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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

Secretary-1 receives UN Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF

NAYPYITAW, 28 Aug — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein received UN Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF Mr Kul Chandra Gautam

and party at the hall of SPDC Office, here, at 10 am today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and

Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, the director-general of SPDC Office, the chairman of Social Security Board of Ministry of Labour and officials concerned. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein receives UN Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF Mr Kul Chandra Gautam and party at State Peace and Development Council Office in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets UN Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF Mr Kul Chandra Gautam and party at State Peace and Development Council Office in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA



INSIDE

Having respect for literature is a good habit as literature benefits mankind. I have heard from my elders that a man who got rich and well-known as Tiger balm manufacturer after starting life as a sampan boat rower kept in his house the gilded oar. He became rich as he valued his work.

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KHIN KHIN KYAW
(EDUCATION)

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Work harder for rural development

Transport is very important for rural development and therefore the government has been building village-to-village and village-to-town roads and bridges across rivers and creeks. Now most of the people in rural areas can travel from one place to another easily, thus enabling them to do business well.

There are model villages in some regions and it indicates that rural areas are developing. In these model villages, tarred roads, affiliated high schools, rural health care centres, biogas-fired power stations and self-reliant rural libraries have been built. As a result, the education, health and transport sectors of rural areas are developing.

A paddy husk-fired power station was opened in Khatcho village, Waingmaw Township, Kachin State, on 4 August. Electricity can be supplied to the village due to the concerted efforts of regional organizations, departmental personnel and local people.

In Konetown village, Thazi Township, Mandalay Division, a dam was renovated to be able to supply water for agriculture and Sinthwelatt paddy strain was introduced. In the past, farmers had to rely on rain for cultivation of paddy and could produce only 30 to 60 baskets of paddy per acre. Now they can produce over 100 baskets per acre.

Nowadays, efforts are being made all over the nation to improve transport, education and health and to supply sufficient water for drinking and agricultural purposes in rural areas.

Education, health, economic and social status of rural people will become higher and higher through concerted efforts of regional organizations, departmental personnel and local people under the leadership of the government.



Daw Sha and family of USA donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. The Chairman of Administrative Board of the Home accepted the donation. —H

People's Desire

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

Commander attends physic nut plantation, medical fund donation ceremonies in Dala Township

YANGON, 27 Aug — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win attended physic nut plants planting ceremony held in conjunction with medical fund donation ceremony, organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation at Dalla Township People's Hospital this morning.

Next, they collectively planted physic nut plants in front of the Sangha ward of the hospital.

At the meeting hall, Head of Administrative Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe of MAAF explained the purpose of holding the ceremony and facts about MAAF.

Later, cash donation ceremony followed.

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win presented K 200,000



Yangon Command Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects sanitation work in Dala People's Hospital. — MNA

donated by Yangon Division PDC for medical trust fund of the hospital to Director Dr Soe Myat Tun of the Health Department.

Vice-President of MAAF Daw Khin Thet Htay and members donated provisions and cash assistance to the members of the Sangha and patients undergoing treatment at the hospital.

Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and members inspected delivery room of Dalla Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and presented cash assistance, iodized salt and medicines to expectant mothers.

Next, the chairperson and party met with

members of Dalla Township MCWA and accepted 1,000 membership applications at Thiri Zeya Anawratha hall in the township.

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win proceeded to Dalla Shipyard and inspected computerized numerical control system machine installed at the shipyard and maintenance of ships. — MNA

Paukkaung Township USDA holds Annual General Meeting

YANGON, 27 Aug — Paukkaung Township Union Solidarity and Development Association held its Annual General Meeting (2006) in Paukkaung, Pyay District on 25 August.

USDA CEC member Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay delivered an address at the meeting.

During the meeting, the deputy minister presented awards to members of the Association who passed the matriculation examination 2005-06 academic year. The deputy minister accepted 935 membership applications from a responsible person of the Association and donated cash for regional development.

After the meeting, the deputy minister went to Taungle Village Basic Education High School in Paukkaung where he met responsible persons of the village. He also donated books and booklets to the village library through the headmistress of the school.

Next, the deputy minister went to Pyay University and accepted 531 memberships applications presented by Rector U Mya Win. The deputy minister donated cash for school development activities.

MNA

Mr Cho Sang Woo of KOICA presents Taekwando sports gear to Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

MNA

KOICA donates Taekwando equipment to Ministry of Sports

YANGON, 28 Aug — Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint addressed the opening of Wushu techniques, coach and referee course No 1/2006 held at Olympic Hotel in Thuwunna here yesterday.

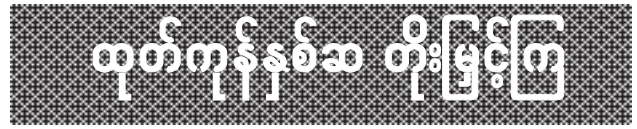
The minister also attended the donation of Taekwando Sports gear worth US\$ 6,000 for the ministry held at Aung San stadium.

Mr Cho Sang Woo of KOICA explained the purpose of the donation. The minister spoke words of thanks and accepted the donation.

Next, the minister met with players of U-17 who will take part in AFC U-17 Championship at the hotel. President of Myanmar Football Federation and responsible persons explained preparations for the tourney. The minister gave instructions and fulfilled the requirements.

MNA





ASEAN ministers meet on Mekong Basin development

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 Aug—The 8th Ministerial Meeting of the ASEAN-Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC) was held here Saturday with discussions focusing on the work progress of the trans-Asia railway.

Ministers reviewed the progress of the activities under the Working Group on the Singapore-Kunming Rail Link (SKRL), which will connect Singapore up to Kunming, China, via Peninsular Malaysia, Thailand and other Mekong Basin countries.

For the project, some 5.4 million US dollars has been secured as grants and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided another 40 million US dollars in the form of soft loans for Cambodia in 2006, said a joint media

statement issued after the meeting.

Ministers also noted that the 8th Special Working Meeting on SKRL will be held this November in Kunming. During the meeting, ministers also exchanged views on enhancing the effectiveness of the AMBDC Framework and agreed to recommend to the 12th ASEAN Summit two proposals suggested by Malaysia.

They agreed that the AMBDC Ministerial Meeting should be placed under the ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting process and the membership of the core group should be opened to other interested parties and international organizations.

“The decision to place AMBDC under the ASEAN Economic Minister process is to synchronize the economic inte-

gration activities, and to maximize on the limited resources available,” said the joint media statement.

All the 10 member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) sent delegates for the half-day meeting, which was chaired by Myanmar Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha.

MNA/Xinhua

Mexicans come home after months lost in Pacific

SAN BLAS (Mexico), 27 Aug—Three Mexican men who spent months lost and drifting across the Pacific Ocean in a flimsy fishing boat arrived home on Friday to a heroes' welcome.

The bewildered-looking trio faced a barrage

of questions from more than 100 noisy journalists, including over unproven allegations of drug smuggling, after they touched down in Mexico City on a commercial flight from Honolulu.

The men's 25-foot (8-

metre) fibreglass boat ran into trouble off Mexico's Pacific coast last November and drifted more than 5,000 miles (8,000 kilometres) before being picked up two weeks ago by a Taiwanese tuna trawler near the remote Marshall Islands in the South Pacific.

The three survived by eating raw fish and sea birds and drinking rain water in one of the longest recorded cases of survival at sea. “It made us appreciate our friends and food,” survivor Lucio Rendon told a news conference.

MNA/Reuters



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad gestures during the inauguration of the Arak heavy-water project 190 km (120 miles) southwest of Tehran on 26 Aug, 2006. Iran's President launched a new phase in the Arak heavy-water reactor project on Saturday, despite Western fears it is aimed at producing a bomb.

XINHUA

Air crash occurs in Kentucky, US, 49 killed



A Comair flight carrying 50 people crashed near Lexington's airport, Kentucky on 27 Aug, morning, killing almost all on board, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 27 Aug—A Comair flight carrying 50 people crashed near Lexington's airport, Kentucky, Sunday morning, killing 49 on board, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said.

Comair President Don Bornhorst told a Press conference that there is only one survivor among the 50 people on board Comair Flight 5191, a CRJ-100 regional jet which crashed shortly after taking off.

He would not confirm news reports that the sur-

vivor is a pilot of the plane.

Don said the company has been conducting routine maintenance for the plane and the latest time was Monday. The CNN television earlier said at least one survivor was being treated in the University of Kentucky Hospital, and is in critical conditions.

Red Cross staffs and local police officers have arrived in the scene. Investigators from the FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board are going there, too.

A temporary morgue is being set up at the scene and the bodies will be brought to Kentucky state medical examiner's office.

Local coroners said the deaths were caused either by the impactor fire on board. The plane was leaving Blue Grass Airport in Lexington and was heading for Atlanta, when it went down in woods about 1.6 kilometres from the airport at about 6:07 am local time (1007 GMT). It was raining lightly at the time.

Internet

Third suspect charged over train bomb plot in Germany

BERLIN, 27 Aug—A probing judge at Germany's Federal Supreme Court charged Saturday a third suspect over a failed train bomb plot.

The man, who was

identified as Fadi A S was accused of membership in a terrorist organization, several counts of attempted murder and trying to cause bomb attacks with explosive devices, the German Federal Attorney's Office said.

Police arrested him on Friday in Germany's southern city of Constance as he was allegedly involved in a failed plot to blow up German passenger trains last month.

The suspect was a friend of the two suspects who had been arrested earlier on charges of planting bombs on two trains.—MNA/Xinhua

Lightning kills two during Dutch funeral

AMSTERDAM, 27 Aug—Lightning killed two musicians and injured three more standing under a tree during a funeral in the eastern Dutch town of Vorden on Friday, police said.

One of the victims died instantly, while the other was resuscitated in the churchyard but died shortly afterwards.

The musicians were part of a group performing at the funeral of an elderly man, which drew around 100 mourners, when the storm suddenly struck, police said.—MNA/Reuters

Death toll in Moscow market blast rises to 11

MOSCOW, 27 Aug—A 20-year-old Tajik man injured in the explosion in a Moscow market died in hospital on Friday, bringing the death toll from the

blast to 11, Russian news agencies reported.

The explosion ripped through the Cherkizovskiy Market on Monday, killing 10 people includ-

ing two children, and wounding 55 others.

More than 30 injured remain in hospital at present.

