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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

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Secretary-1 addresses meeting of leading committee for development of Myanmar gem industry



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein speaks at meeting of the leading committee for development of Myanmar gem industry. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — A meeting of the leading committee for development of Myanmar gem industry took place at the Ministry of Mines here this evening with an address by Chairman of the leading committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council

Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

The meeting was also attended by leading committee member ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general and officials of the SPDC office.

In his speech, the Secretary-1 said today's meeting was the third in 2006. For systematic exploration

of jade, gems and pearl, the State has issued laws and bylaws. The leading committee is responsible for supervising the trading of jade, gems and jewellery and pearl in accord with the prescribed laws.

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As a result, the State as well as private gem entrepreneurs have benefited a lot from it. The exploration of jade and gems requires not only a great deal of investment but also hard work. So, the leading committee, taking into account this factor, is granting permission to explore gem blocks, he said. At the same time, in accord with the guidance of Head of State, the Ministry of Mines and local authorities are to take measures

to protect and conserve natural environment when exploring jade and gems. Those gems entrepreneurs are also urged to display and sell their gems and jewellery at the emporiums based on their production capacity so that they can make profits and cover investments. The Secretary-1 added as precious stones are the State's resources, the entrepreneurs are to do their

gems business not in view of their own interest but in view of their posterity's interest. Later, he urged those present to take systematic measures for development of gem industry.

Afterwards, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint reported on incomes generated from the gems industry in State and private sectors, annual sales of gems and

jade at the emporiums, growing market of Myanmar jade and gems, joint venture tasks and exploration of jade and gem blocks.

Next, those present discussed the development of Myanmar gem industry.

Later, the Secretary-1 gave a concluding remark and gave necessary instructions.

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Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint reports on Myanmar gem industry. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Work in concert for peace and stability

Peace and stability are the sine qua non for carrying out the national development endeavours. Therefore, the government of the Union of Myanmar has worked for national reconsolidation since its assumption of the State responsibilities. The more peaceful and stable the regions, the more developed they will become. And peace and stability will prevail for ever so long as the national brethren live in unity and amity.

As the government has been working for parallel development of all the regions across the Union, the social and economic status of the national people has become higher. For example, in Kayin State, more and more transport infrastructures are being constructed. As a result, people in this region can now easily travel to other regions such as Shan, Kayah and Mon States and Taninthayi and Bago Divisions.

For education development of the region, Hpa-an University, Government Technological College, Government Computer College and Education College have been opened and, at the same time, new basic education schools are being built. Thus, the youths in the region are now able to pursue higher education.

In Myaingyingu Special Region in Hlaingbwe Township, DKBA that has returned to the legal fold is now working together with the government for regional development. Rubber, corn, sugar-cane and beans and pulses in addition to paddy are being grown in that region. If the cultivation of crops is extended, it will be able to always meet the food, clothing and shelter needs of the people.

For continued development of Kayin State, respective ministries are fulfilling all the requirements. Therefore, local people, on their part, are required to take an active and enthusiastic part in development work for their region. Only then will they be able to enjoy the fruits of peace and development.



Dr Than Win and Daw Aye Thida Win of No 59, Kanbawza Road, Golden Valley-1, Bahan Township donated K 200,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Chairman of Administrative Board of the Home for the Aged Lt-Col Kyaw Shein (Retd) accepts the donation.— 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

60-day-long meditation camps begin on 6 Sept

YANGON, 21 Aug—Sandakumyaing Meditation Centre in Hmawby will organize the 6th 60-day Meditation Camp on 6 September at the centre.

Moreover, 60-day long meditation camps will also be organized at Sandakumyaing Meditation Centre's branches — Myayzin Meditation Camp in Sagaing Division, Yankinayenyein Meditation Camp in Patheingyi and Sandakumyaing Meditation Camps in Hmawby and Dawei. Those wishing to do meditation may contact Ph 511311. — MNA

U Wunna Maung Lwin appointed ambassador to Belgium

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug— The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Wunna Maung Lwin as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Belgium.

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Commander inspects regional development tasks in Kyauktan, Thanlyin Townships

YANGON, 20 Aug— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspected regional development work in Kyauktan and Thanlyin Townships yesterday morning. Next, the commander and wife attended a ceremony to submit permanent membership applications of Maternal and Child Welfare Association in Padagyi Village. Yangon Division MCW Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai presented 20 uniforms and accepted 732 applications.

The commander and wife, after attending the physic nut plant-growing ceremony, visited the rural health care centre in the village and donated medicines to

pregnant women. They also visited the Padagyi pre-primary school and Kyauktan home for the aged. On arrival at Shwepyithaya Village, the commander inspected the poultry farm and ginger plantations.

At the office of Kyauktan Township MCWA, Daw Mar Mar Wai accepted 2,050 membership applications and held a cordial discussion with the local women.

Later, the commander and party attended the paddy harvesting ceremony in the plot of farmer U Soe Nyunt near Sitpinkwin village in Thanlyin Township and presented fertilizers to farmers. He then left necessary instructions there. The township has cultivated 156,473 acres of paddy against the target of 156,306 acres.

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Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects triple cropping in Thanlyin. — MNA

UMFCCI's executive leaves to attend ASEAN Trade Mission in India

YANGON, 21 Aug — Executive of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Zaw Zaw Naing, Joint-Secretary-1 of UMFCCI Dr Pwint Hsan, Director of Directorate of Myanmar Industrial Planning Daw Khin Thin Kyi of the Ministry of Industry-2, Manager of Myanma Textile Industries Daw Ni Ni Win of the Ministry of Industry-1 left for India by air this morning. The Myanmar delegation is to attend ASEAN Trade Mission for Business Linkages and Partnerships between ASEAN and India SMEs to be held in New Dehli, India from 22 to 25 August. — MNA



Myohaung-Pyinmana Road Section's double railroad construction project inspected

YANGON, 21 Aug — Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than on 13 August inspected laying of sleepers and rails between mile post Nos 351/18 and 351/20 of Myohaung-Pyinmana Road Section.

During his inspection tour, Deputy Minister U Pe Than also inspected construction of bridges on Myohaung-Pyinmana Railroad and called for stepping up efforts and timely completion of the work.

After meeting with officials concerned of the double railroad project of Myohaung-Pyinmana Railroad Section at Thazi Station the next day, U Pe Than inspected Yemethin, Tatkon and Hsinbyugyun stations.

Before his inspection tour, Deputy Minister U Pe Than met with officials and employees of the ministry and gave necessary instructions.

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Members of Myanmar trade delegation seen at the airport prior to departure for India. UMFCCI

ASEAN senior officials wind up preparation for 38th AEM meeting

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 Aug—The senior economic officials preparatory meeting for the 38th ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) gathering ended here on Saturday.

The preparatory meeting discussed proposals from member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) on strengthening the economic integration of the grouping, said Ooi Say Chuan, deputy secretary-general of the Malaysian International and Trade Ministry.

ASEAN officials also have discussions on eco-

nomics cooperation with the grouping's dialogue partners, Chuan, who is the chair of the final day meeting, told reporters.

However, some sources said that hiccups did exist in the discussions during the preparatory meeting, especially in ASEAN's talks on Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with its dialogue partners including New

Zealand, Australia and India.

Australia insisted on including controversial issues like the government procurement, which ASEAN countries disagreed, into the proposed FTA with ASEAN.

Malaysia has openly said it disfavored the inclusion of the government procurement into the ASEAN-Australia-New

Zealand FTA as it accounts for a significant part of the country's economy.

New Zealand also hoped to include the issues like labour protection into the pact. But both countries hoped to have such a pact on goods and services with ASEAN by March next year.

India Friday offered dramatic tariff concessions for more than 4,000 ASEAN products in a bid to break the ice on the so-called deadlock on its FTA negotiations with ASEAN.—MNA/Xinhua



Dancers perform during the opening of the International Youth Dance Festival Celebrating the Joy of Nature held at Asia World-Expo of Hong Kong, south China, on 19 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

FM says Germany seeks strong offshore role in Lebanon

BERLIN, 20 Aug—German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said here Friday that Germany aimed to seek a "strong" offshore role in maintaining a ceasefire in Lebanon.

The country will send a hospital ship to the Middle East to treat injured Lebanese, while waiting for legal approval from the United Nations to dispatch ships to patrol sea lanes for arms smuggling, he told reporters.

"We foresee above all a contribution with a strong maritime component" to fulfil Germany's plan to provide immediate humanitarian aid and military support when approved by the UN, the minister said after briefing lawmakers.

Chancellor Angela Merkel has rejected sending combat ground troops, insisting that soldiers and police serve only in advisory or logistic roles.

Germany has dropped earlier proposals to send federal police to help guard Lebanon's border with Syria as police federation groups said their officers had neither the training nor the equipment for a military role.

A poll published Friday by ZDF Television indicated that 58 per cent of Germans oppose sending troops to Lebanon.—MNA/Xinhua

Jockeys take part in a race along the beach during low tide in the southern Spanish town of San Lucar de Barrameda on 19 Aug, 2006 as part of a local tradition that has been taking place for over 100 years.—INTERNET



New Delhi to deploy anti-terror security force in subway

NEW DELHI, 20 Aug—The subway of Indian capital New Delhi will have a security force of over 1,600 men and women to prevent terror attacks, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported Saturday.

The Indian Home Ministry approved the proposal made by the Central

Industrial Security Force (CISF) earlier this month to found an exclusive security force in the subway after serial blasts rocked the commuting trains in Indian economic hub Mumbai on 11 July.

