovered that has left nearly 3,000 people out of pocket.

A number of fake holiday websites, thought to be operated by the same individuals, have been set up and then quickly closed once people have been conned into paying for non-existent holidays, the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) said.

"We understand there are six or seven website names that have been defrauding people," said ABTA's Dee Byrne. She said about 3,000 people have been hit by the con used by the websites which include —holiday-sforunder200pounds.com, sunmedresorts.com and holidayezs.com

"Unfortunately many will have lost their money unless they paid by credit card, in which case they

should be able to recoup their losses," she added.

The Metropolitan Police, the Fraud Squad and the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) are all investigating the scam which is thought to have netted hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Byrne said ABTA's advice is to check its own website or that of other affiliated organizations like ATOL — (Air Travel Organizers' Licensing) to make sure their holiday firm is bona fide.

"We are saying 'just be careful about booking holidays over the Internet'. Obviously there are a lot of good companies that are perfectly OK, but people need to check," she said.

MNA/Reuters

### Singer Pete Doherty pleads guilty to drug charges

**LONDON, 19 Aug**— British rock singer Pete Doherty pleaded guilty on Friday to possessing illegal drugs, including heroin and cocaine, and is due for sentencing on September 4, a court official said.

The troubled singer, a self-confessed drug addict and on-again off-again boyfriend of supermodel Kate Moss, appeared at Thames Magistrates' Court in London wearing a white polo shirt and blue jeans after spending the night in custody.

On Thursday, the 27-year-old frontman of rock band Babyshambles, was charged with seven counts of possessing drugs between April and early August.

MNA/Xinhua

### S Korean man who jumps off N China hotel out of danger

**HOHHOT, 19 Aug** — A South Korea citizen who threw himself out of a hotel building in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region Tuesday has been lifted out of danger, Chinese doctors who treated him confirmed on Thursday.

Kim Sun Kwon, 38, was in a coma when he was rushed to the Horqin People's Hospital in the city of Tongliao at 11:00 am Tuesday, said Dr. Jiang Haishen in a

telephone interview with Xinhua.

"The man suffered fractures in the skull and ribs, as well as bleeding in the thorax," Jiang said. "We operated on him immediately."

But when Kim came to himself, he was so restless and fretful that one of his wounds cracked open and he received another operation, the doctor said.

By midday Thursday, Kim has calmed down with the help of doctors, nurses and a Chinese friend.

Kim jumped off the fourth storey of the Holiday Inn in Horqin at around 10:00 am on Tuesday. He had earlier checked in at the hotel as a tourist.—MNA/Xinhua

### China to cut tariffs on imports from five Asian countries

**BEIJING, 19 Aug** — China will cut tariffs on more than 1,700 kinds of imported products from India and four other Asian nations beginning from 1 September as part of the tariff concession arrangement reached under the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement, the Chinese Ministry of Finance said on Thursday.

Chinese exports to the five nations, namely, India, South Korea, Laos, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, will also enjoy tariff concessions, the ministry said.

Products affected by the new arrangement include agricultural products, medicines, chemicals, textiles, metal products, mechanical and

electrical products, motor vehicles and spare parts.

The new arrangement, reached during the third round of tariff concession negotiations among the six members of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement, will help boost trade ties and regional cooperation, the ministry said.

MNA/Xinhua



A visitor takes photo of a Ferrari during the second Shanghai International Auto Exhibition in Shanghai, east China, on 18 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET



# SPORTS

## Sheffield Utd hold Liverpool to 1-1 draw

LONDON, 20 Aug—Sheffield United marked their first top-flight appearance for 12 years by holding Liverpool to a 1-1 draw at Bramall Lane in the first match of the Premier League season on Saturday.

United stunned the 2005 European champions a minute into the second half with a Rob Hulse header and though Liverpool levelled with a controversial 70th minute Robbie Fowler penalty, the favourites failed to dominate.

United's outspoken manager Neil Warnock wasted little time in unloading his first salvo of the season at referee Rob Styles.

The season's first match was delayed as United's biggest crowd for 15 years — 31,700 — squeezed in for the big day.

Liverpool last tasted victory at Bramall Lane in August 1990 when they arrived as champions, never imagining that 16 years on they would still be waiting to add to that record 18th title.

They looked a long way from championship contenders in the first half as United started with all the predictable keenness of Premier League new boys.

Liverpool, who face Maccabi Haifa in the second leg of their Champions League qualifier in Kiev on Tuesday, lost John Arne Riise to a serious-looking ankle injury after 22 minutes and Jamie Carragher 12 minutes later.

MNA/Reuters

## Reading kick off with 3-2 comeback win

LONDON, 20 Aug—Reading enjoyed a memorable first taste of the top flight on Saturday as they came from 2-0 down at home to beat Middlesbrough 3-2 on the first day of the Premier League season.