MNA/Xinhua



A protestor wears a hat calling for the end of the Iraq war near the home of former US President George HW Bush, where his son President George W Bush is staying for the weekend, in Kennebunkport, Maine, on 26 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Chavez eyes Syria visit to strengthen ties

CARACAS (Venezuela), 27 Aug— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said on Friday he planned a visit to Syria to bolster ties in a move likely to rankle Washington, which charges the Arab nation with sponsoring terrorism.

Chavez, a harsh critic of US foreign and trade policies, has strengthened political and energy ties with nations at odds with the Bush Administration, such as Cuba and Iran, as he seeks to counter Washington's influence.

The Bush Administration and British Prime Minister Tony Blair accuse Syria of backing militant groups in the Palestinian territories and Lebanon and stoking recent violence in the Middle East.

"A few weeks before the Middle East crisis we were sorting out dates to go. It has been our plan to visit Syria for the last few months. We will very likely visit," Chavez said in comments broadcast on state television during a tour of China.

Venezuela, the world's fifth-largest oil exporter, has reached out to Latin American neighbours as

well as Russia, China and India to forge energy cooperation deals that Chavez says are an antidote to US-backed free-trade accords.

Chavez has also said he plans to visit North Korea, the Communist state under pressure from the West over its recent missile tests and nuclear programme.

MNA/Reuters



Australian actress Nicole Kidman will open Rome's first international film festival with the world premiere of her film "Fur", organizers said on 26 Aug, 2006.

INTERNET

Dengue fever on the rise in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 27 Aug—Dengue fever still poses a significant public health threat in Cambodia, according to officials from the Ministry of Health and World Health Organization (WHO), local media reported on Friday.

Between January and August this year, there were 4,945 cases of dengue infection in Cambodia with 65 fatalities, *The Cambodian Press Review* quoted Duong Soheat, director of the National Malaria Centre, as saying at a workshop on strengthening intersectoral and inter-

ministerial collaboration for the control of dengue fever.

MNA/Xinhua

Computer, Communication Fair opens in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 27 Aug— The Hong Kong Computer and Communication Festival (HK-CCF) for 2006 opened here Friday, attracting more than 190 leading IT companies worldwide.

During the four-day annual event, a wide array of IT products will

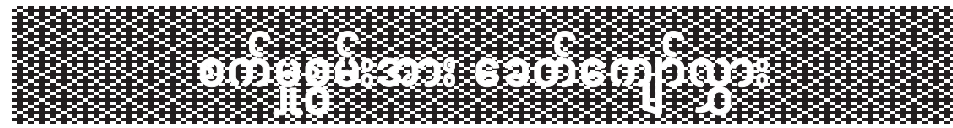
be exhibited, including computer software and hardware, HD TV, digital cameras and telecommunication equipment.

Being an ideal market channel, the festival for this year will continue to follow the global IT trend with special focus on digital life, digital home and

digital entertainment, according to the organizer.

With the launch of the HDTV broadcasting era, the fair heralds the next generation of the most popular consumer electronic devices used at home, said the organizer.

MNA/Xinhua



Tourists visit Angkor Wat temple in Siem Reap Province. A French firm will open a new international terminal at Siem Reap airport, the gateway to the Angkor Wat temples, which Cambodia hopes will attract more tourists.

INTERNET

Expert says bachelor trend to boost "single economy" in China

BEIJING, 27 Aug— The new bachelor trend among middle-class, white-collar workers will trigger a "single economy" phenomenon in China, according to a sociology and demography expert.

Zuo Xiaosi, a researcher from the Sociology and Demography Institute of

Guangdong Academy of Social Sciences in South China, said white-collar workers and middle-class people who prefer to remain single have high spending power, which may create a consumption structure different from the family-oriented one.

"Small-sized houses and cars will be more sellable than ever," Zuo said, adding that household appliances, insurance, entertainment and tourism may also benefit.

A media survey revealed that 30.35 per cent of single Chinese women make housing their priority, while 30.02 per cent spend most money on buying clothes and cosmetics.

However, the baby products industry is likely

to suffer. The country now has 107 million babies with estimated annual market sales of 500 billion yuan (62.5 billion US dollars). It is estimated that if 30 per cent of parents-to-be remain single, total sales will drop by at least 150 billion yuan (18.75 billion dollars).

Yuan Xin, a professor from the Population and Development Institute of the Nankai University in North China's Tianjin Municipality, said the single trend will have a long-term effect on the country's consumption structure, and will boost consumption as a whole.

The term "single economy" was first coined by Western economist F T McCarthy.

MNA/Xinhua



A model presents a jewellery at the International Luxury Goods Exhibition held at Beijing Hotel in Beijing, capital of China, on 25 Aug, 2006. Top brands from around the world, covering jewellery, limousines and classic furniture, were displayed in the exhibition.—XINHUA

29 Taleban militants, two French soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 27 Aug — At least 29 Taleban militants including a known commander have been killed in clashes in the past two days in Afghanistan, during which two French soldiers also lost their lives, officials and coalition forces said on Saturday.

The US-led coalition forces killed 16 Taleban militants including a

known commander in the central Khod valley of the southern Uruzgan Province, the coalition force said in a statement.

The commander and his associates were involved in conducting attacks against Afghan, ISAF and coalition troops, it added. However, the statement did not announce his name and identity. There were no

coalition casualties in the operation, it said.

Also on Friday, air forces of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) attacked a Taleban convoy in the southern Helmand Province, killing a number of militants and destroying 10 vehicles, provincial police chief Mohammad Nabi Mullahkhil said on Saturday.—MNA/Xinhua

Chinese top legislator speaks highly of Sino-Venezuelan relations

BEIJING, 28 Aug—Wu Bangguo, China's top legislator, spoke highly of the development of Sino-Venezuelan relations when meeting with visiting Venezuelan President Chavez here Friday.

He said the Chinese side appreciates the Venezuelan side's support for China on such issues as Taiwan, Tibet and human rights.

China will make concerted efforts with Venezuela to turn bilateral relations into a model for equality, reciprocity and sincere cooperation among developing countries, noted Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC).

He said he hoped the two Parliaments will maintain high-level contacts, expand exchanges and cooperation between different departments, learn from each other in building democracy and legal systems and governing, and strengthen coordination and cooperation in international and regional inter-

Parliament organizations.

Chavez said his current visit has been successful and it will push forward bilateral relations.

He said the Venezuelan side attaches great importance to bilateral relations and will make more efforts with the Chinese side to build on the achievements of this visit, strengthen ex-

changes and cooperation between the two governments and parliaments, and continuously push forward bilateral reciprocal cooperation in such fields as economy, trade, energy, telecommunications, tourism and agriculture.

The Venezuelan side will continue to abide by the one-China policy.

MNA/Xinhua



Top brands from around the world, covering jewellery, limousines and classic furniture, were displayed at the International Luxury Goods Exhibition held at Beijing Hotel in Beijing, capital of China, on 25 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET



Australian James Mitchell (R) and Richard Webb of the US video film themselves as they jump before parachuting down from Kuala Lumpur Tower in Malaysia's capital Kuala Lumpur on 26 Aug, 2006. Mitchell and Webb are among 80 BASE (Building, Antenna, Span and Earth) jumpers who are in Kuala Lumpur to participate in a jump in conjunction with the 49th anniversary of the country's independence on 31 August.—XINHUA

WHO calls for increased helmet use to reduce road injuries

GENEVA, 27 Aug—Helmet use is the single most effective way of reducing head injuries and fatalities resulting from motorcycle and bicycle crashes on roads, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday.

In many low-income and middle-income countries, users of two-wheelers — particularly motorcyclists — make up more than 50 per cent of all injured or killed on roads, the WHO said in a Press release.

Wearing a helmet has been shown to decrease the risk and severity of injuries among motorcyclists by about 70 per cent, the likelihood of death by almost 40 per cent, and to substantially reduce the costs of health care associated with such crashes, it added.

WHO is intensifying efforts to support governments, particularly those in low-income and middle-income countries, to increase helmet use through a new publication. The importance of increasing helmet use follows dramatic growth in motorization around the world, largely from increasing use of motorized two-wheelers, particularly in Asian countries, the WHO said.

In China, for example, motorcycle ownership over the last 10 years has increased rapidly. In 2004 it was estimated that more than 67 million motorcycles were registered in the country, and approximately 25 per cent of all road traffic deaths were among motorcyclists and their passengers.— MNA/Xinhua

Songhua River tributary pollution will not hurt Russia

BEIJING, 27 Aug—The pollution of a Songhua River tributary will not hurt Russia, said an environmental protection bureau official in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province here Friday.

Guo Yuan, deputy director of the bureau, said they had started rigorously monitoring water quality in the Songhua River as soon as they learnt of the pollution on its tributary Mangniu River.

"The pollutants were

cleared before the pollution belt arrived at the Songhua River.

They will not do any damage to Russia," Guo said. The Mangniu River, which runs through the city of Jilin, in neighbouring Jilin Province, was reported polluted with chemicals on Monday.

Experts arriving at the river were greeted with the sight of a five-kilometre-long pollution slick of bubbly, red water.

Preliminary tests indicate that the major pollutant is xylidine. The State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) has already reported the pollution incident to the Russian Embassy to China. A SEPA official confirmed on Friday that the water quality of the Songhua River in northeast China has not been affected by the chemical pollutants on its tributary Mangniu River.—MNA/Xinhua

Kidnapped female lawmaker released in Iraq

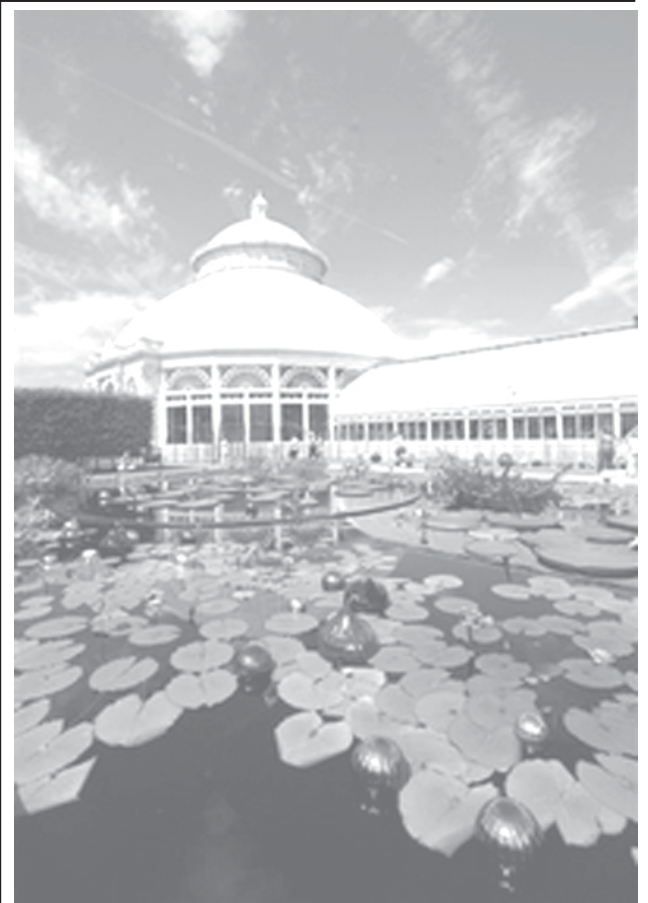
BAGHDAD, 27 Aug—A female lawmaker kidnapped nearly two months ago was released on Saturday, which is hailed by the Iraqi Prime Minister as a "gift" for his national reconciliation plan.