The new force will consist of 1,633 men and women who are trained to

protect the rapidly expanding metro network from any possible terrorist attacks, the CISF source said. The CISF have started recruitment this month but the recruitment and training process will take at least a year and a half, the source said.

MNA/Xinhua

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Soldiers of the Tibetan Border Police Corps take part in the climbing exercise during a military drill in southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 20 Aug, 2006. INTERNET



Russia bans poultry from Michigan

Moscow, 20 Aug—Russia has banned poultry and bird imports from the US state of Michigan where a bird flu virus was found in swans, *Interfax* news agency quoted Agriculture Minister Alexei Gordeyev as saying on Saturday.

The US Department

of Agriculture said earlier this week that tests conducted in the state had found a strain of the bird flu virus in two wild swans.

But the birds had not contracted the deadly H5N1 strain that killed more than 135 people in Asia, Africa and Europe.

"We must make sure that this dangerous infection will not be brought into Russia along with poultry meat imports," the agency quoted Gordeyev as saying.

Russia is a top consumer of US poultry, and Moscow and Washington signed a four-year deal last year under which the United States was allowed to ship 811,900 tons of poultry meat to Russia in 2005 out of a total quota of 1.09 million tons at a discount tariff.

The US poultry imports were to rise to 931,500 tons in 2009 under the deal.

MNA/Reuters



Shanghai Petroleum Exchange, China's first commodity and futures exchange for oil products, reported robust trade on 18 Aug, 2006, its first formal business day.—INTERNET

Malaysian economy expected to grow at 6.3% during 2006-2020

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 Aug — The Malaysian economy is projected to grow at 6.3 per cent during the 2006-2020 period, local authorities said Friday.

The projection is based on the anticipation that the world economy will register a 3.5-per-cent average growth in gross domestic product (GDP), the Malaysian Government said in its Third Industrial Master Plan (2006-2020).

Major growth will come from the manufacturing and services sector as well as the agriculture sector, said the report released through the Ministry of International Trade and Industry here.

The private sector and government-linked companies are expected to take a lead role in generating new investments while the public sector will enhance the delivery system.

For the period 2006-2010, the economy is expected to grow at 6.0 per cent after registering moderate expansion at an average annual rate of 4.6 per cent during the Second Industrial Master Plan period (1996-2005), said the report.

“Subsequently, during the period of 2011-2020, the economy is targeted to register an average annual growth of 6.5 per cent,” it said.

MNA/Xinhua



The Orange Baron team takes flight at Flugtag in Vancouver, British Columbia on 19 Aug, 2006. The first Flugtag which in German means “flying day” took place in Austria in 1991. The flying machines must be human-powered with no stored or external energy sources. The machines must also be constructed completely by human muscle power and be no more than 30 feet wide and 450 pounds in weight, including the pilot. —INTERNET

Vietnam flood toll rises to 42, one missing

HANOI, 21 Aug — Flooding, landslides and lightning have killed 15 people and left one missing since Friday night in Vietnam, bringing the country’s toll in a week of torrential rain to 42, reports said on Sunday.

Thousands have been

evacuated to higher ground as water levels in the northern region’s main rivers were expected to continue rising with more rainfall forecast for the coming week, state media quoted a government report as saying.

Northern Vietnam is

not the country’s key area for rice production, but more rain was also expected in the southern Mekong Delta rice basket in coming days.

However, most of the summer-autumn rice crop has already been harvested.

Natural disasters, especially floods and storms, kill several hundred people in Vietnam each year, mainly during the storm season between May and October.

This year’s rains and floods caused no damage to the coffee crop in the Central Highlands where coffee trees are planted on higher ground.

Officials said four people were killed in a landslide in the northern province of Yen Bai on Saturday.

Lightning killed two people in Nghe An Province and two more on the outskirts of capital Hanoi while five were swept away in flash flooding.

MNA/Reuters

Japan to dispose wartime chemical weapons in China’s Jilin

TOKYO, 20 Aug — The Japanese Cabinet said Friday it will begin collecting and disposing of abandoned wartime chemical weapons in Dunhua, of China’s Jilin Province, next week, with support from the Chinese Government.

The project, which will run from 22 August till 26 September, is the third in Dunhua. During the first and second time in October to November, 2005 and in May-June, 2006 respectively, a total of 605 shells of chemical weapons have been collected from Dunhua.

Chinese official statistics show that Japan abandoned at least two million tons of chemical weapons at about 40 sites in 15 Chinese provinces at the end of World War II, most of them in the three northeast provinces of Heilongjiang, Jilin and Liaoning.

In the past nine years, China and Japan have worked together to investigate, excavate, retrieve and pack the dumped weapons. So far 37,499 chemical weapons and 200 tons of contaminated items have been collected, but none

have been destroyed.

More than 2,000 Chinese have fallen victim to Japan’s abandoned chemical weapons, killed by leading toxic gas while working at construction sites or on other occasions, according to China’s Foreign Ministry.

China and Japan joined the United Nations Chemical Weapons Convention in 1997. Two years later, they signed a memorandum, in which Japan admitted that it had abandoned a large amount of chemical weapons in China at the end of World War II. — MNA/Xinhua



Actress Melina Kanakaredes, star of the television series ‘CSI: NY’, poses at the 2006 Creative Arts Emmys in Los Angeles on 19 Aug, 2006. Kanakaredes was a presenter at the awards show. —INTERNET

President says nuclear power is Iran’s right

LONDON, 20 Aug — President Mahmoud Ah-

madinejad insists that nuclear power is Iran’s

right and “no one will stop us” developing the country.

In an interview with Britain’s *Guardian* newspaper, he said a United Nations resolution insisting on the suspension of its nuclear activities was US-inspired and would fail.

“They are trying to deny our right to develop nuclear power. But no one can impose anything on the Iranian people.

They will not succeed,” he said while on a campaign tour of the north of his country.

“Our main task is to develop and build the Iranian nation. No one will stop us.” — MNA/Reuters

Two more bird flu outbreaks hit ducks in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 20 Aug — Bird flu outbreaks have hit two districts in eastern Cambodia, killing thousands of ducks, after a man smuggled infected birds to the region bordering Vietnam, officials said here.

Two people were admitted to local hospital suspected of having contracted the virus, Ku Chanthan, a veterinary official in the province told *Reuters*. He said the results of tests on the two would be released in coming days.

Last week the H5N1 virus was confirmed in more than 1,300 ducks that died in Prey Veng Province, 70 kilometres (45 miles) southeast of the capital Phnom Penh.

The owner of the ducks smuggled surviving poultry to the eastern province of Kampong Cham where a bird flu outbreak killed nearly 2,000 ducks this week, Ku Chanthan said.

MNA/Reuters



German police and forensic experts work at a site at the main train station in the northern city of Kiel, on 19 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

NASA starts delicate job changing bolts on Atlantis

CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 20 Aug — NASA workers at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida began a risky repair job on Saturday to replace faulty bolts on the US space shuttle *Atlantis* a week before its scheduled launch.

Technicians set up work platforms to reach into the forward portion of the shuttle's 60-foot-long (18-metre-long) payload bay as *Atlantis* stood upright on its launchpad.

Atlantis is due to blast into orbit on August 27 on the first shuttle mission aimed at resuming construction of the 100-billion-US-dollar *International Space Station* since the 2003 *Columbia* disaster. Two-shuttle missions carried out since the *Columbia* accident have tested safety upgrades.

NASA decided to swap two of the four bolts holding

Atlantis' main communications antenna in place because they were found to be dangerously short, and liable to pop out during liftoff with potentially catastrophic results.

The mistake was made 25 years ago when *Atlantis* was built and the spacecraft has safely flown 26 times.

The repair itself is tricky. A sole technician, lying on his or her side on a narrow gangplank attached to a work platform, will replace the suspect bolts. Access is difficult because of the shuttle's vertical position. —MNA/Reuters



The space shuttle *Atlantis* arrives at launch pad 39B at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on 2 Aug, 2006. NASA on 18 Aug, 2006 decided to go ahead with a risky and unprecedented launch pad repair on the space shuttle *Atlantis* to replace bolts that might come loose during liftoff. —INTERNET

World Bank to launch largest bond issue in Romania

BUCHAREST, 20 Aug — The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, a World Bank division, will launch a bond issue worth 5250 billion lei (190.9 million US dollars).

The bonds are the first supranational foreign issue with a maximum "AAA" rating in Romania placed in conformity with the local legislation and settling systems, according to a Friday Press release of ABN Amro Bank, which is to arrange the issue together with broker company Intercapital Invest.

The bonds have a three-year maturity and carry an interest rate of 6.5 per cent, payable every 6 months. The World Bank holds the top

rating "AAA" from Standard & Poor's and "Aaa" from Moody's Investors Service.

Director of the ABN Amro Bank Romania Financial Markets Department Martin Bakelaar said the issue will be "a rare opportunity for local investors to make a safe long-term placement", taking into account especially the interest rates offered by bond issues with a similar maturity on the markets in the region and the short-term outlooks of interest rates.

"This public offer is the largest on the Romanian market so far. The issue is a positive signal the WB sends the Romanian financial environment in general and the capital market in particular," Intercapital Invest President Razvan Pasol said. —MNA/Xinhua

Canadian gallery returns painting looted by Nazis

TORONTO, 20 Aug — A 20th-Century French oil painting by Edouard Vuillard, looted by the Nazis during World War II, will be returned to the family of its original owner, the National Gallery of Canada said on Friday.

This is the first time a work stolen by the Nazis has been identified and returned to its rightful owners by the Ottawa gallery.

"We are proud of the fact that we brought it up first and that the right result has been achieved," said Chief Curator David Franklin.

