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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

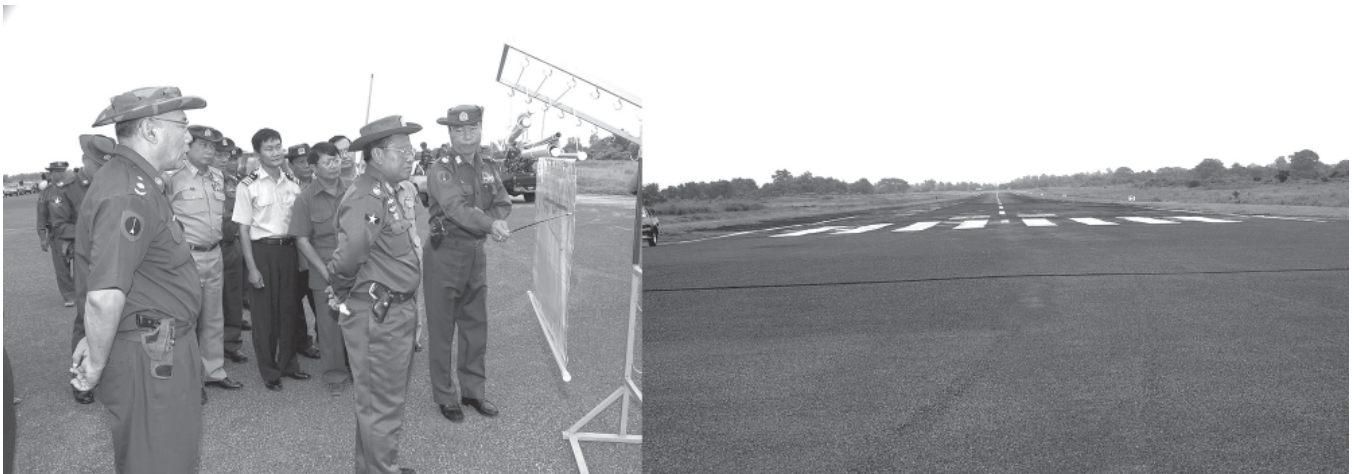
- \* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- \* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- \* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country 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

## Cooperate with local people in regional development tasks

Regional development undertakings supervised in Kachin State



*Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspects extended runway of Myitkyina Airport. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence and Kachin State PDC Chairman Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint held a meeting with officers and other ranks of the local station on 27 August at the station.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint called for cooperation with local people in regional development tasks, stepping up the growing of

physic nut to exceed the target, extended growing of rubber and playing an exemplary role in the agriculture and livestock breeding.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint visited the station's physic nut farm where 50 acres have been put under the plant. He inspected the plants and gave instructions on agricultural tasks.

On arrival at the runway extension project of Myitkyina Airport, he heard a report by officials of Public Works on

work progress and future programmes. The commander and Deputy Chief Engineer of Public Works U Tin Maung Hla gave supplementary reports.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint viewed progress of work and gave instructions on the project, under which the runway will be extended to a 7,000 ft x 100 ft one.

He attended the ceremony (2006) to release fingerlings into the Ayeeyawady River at the

jetty of Myitkyina Township Development Affairs Committee. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and the commander freed fingerlings into the river, and observed the documentary photos of Kachin State Fisheries Department displayed at the venue.

Next, he inspected the maintenance tasks for durability of Bala Min Htin Bridge, the upgrading of Bhamo-Myitkyina Road in Waingmaw Township. He also looked into monsoon paddy fields of local farmers.

He inspected the 200-acre Hsin Ekari strain monsoon paddy at Khashi Village, and the 1,450-acre Khatcho strain monsoon paddy field at Khatcho Village in Waingmaw Township and the 80-acre paddy plot of the local regiment.

He observed the plantations of teak, physic nut, and vegetables by car.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected work progress of upgrading of the road at mile post No 460/5 near Dabatyan Village.