Taiseer Najah al-Mashhadani, a member of the Sunni Consensus Front, was abducted with her five bodyguards on 1 July when gunmen ambushed her convoy in a Shiite neighbourhood in north-eastern Baghdad.

Shortly after being freed, al-Mashhadani met with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki. Following the meeting, she told reporters the captors treated her well and she kept encouraging them to join the national reconciliation process.

As to her bodyguards, al-Mashhadani said three of her bodyguards were released shortly afterward and other two were still being held by the kidnappers, who said they would be released soon.

MNA/Xinhua



Glass sculpture installation by artist Dale Chihuly float among the aquatic plants outside the Enid A Haupt Conservatory at the New York Botanical Garden, on 22 Aug, 2006 in the Bronx borough of New York. The exhibit 'Chihuly at the New York Botanical Garden' opened to the public on 25 June, and runs through 29 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET



Iraqis stand at the scene of a car bomb attack outside the building on 27 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

China, Kazakhstan kick off 2nd phase of joint anti-terror drill

URUMQI, 27 Aug — China wrapped up the second phase of its joint anti-terror drill with its western neighbour Kazakhstan at Saturday noon in Yining, western China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

The Yining game consists of five parts, simulating a battle in which Chinese guards gradually forced the terrorists into a narrow valley and cliff caves.

It lasted two hours and ten minutes, with groups of the mock terrorists being eliminated by the police forces consisting of artillery, police dogs, cavalry, special services and other troops.

Chinese troops of the "Tianshan-I (2006)" exercise in Yining were

mainly composed of border police and anti-terror special force in Xinjiang.

Some 700 police force were deployed on the game equipped with advanced weapons including armed helicopters and armoured anti-riot vehicles, the police authority said.

Around 100 observers from member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) which includes China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, were in Yining to evaluate the drill.

They were satisfied and applauded to the participating troops, the police said.

The drill is the first

ever joint anti-terrorism exercise between the two countries' law enforcement bodies and special forces within SCO framework.

China and Kazakhstan on Thursday finished the first phase of the drill in Kazakhstan's eastern Almaty region. Kazakhstan's border-guard force also mobilized armed helicopters, armoured anti-riot vehicle and other military equipments.—MNA/Xinhua



The 11th Panchen Lama (Front) visits the Lhasa Railway Station in Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 26 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA

Nigeria destroys \$4.7m worth drugs

LAGOS, 27 Aug— Nigeria's National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) on Friday destroyed hard drugs worth more than 600 million naira (about 4.7 million US dollars), the official News Agency of Nigeria reported.

Ahmadu Giade, national chairman of the NDLEA, was quoted as saying that the drugs were destroyed in Osogbo, a leading city in Osun State, southwest Nigeria.

"The destroyed drugs were cocaine, heroin and Indian hemp," he said. Giade also recalled the destruction of the largest single drugs seizure ever made on the African continent with a street value of 50 billion naira (about 390 million dollars) at the Tin Can Island Ports in the nation's commercial capital Lagos.

According to him, 9.8 tons of hard drugs were also destroyed by the Ondo State command recently.

He acknowledged the contributions of the Osun State Government to the anti-drug activities of the agency, saying that the destruction of drugs in Osun State marked a turning point in the history of the agency's anti-narcotic efforts.

According to NDLEA's Osun State Commander Segun Oke, drug problem in the state should be understood comprehensively. He said the agency secured the conviction of 46 drug peddlers and seized four tons of drugs in the state in the past.

MNA/Xinhua



An overturned truck damaged by floods lays on the national highway near Barmer town, 350 km (218 miles) north of the western Indian city of Ahmedabad on 27 Aug, 2006. Floods caused by heavy rains have killed at least 85 people in India's western desert state of Rajasthan, and forced the suspension of a train service to neighbouring Pakistan.—INTERNET

Six Bangladeshi peacekeepers killed in road accident in Abidjan

DHAKA, 27 Aug— Six Bangladeshi peace-keepers were killed and 12 others wounded in a road accident in Abidjan, the capital of Ivory Coast, late on Friday, Bangladesh Army Press Department announced on Saturday.

The department said a contingent of Bangladeshi peacekeepers flew to Abidjan on Friday from Bangladesh capital Dhaka. Upon their arrival, they were heading to Abidjan from the airport while the military truck carrying them slipped off the road, killing five of them on the spot and wounding 13 others.

Another peacekeeper died at a local hospital where those wounded are now being treated.

Bangladesh now has about 12,000 peacekeepers working in different trouble spots across the world, spokesman of the department Nazrul Islam said.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaria remains leading cause of maternal death in Zambia

LUSAKA, 27 Aug—Zambian health officials has said that malaria remained the leading cause of maternal death in the African country.

Speaking in a meeting dubbed Malaria in Pregnancy Dissemination, Health Ministry Permanent Secretary Simon Miti said malaria accounted for 20 per cent of maternal deaths in Zambia.

There was a need to intensify the fight against malaria in the country, particularly among pregnant women, Miti said.

He added that the combat against the disease has been a part of the National Strategic Framework.

It was learned from the meeting that fear, perceived lack of efficacy and high cost led to rural women not to take

antenatal drugs which was blamed for the high rate of maternal deaths.

Malaria is No 1 disease in Zambia, accounting for 37 per cent of all outpatient hospital visits and 500,000 deaths a year.

The country with a population of 11 million records four million malaria cases each year.

MNA/Xinhua

Germany to send 1,200 troops to Lebanon

BERLIN, 27 Aug—Germany is willing to send over 1,200 military personnel to join the UN peacekeeping mission in southern Lebanon, German media reported Saturday.

The German naval was preparing frigates and speedboats to safeguard the Lebanese coast, the news magazine *Der Spiegel* reported in its edition to be published on Monday.

Itsaid that the Air Force was expected to send *Tornado* reconnaissance jets to prevent weapons smuggling by Lebanon's Hizbollah militants.

The German Government is awaiting a formal request from the Lebanese Government to put the troops in place, the magazine said.

German Defence Minister Franz Josef Jung described the German military participation as

battle duty as he said, "German soldiers have to be prepared against the will of ships' captains to board ships suspected of smuggling weapons."

He said the German troops could play a dominant role in the Lebanese coast.

Germany decided not to send ground troops to the region considering its historical sensitiveness with Israel.

MNA/Xinhua



Police secure the scene of a suicide truck bomb attack in Kirkuk, 250 km (150 miles) north of Baghdad, on 27 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Theory of value

Khin Khin Kyaw (Education)

I have the habit of keeping paper boxes and packing papers of soaps, mosquito coils and tooth paste as they have their own values at least to kindle a fire.

In this world today, garbage recycling is helping protect and conserve the environment. Once, I found in a journal a piece of news about a man selling robots he created from items collected from garbage. Because of his creativity even garbage has become valuable.

Every material has its own usefulness and value. The human society is formed with spiritual values, which are, goodwill, loving-kindness and morals and they also have their own degree of merit. Loving-kindness and goodwill of parents, teachers and true friends are invaluable. Persons who appreciate loving kindness and goodwill of parents, elders and teachers usually get prospered. Youths should value loving-kindness and goodwill and should un-

derstand its value, otherwise they will be repentant in the future. A person will lose a true friend if he fails to appreciate the value of a good friend. Assistance and support of a good friend is vital for one's prosperity. In some families, elder brothers and sisters take the place of parents in caring and protecting their younger siblings. Loving-kindness and goodwill of those persons is great, while the younger siblings need to know the gratitude they owe to their elder brothers and sisters.

Myanmar society always appreciates the value of gratitude as it adheres to the 38 blessings. Every person should understand the gratitude they owe to their country that is providing her citizens with all the requirements including food, clothing and shelter. We all need to know and repay the gratitude we owe to the persons from the ones who founded the Union of Myanmar to the ones who are endeavouring to

develop the motherland in all aspects. Everyone who longs for foreign countries over his or her own motherland is an ungrateful person.

Efforts of the persons who have tried to promote and propagate Myanmar literature are great. As I am a Myanmar teacher, I always pay respects to the literati who have promoted literature starting from Pali to Sanskrit and Myanmar. I always teach my pupils to have respect for literature and their lessons. Having respect for literature is a good habit as literature benefits mankind. I have heard from my elders that a man who got rich and well-known as Tiger balm manufacturer after starting life as a sampan boat rower kept in his house the gilded oar. He became rich as he valued his work.