That match was one of seven that produced 22 goals and three red cards, with champions Chelsea and Manchester United both still to play on Sunday.

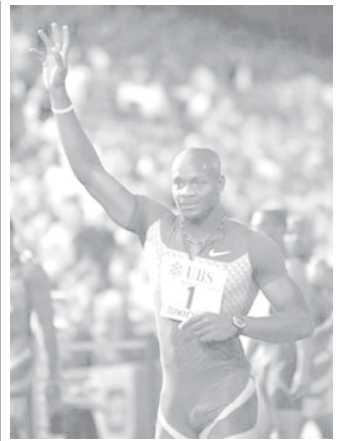
Arsenal's new era at the Emirates Stadium started with a 1-1 draw against Aston Villa, where 17-year-old England international Theo Walcott finally made his debut and created the Londoners' late equalizer.

Portsmouth thrashed Blackburn Rovers 3-0 with the visitors ending with nine men while Newcastle United beat Wigan Athletic 2-1

and West Ham United beat Charlton Athletic by the same score.

Reading fans had spent the summer itching to see their club, formed in 1871, playing at the top level for the first time but it appeared to be all going wrong after Stewart Downing and Aiyegbeni Yakubu had Middlesbrough 2-0 up after 21 minutes.

However, two goals in two minutes by Dave Kitson and Steve Sidwell made it 2-2 at halftime and Leroy Lita, a halftime replacement for Kitson, won it for the new boys in the 55th minute.—MNA/Reuters



Asafa Powell of Jamaica celebrates winning the men's 100m race at the Zurich Golden League meeting in Switzerland on 18 August, 2006.—INTERNET



China's Liu Hong survived a yellow-card warning to claim the women's 10,000m race walk title at the IAAF World Junior Championships on 19 August, 2006. INTERNET

## Juventus start season with Italian Cup win

ROME, 20 Aug—Underfire Juventus began the season with a 3-0 win over Third Division Martina Franca in the first round of the Italian Cup on Saturday.

Goals by Pavel Nedved and new signings Marco Marchionni and Valeri Bojinov gave the Turin giants a victory in their first competitive outing since they were relegated to the Second Division following a match-fixing trial.

In a twist of fate, the scene of their latest triumph was Bari's San Nicola Stadium, the ground where they beat Reggina 2-0 in the final match of last season to win their 29th Serie A title, a trophy they had to concede to Inter Milan after the trial. Still smarting from their failure earlier this week to persuade Italy's football federation to repeal their relegation to Serie B, Juventus made short work of Martina.—MNA/Reuters

## Diego inspires second win for Werder Bremen

BERLIN, 20 Aug—Brazilian midfielder Diego supplied the inspiration as Werder Bremen won 2-1 at home to Bayer Leverkusen in an enthralling Bundesliga clash on Saturday.

Leverkusen went ahead with a Paul Freier penalty before Diego took over, setting up Miroslav Klose for the equalizer in the 26th minute and then outpacing the defence and crossing to hand Hugo Almeida a simple winner 13 minutes from time. It was a second victory from two games for Werder, after Diego had struck one goal and set up another two in their 4-2 victory over Hanover 96 on the opening weekend.

Bayern, double winners for the past two seasons, will seek to join them on maximum points from two matches when they play away at Bochum on Sunday.

Nuremberg, who won 1-0 at home to Borussia Moenchengladbach on Friday, are the only other team currently with two wins out of two. They lead the table on goal difference.

Werder and Leverkusen were two of the Bundesliga's best sides over the second half of last season and they had both enjoyed excellent wins on the opening weekend of this campaign. Werder in particular have been tipped to push Bayern hard but it was the visitors who looked the more dangerous side for much of this game.

Their goal came after Werder's Finnish defender Petri Pasanen had hopelessly mistimed a tackle on Stefan Kiessling on a run into the area.

Kiessling was a handful for the Werder defence throughout the game but he was guilty of several bad misses after bursting through into space.

The equalizer came from what seems set to be a regular source this season, as Diego set up Klose.

The Brazilian, signed from Porto for just six million euros (7.70 million US dollars) in the close season, swung over a free kick to the far post and Klose timed his jump to beat the defence and send a header past Joerg Butt.—MNA/Reuters

## Chinese finish one-two in World Junior race walk

BEIJING, 20 Aug—Hosts China's Bo Xiangdong and Huang Zhengyu accomplished a one-two finish at the men's 10,000-metre race walk of the IAAF World Junior Championships here on Saturday.

The Chinese duo, both making their debuts on the high level international competitions, clocked 42 minutes and 50.26 seconds, a disappointing result of distant 4:03.86 outside the world junior mark, and 43:13.29 to clinch the gold and silver medals respectively.

