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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 Ye Myint inspects physic nut, teak and rubber plantations in Myitkyina

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials of SPDC Office and departments concerned, left Yangon on 25 August morning and arrived at Myitkyina in the afternoon.

Accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State PDC Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected thriving physic nut plan-

Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects rubber seeds and sample crumbs at Shadong Village in Myitkyina.

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tations of Myitkyina Air Base.

Commander of the Air Base Brig-Gen Zaw Tun reported on cultivation of physic nut and rubber plants. The commander and Kachin State Manager U Win Myint of Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise gave supplementary reports.

After giving neces-

sary instructions, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the physic nut plantations.

They proceeded to 1,500-acre teak plantation of U Karai La Hsan and U Sha Dong Baran Nu near Lwekhaw Village of Myitkyina Township. Officials reported on cultivation of the teak plantation.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint

viewed nurturing of 400,000 teak saplings and cultivation of teak and iron trees.

A total of 252,000 teak plants have been grown on 420-acre land out of 1,500 acres allotted land and 18,000 iron trees on 30 acres. A total of 500 acres of land will be extended in 2007 and 400,000 teak saplings are

being cultivated.

They arrived at Aungmye Rubber Farm in Shadong Village of Myitkyina Township. Responsible persons of the farm reported on cultivation of 635 acres of plantation and yield of rubber.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions and viewed rubber seeds and sample crumbs. He urged rubber growers to cultivate quality strain of rubber plants.

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rubber plants. Latex yield stands at 800 pounds per acre. Arrangements are being made to grow rubber saplings on the remaining acres of land.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went back to Myitkyina.

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The Prime Minister in his speech said that success was achieved more than expected in the 17-year period from 1989 when the border areas development project was launched to date, and the success is largely due to the fact that correct policies were laid down under the guidance of the Head of State, responsible persons cared for the project, and local national race groups and the people took part in the drive.

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HEIN MYINT

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Extended cultivation of high-yield crops

The government has been building dams and reservoirs, sluice gates, diversion weirs and canals based on the requirements of the regions in accord with the geographical conditions. By doing so, cultivation acreage has increased nationwide.

As a result of the construction of dams and sluice gates there are over seven million irrigated acres now.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is rendering assistance to farmers for boosting cultivation acreage and per acre yield of crops. Research on crop quality and quality strains with high yield potential is being conducted for cultivation.

Per acre yield has been on the increase as new strains of paddy discovered through agricultural research and other strains of paddy are utilized in states and divisions in conformity with climate and soil conditions of the regions. In 1988-89, per acre yield was only 56 baskets of paddy and now it increases up to over 100 baskets.

Farmers grow high-yield paddy including Hsinthwelat that yields over 100 baskets. Sixty-one per cent of 15 million monsoon paddy acreage are put under high-yield strains.

Paddy production in the country in 2005-2006 is over 1,200 million baskets of paddy due to the use of quality strains and modern cultivation methods.

The government is undertaking the tasks for earning more income of farmers and fulfilling agricultural requirements. It is believed that cultivation of high yield paddy can boost paddy production and uplift farmers' socio-economic life.



To mark birthday of son Maung Wam Ko Ko, U Ahwam- Daw Khin Than and family of West Ward 1 in Kamayut Township recently donated K 100,000 to the funds of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of the Home Administrative Board. — H

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

The second best time is now.

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

Educative talks given in Amarapura



Head of Organizing Department of MWAFF Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo gives educative talks at Panchi Village, Amarapura Township. — MNA

YANGON, 27 Aug — Organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, a ceremony to give educative talks was held in Panchi Village in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Division, on 23 August. It was attended by Head of Organizing Department of MWAFF Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, Patron of Mandalay Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Pyone Win and departmental heads, leaders of working groups, chairpersons of Mandalay District and Amarapura Township WAOs, executives and members of social organizations.

First, Patron of Mandalay Division WAO Daw Khin Pyone Win made an opening address and Head of Organizing Department of MWAFF Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo explained facts about

MWAFF. Next, Working Group Leader of Mandalay Division WAO Daw Mi Mi Lay gave talks on preventive measures against human trafficking and Specialist Dr U Tun Myint of STD Control

(Upper Myanmar) on HIV/AIDS. Later, Patron Daw Khin Pyone Win handed over 13,000 membership applications to Head of Organizing Department of MWAFF Dr Daw Nyunt

MWAFF members hold discussions with village women of Panchi Village in Amarapura Township.
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A responsible person of MWAFF delivers iodized salt and pamphlets to members of WAO.
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Nyunt Oo. Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo presented organization's uniforms donated by MWAFF to Township WAO Chair-person Daw San San Yu. Thereafter, Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo and Daw Khin Pyone Win presented 300 packets of iodized salt and pamphlets to members of village WAO and donated publications to the village library. — MNA

MBF President leaves for Japan

YANGON, 26 Aug — President of Myanmar Basketball Federation Prof Dr Sein Myint (MD of Supreme Group of Companies), who has been elected as Central Executive Committee member of Asian Basketball Federation for 2006-07, together with Daw Myat Thanda of MBF left here this evening for Japan to attend the Global Congress of International Basketball Federation to be held in Tokyo of Japan from 28 to 30 August.

They were seen off by General Secretary of MBF U Maung Maung Myint, executives and family members.

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President of MBF Professor Dr Sein Myint and executive Daw Myat Thanda being seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Japan. — KYEMON

ASEAN, Australia, NZ FTA could be ready in 2007

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 Aug — The comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between ASEAN and Australia and New Zealand could be available in the year 2007, senior official said on Friday.

Economic ministers of all the 10 member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Australia and New Zealand collectively suggested the timetable after concluding their 11th consultations here. "Ministers recog-

nized that with the right level of ambition and commitment to concluding the negotiations as a single undertaking, a comprehensive FTA could be done in 2007," said a joint statement issued after the meeting in Malaysia's capital of Kuala Lumpur.

ASEAN, Australia and New Zealand negotiations have "transcended the confidence-building stage and are now in the substantive critical phase with discussions focused on the draft texts of the agreement, including eco-

nomics cooperation provisions, and modalities for market access negotiations", said the statement.

Meanwhile, ministers also acknowledged that "there could be some difficulties encountered in the negotiations given the diverse economic circumstances and broad range of interests of the participating countries".

To address the challenges, ministers urged the Trade Negotiating Committee to find creative solutions to close the gap on difficult issues and called on participating countries to exercise greater flexibility in resolving difficult issues.—MNA/Xinhua



Anti-terror special force climb a cliff to assault "terrorists" in Yining, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 26 Aug, 2006.
XINHUA



A man dressed as a warrior from the "Djigbo" (coming out) generation holds his swords during festivities in Attingue, about 30 km (18.6 miles) from Abidjan, Ivory Coast on 25 Aug, 2006. The generation festival, which takes place every 15 years, is the most important festival for the Akie group, an ethnic group living in southern Ivory Coast. —INTERNET

UNGA agrees on draft convention on rights of disabled

UNITED NATIONS, 27 Aug — A United Nations General Assembly Committee Friday agreed on the draft text of a treaty to protect the rights of the world's 650 million dis-

abled people.

The committee including all 192 UN member nations has been working for the past five years on the text of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities designed to promote and protect the rights of disabled people.

"You are sending an absolutely wonderful message to the world. You're sending the message that we want to have a life and dignity for all and that all human beings are equal," General Assembly President Jan

Eliasson said after the draft was adopted with consensus.

The text will be presented to the UN General Assembly, which opens its 61st session in September, for approval before being opened for signature and ratification.

Countries that join in the convention would be required to adopt laws and policies prohibiting discrimination on the basis of any form of disability and to abolish laws and regulations that constitute discrimination.

MNA/Xinhua

Chad orders foreign oil firms out

LONDON, 26 Aug — Chad has ordered two major foreign oil firms to leave the country on Sunday in a row over taxes.

President Idriss Deby gave the order to US firm ChevronTexaco and Malaysia's Petronas after deciding on Saturday.

"Chad has decided that as of tomorrow ChevronTexaco and Petronas must leave Chad because they have refused to pay their taxes," Mr Deby said. There was no immediate comment from the two firms, which are responsible for handling 60% of Chad's production.

The decision leaves



Chadian President Idriss Deby says the firms must go on Sunday—INTERNET

only Exxon Mobil remaining in the consortium which handles the country's oil production.

President Deby said his government would take control of the remaining reserves.

ABBC correspondent in the capital, N'Djamena, said the surprise decision sent shock waves around the oil industry.

Rows surrounding Chad's oil revenues have been simmering for

months.

Earlier this year, Chad threatened to stop oil production if it did not immediately receive several months' worth of oil revenues from the US-led consortium.

And last December the government fell out with the World Bank, after it changed a law which controlled how oil revenues were spent.

The bank, which financially backs the oil project, repeatedly asked Chad not to change the law but it went ahead anyway.

In response, the bank froze all payments of oil revenues to the government.—Internet

Arsons cause minor damages in Greece

ATHENS, 26 Aug — Two incidents of arsons in Athens, Greece, early Friday caused only minor damages without any injury, police here said.

Police said that unidentified persons threw homemade firebombs at the offices of a fan club of the AEK Athens soccer team and at a McDonald's fast-food restaurant, causing minor material damage in both instances.

According to eyewitnesses, a group of about 10 youths on mopeds vandalized the AEK fan club office at 2:00 am, throwing stones and Molotov cocktails, which caused a fire resulting in minor material damage.

MNA/Xinhua

Bodies seen floating in Bay of Bengal

DHAKA, 26 Aug — Many bodies, believed to be the fishermen's, were seen floating in the Bay of Bengal near Bangladesh's southwestern Sundarbans coast, a private television channel reported on Thursday.

The television channel Ntv in its evening bulletin said local people reported to Fishing Boat Owners Association President Golam Mostafa that they saw at least 10 bodies are floating in the Bay of Bengal.

The television said the number of bodies might be higher.