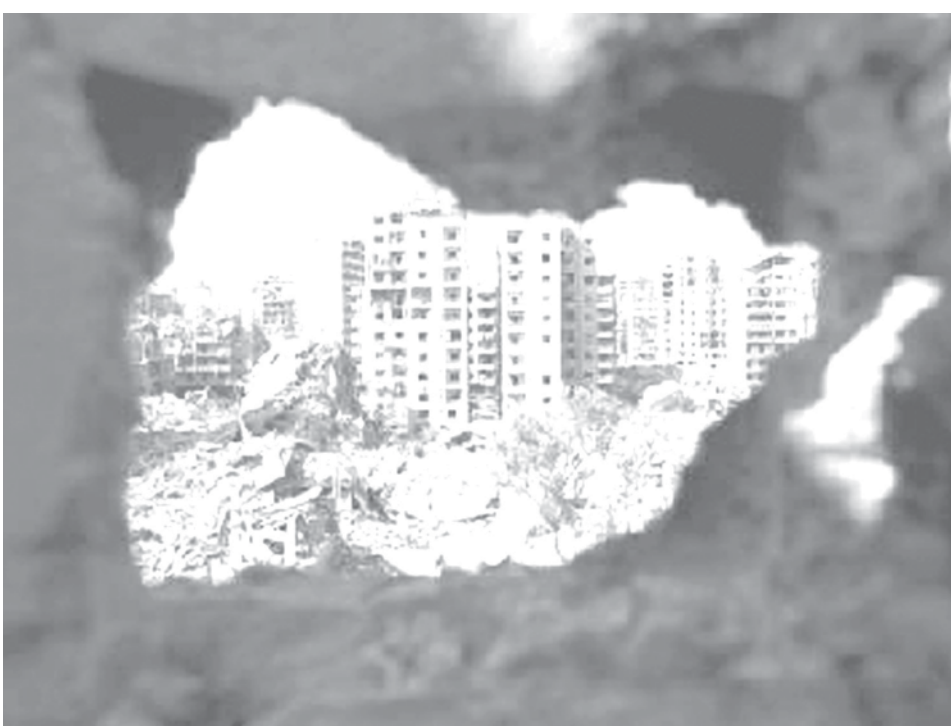
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In this world, there are material as well as spiritual values, both the giver and the receiver will have to value and cherish. Every matter of value should be viewed with respect and honour. It should not be ridiculed, overlooked or ignored. Greater success and prosperity will come to all the persons who appreciate the value of every matter and its usefulness.

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A general view of rubble and buildings in Beirut southern suburbs, on 27 Aug, 2006, which were damaged during the conflict between Israel and Lebanon's Hizbollah. — INTERNET

Foreigners trapped in Sri Lanka's north evacuated

COLOMBO, 28 Aug — Over 100 foreign nationals trapped in the northern Jaffna Peninsula since 11 August, when battles erupted between the Tamil Tigers and the government troops were evacuated under the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) escort, according to officials Sunday.

Seruwila II, the civilian ferry under the ICRC flag arrived in the eastern port of Trincomalee in the early hours of Sunday, and the 161 foreign nationals on board were to be transferred to capital Colombo

later in the day, ICRC officials said.

Most of them are expatriate Tamils who hold foreign passports, also among them are 10-15 European expatriates serving in Jaffna in various international non-governmental organizations.

Fighting which broke out in Jaffna was the worst since the February 2002 ceasefire and the military said they had fully consolidated positions in the district by successfully wading off challenge from the Liberation Ti-

gers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels.

There have not been serious clashes in the Jaffna Peninsula for a week since last Sunday, defence officials said, adding that however the clashes shifted to the eastern province back again on Saturday.

Over 1,700 people have been killed since December last year in the escalation of violence and more than 100,000 people have been displaced by clashes since the beginning of August.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint visits rubber,...

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field trips to nearby construction projects and growing perennial trees. The three-storey main building of the Government Technological College (Myitkyina) is 120 feet by 80 feet and has one assembly hall, 40 lecture halls and two computer rooms. Construction started in March 2004.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected the 1000-acre rubber plantation owned by Northern Command. In charge Lt-Col Aung Myaing reported on the growing of 21,700 rubber plants on a 100-acre plan-

tation. Lt-Gen Ye Myint instructed officials to strive for the state to be a region of rubber. On arrival at the teak plantation of Thiri Agricultural Co Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard a report of the manager on growing teak, Pyangadue, physic nut and seasonal crops, cultivation of 10 acres of paddy and breeding of fish. Lt-Gen Ye Myint spoke of the need to extend cultivation of teak and physic nut, viewed teak saplings and planted teak trees. The company has grown 172,914 teak plants, 2,753 Pyangadue trees and 120,000 physic nut plants. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party visited the rub-

ber plantation of the Northern Command and the division rubber plantation.

Accompanied by Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraph Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party visited Win Thuza Shop of the Ministry of Industry-1 which sells clothing, medicines, cosmetics and consumer products and inspected development of Myitkyina by car.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to the briefing hall of the project for growing perennial trees being undertaken by Jade Land Myanmar Co. The company chairman

reported on growing of rubber, teak and other crops. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the plantations. He also visited the rubber plantation of U Karaing La Hsan in Gawnan village, Naung Nan village-tract in Myitkyina township. Lt-Gen Ye Myint left necessary instructions.

At Naung Nang Research and Pedigree Farm of the Myanmar Perennial Crops Enter-

prise near Naung Nang Village on Myitkyina-Putao Road, Farm Manager U Naing Win and officials reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint on growing of rubber and distribution of rubber plants and seeds. Lt-Gen Ye Myint viewed rubbers trees that were first grown in 1961. The farm has 498 acres and the number of pedigree seeds distributed was 500,000 in 2003, one million in 2004, 490,000 in 2005 and about one million in 2006.

In the evening Lt-Gen Myint and Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint met with members of the agricultural coordination committee at Malikha Yeiktha of Northern Command and made a speech. Officials reported on cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy in 2006, growing of teak and rubber and other respective sectors. The commander gave a supplementary report. Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions. — MNA

Minister inspects irrigation facilities in Mandalay



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo meets with farmers at Inyin Dam. — A & I

YANGON, 27 Aug — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo and departmental heads went on an inspection tour of Shanmange dam project near Aung Tha village, Meiktila in Mandalay Division on 20 August.

At the briefing hall, Director of Irrigation Department Construction-7 U Myo Tun briefed the minister on progress of work of Shanmange dam. In connection with the reports, the minister gave instructions on water supply to the irrigated areas of the dam and inspected earth work of the construction of the dam.

Next, the minister and party looked into availability of water and water supply of Nyaungyan lake and Minhla lake. Irrigation

Department officials briefed the minister on water supply to 20,000 acres of farmland in 20 village-tracts and maintenance of the dam.

Afterwards, the minister met with responsible personnel and farmers from the districts and townships and gave instructions on meeting the per acre yield, promotion of the farmers' economy, boosting cultivation and production of crops in suitable regions, providing strains, cultivation methods and technology. And the minister oversaw maintenance of Nyaungyan lake and Minhla lake.

The following day, the minister and party and chairman of Meiktila District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Lu Tin arrived at Thabyeyoe dam near Mayoe village, Wundwin

Township. Director of Mandalay Division Irrigation Department U Aye Thein briefed on construction tasks of Thabyeyoe dam and water supply to over 8,000 acres of farmland.

Next, Director-General of Irrigation Department U Kyaw San Win gave supplementary reports. Regarding the reports, the minister gave instructions on maintenance of already-built dams and inspected Thabyeyoe, Toungpulu and Inyin dams.

Afterwards, the minister held a meeting with local farmers and gave instructions on efficient use of dam water, increasing the cultivation and production, boosting of per acre yield and strains and technologies provided to the local farmers by the department. — MNA

Secretariat Member attends ceremonies to set up education funds for schools in Meiktila, Taungtha

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — Secretariat member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung attended the ceremony to set up the medical trust funds organized by USDA for Meiktila Nurses Training School and Meiktila Education College at the Meiktila Nurses Training School in Meiktila yesterday morning.

At the town hall of Taungtha, Secretariat member Minister U Aung Thaung attended the prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students. The Secretariat Member gave prizes to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2005-06 academic year

with flying colours. Next, Secretariat Member U Aung Thaung handed over benches donated by USDA to basic education schools. Afterwards, the Secretariat Member accepted

K 2 million for the educational funds of affiliated schools donated by Daw Khin Oo of Myebyugon Village, and presented certificates of honour to her.

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Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung gives award to an outstanding student. INDUSTRY-1

Families of Supreme Court put fingerlings into farms

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — Staff families of Supreme Court put fingerlings into the farms at Shopeik dam, Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

Chief Justice U

Aung Toe, Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Latt and U Thein Soe, Judges of the Supreme Court Dr Tin Aung Aye and U Myint Thein put fingerlings into the farms.

Next, heads of department and staff put fingerlings into the farms.

A total of 20,000 fingerlings were put into the farms.

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Chief Justice U Aung Toe and party release fingerlings into a small dam in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

Training course on trainers for the increasing awareness of RH through IEC and BCC interventions held

YANGON, 28 Aug — The training course 1/2006 on trainers for the increasing awareness of RH through IEC and BCC interventions sponsored by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was opened at the multi-purpose hall of MMCWA at the corner of Parami Road and Thanthuma Road in South Okkalapa Township this morning.

Present were President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win, Vice-Presidents Dr Daw



MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win addresses the reproductive course 1/2006. — MNA



Tin Lin Myint and Daw Aye Aye, members of CEC, Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWA Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai, Resident Representative of UNFPA Mr Daniel B Baker and officials of the Ministry of Health.

President of MMCWA

Daw Khin Khin Win spoke on the occasion. Resident Representative of UNFPA Mr Daniel B Baker reported on the project.

Daw Khin Khin Win presented K 9.1 million for six townships — two in Yangon Division and four in Bago Division for conducting township

level and multiplier courses.

Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWA Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai, Secretary of Bago Division (East) MCWSC Dr Htay Aung and Chairperson of Bago Division (West) MCWSC Daw Thein Paing also accepted the donations.