The National Gallery first tried to return the painting in 1997 to the family of Alfred Lindon, a French businessman of Jewish descent who died in 1948, after a curator discovered it had been stolen by the Nazis in France.

At the time, the family had no record of having owned the 1904 oil painting and refused its return.

In 2003, the gallery received definitive proof of its ownership and Denis Lindon, another family member, began proceedings to reclaim the work on behalf of a group of heirs. The 1904 post-impressionist painting, reworked by the artist in 1934, depicts a domestic interior. —MNA/Reuters



Newborn babies are given baths by a parent and nurses at a hospital in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province on 19 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

British police make arrests over holiday Internet scams

LONDON, 20 Aug — British police arrested a man and woman in London on Saturday as part of a wide-ranging investigation into holiday website fraud that has left nearly 3,000 people out of pocket.

The woman in her thirties, and the man in his 60s, were detained at separate addresses in London and are being questioned by fraud squad officers, the Metropolitan Police said.

The fake websites; sunmedresorts.com, unbeatableholidays.com, holidaydaysforunder200-pounds.com, holidayrez.com and holidayez.com were all used in the con.

The fraud worked by enticing people to buy non-existent holidays and then disappearing with the cash. —MNA/Reuters

US soldier died in combat in Iraq's Anbar

BAGHDAD, 21 Aug — A US soldier died "due to enemy action" on Saturday in Iraq's western province of Anbar, the US military said in a statement. The soldier "died from wounds sustained due to enemy action" while operating in Anbar Province, the statement said, adding the soldier came from the 1st Brigade, 1st Armoured Division.

The death brings the number of American soldiers that died this month in Iraq to 28, most were killed in Anbar, which is believed to be a stronghold of the Sunni Arab insurgency.

At least 2,605 US military personnel have been killed in Iraq since the start of the US-led war in March 2003, according to media count.

MNA/Xinhua

Eastern Malaysia reports 50 new HFMD cases

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 Aug — Sarawak state in eastern Malaysia has detected 50 new cases of the Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) in the last 24 hours, an official said Friday.

Among the new cases reported until 10 am local time (0200 GMT) Friday, 14 children have been hospitalized, State Deputy Chief Minister George Chan said in Kuching, the state capital.

And 19 new cases were detected in Kuching, 14 in Miri, nine in Sibul, four

in Bintulu and the rest in other places of the state, Chan said at a Press conference.

The latest figure brought the total number of children infected since the disease broke out early this year to 13,740, said Chan, who is also chairman of the state's Disaster Relief Management Committee. Throughout the state, Sibul recorded the highest number with 3,016 cases, followed by Miri (2,852), Kuching (2,105), Bintulu (1,756) and Sarikei (945). —MNA/Xinhua



Miss Poland 2005 Malwina Ratajczak (front R) awards for Miss Poland 2006 Marzena Cieslik (front L) in Warsaw, capital of Poland, on 19 Aug, 2006. The final of the Miss Polonia 2006 beauty contest was held here Saturday. Marzena Cieslik, 24, will represent Poland in the Miss World beauty pageant to be held in Warsaw on 30 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

France urges clear mandate for UN force in Lebanon

PARIS, 20 Aug—French President Jacques Chirac on Saturday stressed the need for a clearer mandate for an enlarged United Nations peacekeeping force in Lebanon in talks with leaders from several countries, his office said. His diplomatic offensive, partly to explain Paris' decision to send only 200 additional troops to bolster the existing UN force, came the same day around 50 French peacekeepers arrived in south Lebanon. More were due to leave France on Sunday.

Chirac spoke by telephone with Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi, Prime Minister Matti Vanhanen of

Finland, which holds the rotating presidency of the European Union, and Turkey's Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan.

The President "insisted on the vital need for balance in the composition of the force, which should reflect the commitment of the whole international community and, in particular, of European countries", Chirac's office said in a statement.

In a conversation later on Saturday with UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the two men agreed "on the importance of deploying without delay the first elements of this force, as France has started doing", his office added.

Chirac told Annan the

support for the deployment of the Lebanese Armed Forces was essential for the success of the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1701. The resolution called for a truce and a peacekeeping force to help the Lebanese Army supervise the pullout of Israeli troops from southern Lebanon.

MNA/Reuters



A wharfboat (front) lies on the exposed river bank of Yangtze River in Yichang city, central China's Hubei Province, on 20 Aug, 2006. The water level of the Yangtze River measured at hydrologic station in Yichang touched down to 40.60 meters at 8:00 am (GMT 0000) on Sunday, making it the lowest record at the station in corresponding period since 1877.—INTERNET

Brazil arrests six in crackdown on tax evasion scam

RIO DE JANEIRO, 20 Aug—Brazil's Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Federal Police launched an operation on Friday in the northern state of Roraima to crack down on a gang allegedly evading taxes up to 190 million reais (88.8 million US dollars).

Federal agents arrested six suspects, including Evandro Moreira, president of Roraima's water and sewage company, who is also the brother-in-law of Roraima State Governor Ottomar Pinto.

They also seized computers, documents, cars and an airplane, following 16 apprehension orders from local courts.

Thirty IRS inspectors and 90 federal agents were involved in the raid on the gang which is also charged with money laundering and other financial crimes.

The IRS found out that members of the gang had

bank accounts in the United States assuming the names of foreign companies. They allegedly used the accounts to hold illegal transactions and prevented any connection between them and the financial

amounts in the US banks. IRS auctioneer Roney Freire also suspected a possible linkage between this scheme and two others uncovered in Roraima in 2003 and 2004.

MNA/Xinhua

Airline employee accuses Bollywood star of abuse

MUMBAI, 20 Aug—An employee of state-run Air-India has complained to police that a Bollywood actress abused and threatened her for refusing to upgrade a friend on a flight, an airline spokesman and a newspaper said on Saturday.

Amisha Patel, who

starred in one of Bollywood's biggest box office hits, "Gadar" (Mutiny) in 2001, was upset after the airline employee refused to upgrade her friend to first class on a flight to the United States on Friday, they said.

Patel, known for playing the mushy girlfriend in romantic potboilers, allegedly used foul language and threatened to have the employee sacked, they said.

"We have ordered an internal inquiry to find out what happened. But what appears now is that the passenger was at fault," said Air-India

spokesman S Venkat. "A police complaint has been lodged by the employee."

Patel's friend was later upgraded to first class even though she was not entitled to it and the two boarded the flight, the *Times of India* daily said.

Patel could not be reached for comment.

She told the *Times of India* that she was shocked to hear about the complaint and that it had been done by the airline staff to save themselves.

"In fact, we were planning to file a complaint against them for rude behaviour," she was quoted as saying.

MNA/Reuters



A contestant from Yogyakarta, central Java flies a kite at the International Kite Festival in Jakarta on 20 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Nepali Govt to table labour bill to regulate foreign employment

KATHMANDU, 20 Aug—The Nepali Government will introduce a labour bill in current session of the Parliament to regulate the sector of foreign employment, *The Himalayan Times* reported on Saturday.

The newspaper quoted Nepali Minister of State for Labour and Transport Ramesh Lekhak as saying that under the bill, the present structure of the department of labour will be changed and a foreign employment board will be constituted to deal with issues relating to foreign employment.

Number of Nepali people going abroad for employment has increased by about 29 per cent, averaging 487 people leaving Nepal each day in search for greener pastures in the foreign land, the report said.

Fresh statistics released here by the Department of Labour and Employment Promotion on Thursday said a total of 177,576 workers left Nepal to various labour importing countries across the world during the fiscal year 2005-06, which ended on 15 July.

MNA/Xinhua

Taleban frees 15 kidnapped health workers in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 20 Aug—Taleban militants have set free 15 health workers shortly after abducting them at gunpoint in the southern Kandahar Province of Afghanistan, local newspaper *Outlook* reported Saturday.

The militants snatched the Coaster vehicle on Thursday, which was carrying the 15 medical staff, but released the hostages on the same day just after their identity was made clear, the newspaper quoted Abdul Hayee Razmal, deputy director of the provincial Health Bureau, as saying.

One freed health worker, Ali Ahmad, had told details to journalists in Kandahar.

The vehicle was on the way to a clinic in Ziari District when it was

intercepted by some armed Taleban militants, Ahmad said.

"They later freed us after realizing all of us are health workers."

MNA/Xinhua



Spanish bullfighter Enrique Ponce performs a pass during a bullfight in the southern Spanish town of Malaga on 19 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Indonesia eyes more bio-fuel sale in 2007

JAKARTA, 21 Aug — Indonesia's state-owned oil/gas company Pertamina has projected the volume of bio-fuel sale in the country at 6.6 million kiloliters next year.

State electricity company PLN is expected to become the biggest consumer of bio-fuel by absorbing 2.1 million kiloliters of this alternative energy source next year, Antara news agency on Sunday quoted Achmad Faizal, marketing director of the company, as saying.

The industrial sector, believed to be the second biggest bio-fuel consumer in Indonesia, is expected to use 1.65 million kiloliters of bio-diesel and 850,000 kiloliters of bio-premium.

The Indonesian Government has begun implementing a bio-fuel development programme in 2006, and in this connection, Pertamina introduced its bio-diesel under a brand name of "Biosolar" on the market on 20 May, 2006, and bio-ethanol under a brand name of "Biopremium" on 12 August.