Ntv quoted Mostafa as saying that eight fishing boats went to fishing in the deep sea four days ago, but they did not return.—MNA/Xinhua



A model presents a pair of earrings at the International Luxury Goods Exhibition held at Beijing Hotel in Beijing, capital of China, on 25 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA



A worker packs Matsutake mushrooms in the freezer room of a Matsutake factory in Shangri-La in China's southern province of Yunnan on 25 Aug, 2006. — INTERNET

Two more suspects arrested in German bomb probe

BERLIN, 26 Aug — Authorities in Germany and Lebanon on Friday detained two more suspects in connection with a plot to detonate suitcase bombs on German trains last month.

Germany's Federal Prosecutors Office said police in the southern state of Baden-Wuerttemberg had "taken into temporary custody" a new suspect and that they had searched a room in a student dormitory in the city of Konstanz.

"The federal prosecutors' investigation in connection with the failed bomb attacks on regional trains in Dortmund and Koblenz focused today on another known person due to suspicion of membership

in a terrorist organization," the Prosecutors' Office said in a statement.

Lebanese authorities have also arrested a new suspect they believe may have been involved in the plot, a senior Lebanese judicial source said in Beirut.

The Lebanese source said the 24-year-old Lebanese man, with the initials KHD, was arrested based on information provided by Jihad Hamad, a 20-year-old suspect who had turned himself in to

Lebanese authorities on Thursday.

The detentions bring to four the number of suspects in custody, with two in Germany and two in Lebanon. No formal charges have been filed yet against any of the four.

MNA/Reuters

Thousands search for India's tigers

NEW DELHI, 26 Aug — Tens of thousands of forest workers are fanning out across India's jungles and national parks to count the country's endangered tigers, officials said on Friday.

The exercise involves 88,000 forest workers who have been given designated areas in various wildlife sanctuaries.

India has half the world's surviving tigers, but conservationists say the country is losing the battle to save the big cats. There were about 40,000 tigers in India a century ago, but decades of poaching have cut their number to 3,700.

Concerns have again risen after a sharp decline in the number of the tiger population was reported — with one national park near New Delhi saying last year it had no tigers left.

Earlier tiger counts had been done solely by spotting their pugmarks but conservationists said that method was faulty,

mainly due to varying soil and weather conditions. The new method involves actual sightings of the animal apart from spotting and capturing on camera their pugmarks and faeces. DNA sampling will also be used.

"The (new) methodology is a basket of all published techniques put together for application," said YV Jhala of the Wildlife Institute of India.

Conservationists have in the past expressed reservations over the accuracy of government figures on tiger populations.

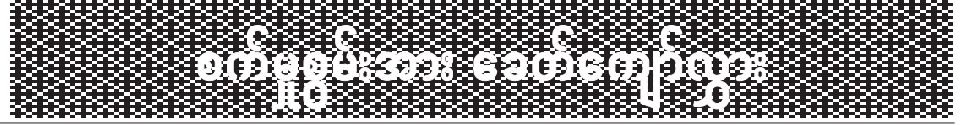
MNA/Reuters

Lieutenant-Colonel Bruce Hopfengardner, 46, of Frederick, Virginia, was the first military officer to admit taking part in the scheme to defraud the US-led occupation authority.

He pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit wire fraud and money laundering in US District Court for the District of Columbia, the Justice Department said in a statement.

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Iran opens nuclear facility saying no threat to Israel

TEHERAN, 26 Aug—President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad insisted that Iran is no threat to Israel as he inaugurated a heavy water production plant just five days before a UN Security Council deadline to suspend sensitive nuclear fuel cycle work.

Israel reacted bluntly, saying it was "not fooled" by Ahmadinejad's assurances and recalling how the hardline leader has called for the destruction of the Jewish state.

Opening the controversial facility, which the West believes may be used to acquire an atomic weapon, Ahmadinejad repeated Iran's desire for peaceful nuclear energy, saying his country posed no threat to arch-foe Israel.

"The message of the Iranian nation is peace, calm and co-habitation with all nations based on justice—We are no threat to any nation, even the Zionist regime," he said.

"They must accept the reality of a strong Iran, de-

veloped and a supporter of peace," he said as he opened the Arak plant, which will supply heavy water to be used as coolant for a 40 MW research reactor due



President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

for completion by 2009.

The International Atomic Energy Agency has voiced concern over the risk of diversion of

nuclear materials, as the research reactor could produce 8-10 kilogrammes (about 20 pounds) of plutonium a year, enough to make at least two nuclear bombs. And the hardline leader said the Islamic republic would defend its right to nuclear technology "with force."

"One cannot deprive any nation from its rights. The Iranian nation will defend its rights to nuclear technology with force," Ahmadinejad said. "The Islamic republic considers inauguration of this complex within the framework of its legal and international rights," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi was quoted as saying.—Internet

US Army Reserve officer pleads guilty in Iraq case

WASHINGTON, 26 Aug— A US Army Reserve officer pleaded guilty on Friday to improperly steering millions of dollars in Iraq reconstruction contracts as part of a conspiracy involving kickbacks, smuggling and sexual favours.

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south-central city of Al-Hillal, the government said in court papers.

Prosecutors said he and others plotted to steer millions of dollars to Philip Bloom, a US citizen with businesses in Romania and postwar Iraq. In exchange, they

received money, plane tickets, jewellery, alcohol, cigars and sexual favours from women provided by Bloom at his villa in Baghdad and at least one other place, the government said.

Robert Stein, a former US Defence Department

contract employee, pleaded guilty on 5 February to related charges. He controlled the spending of about 82 million US dollars in CPA funds reserved for reconstruction projects in south-central Iraq.

MNA/Reuters



Two blasts in Pakistani city; five wounded

QUETTA (Pakistan), 26 Aug— Two bombs exploded in the Pakistani city of Quetta on Thursday slightly wounding five people and suspicion immediately fell on nationalist rebels seeking a greater share of the benefits of gas resources.

Bombs were placed under cars near a government media building in the capital of the southwestern province of Baluchistan, where rebels have been waging a low-key insurgency for decades.

The explosions went off about 10 minutes apart, police said.

"We've got some clues. Some people saw them planting explosives under vehicles," deputy provincial police chief Salman Saeed told Reuters.

"According to the witness descriptions, they were Baluch. The BLA could be behind this," he said, referring to the Baluch Liberation Army which is fighting for autonomy for the region.—MNA/Reuters

Villagers walk back on an uprooted railway track near Kawas Village, 350 km (218 miles) north of the western Indian city of Ahmedabad, on 26 Aug, 2006.

INTERNET

Bolivia vows to continue nationalization of energy as planned

BRASILIA, 26 Aug— Bolivia would continue to carry out its plan to nationalize oil and natural gas by November despite great difficulties, and step up talks with Brazil's Petrobras over disputed issues, the Bolivian Vice-President said on Thursday.

"Nationalization will not take a single step backward," Garcia Linera said here after talks with Brazilian President Luiz

Inacio Lula da Silva. Garcia Linera, who is on a visit to Brazil, insisted that the nationalization process, started

on 1 May, would conclude as planned on 1 November. "Six months are enough to reach good accords," he said.

He also pledged to strengthen negotiations with Brazil's Petrobras, the largest foreign oil company to have invested in Bolivia, to resolve a dispute over the increase of the price of natural gas that Bolivia supplies to Brazil, as well as other conditions imposed by Bolivia. Petrobras imports 25 million cubic metres of gas a day from Bolivia, accounting for about half of Brazil's consumption.

Garcia Linera noted Petrobras remained "a strategic partner".

MNA/Xinhua



A gopher tortoise walks down the road in front of the space shuttle Atlantis sitting on pad 39B at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on 25 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

Police probe security alert on Aer Lingus flight

DUBLIN, 26 Aug — Irish police questioned 239 passengers travelling on an Aer Lingus flight from New York to Shannon Airport in southwest Ireland on Friday after a bomb scare sparked a security alert.

Officials said the Airbus A-330 aircraft made a normal landing at Shannon Airport at 7.45 am after police received a call about the flight that referred to "some potential explosives".

A spokeswoman for Irish state airline Aer Lingus said that all the passengers on board were taken off and interviewed by police in the terminal building.

"There was a security alert on board one of our flights from New York to Shannon after gardai (Irish police) received a call at around 4 am," the spokeswoman said.

Eugene Pratt, a spokesman for Shannon Airport told BBC television the phone call that triggered the alert was made to a police station in Dublin.

"It was simply a phone call referring to that flight by number and referring to some potential explosives," he said. — MNA/Reuters

Cyprus opens unclaimed container filled with antiques

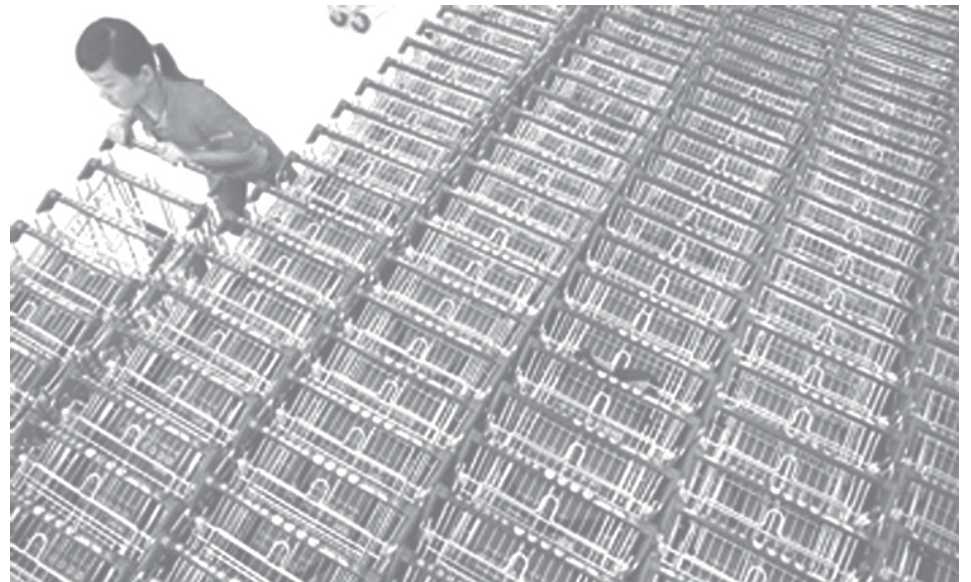
NICOSIA, 26 Aug — Cyprus Customs officials are investigating the origins and destination of an unclaimed shipping container filled with antiques and paintings.