The five-day course is being attended by 30 trainees from six townships. — MNA

MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win presents cash to Secretary Dr Htay Aung of Bago (East) MMCWA. — MNA

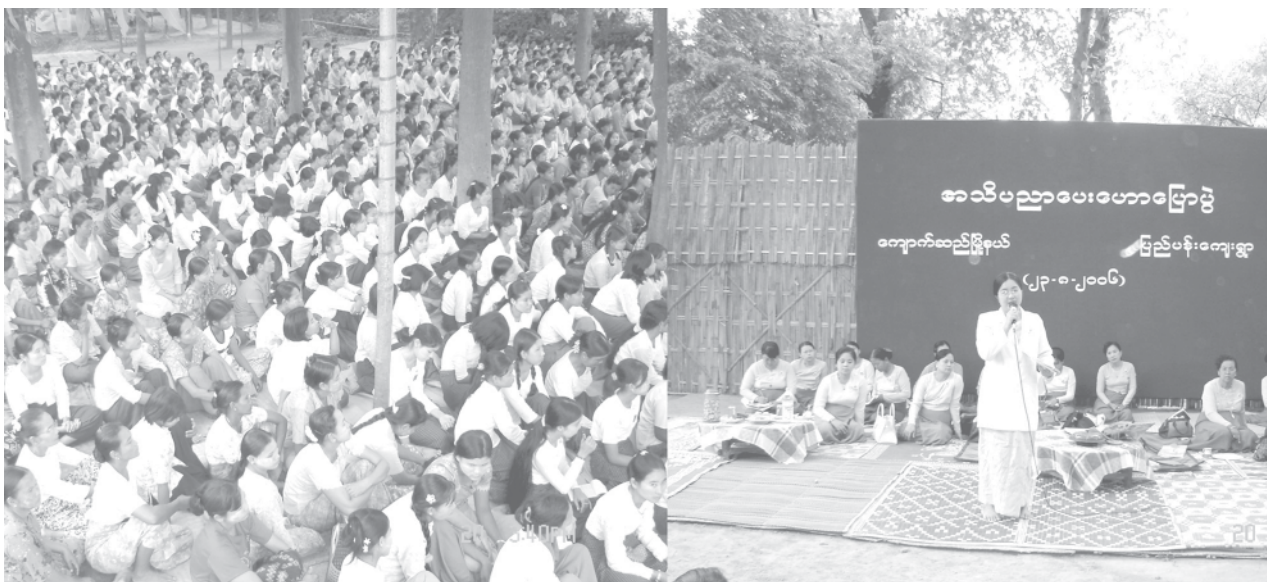
MWAF holds talks in Kyaukse

YANGON, 28 Aug — Organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, an educative talk took place at Pyipan model village in Kyaukse on 22 August.

Present on the occasion were Head of Organizing Department of MWAF Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, the chairperson of Mandalay Division WAO and members, the chairper-

sons of Kyaukse District and Township WAOs and members, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, members of WAOs and Maternal and Child Welfare Association totalling 750.

First, Head of Organizing Department of MWAF Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo made an opening speech and explained salient points of the federation on the



WAO member Dr Daw Moe Thu Win gives educative talks on HIV/AIDS in Kyaukse. — MNA



WAO members hold discussions at Pyipan Model Village in Kyaukse Township. — MNA

occasion. Next, Daw Mi Mi Lay of Working Group of Prevention and Rehabilitation for Women of Mandalay Division WAO gave talks on prevention against human trafficking while Dr Daw Moe Thu Win of Obstetric and Gynecology Specialist of Kyaukse District Hospital clarified facts about HIV/AIDS.

Next, the head of organizing department and leaders of working groups replied to the queries raised by those present. After the talks, Head of Organizing Department of MWAF Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo presented uniforms of Women's Affairs through the chairperson of township WAO and varieties of books for

Pyipan model village library, leaflets of HIV/AIDS and iodized salt to the chairperson of the village WAO.

Afterwards, chairperson of Mandalay Division WAO Daw Kye Hmon Oo presented 5,200 membership applications to Head of Organizing Department of MWAF Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo. — MNA

NPED Minister attends ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug — Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha arrived back here today after attending the 38th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and other related meetings held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 21 to 26 August.

The delegation was welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and officials. On 21 August, the minister and delegation attended the Ninth AIA Council and the 20th AFTA Council meeting.

The next day, the ASEAN economic ministers and the ASEAN secretary-general met with Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi. The Myanmar delegation

led by Minister U Soe Tha attended the opening ceremony on the 38th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting held at 9 am the same day. The meeting continued on 23 August. In the afternoon, they took part in the 13th AEM-METI Consultation in which ASEAN economic ministers and their Japanese counterpart were participants. Economic ministers of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam also met with Japanese METI.

On 24 August, ASEAN economic ministers held talks with their counterpart from the Republic of Korea. Afterwards, the Ninth AEM+3, a meeting between ASEAN economic ministers and their counterparts from China, Japan and ROK was held. The Fifth AEM-

India Consultations were also held.

The following day saw the holding of Eight A E M - U S T R Consultations at which ASEAN-US Trade and Investment Arrangement-TIFA was signed between the ASEAN ministers and the US trade delegation to boost American investment in the ASEAN area.

Myanmar delegation also attended the 11th AEM-CER Consultations in which economic ministers from Australia and New Zealand were also participants.

Minister U Soe Tha chaired the Eight AMBDC Ministerial Meeting on 26 August.

The delegation members were Adviser to the NPED Ministry U Maung Maung Yi, Director-General of Foreign Economic

Relations Department Daw Myo Nwe, Deputy Director-General of Planning Department Daw Le Le Thein and Assistant Director of Directorate of Investment and Companies Daw Cho Cho Win.

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Minister receives guests

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug — Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha received UN Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF Mr Kul Chandra Gautam and Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha of UNICEF based in Yangon, at the hall of the ministry here, at 3 pm today.

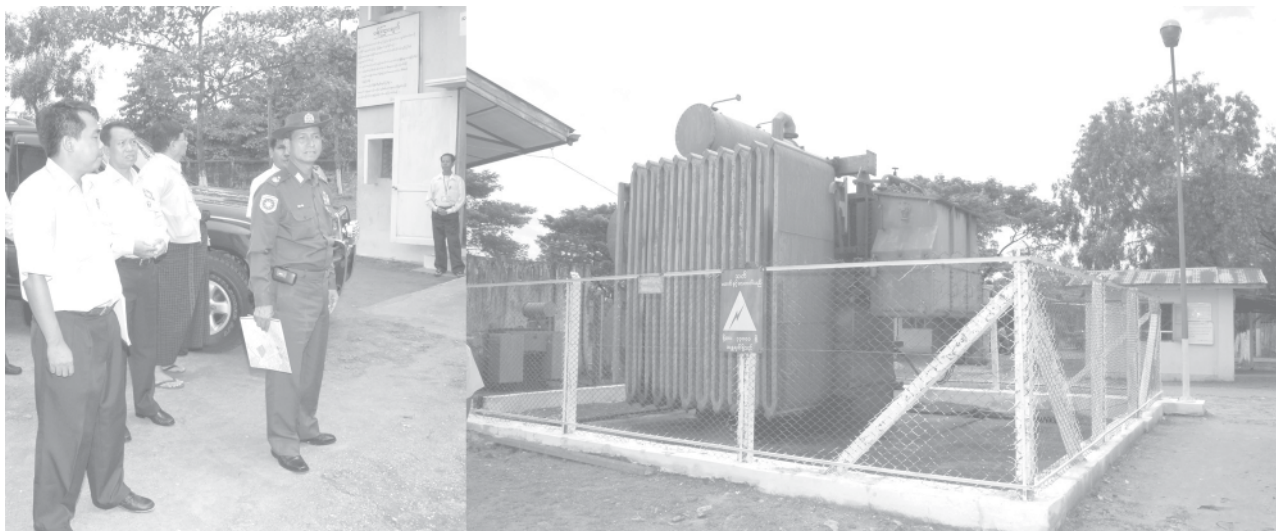
Also present on the occasion were heads of department under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development.

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Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha receives UN Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF Mr Kul Chandra Gautam. — MNA

Minister inspects sub-power stations, offices of township GADs



Minister for Electric Power No-2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects a sub-power station at general administration office in Dagon Myothit (South). — MNA

YANGON, 28 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint together with Col Khin Maung Soe of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board and responsible personnel arrived at RIP sub-power station on Yangon-Insein road on 26 August.

In the course of the arrival of the minister and party, Hline Township General Administration Department Officer U Soe Tint briefed on distribution of power. The minister inspected collection of electricity bills and distribution of power and attended to the needs.

Upon arrival at a foundry plant of Two Elephants Company in Industrial Zone-1 of Hlinethaya, managing director of the plant U Kyaw Pe briefed on production process in the plant. Next, the minister gave instructions on speedy production of power transmission towers and attended to the needs.

Similarly, the minister and party then proceeded to Dagon Myothit (South) Township General Administration Department Officer U Aung Naing Oo briefed on collection of electricity bills and distribution of power.

Likewise, the minister and party went to 33/11 KV Konpedetha sub-power station in Dagon Myothit (North) and inspected distribution of power and utilization of electricity at the station. — MNA

MMPA requests to donate old film journals, magazines on Myanma film

YANGON, 28 Aug — The committee for compilation of the history of Myanma film was formed during Diamond Jubilee of Myanma Film held in 1995. The history of Myanma film (1920-1995) has been written. Now the history of Myanma film from 1946 to 1970 and from 1996 to date (draft) is being compiled by Myanma film museum.

The history of Myanma film (1920-1945) was published. Old film journals, magazines and other documents relating to Myanma film can be sent to Myanma Motion Picture Asiayon, No 16, Wingaba Road, Bahan Township. — MNA

Religious Affairs Ministry holds meeting to organize pilgrimage to India, Nepal

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug — Ministry of Religious Affairs held a work coordination meeting today on pilgrimage to India and Nepal at the ministry here.

At the meeting, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and officials of the ministry discussed arrangements for pilgrimage to four religious places in India and Nepal.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung stressed the need for coordination between departments to help pilgrims visit Bodh Gaya and other religious places.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister. — MNA

Sitt Thwe magazine in circulation

YANGON, 28 Aug — Sitt Thwe magazine for September 2006 edited by Lwin Thuang Wai has come into circulation from Myayadana Sarpay on Thanthuma street, 14/2 ward, South Okkalapa Township.

It carries many interesting topics and stories; 'Interview with actor Nay Toe', 'I am not a man of words, but of action' by Thuang Wai Oo, 'Secret of Ponnya Khin', 'Uma Thuraman of Tin Latt Thandar Bo', 'Interview with Kyi Phyu Shin', 'Helay winning a sweetheart', 'One aspect

of competition of Ma Mya Thuang Wai who won 1st Ladies Award at Asia Cross Country Rally 2006', 'Of Bay Yaung Jun by Zarni (Korean Wave)', poems and cartoons and others. — MNA



Sitt Thwe magazine of September issue.

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Photo taken on 25 Aug, 2006 shows the evening view of the carnival held in the Green Exposition Garden in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jinagsu Province.—XINHUA

Thailand, Laos to open more border points

BANGKOK, 28 Aug — Thailand and the neighbouring Laos have agreed to step up security collaboration along their common border and open two temporary border points in a bid to boost bilateral trade and tourism, Thai media reported Saturday.