Pertamina has projected the sale of bio-fuel at 1.1 million kiloliters up to the end of 2006, comprising 400,000 kiloliters of industrial bio-diesel, 350,000 kiloliters of bio-diesel for power generators, 330,000 kiloliters of automotive bio-diesel and 20,000 kiloliters of automotive bio-ethanol. — MNA/Xinhua



A farmer shows Amazonian snails in a village near the Guilin City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on 20 August, 2006. —INTERNET

Belgian electricity giant sells power site to German co

BRUSSELS, 21 Aug — Belgium's electricity giant Electrabel has sold a site of proposed power station to the German company EON Kraftwerke, VRT news reported Saturday.

The sold site is in Beringen, Limburg Province in northeastern Belgium.

Electrabel was or-

dered last year by the federal government to sell any land that could be used to build new power stations to other companies interested in supplying power to homes and businesses in Belgium.

The idea was to break the near-monopoly that Electrabel enjoys on the Belgian electricity production market.

Electrabel currently

supplies some 90 per cent of all the electricity produced in Belgium.

The company will have to sell enough land to enable its competitors to build power stations capable of producing 1,500 mega-watts of electricity.

The government has threatened to fine Electrabel, if it fails to comply. — MNA/Xinhua

HK Police crushes telephone deception cases

HONG KONG, 21 Aug — Hong Kong police crushed a series of telephone deception cases and arrested three suspects this week, said the police on Saturday.

The police said they arrested two men and a woman aged 43—49, suspected to be involved in telephone deception cases preying on elderly people in the city.

A number of mobile phones, prepaid SIM cards and bank deposit slips were seized during the operation.

The suspects first cajoled the elderly into believing that their family members were in financial troubles by using untraceable mobile phone numbers. The victims are then persuaded to deposit large sums of money into the bank accounts owned by members of crime syndicate.

After successfully identified and arrested a 43-year-old man who is believed to have masterminded the deception syndicate on 17 August, the police arrested two other suspects on Friday and Saturday.

It is believed that the syndicate has been involved in a number of de-

ception cases since May this year and the losses by the victims exceed 1 million HK dollars (130,000 US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

Panama cargo ship rescued in China Sea

SHANGHAI, 21 Aug — Chinese salvagers rescued a Panama flag cargo vessel that was on the verge of capsizing on Friday night in seawaters off the mouth of the Yangtze River, saving all seven sailors on board.

The ship, carrying 500 tons of stainless steel, was en route from Taicang Port in east China's Jiangsu Province to Pohang Port in the Republic of Korea when it lurched and water began to pour into the cabin at 9:00 pm.

The East China Sea Salvage Bureau of the Chinese Ministry of Communications sent four rescue ships to the site after receiving an SOS call.

By 1:55 am on Saturday, all seven sailors had been rescued and taken on board a patrol ship from the Shanghai Maritime Bureau. The bureau said it was windy at sea as tropical storm Wukong, which has been downgraded from a typhoon, is approaching.

The central meteorological station said Wukong was located at Kyushu, the southernmost island of the major islands of Japan, at 8:00 am on Saturday, packing winds at 18 metres per second.

MNA/Xinhua



The photo taken on 26 July, 2006 shows tourists walking on a bridge in Plicvice National Park of Croatia. The Plicvice National Park, which also named Sixteen Lakes National Park, covers a total area of 19,462 hectares with 70% sheltered by forest. The park was inscribed on UNESCO's world heritage list in 2000. —INTERNET

Afghanistan destroys over 100,000 acres of poppy fields

KABUL, 21 Aug — Afghan Government has destroyed more than 100,000 acres of poppy-cultivated lands over the past five months, Interior Minister Zarar Ahmad Muqbal said Sunday.

"The government has smashed 101,614 acres of poppy fields since the beginning of Afghanistan's new year, the year of 1385, over the past five months," Muqbal told a seminar, which opened on Sunday, of the country's provincial governors and police chiefs here.

In the two-day conference, strengthening security, good governance and war on illegal drug would be discussed.

Afghan Administration, he also added, had destroyed nearly 70 tons of narcotics since the start of 1385 falling on 21 March. Two hundred and

ninety three drug smugglers have also been arrested during the period, he added.

The post-Taliban Afghanistan, with an output

of 4,100 tons of opium poppy in 2005, became the single largest supplier of the raw material used in manufacturing heroin in the world. — MNA/Xinhua

China has more large industrial enterprises

BEIJING, 21 Aug — The number of large industrial enterprises in China increased by 233 last year to 2,387, reported the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) on Saturday.

Although they made up only 0.9 per cent of the country's total number of companies, the large industrial enterprises made more than 40 per cent of all the sales revenues and profits in 2005.

Still more than half of the large industrial enterprises are state-owned or of collective ownership but the proportion is decreasing. The number of companies owned by overseas investors reached 627.

More than 60 per cent of the large industrial enterprises are located in east China. Tibet is the only region without any, said the NBS. — MNA/Xinhua



Competitors set off for RS:X practice race at the Good Luck Beijing — Qingdao International Regatta in Qingdao, a coastal city of east China's Shandong Province, on 20 August, 2006. —INTERNET

Mandalay Division to put one million acres under ...

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contribute towards boosting production of crops and greening of the region. In 1988-89 there were only 2.89 million irrigated acres and now there are over 7.3 million acres.

He said the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is undertaking the tasks for earning more income of farmers and uplifting their socio-economic life. Paddy production for 2005-2006 is over 1,300 million baskets of paddy.

He called for successful cultivation of physic nut for fuel, increase of cultivation acreage in the district and per acre yield.

A local thanked the government for implementation of the dam projects. The commander and the minister greeted those present at the inauguration ceremony.



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Agriculture and Irrigation Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo formally open Ngathayauk Dam. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw unveils stone plaque of Ngathayauk Dam. — MNA



At the auspicious time, the commander formally unveiled the stone plaque of the dam and the minister and officials sprinkled scented water on it.

The commander and the minister formally opened the dam and they inspected the main dam, conduit pipe and spillways. Director U Myo Tun of Construction-7 of Irrigation Department reported on the project and inflow of water.

The commander and the minister met departmental officials.

The catchment area of the Ngathayauk earth dam is 54 square miles and annual inflow of water is 11,880 acre feet. The dam is 7,550 feet long and 64 feet high and water storage capacity is 7,000 acre feet and it can irrigate 2,000 acres of farmlands.

Also present were Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, local authorities, departmental personnel, social organizations and local people. — MNA

Altogether 188 dams and sluice gates benefited 2.6 million acres of farmlands and 297 river water pumping stations contribute towards boosting production of crops and greening of the region. In 1988-89 there were only 2.89 million irrigated acres and now there are over 7.3 million acres.



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspect Ngathayauk Dam. — MNA

Maldivian health delegation arrives

YANGON, 21 Aug— A ceremony to welcome the Maldivian health delegation that will attend the school health upgrading course jointly organized by Ministry of Health and World Health Organization was took place at Health Department on Theinbyu Road here this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Director-General Dr San Shwe Win of Health Department, Director (Management) Dr Than Oo and others. The Deputy Director-General extended greetings. The study group later observed the booth on health aid equipment displayed. The relevant

experts explained the school health upgrading tasks in Myanmar. The study group will also visit No 1 BEHS in Dagon, No 8 BEPS in Thingangyun, No 3 BEPS and No 6 BEPS in Taikkyi, No 1 BEHS and No 2 BEMS in Bago and observe the school health upgrading tasks of the schools. — MNA

Over 49,100 students receive free medical care

YANGON, 21 Aug — A medical team comprising doctors and dentists provided free medical care for students of 54 schools in Hlinethaya Township from 11 July to

yesterday. Over 49,100 students received free medical care. The medical team comprises 25 doctors of Myanmar Medical Association, two dentists and volunteers.

Hlinethaya Township's health department, MMA and World Vision, a social organization, organized the school health programme. — MNA

Performing Arts competitions launched in Yangon



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win delivers an address at opening of Yangon Division's 14th basic education level performing arts competitions. — MNA

YANGON, 20 Aug— Yangon Division's 14th Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (Basic Education Level) took place at No-6 Basic Education High School in Botahtaung Township yesterday.

Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win delivered an opening address and artistes entertained the audience with songs and dances.

Patron of Organizing Committee for the Competitions Director U Ye Lwin Aung of No-3 Basic Education Department formally opened the 14th Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

Next, the Commander and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai presented flower baskets to artistes.

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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

USDA CEC member inspects regional development in Ingapu Township

YANGON, 21 Aug— Central Executive Committee Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung this morning attended the Annual General Meeting of Ingapu Township USDA and made a speech on the occasion.

The USDA CEC member and party presented K 1.02 million for 55 outstanding students who passed the matriculation exam with flying colours.

Next, the USDA CEC member and well-wishers presented K 700,000 for the charity association of the township.

After that, he attended the opening ceremony of Bo Aung Kyaw Hall in Mezaligon and formally opened the signboard of the hall.

After accepting 377

USDA membership applications, the USDA CEC member presented Waso robes and K 220,000 to the Presiding Sayadaw of Ywama Kyaungtaik in Laygyi village and supplicated on religious affairs.

Next, he met with local people at Zaungdan Village Affiliated High School and gave instructions on regional development.

After attending to the needs, the USDA CEC member presented K 500,000 to the trust fund of the school.

Next, he inspected the construction of a new building for Yekyaw Village BEPS in Ingapu Township and fulfilled the requirements.

On arrival at Ingapu Township Hospital, he looked into the construction of a new building for the hospital.

On 20 August, the USDA CEC member attended the ceremony to present cash award to outstanding students who passed the matriculation exam with flying colours and made a speech on the occasion. The CEC member and well-wishers presented over K 1.3 million for the outstanding students.

Next, the CEC member presented K 1

million for three schools that were the best in the pass rate, K 10 million for the trust fund of the hospital and K 10 million for trust fund of the Township USDA.