Chief Customs and Excise Officer Chrysostomos Hadjichristodoulou told reporters on Friday the 40-foot container was opened after it had remained unclaimed at Limassol Port for 45 days.

It was filled with antique furniture and paintings, and many of the boxes displayed labels from Sotheby's and Christie's auction houses.

Hadjichristodoulou said the container had arrived from Syria. Police believe the receiver of the container is likely of Arabic origin.

MNA/Reuters



A supermarket employee pushes shopping carts in Wuhan, central China's Hubei Province, on 25 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

China to produce turbine blade for world's leading civil aircraft

GUIYANG, 26 Aug — China will manufacture turbine blades for top civil aircraft in a joint venture with a top French company.

Snecma, the biggest subsidiary of France-based Safran Group, a Fortune 500 company, signed an investment contract with Guizhou-based Xinyi Machinery

Factory under China Aviation Industry Corporation (CAIC) on Friday to form a turbine blade joint venture.

The first phase of the project involves an

investment of 15 million US dollars which will be used to build a blade production line for CFM56 engines, the most widely used aero engine in the world.

"The joint venture represents a high-level cooperation between the two companies," said Yang Rui, deputy director of the Engine Sector of CAIC.

Yang believed that the new venture will bring advanced knowledge in technology, business and management.

"We have enjoyed good cooperation with Xinyi in the past ten years and we see the cooperation in a long-term way," said Marc Ventre, CEO of Snecma.

MNA/Xinhua



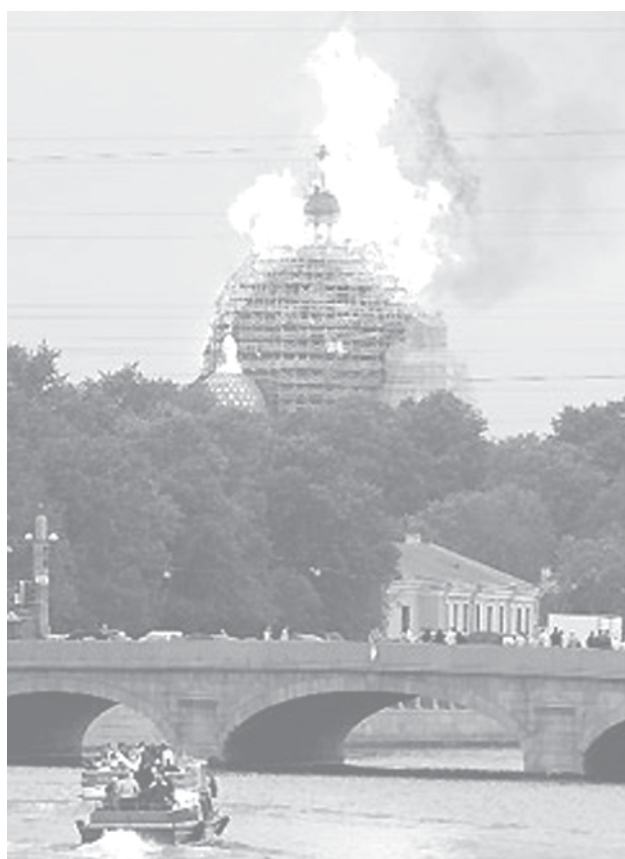
A French United Nations vehicle drives on a road as Lebanese soldiers watch near the port city of Tyre, in south Lebanon, on 26 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

Fire destroys St Petersburg Cathedral domes

ST PETERSBURG, 26 Aug — A fire gutted a 19th Century cathedral in the heart of Russia's second city on Friday, destroying its famous azure domes which attract thousands of tourists every year.

As flames leapt from the main dome of the Troitsky (Trinity) Cathedral — one of the largest wooden domes in Europe — passers-by helped to rescue priceless artefacts from its renowned art and religious icon collection.

"The fire services don't have long enough ladders to reach the top of the dome. They have been aiming their water guns at the middle section," Reuters photographer Alexander Demyanchuk



A fire raged through a 19th Century cathedral on 26 Aug, 2006. —XINHUA

said by telephone from outside the cathedral.

The cathedral had been covered by wooden scaffolding during reconstruction work when the fire started.

"The main dome has been destroyed but we could not stop the fire because it was so high and now other domes are in flames," a spokesman for Russia's Emergencies Ministry told Interfax news agency. Emergency services said there had been no casualties.

The Troitsky Cathedral, built overlooking one of central St Petersburg's canals, is big enough to hold 3,000 worshippers and also housed the military uniforms of Russian 19th Century tsars. — MNA/Reuters

Chinese official stresses importance of Sino-Africa Press exchanges

BEIJING, 26 Aug— To strengthen China-Africa relations, Press and media exchanges between the two sides must be promoted, said a Chinese Press official here on Friday.

Cai Wu, director of the Information Office of the State Council, made the remark at the closing ceremony of a seminar for African Press officials held by the Office.

Cai said the seminar, part of the framework of the China-Africa Cooperation Forum, is a good opportunity for African friends to learn about China's reform and

development and its policies. This is the third seminar hosted by the Office for African Press officials. The first two were held respectively in 2004 and 2005.

Ethiopian Minister of Information Berhan Hailu said at the closing ceremony that the seminar had been fruitful and the visits and seminar had given them a glimpse of the real

China and allowed them to correct some false impressions.

He appreciated China's economic efforts and its deep interest in Africa, saying he would encourage his government to develop a more positive attitude towards China and strengthen cooperation which will be beneficial to both sides.

MNA/Xinhua

Oil jumps \$1 on US Gulf storm threat

LONDON, 26 Aug— Oil leapt 1 US dollar on Friday as a storm brewing in the Caribbean threatened to sweep through the US Gulf next week and menace oil supplies yet to recover from last year's hurricanes.

Support also came from Iran's nuclear row with the West that could prompt United Nations sanctions against the world's fourth-largest oil exporter, although Russia ruled out such punitive action for now.

US crude was up 1.13

US dollars at 73.49 US dollars a barrel by 0948 GMT, after gaining 60 cents on Thursday. London Brent rose 93 cents to 73.61 US dollars.

A spinning band of squalls in the Caribbean was on the verge of becoming Tropical Storm

Ernesto and was expected to head northwest towards the Gulf of Mexico by the middle of next week.

A surge in demand in China, the world's second biggest fuel burner, also underpinned oil's rise.

MNA/Reuters

France, Germany urge Israel to lift blockage against Lebanon

PARIS, 26 Aug— French President Jacques Chirac and visiting German Chancellor Angela Merkel Friday urged Israel to lift its sea and air blockage against Lebanon.

"The blockage is persisting and it is extremely harmful to Lebanon's economy," Chirac said at a joint news conference with the German Chancellor after their meeting at the French

presidential palace L'Elysee.

"It is completely unjustified... We ask the Israelis to end this blockage," he said.

The deployment of the German ship off the

Lebanese coast, as part of the enlarged United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), "could be important in moving towards a lifting of the blockage", said Merkel.—MNA/Xinhua



A youth jumps during an exhibition at a recruitment rally organized by the Indian paramilitary force in Mandai Village, about 35 km (22 miles) from Agartala, capital of India's northeastern state of Tripura, on 25 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET



A boatman repairs his boat on the dried-up riverbed of the Jialing River running along southwest China's Chongqing municipality on 25 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Pakistan-India train service suspended after India flooding

ISLAMABAD, 26 Aug— The cross-border train service Thar Express, linking India with southern Pakistan's Sindh Province, has been closed due to flood in India, local media quoting officials reported on Thursday.

Thar Express, the cross-border train, connects Karachi in Pakistan to Jodhpur in India. Six kilometres apart, Munabao and Khokhrapar are the two last railway stations of India and Pakistan border respectively.

Indian authorities had asked Pakistan Railway for suspension of the train operation for four weeks as the railway track had

been washed away by flash flood in southern India's Jodhpur and train travel was impossible, the GEO Television reported on Thursday.

The passengers arrived in Pakistan through Thar Express would now required to get permission from the authorities for alternate travel route to home, GEO said.

MNA/Xinhua

Brazil identifies bank accounts financing crime gangs

RIO DE JANEIRO, 26 Aug— Brazil's Sao Paulo state authorities have detected a list of 400-odd bank accounts allegedly used to finance a series of organized gang crimes plaguing the state earlier this year, said local reports on Thursday.

More than 100 suspects named on the accounts and about 1,000 phone numbers linked to them, along with the bank accounts, were submitted to federal and state prosecutors, said Sao Paulo state's public security body in a statement.

The accounts were believed to be used as a money-laundering

machine for the First Capital Command (PCC), an organized crime group which was behind waves of attacks on bus system, banks, court houses and police stations in Brazil's richest state of Sao Paulo.

Authorities say whether to block the accounts and detain the suspects is yet to be determined, but they will definitely cut the flow of fund to the PCC to weaken it.

The PCC, originally formed in 1990s to press for improved prison conditions, has been engaged in crimes in and outside prisons.

The group is believed to have influence over 95

per cent of the 140,000 prison inmates in Sao Paulo state.

MNA/Xinhua

Eye witnesses said that the people buried under the rubble were construction labourers. They said that some 20 to 25 labourers were busy in work when the building collapsed.

Rescue teams were joined in the locals to pull the bodies and injured

people from the rubble.

Several vehicles and motorcycles parked near the building were also damaged.

The shopkeepers in the area closed their shops after the building collapsed.

Immediately after the collapse, many people formed lines to carry away chunks of concrete and wooden scaffolding.

Emergency was declared in several hospitals to receive injured people, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua



A Japanese kid performs the samba during the 26th annual Asakusa Samba Carnival in Tokyo on 26 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Discussions of pensioners (19)

Hein Myint

The Working Committee for the Development of Border Areas and National Races held its meeting 2/2006 at Nay Pyi Taw on 28 July 2006, with an address by Chairman of the committee Prime Minister General Soe Win.