They visited the model agricultural farm of the central agriculture and livestock and forest con-

servation division of Kachin State Special Region-2 at Aunggya Village in Waingmaw Township, where vice-chairman of Kachin State Special Region-2 U Gawri Zaw Hsai extended greetings. Officials reported on the farm. The commander gave a supplementary report.

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### INSIDE

**Honouring the new generation youths who will discharge the duties of State is making a contribution toward the development of the nation. A modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation must be built with the strength of brilliant women. I contribute this article honouring the outstanding girls. I wish all flowers are fragrant.**

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**Dawphonyan has been upgraded to a township for greater success in the administration and regional development tasks.**

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

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Ngathayauk Dam for boosting cultivation capacity

With the object of increasing the income of farmers and enhancing their social and economic status, the government is taking steps to extend the cultivated acreage and to supply sufficient water for agriculture. In addition to Ngathayauk, Kyauktu, Letpan-Chaypaw and Lawkananda river water pumping stations and Myakan dam, another dam was opened in NyaungU district on 20 August. The newly-opened dam is Ngathayauk dam and it is the 188th in the nation.

In the three village-tracts around Ngathayauk dam, monsoon groundnut was grown as a first crop on 1,000 acres at the beginning of the rainy season and sesamum on another 1,000 acres in the middle of the rainy season. Now with water from the dam, it is possible to put 4,000 acres under crops. Thus, cultivation capacity of crops will increase by 200 per cent.

As the plans to supply water for agriculture are being systematically implemented all over the nation, the irrigated acreage has increased. Now, 188 dams and sluice gates can irrigate more than 2.6 million acres of farmland. Moreover, 293 river water pumping stations contribute a lot not only to cultivation of crops but also to the greening of environment.

In 1988-1989, irrigated acreage stood at 2.89 million but now, with the emergence of more irrigation facilities, more than 7.3 million acres of farmland can be irrigated. We believe that the more water supply projects can be implemented, the greater the cultivation capacity will be and the higher the socio-economic status of farmers will become.



*U Thet She-Daw Mi Mi and family of USA donated K 225,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Joint Treasurer of the Administrative Board of the Home for the Aged U Maung Maung Gyi accepts the donation. — H*

## Minister's Directive

- \* 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

## Kachin State eyes improvements to transport facilities

YANGON, 28 Aug — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspected condition of roads and bridges along Bhamo-Myitkyina Road and Tagaung-Bhamo Road in Kachin State on 25 and 26 August and assisted in renovation of the transport facilities.

After inspecting two bridges on Tagaung-Bhamo Road on 26 August, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun gave a green light to responsible engineers to upgrade the bridges to reinforced concrete ones.

On his way to NgaO-Mabein Road construction project of Road Construction Group-14, the minister also inspected condition of bridges on the road.

At the briefing hall of the project, officials concerned reported on the construction of 40-ft-wide road and wooden bridges and drainage on the road and future plans.

After hearing reports, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun gave instruction on maintenance of the road, completion of road and bridges meeting the set standards and fulfilled the requirements.

On 25 August, the Construction Minister inspected paving of gravel road at mile post No 406/0 and condition of Khalaryan Bridge and Tarpain River Crossing Suspension Bridge on Bhamo-Myitkyina Road and gave instructions on upgrading of the region's transport facilities.—MNA

## Thabaung Township keeps cattle free from foot & mouth disease



*Livestock and Fisheries Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein views vaccination against foot & mouth disease at Zibukwin Village in Thabaung Township. — L & F*

YANGON, 28 Aug — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein on 26 August went to Thabaung Township and inspected a fish breeding farm and viewed the vaccination against foot & mouth disease in cattle.

During his tour of Ayeyawady Division, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein viewed

vaccination of 132 cattle in Zibukwin Village in the township against foot & mouth disease under the project of vaccination against the disease in Ayeyawady Division.