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Transport Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspects a cargo ship.

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Forestry Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivers an address at opening of Basic Education High School (Branch) in Ingapu Township. — FORESTRY

မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်စီးနင်းသူများလိုက်နာရန်

ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်စည်ပင်သာယာ နယ်နိမိတ်အတွင်း အစိုးရဌာန ဆိုင်ရာများမှ မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်စီးနင်းသူများသည် မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်စီးဦးထုပ်ကိုဆောင်းလျက် မေးသိုင်းကြိုးကို သေချာစွာ တပ်ဆင်ချည်နှောင် စီးနင်းကြရန်နှင့် ဆိုင်ကယ်စီးဦးထုပ် မဆောင်းဘဲ စီးနင်းသည်ကို စစ်ဆေးတွေ့ရှိပါက ထိထိရောက်ရောက် အရေးယူ ဆောင်ရွက်သွားမည်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ထို့အပြင် လိုင်စင်မဲ့ မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်များစီးနင်းပါက မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်ကို နိုင်ငံပိုင်အဖြစ် သိမ်းဆည်းပြီး စီးနင်းသူကိုလည်း ထိရောက်စွာအရေးယူသွားမည် ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

Desks, clothing, cash assistance donated to BEPSs in Hlinethaya

YANGON, 21 Aug — With the purpose of enhancing development of education, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation donated desks, clothing and cash assistance towards Basic Education Primary Schools in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District this morning.

First, Head of Administrative Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe briefed on participation in the tasks of education. Next, Vice-President of MWAFF Daw Khin Thet Htay presented 15 sets of desks to No 3 BEPS, 50 sets of desks to No 29 BEPS and 35 set of

desks to No 41 BEPS through schoolheads concerned. At the same time, Yangon Division WAO's Patron Daw Mar Mar Wai donated K 100,000 each to the schools.

Afterwards, Head of Administrative Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, U Shein Win of Tetlan Construction, head of working group of disciplinary concerns Daw Mya Theingi, head of working group of finance Daw Aye Aye, leader of working group of social and cultural Daw Daw Sanda Aung and member of the federation Daw Khin Mi Mi donated clothing to students.

Next, Joint-Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee U Aung Than Win donated sanitary equipment to the township education officer and Myatlayyon family to ten dozens of exercise books and ten dozens of pencils each to No 3, No 29 and No 41 BEPSs through respective schoolheads.

After the ceremony, Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay and party viewed the students learning their lessons and gave encouragement to them. Sanitation tasks were carried out in the No 3, No 29 and No 41 BEPSs and their environs.

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MWAF holds educative talks At Hlinethaya BEHS-1



Vice-President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Thet Htay accepts membership applications for MWAF from a headmistress. — YCDC

YANGON, 21 Aug — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized educative talks at No-1 Basic Education High School in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District today. It was attended by Vice-President of MWAF Daw Khin Thet Htay, heads of working groups, patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mar

Mar Wai, chairpersons of division, district and township WAOs, executives and members of WAO, headmasters and headmistresses, teachers and responsible persons.

MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay explained the objectives and activities of the Federation. Next, Head of Administrative Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe gave talks on

school sanitation and Associated Director of Supreme Court Daw Thein Thein Nyunt discussed human trafficking.

After the talks, Vice-President of MWAF Daw Khin Thet Htay accepted 1,544 membership applications from headmistresses of No-1 BEHS, No-2 BEHS, No-3 BEHS in Hlinethaya Township. — MNA



Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai presents cash assistance for schools in Hlinethaya Township to a headmaster. — MNA

AIDS ရောဂါ တားဆီးကာကွယ်ရေး နှိုးဆော်ချက် (၁)

AIDS ရောဂါသည် HIV ဗိုင်းရပ်ပိုး ကူးစက်ရမှုကြောင့် 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၊ ဆေးမှင်ကြောင့် ထိုးခြင်း၊ အပ်စိုက်ခြင်း။
- (၃) ရောဂါပိုးပါသော သွေးနှင့် သွေးပစ္စည်းများ သွင်းမိခြင်း။
- (၄) ရောဂါပိုးရှိသူ 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၍ ဆေးမှင်ကြောင့် ထိုးခံခြင်း၊ အပ်စိုက်ခြင်းတို့ကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၆) ရောဂါပိုးရှိသူ ကိုယ်ဝန်ဆောင်မိခင်များသည် သန္ဓေသားသို့ ကူးစက်မှုကို လျော့ချကာကွယ်ရန်၊ ဆေးရုံ၊ ဆေးခန်းများတွင် ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေး ဝန်ကြီးဌာန

IAI Training Course opens

YANGON, 21 Aug — Under Initiative for ASEAN Integration - IAI Work Plan Project, IAI Training Course: Competitive Strategies for ASEAN Countries Attraction Foreign Direct Investment was opened at Traders Hotel, here, this morning.

Director-General U Hla Kyi of Civil Service Selection and Training Department made an opening speech on the occasion.

Deputy Director-General U Wai Myint, Ms Chandrasa Edhityas Sjamsudin, Technical Officer (Project) of IAI

Unit, officials of International Trade Institute of Singapore (ITIS), instructors and trainees were present.

The course will run until 23 August. And arrangements are being made to open the next six courses this year.

MNA



Director-General of Civil Service Selection and Training Department U Hla Kyi delivers an address at opening ceremony of IAI Training Course. MNA

Northeast India to produce electricity from bamboo

NEW DELHI, 21 Aug — A bamboo-fuelled eco-friendly power station is to come up in Mizoram to help meet the energy needs of India's northeast, according to *Indo-Asian News Service* Sunday.

The power station will be set up in a village at an estimated cost of 28.5 million rupees (0.62 million US dollars).

"This cost-effective project has been conceived by the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, along with the Ankur Scientific Energy Technologies, a private enterprise," said Benjamin L Tlumtea, project coordinator of the Zoram Energy Development Agency (ZEDA).

Bamboo would be first harvested and then dried before it is processed for feedstock to produce gas, which would

finally get converted to electricity.

An estimated 9,000 square-kilometre area is under bamboo cultivation in Mizoram. The area produces annually 3.2 million tons of bamboo, which has never been

tapped to generate electricity.

India, the world's largest producer of bamboo after China, grows about 80 million tons each year, more than half of it in the northeast.

MNA/Xinhua

China's 220 state-owned manufacturing Cos among top 500

BEIJING, 21 Aug — Two hundred and twenty of the top 500 manufacturing companies in China are state-owned, said the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) on Saturday.

More than 75 per cent of the top 500 are located in east China, with the highest number in Jiangsu Province.

Five of the top ten manufacturing companies are in the steel sector and two in the automobile sector. Legend Holdings Ltd. and Haier Group Corpo-

ration are two electronic companies in the top ten list and their annual sales revenues last year both topped 100 billion yuan.

The other three companies with sales revenues of over 100 billion yuan last year are BaoSteel, China First Automobile Group and Dongfeng Motor Co, Ltd.

The 500 companies are selected according to their sales revenues in 2005, NBS said. (1 US dollar=7.97 yuan).

MNA/Xinhua

Two Peruvian pilots killed in Brazil

LIMA, 21 Aug — Two Peruvian pilots were killed in a plane crash on Sunday in the Brazilian city of Porto Velho, while preparing for a multinational manoeuvre in the country, Peru's Defence Ministry said.

According to Peru's Air Force, the tragedy took place at 09:55 am local time (1455 GMT). The fighter hit a partition wall at the end of the runway at a high speed, while taking off from a military airport in Porto Velho.

In the wake of the accident, the Brazilian Air Force immediately closed the premises to investigate the cause of the crash. Authorities initially attributed the accident to a mechanical malfunction.

MNA/Xinhua



Four local women enjoy their leisure time in Khiam in southern Lebanon on 18 August, 2006.—INTERNET



Nomadic Somali children sit beside a cart loaded with their family belongings in Middle Shabelle Region on 20 August, 2006, as people fled areas close to the swelling Shabelle river, northeast of Mogadishu, fearing floods which have already affected neighbouring Ethiopia.—INTERNET



A worker waves a flag to signal the start of construction of the 2010 Shanghai World Expo Park during a ceremony in Shanghai on 19 August, 2006. China's preparations for the 2010 Shanghai World Expo began in earnest on Saturday as construction of the World Expo Park formally started in downtown Shanghai, according to Xinhua News Agency.—INTERNET

China sets up Govt think tank for environmental policies

BEIJING, 21 Aug — China has set up two advisory committees to assist the central government in creating effective policies on environmental protection issues.

Eighty-six environmental protection experts were selected as members of the think tank named the State Environment Counsel Committee and the Science and Technology Committee for the State Environmental Pro-

tection Administration (SEPA), said Zhou Shengxian, head of the SEPA, in an interview with *Xinhua*.

"China is facing a great deal of environment challenges and this is a time when democracy in policy making is vital," said Zhou. "And the era of SEPA monopolizing the decision making process is set to end."

Among the advisors

are 30 academicians with the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Engineering, and some retired SEPA officials.

"SEPA will listen to the committees for all major decisions in the future," said Zhou. "No policies should be made without research, expert assessment and debates."

MNA/Xinhua

100 kilos of narcotics seized in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, 21 Aug — In one of the biggest narcotics hauls in India's capital, New Delhi Police on Sunday recovered 100 kilos of narcotics worth 1 billion rupees (21.5 million US dollars) and arrested four people, including a non-resident Indian from Canada, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported Sunday.

Police said the men were arrested near the Indira Gandhi International Airport after a raid. Three of the men belonged to Punjab, a state of India.