According to the speech of the Prime Minister and the clarifications about the efforts of the committee by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, the committee is taking steps looking forward to national solidarity.

Recently, we pensioners met again to discuss these matters.

“Have you read the news about the meeting of the Na-Ta-La Work Committee?”

“Yes, I watched that news on TV on 28 July, and read it in the newspaper the following day.”

“We three joined a meditation centre at that time. What was the news? Share what you have known with us, please.”

“I learnt the aims and how the committee is implementing for the development of border areas and national races and how much success it has achieved so far.”

“In this regard all I knew previously was that the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs took responsibility for the progress of the national races. The Head of State laid down necessary policies. And the government formed the Central Committee and the Work Committee which carried on implementing the tasks. Now, I have learnt about that in further detail.”

“The committee’s efforts had been stated in the newspapers many times, but we did not notice the full context.”

“To tell you the truth, I realize much more than ordinary people how important national solidarity is for national development, what is going on at present, and what measures are required to be taken, because we servicemen discharged defence duties around border areas and among national races for many years.”

“Yes, I notice that in the time of the Tatmadaw government, the border areas and national races development project is the first of its kind the government has been putting into action for national unity.”

“That’s for sure. The Head of State experi-

enced first-hand the real conditions of national races in border areas. So, he has paid serious attention to tasks for progress of border areas.”

“The government has taken such much-needed steps with correct views and ideas. So, 17 major national race armed groups and many small groups have returned to the legal fold.”

“It has been known to all that since peace and stability was restored in border areas, the implementation of border areas and national races development projects has gained momentum.”

“Of course, it is due to the participation of the national race groups and the people.”

“The Prime Minister in his speech said that success was achieved more than expected in the 17-year period from 1989 when the border areas development project was launched to date, and the success is largely due to the fact that correct policies were laid down under the guidance of the Head of State, responsible persons cared for the project, and local national race groups and the people took part in the drive.”

“Because of the armed struggle line that followed the regaining of independence, local people especially the people in border areas were poverty-stricken. The education, health, social and economic sectors were aggravating, instead of making progress. To make matters worse, those regions lacked security and the people had to live in a state of alarm. By contrast, now border areas have enjoyed the development in various sectors.”

“According to the Prime Minister, so far, the government has spent more than 84,750 million kyats on the tasks for the development of border areas. It has constructed earth roads, laterite roads and tarred roads stretching 5,911 miles. And it has upgraded old roads stretching 3,396 miles, and 70 large bridges, 975 medium bridges and 39 suspension bridges in border areas.”

“In order to enhance the abilities of the youth in border areas, it has opened 85 primary schools, 90 middle schools, and 92 high schools. Moreover, it has established 27 nationalities youth development schools and two degree colleges for development of national races so that the youth can have access to free education there.”

“I learnt that the number of students in border areas was just over one thousand in 1988 and it increased to 170,920 last year. Among them, 574 youths got degrees and are now in their respective

work sites. And now outstanding students are attending MSc and MA courses, BTech, BE, and ME courses.”

“It has opened 34 vocational training centres for women to provide free education for the trainees. And it is opening more and more vocational training centres for men in border areas.”

“Regarding the health sector, there were only eight hospitals and six health care centres in border areas in 1988. Now, border areas have been facilitated with 79 hospitals, 105 dispensaries, 58 rural health care centres, and 140 sub-rural health care centres. Besides, it has opened 200-bed hospitals in the special development regions.”

“It has also opened agricultural offices and tractor stations, constructed small scale dams and canals, and reclaimed highlands. Now, perennial crop plantations are thriving there.”

“It is very encouraging to see plantations of perennial crops such as tea and rubber on TV.”

“The government has taken all possible measures in various sectors for the development of border areas. If you want to learn about that in detail, read the 29th July issue newspapers.”

“The government has built many development infrastructures in all sectors, and that has demonstrated its tasks for national unity.”

“It is found that the government launched the border areas and national races development project with the aim of ensuring national solidarity. When the project picked up speed, it launched the 24-special development regions for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the Union while implementing the development tasks for rural areas where the majority of the population live.”

“Now, such remarkable achievements are overwhelming evidence for the policies and projects the government has been implementing to bridge the development gap between one region and another and to ensure parallel development of all the regions.”

“You know, it has laid down the five rural development tasks. Now, the number of the tasks is more than fivefold because it is also paying attention to opening of rural libraries and power supply for rural villages. All the villages have been served with a self-reliant library each. It is applying all possible ways and means for all the villages to have access to power supply. Some villages have enjoyed the fruits of the drive.”

“The government has built a large number of infrastructures in all sectors across the country and is building development infrastructures. That has come to the knowledge of the people.”

“It has been a huge investment that has been made in the construction of infrastructures in various sectors for transforming the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one. As a matter of fact, it indicates the earnest effort the government has been able to make to raise such a large amount of funds, braving a wide range of sanctions and pressure.”

“Nevertheless, the anti-government groups and internal and external destructive elements are repeating their calls for economic, commercial and investment sanctions against the nation and dissuading foreigners from visiting Myanmar. Such kind of people cannot bear at all to see prosperity of the nation and the people. I am very disappointed in such people who are not happy with the development of the people.”

“We see this. I am sure, sooner or later such extreme people and self-seekers will have to suffer evil consequences for what they have committed.”

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe and congregation receive Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at the ceremony to donate rice and alms to 14 monasteries and a nunnery in Hlinethaya Township. — MNA

Provisions donated to monasteries...

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 donated by Tatmadaw families to the Sayadaw. Similarly, well-wishers made cash and kind donations. Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and party accepted the donations

and presented certificates of honour to them. Cmdr Myint Swe of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command supplicated on the purpose of donations. Today's donations to monasteries

in Kyimyindine Township totalled 172 bags of rice, 48 viss of edible oil, 484 viss of iodized salt, 3,234 bottles of traditional medicine, 96 viss of gram, 97 tubes of toothpaste and K 7,082,500. MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence accepts cash donation from a wellwisher at the ceremony to donate rice and alms to four monasteries in Kyimyindine Township. — MNA



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

Respects paying ceremony held at MMA (Pathein)

YANGON, 27 Aug — Myanmar Medical Association (Pathein) held its first respects paying ceremony at the association on 23 August. Chairman Dr Pe Kyi

presented cash assistance to elderly doctors and explained the purpose of the ceremony. Specialist Dr U Aung Kyin handed cash assistance amounting to K

45,000 and educative books. Next, MMA (Pathein) held discussions on publishing of calendar for raising funds. MNA

Discussions of pensioners (19)

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“They often say that international assistance for the nation will go to military officers and their family circles and relatives. And they persuade the international community to provide assistance for the nation only when there has been a democratic government and not to lift the sanctions till then. How narrow-minded they are! But, they are talking big that they have entered politics in the interests of the nation.”

“Now, the people have been able to distinguish between constructive efforts and destructive acts. Destructive elements are inciting unrest and exaggerating stories many times that the people have been quite familiar with their ways and schemes.”

“But, certain foreign broadcasting stations are resorting to various means in broadcasting news. For instance, to broadcast a news story, they take just the points they want from the original story. Sometimes, they willfully broadcast a story although they know that might be apparently impossible. They often mix facts and invented points. And they broadcast at every opportune time the point they want to propagate. So, national media men should rebut their accusations and fabrications at every opportunity.”

“In this regard, you writers have to constantly present prevailing situations with national outlook and view through newspapers, journals and magazines so that the people will be fully aware of such dangers.”

“Now, in addition to newspapers, journals and magazines are carrying such news stories and articles.”

“The development of border areas is interrelated with the eradication of poppy cultivation and it plays a crucial role in the drive for national unity. So, in the concluding remarks, the Prime Minister said that ordinary people should not be complacent about present social and economic progress. And he urged regional working committees, ministries and work subcommittees to make sustained efforts in harmony in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State to expedite the progress of border areas that lag behind in development.”

“That is for certain. The greater speed the border areas development project gains, the more national solidarity can be enhanced. If so, there will flourish Union Spirit, the spirit of national unity and patriotic fervour all the more.”

“I am glad to learn from the speech of the Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs that our country has been cooperating with international organizations such as UNDP, WFP, UNHCR and JICA in the drugs elimination plan and regional development tasks.”

“The amount of those organizations’ cash assistance is considerable. I learnt the exact amount of cash assistance in US dollar then.”

“That is an evidence that it is convenient for Myanmar to cooperate with the international organizations that provide assistance without political motives for Myanmar.”

“I am pleased to learn that the border areas where peace and stability have been restored are enjoying development. But, it is disappointing that develop-

ment tasks have not covered the three border areas where some remnant insurgents are still active.”

“I think those insurgent groups should have seen the light and will do the right thing. They should have also emulated rapid development of the remaining border areas and realized the benevolent attitude of the government. They should no longer indulge themselves in the instigation and assistance of internal and external elements that are not happy with the peace and stability of the nation.”

“They repeatedly say they are struggling for the benefit of their own regions and races. But, in practice, those who have been suffering from evil consequences for many years are none other than these regions and local people. They should have realized the real situations as they really are. It is time they returned to the legal fold.”

“Then, they will receive a warm welcome of the government and the people.”

On my way home after the discussions, to the exclusion of all else, my mind was filled with the memories that national races are happy with the development they are enjoying due to peace and stability, and the remnant insurgents who still indulge themselves in the instigation and assistance of internal and external elements, and local people who still have to withstand all the trials and tribulations owing to lack of peace and tranquillity in their regions. And I wish all of the border areas enjoy peace and rapid progress.

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Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and congregation receive Five Precepts from a Sayadaw. — MNA

Tatmadaw families, well-wishers...

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Next, members of the Sangha recited parittas.

After that, the commander, the minister, Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and senior military officers presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

Later, Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, on behalf of families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air),

cerned.

Afterwards, officials presented rice, edible oil, salt, gram, traditional medicines and offertories donated by departments and well-wishers to members of the Sangha.