According to the Head of Ayeyawady Division's Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the department has taken the preventive measures to

eliminate the disease in 26 townships in Ayeyawady Division since February and will keep on until December 2006.

Central Executive Committee Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein met with employees of the ministry at Ayeyawady Division's Fisheries Department and

urged them to make a success of the tasks of the ministry in the rainy season.

The minister also inspected fish breeding ponds of Phyoyayya Fish Breeding Farm No 3 (Thebyukwin) in Thabaung Township and called for taking preventive measures against disaster.

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## Minister for Education meets M Research trainees

YANGON, 28 Aug — Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein met with M Research candidates at Dagon University yesterday.

At the meeting, the minister stressed the need for opening of M Research courses in all subjects and cooperation between universities in doing research in the interest of the State.

Heads of the department of the

university and the candidates reported to the minister on conducting research in their respective subjects.

Also present on the occasion were Rector of the University U Kyaw Myint Oo, Director-General U Ohn Myint of Department of Myanmar Education Research, Deputy Director-General U Zaw Htay of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar),

Rector of Dagon University, Pro-rector and others.

Similarly, Minister Dr Chan Nyein

also met with M Research candidates of the University of Yangon yesterday.

MNA

## All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased

# China's State Council to set rules to manage foreign partnerships

BEIJING, 28 Aug—Foreign enterprises or individuals setting up partnership enterprises in China should abide by regulations made by the State Council, according to the revised partnership law, adopted here on Sunday.

China's top legislature, the Standing Committee of National People's Congress, voted to adopt the revised partnership law, which will go into effect

on 1 April, 2007.

The draft law, which was submitted for first read in April, originally stipulated that foreign enterprises or individuals should establish and run general partnerships in China in accordance with relative regulations of the country, but without illustrating which department will make the regulations.

After deliberation, the relevant provision in the

law is changed as "the State Council will stipulate regulations for foreigners to establish and run partnership in China".

Lawmakers said China has made promise to open doors for foreign professional organizations when it entered the World Trade Organization (WTO). The revised partnership law will help fulfill the promise.

MNA/Xinhua



Wu Bangguo (C), chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), the country's top legislature, addresses the closing ceremony of the 23rd meeting of the 10th NPC Standing Committee at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 27 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA



The recruitment of volunteers for the Beijing Olympic Games as well as the Paralympics Games was officially launched on 28 Aug, 2006. Officials launch the online application system. INTERNET

## One NATO soldier killed, seven wounded in Afghanistan

KABUL, 28 Aug—One soldier of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed and seven others including one from ISAF and six Afghan soldiers were wounded in two separate conflicts in south Afghanistan Sunday, according to a Press release of the multinational force.

The skirmishes took place in the restive Helmand and Kandahar provinces, the hotbed of Taliban militants, the Press release said, adding "one ISAF soldier was killed early this morning during the attack in Helmand Province".

The NATO troops had repulsed the attack with small arms fire and heavy machine gun. "In a separate incident, an ISAF soldier and six Afghan National Army soldiers were wounded during a mortar attack on their base in Kandahar early this morning," it said, adding that all the injured soldiers have been taken to a military hospital at Kandahar Airport. Mostly troops from Canada, Holland and Bri-

tain have been stationed in south Afghanistan to help stabilize security in the region.—MNA/Xinhua

## One killed in New York shooting rampage

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—A gunman on a cocaine-and-alcohol binge went on a shooting spree in several New York City neighbourhoods, killing one man and injuring several others, police said Saturday.

The series of drive-by shootings took place in the city's Queens borough Friday night. Two people suffered bullet wounds and three others were injured by flying glass, police spokesman Kevin Hayes said.

Matthew Colletta, 34, surrendered peacefully after police stopped

his car early Saturday. He was driving a green 1992 Cadillac when the shooting began, police said.

Although police said the choice of victims seemed to be random, the last five targets were all red automobiles.