In the past 19 months, over 180 foreign nationals have been arrested in the capital on charges of possession and peddling in narcotics.—MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela opens LatAm's biggest child cardiology hospital

CARACAS, 21 Aug — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Sunday opened Latin America's largest child heart hospital, with a ceremony that was broadcast during his Sunday radio and television show.

The Gilberto Rodriguez Ochoa Child Cardiology Hospital is named after the Chavez Administration's first health minister, a dermatologist who died in a road accident on 10 March, 2002.

Chavez said he was pleased that Venezuela would now have facilities to treat heart diseases and cardiopathy — a birth defect that could be corrected with an operation. Congenital heart problems affect two out of every 1,000 live births in Venezuela.

He also said that the centre would be able to perform some 80,000 out-

patient consultations a year and plan to take care of patients from across Latin America in the future.

The 50,000-square-metre medical centre has four operating theaters, 142 ordinary beds, 33 intensive care beds, a unit for intensive neo-natal care, a pharmacy and a laboratory. It will be able to perform around 1,500 operations annually.

Building the heart centre cost 231 billion bolivars (107 million US dollars) and equipping it cost 50 billion bolivars (23.2 million dollars).

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Annan says painful choices needed on Mideast prisoners

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Aug— UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged Israel and Lebanon to make “painful compromises” to secure the release of abducted Israeli soldiers and settle the issue of Lebanese prisoners in Israel.

The issue that set off the war between Israel and Hizbollah guerillas needed to be rectified, Annan said in a status report to the UN Security Council late on Friday.

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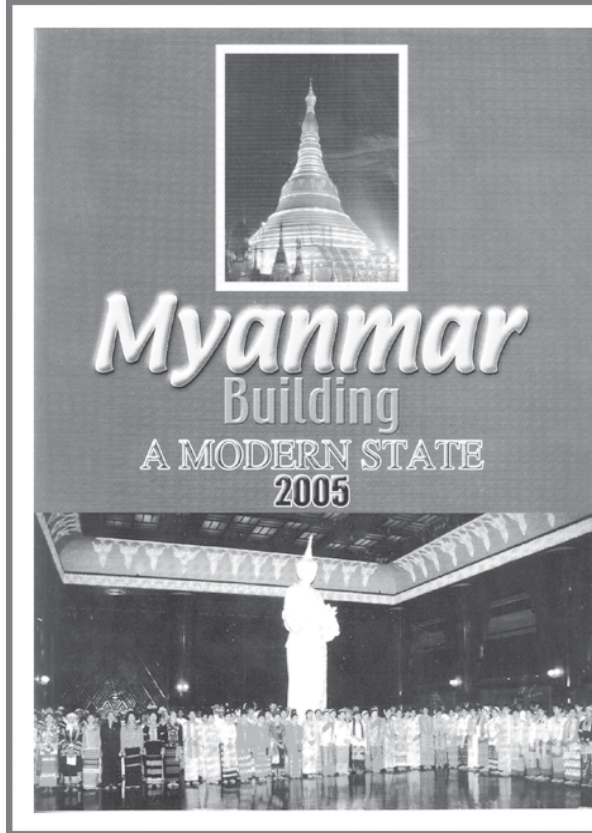
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Central Africa rebel leader gets life in jail

BANGUI, 20 Aug— A court in Central African Republic jailed a rebel leader for life on Friday for a series of attacks he said were aimed at destabilizing the government of President Francois Bozize.

Jean-Jacques Larmassoum said when his trial opened on Wednesday that he had directed attacks on military targets and that along with eight co-defendants he had taken an active part in a rebellion near the country's northern border with Chad.

The prosecution had demanded the death penalty for Larmassoum, who appeared relaxed during the brief trial.

On Wednesday,

Larmassoum said he had commanded attacks on the towns of Markounda, Batangafo and Kabo in late 2005 and an assault on Paoua in January — all near the Chad border — but said his men had only struck at military targets, not civilians.

He said he worked with around 200 men attacking targets on the roads linking the four localities. Judge Jean-Noel Bangué found Larmassoum guilty of murder, armed rebellion, threatening state security, plotting, destruction of goods and looting, and sentenced him to life imprisonment.

MNA/Reuters

Pakistani Minister says peace talks with India should continue

ISLAMABAD, 20 Aug— Stressing the Pakistan-India peace process should remain on track, a Pakistani minister on Friday reiterated Pakistan's commitment to normalization of bilateral relations through negotiated settlement of all outstanding issues, the state-run APP news agency reported.

The peace process between Pakistan and India should remain on track as it is vital for the region and the interests of both countries,

Pakistani Information and Broadcasting Minister Muhammad Ali Durrani told newsmen in Rawalpindi, the twin city of Pakistani capital Islamabad.

“We loudly say and it is our announced agenda that we want peace with India,” he said, adding that Pakistan had taken steps to demonstrate its “sincerity”, quoted by APP.

Saying that people in Pakistan as well as in India want peace, the minister urged people in

Uganda-LRA talks resume in south Sudan

JUBA (Sudan), 20 Aug— Talks between Ugandan officials and rebel Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) resumed in south Sudan on Friday, after several delays postponed negotiations to end one of Africa's longest wars.

South Sudan's regional government is trying to broker an end to the one the world's most brutal insurgencies launched by the LRA 20

years ago from northern Uganda, which has killed tens of thousands and displaced nearly two million people.

Talks were postponed to Friday this week after troops killed a top rebel wanted by the International Criminal Court and the guerillas had called for three days to mourn him.

The delegations greeted each other before meeting behind closed

doors in a hotel in south Sudan's capital, Juba, a Reuters witness said.

“Today has marked the end of mourning of our slain commander killed by the Ugandan forces in cold blood,” LRA spokesman Obonyo Olweny told Reuters.

“We have come back for negotiations and we are also ready for face-to-face interaction with the Ugandan Government.”

MNA/Reuters

Strong earthquake jolts South Pole

TOKYO, 21 Aug— An earthquake measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale shook the South Pole on Sunday noon, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. The quake occurred at around 12:41 am Tokyo Time (0341 GMT). Its epicenter is at 61.0 degrees Southern Latitude and 34.5 degrees Western Longitude, according to the agency.—MNA/Xinhua

50 French troops arrive in Lebanon to beef up peacekeeping mission

BEIRUT, 20 Aug— About 50 French soldiers arrived in Lebanon on Saturday as the first reinforcement for an enlarged UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) tasked with overseeing the ceasefire in the Israel-Hizbollah conflict.

France is the first country to deploy additional troops in the region, with 200 more troops expected to arrive next week, said Bertrand Bonneau, a spokesman for the French contingent.

An amphibious assault ship carrying 150 additional French troops and some 100 vehicles were scheduled to reach Beirut or Naqoura on

Thursday to join the UN peacekeeping force, according to Colonel Christohe Issac, head of the 13th engineering corps. On Friday, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged member states to send troops without delay to reinforce the UNIFIL. The UN wants 3,500 troops on the ground by 28 August.

So far, Italy, Turkey

and Finland have declared readiness to send soldiers while asking for more details on the precise mandate of the force.

Under a UN-brokered ceasefire which took effect on Monday, 15,000 UN troops are expected to help the same number of Lebanese troops deployed in south Lebanon take control of the area.

MNA/Xinhua



French peacekeepers patrol the Houla village in south Lebanon on 19 August, 2006.—INTERNET

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Chinese economist says yuan should appreciate slowly

BEIJING, 20 Aug — China's currency should stay on the slow appreciation track, an economist with the nation's top economic planning agency said Friday. The yuan has risen three times this week.

Chen Dongqi, vice-president of the National Development and Reform Commission's macro-economics research institute, called for "stabilizing expectations about renminbi (another name for the yuan) appreciation by means of fine-tuning."

The yuan's official exchange rate picked up on Wednesday, rising by 123 basis points, followed by a 79-point jump and a smaller 12-point rise on the following two days. On Friday, it traded at 7.9736 per US dollar, the central bank has announced.

Rejecting repeated calls from the United States for accelerated appreciation of yuan, Chen said in an interview

with *Xinhua* that an increase in value of 3 to 4 per cent per year is appropriate.

US manufacturers argue the yuan is undervalued by as much as 40 per cent, making Chinese goods cheaper in the United States and American products more expensive in China and hurting the US job market.

In July last year, the government revalued the yuan by 2 per cent against the US dollar and abandoned its peg to the dollar in favour of a restricted float against a group of foreign currencies.

The yuan has since risen by 3.7 per cent against the US dollar.

MNA/Xinhua



Competitors paddle at the start of the men's K4, 200 metres heat during the flat water Canoe and Kayak World Championship in Szeged, 170 km (106 miles) south from Budapest, on 19 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET



An iguana perched on a branch of a tree waits for its prey in New Delhi, on 19 August, 2006.—INTERNET

Thunderstorm kills 60 cattle in N Nigeria

LAGOS, 21 Aug— A thunderstorm at Gidanwaya in Jema'a Local Government Area in Nigeria's northern state of Kaduna killed 60 head of cattle, the official *News Agency of Nigeria* reported on Saturday.

Bello Ahmadu, a nomad who owns the 59 cows and one ram, was quoted as saying that the incident occurred on Thursday following a downpour which left the herdsman with only three surviving cows.

The nomad appealed for assistance from the government and other spirited individuals.

Commenting on the incident after visiting the scene on Friday, Chairman of the Jema'a Local Government Abraham Jatau described it as unfortunate.

Jatau, who was accompanied by his counterparts from some other local government areas, promised to render assistance to the victim to cushion the effect of the disaster.