This was followed by the cash donation ceremony which included K40,000 by the Tatmadaw families, K 100,000 by Pyinmana Township

Naing (Asia World Co), K 300,000 each by Golden Flower Construction Co, U Tin Win-Daw San San Win, U Maung Maung and brothers (Great Wall Traditional Medicine) and U Chit Naing (Edin Co Group), K 200,000 each by U Bo Gyi-Daw Than Than (Shwepadetha Pylonchantha Medical House), U Tin Aung-Daw Hla Hla Nwe (Win Yadana Travel), U Sein Maung-

son U Yan Shin, U Hla Htay-Daw Tin Nwe Oo, U Tun Shwe-Daw Thin Thin Swe, U Kyi Soe (Kethipan), Tetlan Construction, Myanmar Marine Product Producers and Exporters Association, U Myint Aung and family,

and family, K 56,000 by U Bo Gyi-Daw Myint Myint Than, K 50,000 each by U Zaw Oo-Daw Thida, U Win Naing-Daw Le Le Wai, U Aung Than-Daw Mar Mar Win, Thukha Myaing Motel, Pyinmana Timber Shop of Myanma

After that, Presiding Sayadaw of Mingalazeyon Pali Tekkatho Kyaungtaik Aggamahavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Vimalabuddhi delivered a sermon and the congregation shared merits gained.

The ceremony ended



Religious Affairs Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung offers provisions to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Capt Myint Tun of the office of Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and Col General Staff (Air) Col Chan Maung presented rice and gram to the Sayadaws and provisions for home for the aged through officials con-

Peace and Development Council, K 60,000 by the Township Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, K 500,000 by U Kyaw Win (Shwe Thanlwin Co), K 400,000 by U Tun Myint

Daw Thein Shin, Moekyesin Co and WHK Construction Co, K 126,000 by U Than Maung-Daw Ngwe Kyi, K 100,000 each by U Naing Win-Daw Khin Moe Swe, U Aung Mon-Daw Hla Hla Maw, Daw Mya Thein and



Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin accepts cash from a well-wisher. — MNA

PME Co Ltd, Mitsubishi Electronic Co and U Bo Aye-Daw Mya Khin Mar, K 330,000 by U Thein Maung-Daw Par Par, K 110,000 by U Myo Aung-Daw Khin Yi Mon and U Aung Zaw Myint-Dr Myat Myat Phone Khin, K 80,000 each by U Kyaw Than-Daw Toe Toe Mar and U Sai William Oo, K 60,000 by Daw Kyin Hwa

Timber Enterprise, U Hla Tun-Daw Aye Aye, U Aung Cho, U Kyi Soe and families and U Myint Soe-Dr Mya Zin Zin Tun.

The commander, the minister, the vice-adjutant-general and senior military officers accepted the donations.

Next, Col Chan Maung explained the purpose of the donations.

with the recitation of Buddha Sasanan Ciram Titthatu three times.

Today's donations are 121 bags of rice, 77.30 viss of edible oil, 271 viss of iodized salt, 53 tubes of toothpaste, 54.20 viss of gram, 1,420 boxes and packets of traditional medicine, 508 bars of soaps and K 7,076,000.

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Equalizer of Kyaw Thura, winning score...

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Malaysia, coached by Norizan Bakar, scored in the 12th minute through a penalty that was awarded by Chinese referee Zhang Lei after Nor Farhan Muhammad was brought down in the Myanmar penalty box by Zaw Zaw.

Indra Putra Mahayuddin slotted home the ball past Myanmar goalkeeper Aung Aung Oo with ease.

Kyaw Thura, who came in as substitute for Zaw Zaw, worked wonders for Myanmar and scored the equalizer in 52nd minute just two

minutes after he had come on the field.

Six minutes later Soe Myat Min buried the Malaysians with a well taken header off a corner kick by Min Thu that gave Malaysian goalkeeper Mohd Syamsuri Mustafa no chance of stopping.

MALAYSIA: Mohd Syamsuri Mustafa, Mohd Khaironnizam Saha-buddin, V Thirumurugan, KNanthakumar, Norhafiz Zamani Misbah, Eddy Helmi Manan (Mohd Fadzli Saari), Ronny Harun, Muhammad Hardi Jaafar (Azi Shahril Azmi), Saramsak Kram, Nor

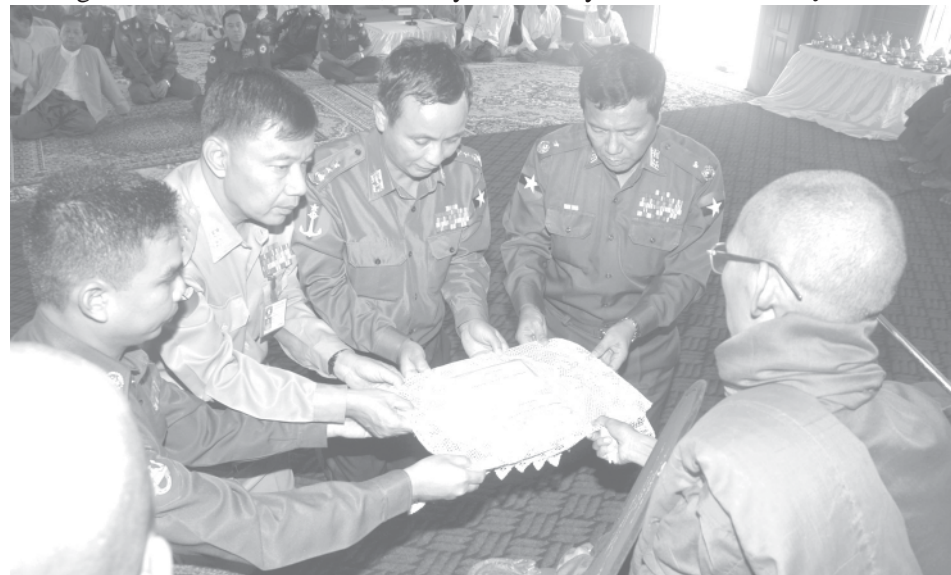
Farhan Muhammad (Rudie Ramli), Indra Putra Mahayuddin.

MYANMAR: Aung Aung Oo, Zaw Lynn Tun, Khin Maung Lwin, Soe Thiha Aung (Aung Myint Aye), Soe Myat Min, Min Thu, Moe Win, Zaw Zaw (Kyaw Thura), Khin Maung Tun, Aung Myo Thant, Si Thu Win.

Referee Zhang Lei (China) handled the match.

At 7.15 pm Myanmar Standard Time on 29 August, Myanmar will play against Indonesia in the final.

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Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and military officers donate provisions to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Development tasks of Taikkyi, Hmawby Townships inspected

YANGON, 27 Aug — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspected development tasks in Taikkyi and Hmawby Townships yesterday afternoon.

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai viewed medical treatment given by specialists to local people at Taikkyi Township, Hospital (50-bed).

They also attended the cash donation ceremony for the hospital and accepted donations in cash and kind from wellwishers.

At No 1 Basic Education Primary School in Okpon Village of Taikkyi Township, the commander and wife attended the malaria control movement organized by Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare



Yangon Command Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win provides cash to a patient at Taikkyi People's Hospital (50-bed). — MNA

Supervisory Committee.

Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai presented cash assistance and uniforms to MCWA members and accepted membership applications of Okpon Village. Next, Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai presented various kinds of books to the library and accepted

membership applications. The commander and party inspected utilization of fertilizers in Ohnbinu Village.

At U Maung Yone-Daw Yin Home for the Aged in Okkan, the commander and wife heard reports on the home by Vice-Chairman of the Home U Khin Aung, and presented cash and kind to the aged persons.

They attended the membership application

presentation ceremony of Thebyu Village at its post-primary school in Hmawby Township. Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai held a round-table discussion with local members.

While in Hmawby Township, the commander inspected construction of buildings and vegetable plantations at No 2 War Veterans Model Village (Thanbyu).—MNA

Talks on trafficking in persons held

YANGON, 27 Aug — The working group for prevention against trafficking in persons of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held educative talks this afternoon at the Prisons Department in Insein Township. Leader of MWAFF's working group for protection and rehabilitation of women Daw Tin Tin Nwe spoke on the occasion. Educative talks highlighted prevention against human trafficking, personal hygiene, prevention of violence against women and rehabilitation work. Also present on the occasion were wife of the Minister for Home Affairs Head of the organizing department of MWAFF Dr Daw Nyut Nyunt Oo, wife of the Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Daw San San Wai and others totalling 520. — MNA

Dry day inspection teams check vehicles

YANGON, 27 Aug — Chairman of Dry Day Inspection Supervisory Committee Brig-Gen Myint Soe, Vice-Chairman Col Win Naung and members and heads of departments inspected dry day inspection teams checking use of vehicles of Tatmadaw and departments at the main points here today.

The inspection teams checked Dry Day pass, driver's licence, wheel tax bills and wearing of departmental uniform and took action against those who violated the traffic rules.

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Myanmar-Indonesia business meeting held

YANGON, 27 Aug — The Ministry of Commerce, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia to Myanmar held a business meeting at UMFCCI office tower on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Street in Lanmadaw Township this afternoon.

First, UMFCCI President U Win Myint and Indonesian Ambassador Mr Wyoso Prodjowarsito made speeches. Next, Ms Dewi Kania Savi of Bandung Investment Board explained business opportunities such as water

purifying work, education, health, fertilizers and wickerwork and handicraft.

Businessmen of the two countries held meeting and UMFCCI Vice-President

U Win Aung gave concluding remarks.

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Indonesian Ambassador Mr Wyoso Prodjowarsito delivers a speech at Myanmar-Indonesia Business Meeting. — UMFCCI

Indonesian Trade Fair opens

YANGON, 27 Aug — Jointly organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Ministry of Commerce and Indonesian Embassy to Myanmar, a ceremony to open a Trade Fair was held at UMFCCI Office Tower on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Street, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, departmental heads, President of UMFCCI U Win Myint and vice-presidents, CEC members, executives, ambassadors and embassy staff from Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam, those who organized the trade fair and guests.

First, Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Wyoso Prodjowarsito made an opening speech after which President U Win Myint extended greetings on the occasion.

Next, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun opened Indonesian Trade Fair, and schoolgirls of Indonesian International School, Yangon presented Indonesian cultural dances.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun, the ambassadors and the president of UMFCCI and responsible personnel viewed the products on display at the trade fair.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun formally opens Indonesian Trade Fair. — UMFCCI

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Sixth Performing Arts Competitions of DPRPW conclude

YANGON, 27 Aug — A ceremony to present prizes to winners in the Sixth Performing Arts Competitions organized by Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare of the Ministry of Defence was held at the theatre of No 3 Mobile Public Relations Unit in Mandalay on 25 August.

Lt-Col Maung Maung Oo of the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare gave a speech.

Officials presented first, second and third prizes to individual winners and troupes.

Lt-Col Maung Maung Oo awarded championship trophy to No 3 Mobile Public Relations Unit. Later, he also gave gifts to members of the panel of judges.

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Microsoft picks Toshiba to manufacture new music player

LOS ANGELES, 27 Aug — Software maker Microsoft Inc confirmed on Friday that it has chosen Toshiba to produce the forthcoming Zune music player, a product designed by the company to take on Apple Computer's iPod.

The confirmation followed reports of a regulatory filing Toshiba made to the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that mentions the device and its features.

"Toshiba is manufacturing the device and the [FCC] report is legitimate," a spokesperson for Microsoft's public relations firm said. But the company declined to say if other hardware makers would also produce the players.

In addition to the name "Zune", the device is also referred to in Toshiba's filing by the code name "Pyxis".

According to the Zune user's manual included in

the filing, the player will include 30 gigabytes of storage, wireless capabilities, and an FM radio tuner.

The wireless capabilities will allow users to search for other Zune devices within range and share music, photos, playlists, and other media content with those devices, according to Microsoft.

But the software giant did not further disclose what it planned to allow users to do with their wireless connection.

After months of speculation, Microsoft confirmed last month that it was developing a device and a music download

software to compete with Apple Computer's iPod player and iTunes music subscription service, a combination that is dominating the personal music player market.

Toshiba has long used Microsoft's software in its products, dating back to its first laptop in 1980s. The company has also made portable media players and handheld computers using the slimmed-down Windows CE operating system.

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A model displays an iPod nano. Microsoft's challenge to Apple's reigning iPod MP3 players will be built by Toshiba. Microsoft Corp confirmed on 25 Aug, 2006 that Toshiba Corp will manufacture its upcoming "Zune" portable media player, in an attempt to compete with market-leading Apple's iPod. — INTERNET

Argentina moves to clean up its dirtiest river

BUENOS AIRES (Argentina), 27 Aug — A government cleanup scheme has inspired new hope for the 5 million people living in Argentina's Matanza-Riachuelo River basin, where raw sewage, industrial waste and empty promises have created a toxic cesspool.

The plan, expected to be launched next week, responds to a Supreme Court decision demanding government action, 13 years after a former president vowed to make the Riachuelo River that runs through Buenos Aires safe for swimming and fishing.

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Harsh weather causes flooding, power outages in New York area

NEW YORK, 27 Aug — A weak tornado hit part of Long Island, New York, uprooting trees and smashing cars on Friday, but no injuries were reported.

A strong thunderstorm produced some strong winds and some flash flooding in areas around New York City Friday.

The National Weather Service had issued a tornado warning for about 30 minutes Friday morning. The warning covered

a section of northern Manhattan and Southwest Bronx, as well as part of northern New Jersey, and it was cancelled around noon.

The storm has caused power outage across Long Island, part of Queens, Staten Island and West Chester.

According to Con Edison, power supplier in the New York area, 350 power outages were reported in Queens Friday afternoon. West-

chester reported a similar number of outages. On Staten Island, storms briefly knocked out power to some 3,100 customers.

The Bronx was also hit hard by the bad weather. Heavy downpour caused lots of flooding, sending residents scrambling to stay dry.

Many local businesses complained that they lost money because of the weather.

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False bomb threat halts flight in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 27 Aug — A false bomb scare delayed an international flight Friday at the Ezeiza Airport in Argentina's capital Buenos Aires, airport security police said.

An anonymous caller rang Aeropuertos Argentina 2000, the company that operates most of Argentina's airports, warning of a bomb on the Copa Airlines flight to Panama, police said.

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Ryanair seeks compensation for security crackdown

LONDON, 26 Aug— Low-cost carrier Ryanair said on Friday it had submitted a claim for just over 3 million pounds (5.7 million US dollars) in compensation from British Government after stepped-up airport security forced it to cancel flights. Ryanair lodged the claim which it said reflected losses from cancellations and lost bookings over the week of August 10 to 16, the airline said in a statement.

However, British Department for Transport (DFT) said Ryanair had no legal grounds to seek compensation. Other airlines said they had no plans to seek damages from British Government.

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clothing, namely belts, sleeve bands, scarves, shawl, gloves, braces, stockings, socks, headbands." (International Class 25) "Ornaments for hair, namely hair bands and hair slides; accessories for clothing, namely buttons, belt buckles, badges." (International Class 26)

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Russia says no need to discuss Iran sanctions

Moscow, 26 Aug— International concerns over Iran's nuclear programme do not warrant any discussion at the moment of sanctions against Teheran, Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov said on Friday.

"I know of no instances in world practice and previous experience in which sanctions have achieved their aim and proved effective," Ivanov, shown on NTV television, told reporters in Russia's far east. "Moreover, I believe

that the question is not so serious at the moment for the UN Security Council or the group of six to consider any introduction of sanctions. Russia stands for further political and diplomatic efforts to settle the issue." Iran offered on Tuesday

to start serious talks over its nuclear programme but there was no sign it had agreed to a UN Security Council demand that it freeze uranium enrichment by 31 August or face the prospect of sanctions. MNA/Reuters

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Apple to recall 1.8 mln
notebook batteries

SAN FRANCISCO, 26 Aug — Apple Computer Inc. will recall 1.8 million lithium-ion notebook computer batteries after nine devices overheated, causing minor burns to two users, US safety regulators said on Thursday.

The recall is the second-biggest in US history involving electronics or computers. Just last week, No 1 PC maker Dell Inc. recalled 4.1 million lithium-ion batteries. In both cases, the batteries had power cells made by Sony Corp.

Sony said in a separate statement that it did not anticipate further recalls of batteries using the potentially faulty cells.

The giant Japanese electronics company said the Apple and Dell recalls would cost Sony between 20 billion yen and 30 billion yen (172 million US dollars to 258 million

US dollars). Cupertino, California-based Apple will recall 1.1 million batteries sold with notebook computers in the United States and 700,000 abroad, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

They were sold with Apple iBook G4 and PowerBook G4 computers from October 2003 through this month, according to the safety commission. Apple had said last week after the Dell recall that it was reviewing its notebook batteries to ensure they met its standards.

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China to produce
70,000 minutes of
cartoons in 2006

BEIJING, 26 Aug — China's cartoon industry is expected to produce 70,000 minutes of animation this year, a sign the industry is developing rapidly.

The country has produced more than 50,000 minutes of cartoons so far this year, exceeding the total output last year of 47,200 minutes.

"The rapid development of China's cartoon industry is attracting more and more international attention," said Jin Delong, an official with the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT).

Earlier this year, the Sunchime Cartoon Group, a producer based in Changsha, signed a contract with British-based Eagle Moss Publications, selling its publishing

copyright on the Blue Cat, a would-be Chinese rival of Mickey Mouse.

A popular syndicated programme called Little Magic Dragon Club began purchasing domestically-made animations this year after previously offering a diet of purely foreign-made cartoons.

"The fast development of the industry can be attributed to the governments favourable policies," Jin said. The SARFT has banned foreign cartoons on prime-time television from September 1 in a bid to protect the domestic animation industry.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors stand beside the installation 'Head On' by Chinese artist Cai Guo-Qiang at an exhibition at the Deutsche Guggenheim in Berlin on 26 Aug, 2006. The installation consists of a pack of 99 life-sized wolves, fabricated from painted sheepskins and stuffed with hay and metal wires, barrelling in a continuous stream towards - and into - a constructed glass wall. The exhibition runs from 26 August to 10 October, 2006. —INTERNET



Actress Elizabeth Taylor (C) takes part in a shark dive off the coast of Oaha during her vacation in Hawaii on 23 Aug, 2006. Picture taken on 23 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

US woman
to become
first female
space
tourist

Moscow, 26 Aug — Anousheh Ansari, a US citizen of Iranian origin, will become the world's first female space tourist when she blasts off aboard a Russian rocket on 14 September, the launch company said on Friday.

Daisuke Enomoto, a Japanese entrepreneur who had hoped to lift off in a Soyuz spaceship, was deemed unfit for the 10-day journey by a medical commission earlier this week. Ansari, a 39-year-old chairwoman and co-founder of Prodea Systems, Inc, a digital home technology company, will be the world's fourth space tourist.

"Anousheh Ansari has been officially named to the Soyuz TMA-9 primary crew," Space Adventures, working in partnership with Russia's space agency Roskosmos to launch space tourists, said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters

Health official confirms 14 deaths
with Encephalitis B in Henan

ZHENGZHOU, 26 Aug — Health authorities in central China's Henan Province on Friday confirmed the deaths of 14 people from Encephalitis B in July.

Henan saw an Encephalitis B outbreak peak in July, reporting 437 cases, including the 14 deaths, Zhou Yong, spokesman of the provincial health department told Xinhua, but he refused to elaborate.

Henan is the third province in China to report Encephalitis B deaths in July. The northwestern province of Shaanxi reported seven deaths last week, while 19 people died in northern province of Shanxi.

In addition, 12 people in Henan were infected with Encephalitis B in June, but no deaths were reported, said Zhou.

"Though we have received more cases of the disease in July than the same period last year, the public don't have to be panic as it is a normal situation," said Zhou.

The outbreak appeared to have passed its peak and the number of new Encephalitis B cases in August was decreasing.