Suzuki Yusuke of Japan was beaten to the bronze medal finish with 43:45.62.—MNA/Xinhua

## Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain celebrates his victory over compatriot Rafael Nadal during the Cincinnati Masters tennis tournament in Mason, Ohio on 18 August, 2006. INTERNET



## Holyfield makes winning comeback

WASHINGTON, 20 Aug—Former heavyweight world champion Evander Holyfield made a successful comeback with a second-round technical knockout of Jeremy Bates in Dallas on Friday.

Holyfield, 43, had been absent from the ring since a loss to Larry Donald in November 2004 that led to his licence being revoked by the State of New York on medical grounds.

Late in the second round, an overhand right hurt Bates and a flurry by Holyfield pinned his opponent against the ropes. The fight was stopped at 2:56 of the round with Bates unable to withstand the barrage.

MNA/Xinhua



Saif Saeed Shaheen of Qatar clears a water obstacle during the men's 3000m steeplechase at the Zurich Golden League meeting in Switzerland on 18 August, 2006.—INTERNET



# Bluetongue disease found in Belgian farms

**BRUSSELS, 20 Aug** — The first cases of bluetongue disease have been discovered in Belgian farms bordering the Netherlands, VRT news reported Saturday.

Several cases of the disease have been found in sheep and cattle in Limburg and Liege provinces, both bordering the Netherlands, where the disease has already been found.

A transport ban is now in force for all sheep and cattle within a 20-kilometre radius around the

affected farms, said VRT news.

All farms within 150-kilometres of the affected farms are under heightened supervision, meaning that their animals are only allowed to be transported within this 150-kilometre radius.

Bluetongue is an insect-borne viral disease

to which all species of ruminants are susceptible, although sheep are most severely affected.

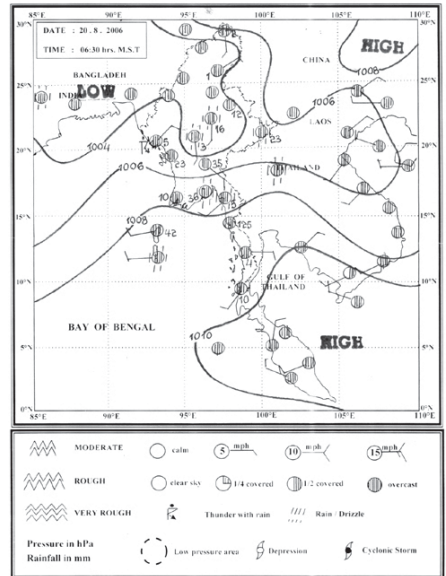
However, cattle are the main mammalian reservoir of the virus and are very important in the epidemiology of the disease. It is characterized by changes to the mucous linings of

the mouth and nose and the coronary band of the foot.

Humans cannot become infected by the bluetongue virus even if they eat meat from an infected animal.

The disease is mainly found in southern Europe. *MNA/Xinhua*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Sunday, 20 August, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Magway Division, scattered in Kayah State, upper Sagaing Division and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (4.92) inches, Bago (3.67) inches, Sittway (3.23) inches, Ye (2.99) inches, Hmawbi (2.40) inches, Thaton (2.36) inches, Monywa (1.30) inches, and Mandalay (1.03) inches.

Maximum temperature on 19-8-2006 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 20-8-2006 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 20-8-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 19-8-2006 was nil.

Rainfalls on 20-8-2006 were (1.73) inches at Mingaladon, (1.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.90) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (72.40) inches at Mingaladon, (83.03) inches at Kaba-Aye and (90.35) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from West at (16:50) hours MST on 19-8-2006.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is moderate in Andaman Sea and South Bay and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 21-8-2006:** Rain will be scattered in Kayah State and Magway Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Occasional squalls with rough seas are likely Deltaic off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 21-8-2006:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 21-8-2006:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 21-8-2006:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

### "Flood Warning"

(Issued at 12:00 hrs MST on 20-8-2006)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is (576) cm. It may reach its danger level (600) cm during the next (24) hours commencing noon today.

# Moderate earthquake jolts Mexico coast, felt in city

**MEXICO CITY, 20 Aug** — A moderate earthquake rocked Mexico's Pacific coast early on Saturday close to the popular beach resort of Huatulco and was felt as far away as Mexico City, but no damage was reported.