He also assured that a comprehensive report

China archaeologists find animals buried alive alongside man

WUHAN, 21 Aug— Chinese archaeologists have unearthed skeletons of six animals from a tomb that dates back 1,700 years, which they believe shows that animals used to be buried alive to keep human beings company in the grave.

A cat, a dog, a pig, a sheep, a buffalo and a deer were excavated from a tomb in the Three Gorges Reservoir area of central China's Hubei Province.

"We can tell from the skeleton that the cat was a domestic one," said Wu Xianzhu, an archaeologist with Yibin Museum.

"It was an adult cat and its skeleton remains intact."

He said further research is going on to identify the owner of the tomb and to find out whether the other five animals were his pets or

of the incident would be made to the State Emergency Management Agency and encouraged the victim to take fresh heart.

MNA/Xinhua

prey.

No human remains have been found yet in the tomb. Sacrificial cats are rarely found in ancient tombs although cats have been kept as pets in China for nearly 1,800 years.

Chinese people traditionally buried fine chinaware pieces and

other valuable items alongside the deceased—particularly for people who were rich or enjoyed high social status.

In the remote periods of Chinese history domestic animals and even concubines were buried alive to keep their masters company in the grave.—NA/Xinhua

Two dead, many injured in Hungary storm

BUDAPEST, 21 Aug — A fierce storm hit the Hungarian capital, Budapest, on Sunday, killing two people and injuring many others as crowds celebrated Hungary's national day, emergency services said.

A sudden rainstorm and lightning struck the city as hundreds of thousands gathered to watch a fireworks display to mark St Stephen's Day, forcing many to flee bridges over the Danube River and the riverside, witnesses said.

One person was missing and several people had to be rescued from the river after two river boats collided on the Danube, news agency *MTI* reported, quoting emergency officials.

"Two people died between Margaret Bridge and the Chain Bridge as a tree fell on them," an emergency services spokesman said. The two bridges are in the centre of Budapest.

There were also reports of many injuries, but the spokesman was unable to provide any exact figures.

MTI also reported that some people were injured in Buda Castle where the roof of the presidential Sandor Palace was damaged. —MNA/Reuters

Three more boatloads of migrants reach Canaries

MADRID, 21 Aug — Three more boatloads of illegal African migrants landed on Spain's Canary Islands on Sunday, taking the total in three days to more than 1,000, the islands' emergency services said.

Reception centres have been swamped and the government has to fly the migrants to mainland Spain while it tries to negotiate their repatriation.

Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said his interior minister would travel on Monday to Senegal. Many of the migrants now come via Senegal, as stricter border controls in Mauritania and Morocco have pushed the traffickers further south.

The deputy prime minister is likely to visit Finland in the next few days to appeal to the current EU presidency for help, Zapatero said at a rally in the Canaries late on Saturday.—MNA/Reuters



British giant John Evans carries six oilcans weighing 300 pounds on his head in Hong Kong, south China, on 20 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Hingis reaches final in rainy Montreal

MONTREAL, 21 Aug— Former world number one Martina Hingis reached the final of the injury-hit Montreal Cup when Russian Anna Chakvetadze was forced to retire in the second set on Saturday.

Hingis won the first set 6-3 and was leading 3-1 in the second when the unseeded Chakvetadze pulled out with an arm injury.

The seventh-seeded Swiss next faces ninth-seeded Russian Dinara Safina or number 13 Ana Ivanovic of Serbia & Montenegro, whose semifinal was suspended by rain.

Ivanovic was leading 6-1, 3-4 when the rain started. The players briefly returned to the court when it stopped, but just before play was to resume the rain started falling again. The match will be completed on Sunday morning before the final.

"You don't want to win a match like this," Hingis told reporters. "I just hope she gets better before the US Open (which starts on August 28)."

Chakvetadze was the seventh player to withdraw or fail to complete a match in the tournament.

Booing was heard in the crowd at Uniprix Stadium after the 19-year-old told the umpire she could not continue.—MNA/Reuters



Former world number one Martina Hingis is projected to make her Top 10 return on Monday's Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Singles Rankings, at No 10, after reaching the final of the Montreal Cup on 19 August, 2006.—INTERNET

Late goal gives Lyon tense victory at Bordeaux

PARIS, 21 Aug— A late goal from substitute striker Sylvain Wiltord gave French champions Olympique Lyon a 2-1 win at Girondins Bordeaux in a tense Ligue 1 match on Sunday.

Wiltord headed home the winner with five minutes left to present Lyon with victory over the side most likely to challenge them in their quest for a sixth successive title.

Lyon climb to second place, level on seven points from three matches with Olympique Marseille and Le Mans. Bordeaux, last season's runners-up, drop to fifth place, one point off the lead.

Midfielder Julien Faubert put Bordeaux in the lead after six minutes, heading in a Johan Micoud free kick to score his second goal this week after celebrating his first cap for France with the winner in a 2-1 friendly win over Bosnia in Sarajevo on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese women lead in World Military Pentathlon C'ship

VIENNA NEW CITY, 21 Aug— China's Tian Linna and Tian Jing on Saturday respectively captured the first place in the events of women's obstacle running and shooting in the 53rd World Championship Military Pentathlon in Vienna New City.

Tian Linna, the world record holder of women's 500 metres obstacle running, clocked a fastest time of 2 minutes and 16.7 seconds, while Tian Jing, who is making here World Championship debut, finished top in women's shooting event with 195 points.

After the first two days' action, Tian Linna retains the overall individual lead with a total of 2,247.1 points, and the Chinese women top the team event with 6,556.3 points, followed by Russia and Norway.

Their male compatriots were in fifth place in the men's category after the shooting event.

MNA/Xinhua

China's Liu Hong wins women's 10,000m race walking

BEIJING, 21 Aug— 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 here on Saturday.

The 19-year-old clocked a personal best time of 45 minutes and 12.84 seconds under sweltering conditions, while compatriot Chai Xue finished sixth in 48:09.51.—MNA/Xinhua

Chelsea beat Manchester City 3-0 in Premiership

LONDON, 21 Aug— Chelsea kicked off their campaign to win a third successive Premiership title with an easy 3-0 win over 10-man Manchester City at home on Sunday.

The visitors were chasing the game from the 11th minute after John Terry headed in Arjen Robben's free-kick, and Chelsea doubled their lead on 26 minutes when Nicky Weaver was powerless to stop Frank Lampard's deflected shot.

City's miserable day was compounded just past the hour when Bernado Corradi was sent off and Didier Drogba added a third goal with a superb diving header.

Corradi's second booking was for a wild lunge at Michael Essien and the Italian was not the only City player to display a lack of discipline.

Chelsea had a host of players missing, including new signing

Michael Ballack, but manager Jose Mourinho was still able to name 10 internationals in his team.

One of those internationals was Andriy Shevchenko, who — on his league debut for Chelsea — showed some deft touches.

But Shevchenko was unable to find the net and it was left to Drogba to show the Ukraine forward how to put the ball in the net when he flung himself at Wayne Bridge's cross to head past Weaver.

Chelsea's almost total control of the game stemmed from a couple of first-half goals, provided by two of their England internationals.—MNA/Xinhua



Andy Roddick of the United States hits a shot to Fernando Gonzalez of Chile during the Cincinnati Masters tennis tournament in Mason, Ohio on 19 August, 2006.—INTERNET



Tian Linna (C) captures on 19 August, 2006, the first place in the events of women's obstacle running in the 53rd World Championship Military Pentathlon in Vienna New City. She clocked a fastest time of 2 minutes and 16.7 seconds in women's 500 meters obstacle running.—INTERNET

Classy Barca crush Espanyol to win Super Cup

BARCELONA, 21 Aug— Spanish and European champions Barcelona claimed their first silverware of the season with a high-class 3-0 win over city rivals Espanyol in the second leg of the Super Cup on Sunday. A neat header from Xavi and a spectacular double from Portugal international Deco gave Frank Rijkaard's side a 4-0 aggregate victory over the King's Cup winners.

Barca, who also won the Super Cup last season, have now won the trophy seven times, the same total as arch-rivals Real Madrid. They will have the chance to add another trophy to their collection when they play UEFA Cup winners Sevilla in the final of the European Super Cup in Monaco on Friday.

"It was the perfect way to start the season," Deco told reporters after the game. "It was great to score four goals and win without having to suffer too much."

The first leg was marred by controversy over the participation of Barca duo Carles Puyol and Xavi just three days after they had withdrawn from Spain's friendly with Iceland because of injury, with Espanyol claiming their inclusion had breached FIFA rules.

But there was little Espanyol could do to stop Barca on the pitch and with Ronaldinho and Xavi pulling the strings in midfield the home side were in scintillating form in the opening 20 minutes.

They opened the scoring after three minutes when Xavi sent a glancing header spinning into the top corner after Ronaldinho had dinked the ball across the area after bamboozling Espanyol fullback Sergio Sanchez with a mesmerizing step-over.—MNA/Reuters

Bayern edge out Bochum for second win

BERLIN, 21 Aug— Roy Makaay and Philipp Lahm earned below-par Bayern Munich a 2-1 win at promoted Bochum on Sunday, giving the Bundesliga champions a share of the early lead with a maximum six points from two matches.

Makaay put the champions ahead two minutes before the break but Bochum equalized in the 52nd minute when Brazilian Fabio Junior slipped the ball past Oliver Kahn from 10 metres.

The goal stung Bayern into their best football of the game and Lahm drilled in the winner from the left side of the area with 25 minutes to go.

The result saw Bayern join Nuremberg and Werder Bremen as the only sides with six points from two games.