MNA/Xinhua



Boat women learn catwalk from the beauty contest participants beside the West Lake in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 25 Aug, 2006. Girls attending the 2006 Global Intercontinental Contest toured the West Lake on Friday, learning rowing from the boat women and teaching them catwalk for exchange. —XINHUA

SPORTS

Egypt's Al-Ahly triumphs over visiting Asante Kotoko

CAIRO, 27 Aug—Defending champion Al-Ahly of Egypt scored a big victory over visiting Asante Kotoko 4-0 on Saturday in a Group A game of the African Champion League thanks to a timely return of midfielder Mohamed Abou-Treika. Abou-Treika, who has missed Ahly's last three games in the African Champions League because of injury, scored a quick goal for Ahly in the 9th with a penalty shot.

The 27-year-old then created goals for midfielder Mohamed Shawky and striker Osama Hosni in the 11th and 17th minutes respectively. In the 19th, Ahly's striker Flavio Amado from Angola scored the fourth goal to complete Ahly's rout. With the big victory, Ahly grabbed seven points in the last four games. CS Sfaxien of Tunisia, which took six points with three games, would be hosting JS Kabylie of Algeria, which tailed after four teams in Group A.—MNA/Xinhua

Inter Milan beat AS Roma 4-3 to win Italian Supercup

ROME, 27 Aug—Luis Figo converted a free kick four minutes into extra time to help Inter Milan rally from a three-goal deficit for a 4-3 victory over AS Roma to take the Italian Supercup title on Saturday.

It was a second consecutive victory for Inter in the traditional Italian season opener.

Roma led 3-0 after 34 minutes before Patrick Vieira scored the first of two just before halftime. Hernan Crespo pulled Inter within a goal in the 65th and Vieira equalized nine minutes later to force extra time for a second year.

Amantino Mancini headed in Roma's first in the 13th, beating Inter

goalkeeper Francesco Toldo from a cross off Christian Panucci, and Alberto Aquilani added two more in the 25th and 34th seconds.

Vieira scored for Inter just before halftime, heading in a Luis Figo free kick. In the second half, Vieira and Figo combined to lead Inter's rally in the midfield.—MNA/Xinhua



Sevilla's captain Javi Navarro (C) holds up the European Super Cup Trophy as his team celebrates after defeating Barcelona in Monaco on 25 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA

Manchester United keep winning while Arsenal lose

LONDON, 27 Aug—Manchester United avoided a shock with a 2-1 win over Premiership newcomers Watford on Saturday as Arsenal lost 1-0 away to Manchester City.

Tottenham Hotspur continued their stuttering start to the new campaign as they lost at home to ten-man Everton in a busy day in the English top flight which also saw two players dismissed as Charlton defeated Bolton, whilst Reading and Sheffield United both suffered defeats. Everton made it seven points from three games despite being reduced to ten-men as they condemned Martin Jol's Spurs to a 2-0 defeat at White Hart Lane.

David Moyes employed five across midfield in anticipation of a hard afternoon, but that was soon reduced to four when Kevin Kilbane received his marching order as he picked up a second yellow card for fouling Lee Young-pyo from

behind after 33 minutes.

However, the numerical disadvantage did not hinder The Toffees as they locked the lead on 53 minutes when Spurs defender Calum Davenport scored an own goal as he diverted Joleon Lescott's header past Paul Robinson.

The men from Merseyside sealed Spurs' second defeat in three games when Andy Johnson, celebrating his return to the England squad, finished expertly from Phil Neville's cross on 66 minutes.

Sir Alex Ferguson's Red Devils claimed their third victory in three games to stay top of the table with a win at Watford, but it was not easy going against Adrian Boothroyd's Hornets.—MNA/Xinhua



Australia's Shane Rose riding All Luck crashes into a jump during the cross country portion of the Eventing competition at the World Equestrian Games in Aachen on 26 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Massa grabs first career pole in Turkish GP

ANKARA, 27 Aug—Brazil's Felipe Massa snatched his maiden pole in his Formula one career at the Turkish Grand Prix in Istanbul on Saturday.

The Ferrari driver grabbed top spot on the grid for Sunday's race at the end of a thrilling shoot-out leading teammate Michael Schumacher by 0.3 seconds.

Massa, 25, had finished

second in qualifying four times this year in his first season as a Ferrari racer.

But he clinched pole with a last-gasp flying lap to take advantage of a rare mistake by Schumacher who had drifted wide at the first corner.

Reigning champion Fernando Alonso had to settle for third for Renault as his championship battle with Schumacher heat-

ing up. Alonso leads Schumacher by just 10 points in the standings with five races left this season. The defending champion's teammate Giancarlo Fisichella was fourth.—MNA/Xinhua

Ronaldo promises 30 goals for Real Madrid

MADRID, 27 Aug—Brazilian striker Ronaldo wants to stay at Real Madrid, the AS sports daily reported Saturday.

AS said that Ronaldo telephoned Ramon Calderon, president of the Spanish league runners-up, to say he had not negotiated with anyone to leave. Ronaldo said if he stayed in Real to play, he felt capable of scoring 30 goals this season.

Ronaldo, 29, is currently in Brazil recovering from an operation. He scored 29 goals for Real in the 2002-2003 season but only found the net on 14 times last season.

MNA/Xinhua

Henin-Hardenne takes New Haven title

WASHINGTON, 27 Aug—Second seed Justine Henin-Hardenne of Belgium won the New Haven title on Saturday after defending champion Lindsay Davenport retired with a shoulder injury.

Henin-Hardenne was leading 6-0, 1-0 when the American decided to quit for her right shoulder injury.

Both Davenport and Henin-Hardenne

entered New Haven after long layoffs because of injuries and it was the 24-year-old Belgian that picked up the momentum heading into the US Open. She did not lose a set in New Haven in reaching her eighth final in 12 events this season.

Davenport played five matches in five days but has to contend with pain in her serving shoulder just before the Open. She remains hopeful that she will be able to play next Monday.—MNA/Xinhua



Russia's Yulia Merkulova (C) spikes as Poland's Joanna Mirek (10) blocks during their Group E match at the 2006 FIVB Women's World Volleyball Grand Prix at Jamsil Gym in Seoul on 26 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

China beat Dominica at Women's Volleyball Macao GP

MACAO, 27 Aug—World women's volleyball powerhouse China defeated Dominica 3-1 here on Saturday at the women's volleyball Grand Prix in Macao.

China came across a scary moment in the first set when the rival managed to lead 20-16 with the help of the outstanding block and smash. The Olympic and World Cup double champions bounced back and narrowed the gap to win 25-23 in the set.

Wang Yimei and Xu Yunli, two rookies in the Chinese team, displayed their determination and helped the seniors to seal the second set 25-20. The gritty Dominica was in a hard bid to drag China when they put up a gallant fight in the third set to win 25-20. The Chinese geared up their spiking power and blocking skill in the fourth set when the 18-year-old Wang Yimei dominated the net attributing to her jumping and the 1.90-metre figure to help China clinch the set 25-22.—MNA/Xinhua

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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US military urged to tighten use, export of cluster bombs

WASHINGTON, 27 Aug — The *New York Times* on Saturday urged American military to tighten the use and export of cluster bombs, noting the “insidious” weapon should never be used in populated areas.

Commenting the State Department’s announcement on Friday to investigate whether Israel inappropriately used US-made cluster bombs in populated areas during its month-long campaign in Lebanon, the US leading newspaper said in an editorial: “Whatever the specific findings of this investigation, the rules governing cluster bomb exports and their use by American troops need to be tightened and more strictly enforced.”

Under the US rules, American-made cluster bombs are prohibited to

be used in civilian areas.

The *New York Times* noted that “Washington has strict rules about how American-made cluster munitions are supposed to be used by foreign buyers. But in the heat of combat, those rules are not always followed. Nor are US forces as careful as they should be. America has used cluster munition in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kosovo. Israel used them in past campaigns in Lebanon.”

“Details of current understandings between the United States and Israel on when American-

made cluster munitions can be used are secret. But in the past, Washington limited their use of cluster bombs to military emergencies, like the kind of attack on Israeli territory by multiple Arab armies that last occurred in 1973.

“But today’s dangers

are different, and require different responses. Attacking guerilla or terrorist sanctuaries in populated areas is not a mission that calls for cluster weapons, and the United States should not supply them,” the newspaper said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Man held at Houston airport in dynamite scare

HOUSTON, 27 Aug — An American suspected of flying from Buenos Aires with dynamite in his luggage was questioned by FBI officials in Houston after bomb-sniffing dogs

picked up a scent in his luggage on Friday, officials said.

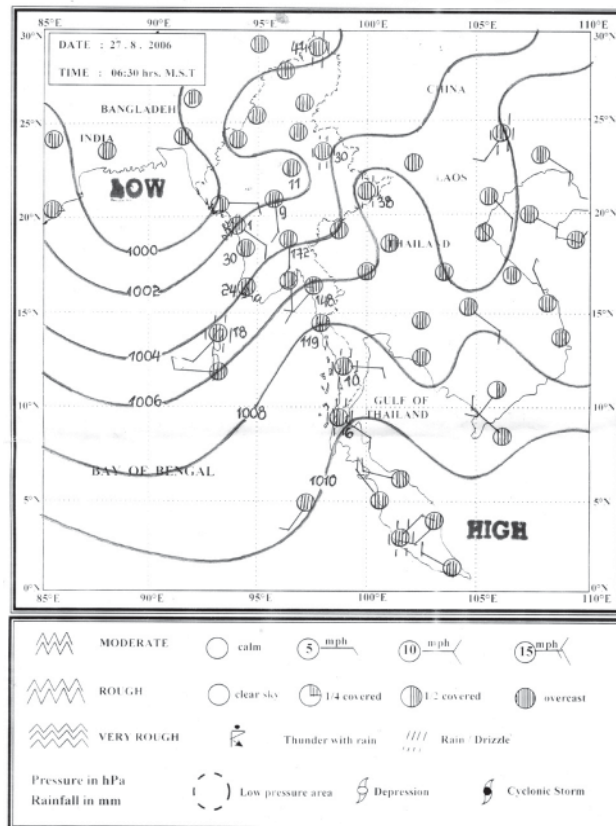
A law enforcement official said the 21-year-old’s luggage appeared to contain dynamite and “other stuff” that could be used to detonate dynamite but said the items needed to be tested.