The agreement was made at a two-day meeting in Laos, which ended on Friday, between Thailand's caretaker Interior Minister Kongsak Wanthana and his Lao counterpart, Minister of Public Security Thongbanh Sengaphone.

Under the agreement, both sides will upgrade the temporary border crossing in Baan Kok District of Thailand's northern province Uttaradit to permanent status, according to the

Thai News Agency.

Two more border crossing points in the northeastern provinces of Nakhon Phanom and Amnat Charoen will also be opened, a move that the two ministers said they believe could boost bilateral trade and tourism.

The sixth meeting of provincial governors of the two countries, held simultaneously, agreed to tighten security along the common border and to increase their cooperation in jointly fighting drug

trafficking by launching more patrols along the Mekong River and to establish eight additional narcotics control coordination centres.

Thailand and Laos also agreed to survey a new border demarcation, especially along the Mekong River, the report said.

The two countries were engaged in a battle after a dispute on three border villages during 1980s.

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One third of Chinese landmass bathed in acid rain

BEIJING, 28 Aug — With Chinese factories discharging more and more sulfur dioxide, one third of China's territory was bathed in acid rain last year, according to a parliamentary report.

More than half of the 696 Chinese cities and counties monitored had experienced acid rain. In some regions, every rainy day was an acid rain day, according to the pollution control inspection report released by the country's top legislature on Saturday.

The report was based on lawmakers' recent inspection of environmental protection efforts in 15 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities, and was submitted to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) for review on Saturday.

With 25.49 million tons of sulfur dioxide dis-

charged in 2005 — 27 per cent more than in 2000 — China has become the world's biggest sulfur dioxide polluter.

"Increased sulfur dioxide emissions meant that one third of China's territory was affected by acid rain, posing a major threat to soil and food safety," said Sheng Huaren, vice-chairman of the NPC Standing Committee, when briefing lawmakers on the report.

He said the sulfur dioxide emissions doubled the acceptable environmental limit. Coal-burning power stations and coking plants were the main culprits.

According to

the report's findings, nearly 650 out of 680 coking plants in Shanxi, the country's major coal mining province, discharged excessive sulfur dioxide.

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A church is illuminated by a street light on a street decimated by Hurricane Katrina, in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, Louisiana, on 25 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

Nepal to set up kidney transplantation centre

KATHMANDU, 28 Aug — Nepal will set up a medical centre focusing on kidney transplantation within a year, the state run National News Agency (NNA) reported here on Sunday.

"The Nepal Liver Care Centre (NLCC) has planned to establish Multi-Transplant Centre in Nepal so that people will not have to go abroad for organ transplantation by spending a lot of money," NNA quoted Arun Kumar Singh, chairman of NLCC, a non-governmental health institution, as

saying.

Singh said that the Nepali Government's obscure policies regarding the kidney transplantation have forced hundreds of Nepali patients to spend more than a million rupees (22,857 US dollars) in India for the purpose.

"It takes just

(200,000-300,000) Nepali rupees (2,857-4,286 dollars) if transplantation is carried out in Nepal," said Singh, who is also the member of the Transplantation Society of Canada.

Some 500 Nepali kidney patients go for foreign countries every year for transplantation.

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Comedian and television talk show host Ellen Degeneres hits tennis balls during a charity skills competition during 'Arthur Ashe Kids Day' before the 2006 US Open at the USTA National Tennis Centre in New York on 26 Aug, 2006. The US Open starts on 28 Aug. —INTERNET

India to import 2 mln tons of duty-free wheat

NEW DELHI, 28 Aug — The Indian Government has allowed to import of an additional 2 million tons of wheat at zero Customs duty as part of measures to meet the shortfall in procurement of the commodity for Public Distribution System (PDS), Press Trust of India reported Saturday.

The imports will be made by state-run Food Corporation of India (FCI) by 28 February, 2007. The imports will be allowed only through Chennai, Tuticorin, Cochin and Vishakhapatnam ports, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a notice.

DGFT said the public notice is being issued in accordance with the

special order issued by Indian Finance Ministry on 14 Aug for exemption of Customs duty on import of wheat.

These 2 million tons of wheat is in addition to the 3.83 million tons of the commodity that public sector company, State

Trading Corporation, is importing at zero-duty. State-owned firms MMTC Ltd and PEC Ltd are also importing 40,000 tons of wheat each for private traders at 5-per cent Customs duty.

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Villagers evacuated following landslide in N Thailand

BANGKOK, 28 Aug — Over 550 villagers were evacuated by helicopters after a landslide caused by heavy rains in a village of Thai northern Nan Province on Saturday.

About 360 villagers were evacuated from Nam Phi Village of Thung Chang District after landslide destroyed several houses. Later, helicopters flew in again to evacuate 192 more villagers from Ban Nam Phao Village, local media reported.

The villagers were evacuated to two schools and would stay there for a few days until the rain stops.

Nan provincial administration sought help from the 32nd Paramilitary Troopers Division to send helicopters to evacuate villagers and to deploy the troopers to protect houses and belongings of the villagers.

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Nepali Government endorses Public Procurement Act

KATHMANDU, 27 Aug—The Nepali Government has endorsed the Public Procurement Act that aims at making the government's procurement procedures more transparent, local media reported on Saturday.

"A source at the Council of Ministers or Cabinet confirmed the endorsement," Kantipur FM, a privately run local radio reported. "The Cabinet is awaiting the House of Representatives (HoR) or Parliament's approval for the act," the radio quoted a Cabinet member as saying.

"The enforcement of act is expected to maintain transparency in the government procurement as the act has incorporated many disclosure provisions including right to know why someone's contract was not awarded and another was awarded," said a top official at the Office of Financial Comptroller General (OFCG) that oversees on the issue in Nepal.

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US transfers 5 Guantanamo Bay prisoners to Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 27 Aug—The Pentagon said on Saturday that it transferred five prisoners from Guantanamo Bay in Cuba to Afghanistan, leaving about 445 detainees at the controversial site.

The Pentagon said in a statement posted on its website that "these detainees were all recommended for transfer

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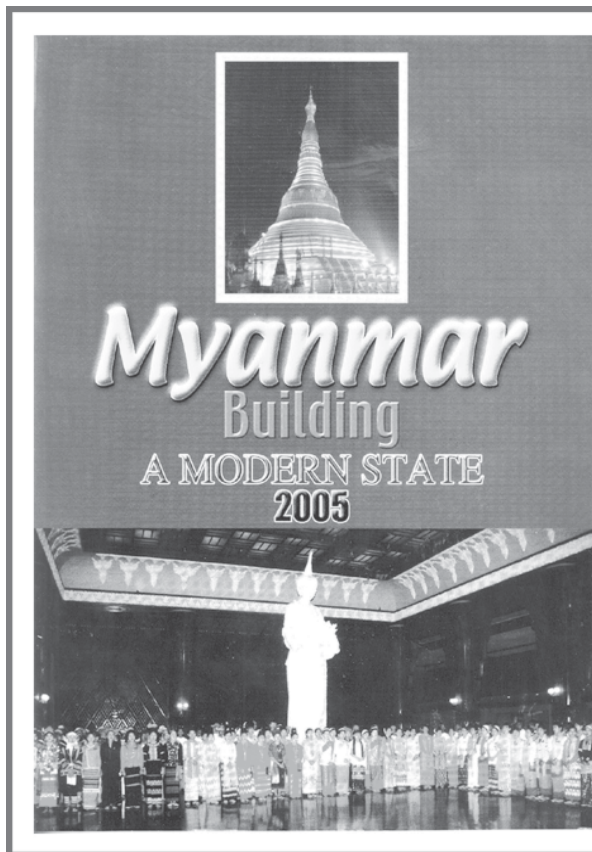
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due to multiple review processes conducted at Guantanamo Bay".

However, it did not give names of the prisoners being transferred to Afghanistan.

About 120 of the remaining 445 detainees may be eligible for transfer or release pending a series of reviews, the statement said.—MNA/Xinhua



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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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MV PARAGON PESCADORES VOY NO (10)

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: TOKO KAIUN KAISHA LTD JAPAN

Phone No: 256924/256914

Mubarak dismisses accusations about government's performance

CAIRO, 27 Aug—Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has dismissed criticism of the government, saying that the government under Prime Minister Ahmed Nazef was doing its best, the official MENA news agency reported Saturday.

Mubarak made the remark in an interview with evening newspaper *al-Messa*. The excerpt of the interview was carried by MENA.

The government was doing its best in face of tremendous burdens caused by overpopulation and unchanging, if not dwindling, resources, Mubarak said.

"When I took over as President the population was 44 million, now it is 76 million. Those additional 32 million people need food, water, health care, education, services and jobs. How can we offer them all of that while our resources are not increasing at all," he said.

Besides, the government was facing burdens owing to subsidies on basic commodities and services that cost some 100 billion Egyptian pounds (about 17.4 billion US dollars) and a drop in oil export from 9 million tons to 3 million tons because of increased domestic consumption, said Mubarak. Mubarak, who has assumed office since 1981, instead praised Nazef as a dedicated leader.

MNA/Xinhua

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Annan committed to support peace process in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 27 Aug — United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan has expressed his firm commitment to support peace process in Nepal, local media reported here Saturday.

“Annan is firmly committed to support Nepal’s peace process and encouraged to receive identical letters earlier this month from the Nepali Government and the guerillas requesting the UN assistance,” *The Kathmandu Post* (TKP), a local private English language daily, reported. “He (Annan) believes

it is now urgent to undertake follow on consultations with all concerned parties in Nepal in order to build on the common understanding that now exists, so that detailed planning for UN assistance may proceed,” TKP quoted Press statement issued on Friday by Annan’s spokesman Stephane Dujarric as saying.

The statement was issued on appointment of Ian Martin as Annan’s personal representative in Nepal for initial six months to support Nepal’s ongoing peace process.

Martin has been serving as the representative of Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Nepal since May 2005.

MNA/Xinhua



NASA officials give a Press conference at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida on 26 Aug, 2006. NASA has decided on Saturday afternoon to postpone the scheduled Sunday launch for Atlantis for at least 24 hours, according to NASA official website.—XINHUA

Indonesia weighs X-rated shows on cable

JAKARTA, 27 Aug — The Indonesian Broadcasting Commission (KPI) is weighing whether to allow X-rated programmes on cable TV, a newspaper reported Friday.