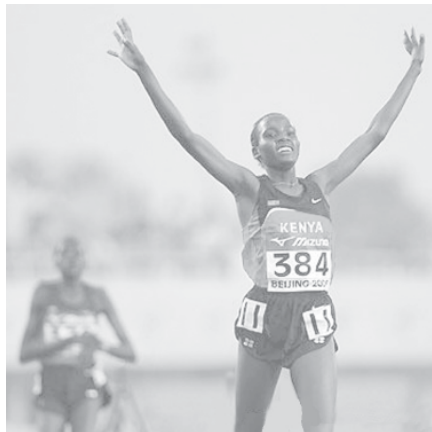
The epicentre of the 5.5 magnitude quake was close to the surfing hotspot Puerto Escondido, but also shook the capital 240 miles (385 kilometres) to the northwest, Mexico's national seismological service said.

"People have called to say they felt it but we haven't received any reports of damage," said Yanet Antayhua at the monitoring centre.

A strong tremor rattled Mexico City last week without causing major damage, but brought back

memories of a devastating 1985 quake that killed thousands.

Huatulco and Puerto Escondido are both in the state of Oaxaca. *MNA/Reuters*



Veronica Nyaruai Wanjiru of Kenya celebrates after winning the women's 3,000 meters final at the 11th IAAF World Junior Championships in Beijing, on 19 August, 2006. Veronica Nyaruai Wanjiru won the gold medal by a score of 9 minutes and 02.90 seconds.

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- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

<p>Monday, 21 August View on today</p>	<p>8:30 am 8. International news</p> <p>8:45 am 9. Grammer made easy</p> <p>4:00 pm 1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm 3. အမှတ် (၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ စတုတ္ထအကြိမ်မြောက် မွေးကြာဝတ်ရက်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ဒုတိယဆု) (အထက-၄၊ တာရှေ့) (အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်ရက်အဖွဲ့)</p> <p>4:45 pm 4. အဆောင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာအလှူပြု) (သင်္ချာ)</p> <p>5:00 pm 5. Dance variety</p> <p>5:15 pm 6. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား</p> <p>5:30 pm 7. Song and dance of national races</p> <p>5:35 pm 8. "အန္တရာယ်ဆိုတာ လက်တစ်ကမ်းမှာ" (နိုးသူ၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)</p>	<p>5:45 pm 9. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Tro- upe)</p> <p>6:00 pm 10. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm 11. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm 12. နိုင်ငံခြား ကာတွန်းစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ဇာတ်ကောင်သားဝယ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၁)</p> <p>6:55 pm 13. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်မောင်းတေးနှင့် ကာလပေါ်တေး) (ဝါသနာရှင်အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)</p> <p>7:30 pm 14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "စုလှိုင်နန်းစင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)</p> <p>8:00 pm 15. News</p> <p>16. International news</p> <p>17. Weather report</p> <p>18. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူအိပ်မက်လှလှ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)</p> <p>19. The next day's programme</p>
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# Progress of Yeywa Hydrel Power Project inspected



No 1 Electric Power Minister Col Zaw Min visits Yeywa Hydrel Power Project in Mandalay Division. ELECTRIC POWER No 1

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No (1) Col Zaw Min, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, inspected progress of Yeywa Hydrel Power Project being implemented by No 2 Construction Group of Hydrel Power Implementation Department near Yeyaman Village, 31 miles south-east of Mandalay, yesterday.

The minister inspected land preparations for

construction of the power plant. The deputy minister gave a supplementary report.

Officials reported on supervisory tasks for laying of concrete with the use of nuclear densiometer to meet the set standards. At night, the minister inspected concrete works at Stage 3A2 of RCC embankment.

Yeywa RCC embankment is 433 feet high.

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

- To vitalize patriotism and nationalism
- To preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage
- To perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts
- To preserve Myanmar national character
- To nurture spiritual development of the youths
- To prevent influence of alien culture, and
- To strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.

Workers in three shifts are carrying out construction tasks.

The minister instructed officials to control quality of the works and strive for completion of the tasks earlier than schedule.

On completion, Yeywa Hydrel Power Plant will generate 790 megawatts.

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Yeywa Hydrel Power Project. —ELECTRIC POWER No 1

## 28 members of Labutta Township NLD quit as they lost interest and faith in the party

YANGON, 20 Aug — Twenty-eight members of Labutta Township National League for Democracy of Ayeyawady Division including U Khin Lin, Daw Hla Kyi, Daw Myint Sein, U Tun Lwin, U Tin Hlaing, U Ye Naung, Daw Khin Ohn Htay, U Myo Htoo, U Nyunt Wai, U Than Win and U Myat Thu resigned from the NLD of their own volition on 26 July, sending their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and authorities concerned.

In the letters sent to Labutta Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said they quit the NLD of their own accord as they lost interest and faith in the party and its leaders.

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### The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded ( 20-8-2006 )

Dawei	(4.92) inches
Bago	(3.67) inches
Sittway	(3.23) inches
Ye	(2.99) inches
Hmawby	(2.40) inches
Thaton	(2.36) inches
Monywa	(1.30) inches,
Mandalay	(1.03) inches.