It was the latest in a series of scares — at least three of them on Friday — since police in Britain uncovered a suspected plot to blow up US-bound airliners this month.

Since then security has been tightened at airports and passengers have been jittery.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 27 August, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division and rain have been isolated in upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Rakhine State, fairly widespread in Kachin State, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Bago Division, isolated heavyfalls in Kayin, Mon States and Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Toungoo (6.77) inches, Mawlamyine (6.30) inches, Dawei (4.73) inches, Hpa-an (4.09) inches, Ye (3.82) inches, Shwegyin (3.15) inches, Thaton (2.80) inches, Pyinmana (1.02) inches and Kyaukse (0.63) inch.

Maximum temperature on 26-8-2006 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 27-8-2006 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 27-8-2006 was (92%). Total sunshine hours on 26-8-2006 was (1.0) hour approx.

Rainfalls on 27-8-2006 were (Tr) at Mingaladon, nil at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (75.83) inches at Mingaladon, (88.62) inches at Kaba-Aye and (94.33) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (10:30) hours MST on 25-8-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 28-8-2006: Rain will be scattered in Kayah State, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Shan States, Mandalay and lower Sagaing Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon, Kayin States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

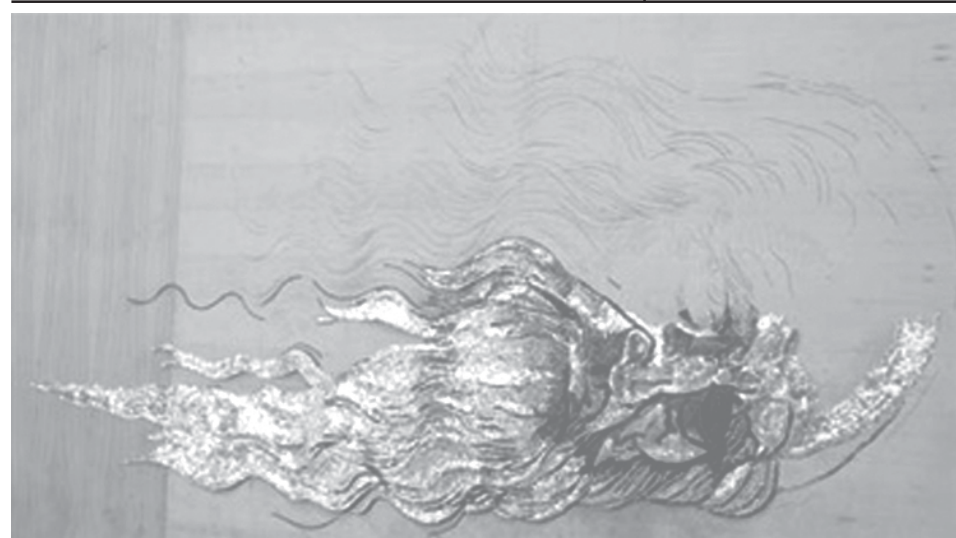
State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 28-8-2006: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 28-8-2006: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 28-8-2006: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).



A portrait of Leonardo Da Vinci, created by artist Saimir Strati using industrial nails, is displayed at the International Centre of Culture in Tirana, Albania on 23 Aug, 2006. Strati, 40, is using some 500,000 industrial nails on a 8 sq m wooden board to create what he hopes will be entered in the Guinness World Records as the largest 3-D nail mosaic ever attempted. The work will take around 25 days to complete.

INTERNET



Monday, 28 August
View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
- 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
- 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
- 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
- 5. Song of national races
- 8:05 am
- 6. Cute little dancers
- 8:15 am
- 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:25 am
- 8. မဲဆောင်းတံတား
- 8:30 am
- 9. International news

- 8:45 am
- 10. Grammar Made Easy
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
- 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
- 3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm
- 4. Musical programme
- 4:55 pm
- 5. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 5:10 pm
- 6. Dance variety
- 5:20 pm
- 7. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား
- 5:30 pm
- 8. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:35 pm
- 9. Song and dances of national races
- 5:40 pm
- 10. “သတိတစ်ချက်တစ်သက်အမှား” (ကျော်မင်းနောင်၊ ကြည်လှလှိုင်၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)
- 5:50 pm
- 11. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

- 6:00 pm
- 12. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
- 13. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
- 14. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး” (အပိုင်း-၃)
- 6:50 pm
- 15. “မောင်မြန်မာလျှပ်စစ်စက်ဘီး” (ရီဝေယံ၊ စောနိုင်(ရှမ်းပြည်), ပုလဲဝင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ - တင်အောင်ရွှေ-သုတေသီ)
- 7:00 pm
- 16. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့-ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊အရေးအတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေးနှင့် ကာလပေါ်တေး) (အမျိုးသား)
- 7:15 pm
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “စုလှိုင်နံနက်ခင်း” (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
- 8:00 pm
- 18. News
- 19. International news
- 20. Weather report
- 21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သူအိပ်မက်လှလှ” (အပိုင်း-၂၃)
- 22. The next day’s programme



- Monday, 28 August
Tune in today
- 8:30 am Brief news
 - 8:35 am Music: -Love sensation
 - 8:40 am Perspectives
 - 8:45 am Music: -Do you wanna dance
 - 8:50 am National news & Slogan
 - 9:00 am Music: -Tell it to your heart
 - 9:05 am International news
 - 9:10 am Music: -Romeo & Juliet
 - 1:30 pm News & Slogan
 - 1:40pm Lunch time music -I turn to you -I keep it to myself -To love a woman -Where there is love
 - 9:00pm Spotlight on the star: -The corrs -Radio -At your side -No more cry
 - 9:10pm Article
 - 9:20pm Drugs / Women Affairs
 - 9:35pm Golden Land melody/Vocal gems
 - 9:45 pm News & Slogan
 - 10:00 pm PEL

Provisions donated to monasteries, nunnery in Hlinethaya, Kyimyindine Townships

YANGON, 27 Aug — Families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated rice, edible oil, salt, medicine, gram and cash to 14 monasteries and one nunnery in Hlinethaya Township this morning, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

The donation ceremony was held at Maha Aungmye Yeiktha Monastery at the corner of Pho Yaza and Sein Yadana roads in Ward 7 of Hlinethaya Township.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence offered robes and provisions to Hlinethaya Township Sangha Nayaka Committee

Pyinnyaramika Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññajota.

Senior military officers donated offertories to members of the Sangha and nuns.

On behalf of Tatmadaw families, Lt-Col Myo Naing of Yangon Command Headquarters, Cmdr Htay Naing of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command and Lt-Col Swe Lin of Mingaladon Air Base offered rice, edible oil, salt, medicine and gram to the Sayadaw.

Wellwishers also presented offertories to the Sayadaw.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence offers alms to a Sayadaw at the donation ceremony of rice and cash to fourteen monasteries and a nunnery in Hlinethaya Township.
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Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, senior military officers and departmental heads accepted cash donations from wellwishers and presented certificates

of honour to them.

Lt-Col Myo Naing of Yangon Command Headquarters supplicated on the purpose of the donation.

Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Maha Aungmye Yeiktha Monastery Sayadaw Aggamaha Saddhammajotika Aggamaha Kamathanaçariya Bhaddanta Kesara delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained.

Today's donations to monasteries and nunnery totalled 480 bags of rice, 152 viss of edible oil, 1,456 viss of iodized salt, 1,430 bars of soap, 286 tubes of toothpaste, 2,960 bottles of traditional medicines, 286 viss of gram and K 13,973,000.

A similar ceremony for four monasteries in Kyimyindine Township was held at Thadu Pariyatti Monastery in Kyimyindine Township this afternoon.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party received the Five Precepts from Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Uggamsa, and Lt-Gen Myint Swe donated robes and alms to the Sayadaw.

Next, the commander, senior military officers and departmental heads presented provisions to members of the Sangha.

Lt-Col Myo Naing of Yangon Command Headquarters, Cmdr Htay Naing of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command and Lt-Col Maung Maung Kyaw of Mingaladon Air Base offered provisions (See page 8)

Donations to monasteries in Kyimyindine Township totalled 172 bags of rice, 48 viss of edible oil, 484 viss of iodized salt, 3,234 bottles of traditional medicine, 96 viss of gram, 97 tubes of toothpaste and K 7,082,500.



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

Tatmadaw families, well-wishers donate provisions and cash to monasteries in Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug—A ceremony to donate provisions and cash to three monasteries and one home for the aged in Pyinmana by families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and well-wishers was held at Maha Dhammikarama Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Ywakauk Ward, Pyinmana this afternoon.

It was attended by members of the Sangha led by Chairman of Pyinmana Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Mingalazeyon Pali Tekkatho Kyaungtaik Aggamahavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Vimalabuddhi, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Religious

Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, heads of department, social organizations, well-wishers and others.

The congregation received the Five Precepts from Bhaddanta Vimalabuddhi.

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Equalizer of Kyaw Thura, winning score of Soe Myat Min send Myanmar to final of Merdeka Cup

YANGON, 27 Aug — Malaysia failed to make it to the final of the 38th Merdeka Cup football tournament after they lost to Myanmar 1-2 at the Shah Alam Stadium in Malaysia, Sunday night.

In the final on Tuesday, Myanmar, who collected a total of five points in three matches in the league-format tournament, will meet Indonesia, who also ended up with five points.

Malaysia managed only a total of

four points in three matches. In the previous two matches, they drew 1-1 with Indonesia and beat Thailand 2-1.

However, Myanmar had played both their earlier matches to draws, 2-2 with Thailand and a goalless one with Indonesia.

Myanmar, coached by UHsan Win, woke up when they were 0-1 down and within a space of eight minutes scored two goals to earn their ticket to the final.

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Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin presents offertories to a Sayadaw. — MNA