The rule would be included in one of four draft regulations on broadcasting the commission is currently drawing up.

The commission, would meet later in the day to formulate the content of the proposed regulations. The drafts would include rules on the content of cable TV programmes and children’s programmes, requirements for television commercials, as well as revisions to the existing guidelines for broadcasting behaviour and programme standards, reported *The Jakarta Post*.

MNA/Xinhua



Miss Ukraine Olena (C), winner of the “Miss Bikini of the Universe”, poses for a photo with Miss Paraguay Leryn Dahiana (R), first runner-up, and Miss South Africa Victoria Megan, second runner-up during the final contest of “Miss Bikini of the Universe” in Beihai, a famous summer resort in southwest China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 26 Aug, 2006.

XINHUA

Taleban militants assault two district centres in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 27 Aug — At least 400 Taleban insurgents launched attacks on two district centres in southern Afghanistan, during which six insurgents, one local official were killed, officials told *Xinhua* Saturday.

“Some 400 Taleban rebels raided the centre of Arghandab District in Zabul Province on Friday night,” district chief Ali Muradi said.

The police repulsed the attack after a fierce conflict, during which six rebels were killed and 12 others wounded, he added.

The police suffered no casualties, the official said. Meanwhile, a large number of Taleban militants stormed the centre of Moqor District in Ghazni Province also on Friday night, spokesman of the provincial government Abdul Ali Fakori said.

He did not give the

exact number of the attackers. “One low-ranking official was killed in the assault and two policemen wounded, while three vehicles were set on fire.” Fakori told *Xinhua*.

However, the Taleban’s purported spokesman Qari Yousuf Ahmadi claimed that militants had killed 15 policemen and set ablaze on both district centres in the assaults. Southern Afghanistan has been a stronghold of Taleban guerillas, who attack government and foreign targets frequently.

MNA/Xinhua

4.5 million Nepali children to get polio drops

KATHMANDU, 27 Aug — Polio drops will be administered to 4.5 million children under the age of five in Nepal under

the National Polio Campaign this year, *The Himalayan Times* newspaper reported on Saturday.

According to the newspaper, the first phase of vaccination will be launched on 2-3 September, second phase on 14-15 October and third phase on 18-19 November. Presenting a working paper, Yashobardhan Pradhan, director of vaccination branch of Child Health Division of Department of Health Services, said the campaign was necessary because polio epidemic was still seen in the country.

A new polio case had been found in the country in April, Pradhan said, adding that the campaign against polio was launched in all the districts of the Terai plain in southern Nepal after two new polio patients were found in Sarlahi and Rautahat districts last year.

MNA/Xinhua



American college students learn to write Chinese characters with brush pens at Lanting of Shaoxing City, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 25 Aug, 2006. Twelve college students from the United States started their study of Chinese calligraphy at Lanting on Friday. —XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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SPORTS

Aston Villa beat Newcastle 2-0

LONDON, 28 Aug— Aston Villa's revival under new manager Martin O'Neill gathered pace as they beat Newcastle in front of new majority shareholder Randy Lerner on Sunday.

Luke Moore pounced after Newcastle failed to clear a free-kick and slotted in a low shot to put Villa ahead.

Juan Pablo Angel ran on to a subtle Gabriel Agbonlahor pass and side-footed home to double the lead. Struggling Newcastle's hopes were all-but-ended when Obafemi Martins went off injured to reduce them to 10 men.

Lerner had taken a seat next to chairman Doug Ellis, whose shares he has purchased, at the start of the game and was greeted with warm applause from the fans below the directors' box.

The American billionaire was also quickly given a goal to cheer as Moore put the home side ahead after just two minutes.

The visitors had only arrived at Villa Park 45 minutes prior to kick-off because of traffic and were caught out when centre-back Titus Bramble failed to clear a long diagonal free-kick.

It was all smiles for Lerner as he watched Villa win.

Moore seized on the loose ball and evaded a challenge from Scott Parker before he cut to his right and shot past keeper Shay Given's despairing dive.

James Milner had a chance to level shortly afterwards when he was afforded space at the far post but, on the turn, the midfielder's strike went high.

The Magpies began to dominate possession but were kept at arm's length by a tenacious and tigerish Villa led by skipper Gareth Barry, who had signed a four-year deal prior to the match. And Lerner had more to smile about when a counter-attack by the Midlanders saw the pacy Agbonlahor release Angel to round Given and slide in a shot. —MNA/Xinhua



Ai Miyazato of Japan tees off on the second hole during the final round of the Wendy's Championship for Children golf tournament in Dublin, Ohio, on 27 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

Ecuador, Panama win S America's U-17 swimming World Cup

RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 Aug— Ecuadorean swimmer Marco Camargo and Panama's Edgar Crespo became the only two South Americans to win medals at the Under-17 swimming World Cup, which ended on Sunday in Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro.

Camargo won Ecuador's only medal on the last day of the Cup: a bronze of the 200-metre medley. His time was two minutes four seconds and 41 hundredths. Austria's Dinko Jukic won gold, with 2:01.64 and Malaysia's Daniel William Bego won silver with 2:02.13.

Crespo, who won bronze in the 50-metre breast stroke, with a time of 29:13 seconds, told media that he was not satisfied with bronze.

Italy's Mattia Pesce won the race with 28.43 seconds, and Serbia and Montenegro's Caba Siladji got silver with 29.05. — MNA/Xinhua

Chelsea beat Blackburn 2-0

LONDON, 28 Aug— Chelsea went back onto winning track on Sunday when they beat Blackburn 2-0 at Ewood Park.

After losing at Middlesbrough in midweek, Chelsea had looked out of sorts before they took an early second-half lead thanks to a penalty.

Andre Ooijer was penalized for holding John Terry and Frank Lampard drove home the penalty past Brad Friedel.

Substitute Didier Drogba inflicted more misery on Ooijer when he shrugged off the Dutchman before thumping a shot past Friedel into the roof of the net.

Blackburn struggled to create chances from open play but on the one occasion they did, Benni McCarthy was superbly foiled by Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech.

Cech was playing his first game of the season after recovering from a shoulder injury and

the Czech keeper's return provided additional solidity to Chelsea.

Chelsea's side included two debutants as Michael Ballack and Khalid Boulahrouz started for Jose Mourinho's side.

Blackburn midfielder Robbie Savage did not take long to provide his own welcome to Ballack leaving the German on the floor with a late tackle on 10 minutes.

Early in the second half Ooijer's debut went from bad to worse when he gave away a penalty for holding Terry.

Friedel got a hand to Lampard's penalty but the shot was hit with too much power for the American goalkeeper to stop the ball going over the line.

MNA/Xinhua



Seigo Yada of Japan's Kawaguchi City smiles and flips the ball while playing against Matamoros of Mexico during the fourth inning of the International final in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania on 26 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET



Manchester United's Louis Saha reacts after missing a chance to score during their English Premier League soccer match against Watford at Vicarage Road in Watford, north of London, on 26 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

Brazil win sixth World Volleyball League title

BUENOS AIRES, 28 Aug— Brazil's national volleyball team on Sunday won its fourth consecutive and sixth overall world league title, beating France 3-2 in the emotional final in Moscow, according to reports reaching here.

Just over 7,200 spectators watched the two-hour-eight-minute game.

Brazil won in 22-25, 23-25, 25-22, 25-23 and 15-13. Russia finished third with a 3-0 victory over Bulgaria -- 25-20, 25-19 and 25-19 -- in one hour and 11 minutes.

The Brazilian team, led by Bernardo Rezende, won with a record 16 victories, losing only once in the whole competition to Bulgaria at the start of the final round. The highest scoring player in the competition was Gilberto Godoy Filho, with 29 points.

Europe's Sebastian Ruetter was the competition's second highest scorer with 21 points.

MNA/Xinhua

Kenya's Stephen Loruo wins Brussels Marathon

BRUSSELS, 28 Aug— Stephen Loruo of Kenya won the Brussels marathon on Sunday, covering the 42.195 kilometres in 2:11.26.

Loruo was the favourite from the start and did not disappoint finishing 4 minutes ahead of his compatriot Vincent Kiptoo, who finished second.

Rik Ceulemans was the first Belgian to cross the finishing line ending in third position with 2:16.39.

The route of the marathon includes much of that of the 20 kilometres of Brussels run extended by a loop to Tervuren.

Runners started from the Jubel Park finishing on the historic Market Square.

MNA/Xinhua

Ajax beat NAC, PSV upset by Twente

BRUSSELS, 28 Aug— Welsey Sneijder scored twice on Sunday to give Ajax Amsterdam a 2-1 win over NAC Breda in the Dutch First Division.

Ajax needed a good result to overcome their shock elimination by FC Copenhagen in the Champions League preliminary round on Wednesday.

NAC opened the score after 63 minutes. Edwin de Graaf put the hosts in the lead, although Ajax had been the stronger side until then.

In the 73rd minute, that dominance did pay off as a Wesley Sneijder strike hit the net for 1-1.

Seven minutes before the match ended, it was again Wesley Sneijder to strike past the goalkeeper, 1-2.

Defending champions PSV Eindhoven had the better chances throughout the match against FC Twente, but failed to reach their opponents' penalty area.

The deadlock was bro-

ken after 71 minutes. In a counter-attack, it was Blaise N'Kufo to eventually put the ball past the PSV goalkeeper.

MNA/Xinhua

Paper reports Bayern close to have van Bommel

BERLIN, 28 Aug— German champions Bayern Munich have agreed terms with Dutch midfielder Mark van Bommel, according to a report by the *Bild am Sonntag* newspaper on Sunday.

The report said Bayern and van Bommel's club, Barcelona, were in negotiations. Barcelona wish to sell the player, but Bayern are more interested in a loan deal, it said.

MNA/Xinhua



Japan's Miyuki Takahashi (front) attacks as Russia's Maria Borodakova (L) and Natalia Kulikova block during their Group E match of the 2006 FIVB Women's World Volleyball Grand Prix at Jamsil Gym in Seoul on 27 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

Carter says Iraq invasion subverts fight against terrorism

LONDON, 28 Aug — Former US president Jimmy Carter said the Iraq invasion had subverted the fight against terrorism and instead strengthened al-Qaeda and the recruitment of terrorists, according to a British paper report on Sunday.