Nuremberg beat Borussia Moenchengladbach 1-0 on Friday and lead the league on goal difference. Werder Bremen, runners-up behind Bayern last season, won 2-1 at home to Bayer Leverkusen on Saturday.

In Sunday's other game, VfB Stutt-

gart won 3-2 at Arminia Bielefeld despite finishing the game with nine men. Cacau got the winner with a right-foot screamer in the 82nd minute, his second goal of a frantic game.

Bayern coach Felix Magath left Owen Hargreaves out of his starting lineup at the end of a week in which the club told him in no uncertain terms he would not be allowed to join Manchester United.

Bayern's play suffered as a result of the in-form midfielder's absence and they only threatened occasionally in the first half. They took the lead with their one attack of real quality, when Hasan Salihamidzic made himself space and slid a perfectly judged pass through the defence for Makaay to slot in.

MNA/Reuters

Ten immigrants die, many missing in Sicily sinking

ROME, 21 Aug — At least 10 people died and as many as 40 were feared missing when a small boat packed with illegal immigrants sank off Sicily on Saturday, prompting Italy to call for greater cooperation to fight human trafficking.

“What happened today is not only a tragedy but nothing less than a crime,” Amato said in a statement. Interior Minister Giuliano “And if we don’t manage

Aid workers help illegal immigrants as they arrive in south Italy’s Lampedusa island harbour on 19 August, 2006. At least 10 people died and as many as 40 were feared missing when a small boat packed with 120 illegal immigrants sank off Sicily on Saturday, prompting Italy to call for greater cooperation to fight human trafficking.

INTERNET



Dr Vum Ko Hau (Ambassador retired)

It is exactly one month that you left us. My deepest sympathies go to your wife Daw Tina and to your children. We miss you very much and we think of you every day. We have happy memories of our times together. Rest in peace! Ko Myat Min (IVY Gallery) 22 August, 2006

to punish crimes they repeat themselves and tragedies repeat themselves too.”

The boat, a 10-metre-long wooden vessel believed to have left from Libya, sank at about 3:30 am (0030 GMT) around

10 miles (16 kilometres) off the southern island of Lampedusa.

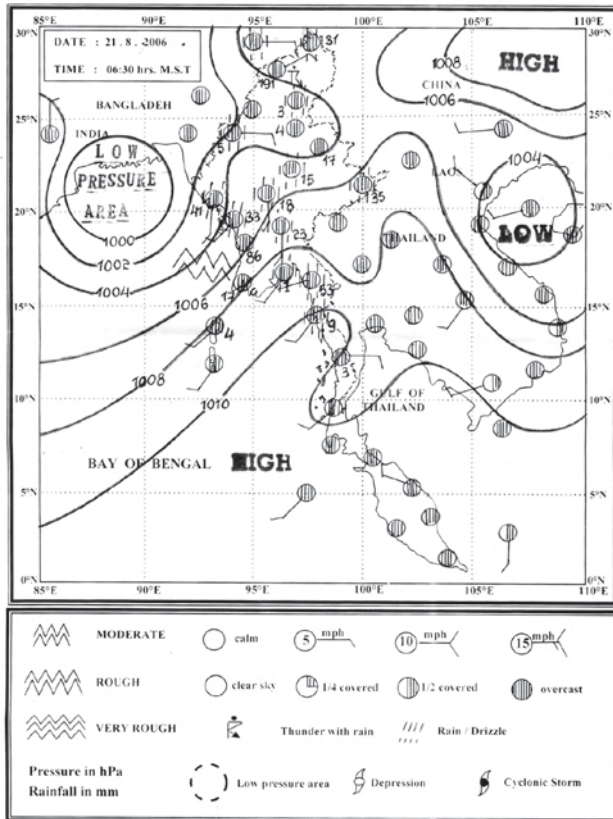
CoastGuard officials said 70 people had been rescued and 10 bodies, including four women, had been recovered.

Survivors reported there had been up to 120 immigrants on board. Such estimates could be inexact so it was difficult to estimate how many were missing, officials said. Lampedusa, between Sicily and Libya, has become a gateway for illegal immigrants and refugees who leave North Africa in an attempt to enter the European Union.

Police later identified five men among the survivors who they suspected were part of a gang that organized the voyage. The men were believed to be Libyan, police said.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 21 August, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been scattered in Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Magaway and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining states and divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (7.52) inches, Taungup (4.41) inches, Thandwe (3.39) inches, Kyauktaw (3.27) inches, Mawlamyine (2.75) inches, Machanbaw (2.56) inches, Gwa (2.28) inches, Namhsam (1.97) inches, Taunggyi (1.53) inches, Pingloun and Pakokku (1.50) inches each, Chauk (1.18) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (0.71) inch and Mandalay (0.59) inch.

Maximum temperature on 20-8-2006 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 21-8-2006 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 21-8-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 20-8-2006 was nil.

Rainfalls on 21-8-2006 were (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.44) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (72.44) inches at Mingaladon, (83.11) inches at Kaba-Aye and (90.79) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (18:00) hours MST on 20-8-2006.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, low pressure area has formed over North Bay. Monsoon is moderate in Andaman Sea and strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 22-8-2006: Rain will be fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Kayah States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Rakhine States and upper Sagaing Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough seas are likely at times 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: Likelihood of increase of thundery activities in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 22-8-2006: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 22-8-2006: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 22-8-2006: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

“Flood Bulletin”

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 21-8-2006)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is (608) cm. It may remain above its danger level (600) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1091) cm. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.



Tuesday, 22 August

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7:30 am 3. Morning news
7:40 am 4. ဝါဆိုမိုးဆမ်းကန်တော့ပန်း (တိပိဋကနိကာယဥပဋ္ဌာက အနုပညာအဖွဲ့)
7:55 am 5. Nice and sweet song
8:05 am 6. ကဗျာပန်းညွှန်
8:20 am 7. Song of yester year
8:30 am 8. International news
8:45 am 9. Islands of Dhamma

- 8:50 am 10. ဘဒ္ဒန္တအာစိတ္တာဘိဝံသ (အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဋ္ဌဂူ) ဒုတိယဥက္ကဋ္ဌ ဆရာတော် နိုင်ငံတော်သံယု မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့၊ ဇောသီတာရာမ ပါဠိတက္ကသိုလ်ကျောင်းတိုက်၊ ထားဝယ်မြို့၊ တနင်္သာရီတိုင်းထံမှ နဝင်္ဂပေါသထသီလခံယူဆောက်တည်ခြင်း
4:00 pm 1. Martial song
4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
4:30 pm 3. အမှတ် (၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ စတုတ္ထအကြိမ်မြောက် ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ပထမဆု) (အထက-၂၊ စမ်းချောင်း) (အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)
4:45 pm 4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)
5:00 pm 5. Dance of national races
5:10 pm 6. “ဟွန်းသံ” (ဧရာနုနှင့်ယာဉ်ထိန်း ရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့ဝင်များ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)
5:15 pm 7. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊အရေးအတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန်
(ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေးနှင့် ကာလပေါ်တေး) (ဝါသနာရှင်အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
5:25 pm 8. Sing and enjoy
6:00 pm 8. Evening news
6:30 pm 10. Weather report
6:35 pm 11.ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
6:50 pm 12. နိုင်ငံခြား ကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး” (အပိုင်း-၂)
7:10 pm 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရုလိုင်နံနက်ခင်း” (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
7:50 pm 14. ကြည်ညိုဦးစိုက် ဖူးလိုက်ဖို့ တူပျော် မကွေးမြသလွန် စေတီတော်
8:00 pm 15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သူအိပ်မက်လှလှ” (အပိုင်း-၂၂)
19. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာဘာဝနာ ပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်
20. The next day’s programme

Mandalay Division to put one million acres under monsoon paddy

Ngathayauk Dam commissioned into service in Bagan-NyaungU

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — Ngathayauk Dam was put into service in Bagan-NyaungU Township, NyaungU District, Mandalay Division, yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw said that Ngathayauk Dam was built in accord with the Head of State's guidance to solve the water scarcity problem of Bagan-NyaungU region where people were not able to cultivate crops effectively and faced water shortages in summer despite the region's location on the Ayeyawady River bank. It is the 188th dam of the nation and 48th of Mandalay Division.



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw delivers an address at opening ceremony of Ngathayauk Dam. — MNA

The 48 dams irrigate 723,188 acres of land to grow crops at any season in the division.

In accord with the objective—Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other economic sectors as well—the divi-

sion has planned to extend monsoon paddy sown acreage to reach one million acres within three years beginning 2004-2005. It grew over 840,000 acres of the monsoon crops in 2005-2006. Arrangements are under way to meet the tar-

get in 2006-2007. Up to now the division has put 723,238 acres under monsoon paddy for this year. Thanks to the dam, the target will be surely realized. The facility is also a pride for the division. Dams are helping fulfil the social needs of

the people and generate power.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo said that the dam and river water pumping stations will help green Bagan-NyaungU region and supply water.

Projects on availability of water for agricul-

tural purposes are being implemented under the guidance of Senior General Than Shwe. Local people can enjoy benefits of irrigated farmlands. Altogether 188 dams and sluice gates benefited 2.6 million acres of farmlands and 297 river pumping stations (See page 8)

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In Myainggyingu Special Region in Hlaingbwe Township, DKBA that has returned to the legal fold is now working together with the government for regional development. Rubber, corn, sugar cane and beans and pulses in addition to paddy are being grown in that region. If the cultivation of crops is extended, it will be able to always meet the food, clothing and shelter needs of the people.