In an exclusive interview with *The Sunday Telegraph* newspaper, Carter said that if he had still been president, he would never have considered invading Iraq in 2003.

“However, I wouldn’t have excluded going into Afghanistan, because I think we had to strike at Al-Qaeda and its leadership,” he said. “But then, to a major degree, we abandoned the anti-terrorist effort and went almost unilaterally with the Great Britain into Iraq,” he said. “My own personal

opinion is that the Iraqi people are not better off as a result of the invasion and people in America and the Great Britain are not safer,” he added. Carter,

81, was the 39th US president, from 1977 to 1981. “We now have a situation where America is so unpopular overseas that even in countries like Egypt and

Jordan, our approval ratings are less than 5 per cent,” he said, “It is a shameful and pitiful state of affairs.”

MNA/Xinhua

State of emergency declared in Florida

WASHINGTON, 28 Aug — A state of emergency was declared in the southeastern US state of Florida on Sunday, in anticipation of Tropical Storm Ernesto that could threaten much of the state, media reports said.

Ernesto had strengthened into a hurricane for about 10 hours before it was downgraded to a tropical storm Sunday afternoon, but the National Hurricane Centre still issued a hurricane watch for

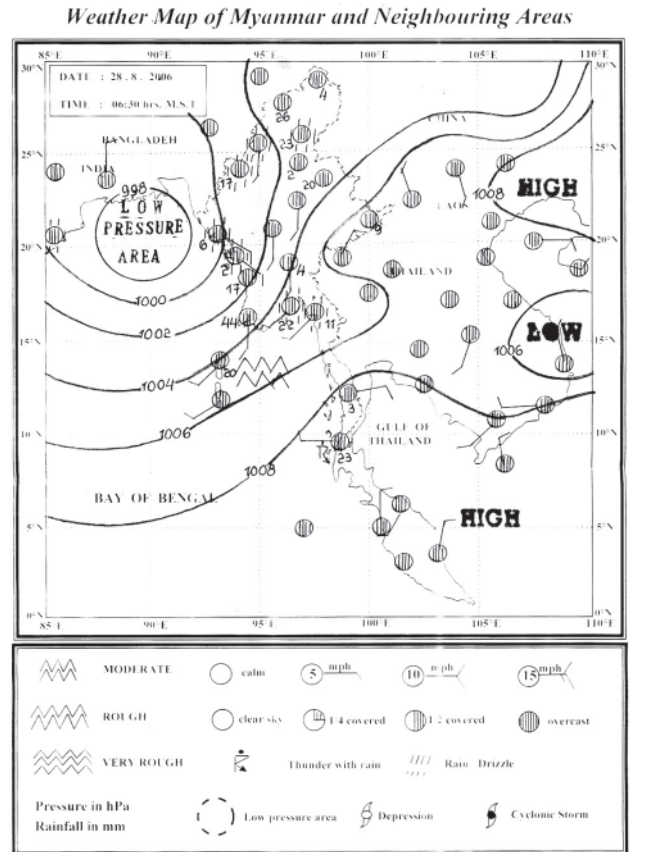
the entire Florida Keys and warned that the storm could regain strength and reclaim its hurricane status.

Visitors in the Florida Keys were ordered to leave, and officials told

those planning to visit the chain of small islands to postpone their plans.

With the declaration of a state of emergency, Florida Governor Jeb Bush directed local authorities to activate emergency management offices and the National Guard.

Ernesto was the first hurricane of the Atlantic season this year. It swept Haiti and the Dominican Republic Sunday with heavy rain, and was expected to move over Cuba and could hit southern Florida by early Tuesday, according to the Miami, Florida-based hurricane centre. — MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Monday, 28 August, 2006
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain have been isolated in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Ye (3.23) inches, Pyapon (2.99) inches, Dawei (2.83) inches, Hkamti (2.76) inches, Gwa (2.32) inches and Kyaukse (0.11) inch.
 Maximum temperature on 27-8-2006 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 28-8-2006 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 28-8-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 27-8-2006 was (0.4) hour approx.
 Rainfalls on 28-8-2006 were (0.86) inch at Mingaladon, (0.87) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.55) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (76.69) inches at Mingaladon, (89.49) inches at Kaba-Aye and (94.88) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (13) mph from Southwest at (15:20) hours MST on 27-8-2006.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST on today. A low pressure area has formed over North Bay and Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.
Forecast valid until evening of 29-8-2006: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).
State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced 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 29-8-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).
Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 29-8-2006: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 29-8-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

“Flood Bulletin”
(Issued at 13:00 hr MST on 28-8-2006)
 According to the (06:30) hr MST observations today, the water levels of Sittoung River at Toungoo and Madauk are (648) cm and (1148) cm respectively. They may remain above their respective danger levels (600) cm and (1070) cm during the next (72) hours commencing noon today.



The opening ceremony for the International Softball Federation (ISF) women’s Softball World Championship is held in Beijing’s Fengtai Softball Field, China, on 27 Aug, 2006. — XINHUA



Tuesday, 29 August
Tune in today
8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music:
 -Our love
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music:
 -Straight up
8:50 am National news & Slogan
9:00 am Music:
 -You’re my heart, you’re my soul
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music:
 -Love sensation
1:30 pm News & Slogan
1:40pm Lunch time music
 -If I were you
 -The downtown light
 -Rain, rain
9:00pm English Speaking Course Level () Unit ()
9:10pm Article
9:20pm Weekly sport reel
9:35pm Music for your listening pleasure
9:45 pm News & Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

<p>Tuesday, 29 August View on today</p> <p>7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am 3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am 4. ကြည့်ညှိဦးခိုက်ဖူးလိုက်စို့တူပျော် မကျေးမြသလွန်စေတီတော်</p> <p>7:55 am 5. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>8:10 am 6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်</p> <p>8:20 am 7. Song of yesteryears</p> <p>8:30 am 8. International news</p>	<p>8:45 am 9. Let’s Go</p> <p>4:00 pm 1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm 3.</p> <p>4:45 pm 4. အစေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ်(ရူပဗေဒ၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ သင်္ချာအထူးပြုများ) (ရူပဗေဒ)</p> <p>5:00 pm 5. Dance of national races</p> <p>5:15 pm 6. “အနိုင်အရုံး” (ပိစိ၊ ကောင်းမြတ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)</p> <p>5:20 pm 7. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက်</p>	<p>မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊အရေး၊အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေးနှင့် ကာလပေါ်တေး) အခြေခံပညာ ၁၀-၁၅နှစ် (အမျိုးသမီး)</p> <p>5:30 pm 8. Sing and Enjoy</p> <p>6:00 pm 9. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm 10. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm 11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ</p> <p>6:50 pm 12. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး” (အပိုင်း-၄)</p> <p>7:05 pm 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရူလိုင်နံနက်ခင်း” (အပိုင်း-၂၂) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)</p> <p>8:00 pm 14. News</p> <p>8:00 pm 15. International news</p> <p>8:00 pm 16. Weather report</p> <p>8:00 pm 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သူအိပ်မက်လှလှ” (အပိုင်း-၂၄) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)</p> <p>8:00 pm 18. The next day’s programme</p>
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Lt-Gen Ye Myint visits rubber, teak, perennial crops plantations in Myitkyina



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects teak nursery of Thiri Multi-agriculture Co, Ltd. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State PDC Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Commander of Myitkyina Air Base Brig-Gen Zaw Tun and offi-

cial of the SPDC Office arrived at the Government Technological College (Myitkyina) on 26 August morning. At the meeting hall, Principal Dr San Hlaing reported on academic matters and Ever Green Construction Managing Director U Than Shwe on construction tasks. The commander gave a supplementary re-

port. In response to the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said in order to produce human resources that will ensure regional development, educational infrastructures are being built across the country. Government technological colleges have been opened in Myitkyina, Bhamo and Mohnyin.

That is why teachers on their part are to try to become qualified ones and

students are also urged to try their utmost in pursuing their education. Next,

Lt-Gen Ye Myint stressed the need for conducting (See page 8)

21st gem and jade sales for 2006 launched



Merchants view gem and jade lots at Myanmar Convention Centre. — MNA

YANGON, 28 Aug — The Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd launched the 21st gems and jade sales for the year 2006 at the Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road here this morning.

Managing Director of

UMEHL Brig-Gen Win Than and members of the board of directors and officials visited the gems and jade sales. Altogether 312 lots of gems and 1,029 lots of jade will be sold through bargain and auction systems. Gems lots and jade lots will be put on display

from 9 am to 5 pm up to 30 August for gem merchants to observe and inspect, and they will be on sale on 31 August.

A total of 557 local gems merchants and 335 foreign gems merchants are attending the gems and jade sales. — MNA

New Format NLM

As from 1st September 2006, *The New Light of Myanmar* daily will be published in new format. The size of the 16-page paper will be the same as both *Myanma Alin* and *Kyemon* dailies.

In spite of the change in size, it will feature domestic news, articles, the perspectives, sports news at home and abroad, classified advertisements and a great deal of international news plus attractive photos as usual.

The New Light of Myanmar

Weather Forecast for (29-8-2006)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas	Yangon and neighbouring areas	Mandalay and neighbouring areas
Likelihood of isolated rain.	Some rain.	Likelihood of isolated rain.
Degree of certainty is (60%).	Degree of certainty is (80%).	Degree of certainty is (60%).

The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded (28-8-2006)

Ye	(2.23) inches,
Pyapon	(2.99) inches,
Dawei	(2.83) inches,
Hkamti	(2.76) inches,
Gwa	(2.32) inches and
Kyaukse	(0.11) inch.

25 quit NLD in Mawlamyinegyun

YANGON, 28 Aug — Altogether 25 members of Mawlamyinegyun Township National League for Democracy in Ayeyawady Division including U Myint Swe, U Myint Than, U Myint Thein, U Win Maung and U Tin Hlaing of Aung Hline village, U Hla Thein of

Thapaychaung village, U Maung Maung Than of Ward (1), U Aye Ko, U Motor and U Boe Kyuu of Wahkayine village, on 28 July, quit the NLD of own volition after sending resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In their resignation letters sent to Maw-

lamyinegyun Township Multi-Party Democracy General Election Sub-Commission, they said that they no longer took interest in functions of the party, that they no longer had any trust in the party and its leaders, and that they, of their own account, resigned from the party. — MNA