The slain man, who was shot in the neck, was riding with his wife to

their Long Island home after dropping their daughter off at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Colletta, who was charged with murder, assault, reckless endangerment and weapons possession, faces 25 years to life imprisonment if convicted, police said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Water tank collapse kills 45 in north India

NEW DELHI, 28 Aug— At least 45 people were killed and 30 others injured when a water tank collapsed Sunday at a village fair in north Indian state of Rajasthan, CNN-IBN reported.

According to the TV news, about 200 people were sitting on the tank and watching a wrestling competition in Kama Town of Bharatpur District when the tank gave way.

The victims plunged into the water-filled tank when the accident took place, said R Venkateshwaran, district collector of Bharatpur.

The village was about 225 kilometres from the state capital of Jaipur. —MNA/Xinhua

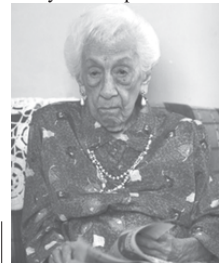
## World's oldest woman dies at 116

LONDON, 28 Aug—Maria Esther de Capovilla—officially the world's oldest woman—has died in Ecuador aged 116, relatives said.

Capovilla died at dawn on Sunday in the coastal city of Guayaquil after succumbing to pneumonia. Her funeral was planned for Monday. Born in 1889, the same year as Charlie Chaplin and Adolf Hitler, Capovilla was 22 when the Titanic sank and 79 when astronauts first set foot on the Moon.

Her family said don-

key milk might be key to her longevity. Capovilla was born in Guayaquil, to a well-to-do Ecuadorean family which traced its ancestry to the Spanish con-



Maria Esther de Capovilla reads the newspaper at her house in Guayaquil. —INTERNET

quistadores. Her family was expecting to have a 117th birthday party.

She was said to enjoy painting, embroidery, dancing and walking. In her youth she would also drink fresh milk from the donkeys at her aunt's farm—something relatives credit with helping her live so long.

She is said never to have smoked, ate regular small meals, and only drank in moderation.

She was also fervently religious, and took communion every Friday, said reports.—Internet

## 86 victims of crashed Russian plane identified

MOSCOW, 28 Aug — The bodies of 86 victims killed in Tuesday's plane crash have been identified, the Interfax news agency reported on Sunday.

Seventy-four bodies have been identified as those of residents of St Petersburg, said the city's Labour and Social Welfare Committee, which is in charge of as-

sisting relatives of the crash victims.

The remains of passengers from other places have been flown to their home regions.

MNA/Xinhua



Actress Marissa Hargitay poses for photographers with her Emmy for 'Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series' for her role in 'Law and Order: Special Victims Unit' at the 2006 TV Guide Emmy After Party in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles on 27 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA



The United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan (L) arrives at Rafik Hariri International airport in Beirut on 28 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA



## Vietnam has new Deputy Defence Minister

HANOI, 28 Aug — The Communist Party of Vietnam has appointed a Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the People's Army to Deputy Defence Minister, local newspaper *Youth* reported Monday.

The Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee has also appointed the deputy chief,

Lieutenant-General Nguyen Khac Nghien, to Chief of the General Staff.

In June, Vietnam's National Assembly, the country's top legislature, approved the list of eight new Cabinet members, including two deputy prime ministers, ministers of foreign affairs, defence, finance, culture and information, education

and training, and transport, and chief of the Government Directorate, submitted by newly-installed Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung.

Under the approval, Deputy Defence Minister and Chief of the General Staff of the People's Army Phung Quang Thanh replaced retiring Defence Minister Pham Van Tra.

MNA/Xinhua

## Over 20 injured as separate explosions hit Turkey

ANKARA, 28 Aug — Three separate bomb explosions hit Turkey's southern resort area of Marmaris and another jolted its commercial capital Istanbul, injuring at least 22 people, including 10 Britons and 11 Turks, the *Anatolia* news agency reported Monday.

A blast rocked Istanbul's Bagcilar District late on Sunday and three separate more hit the coastal resort of Marmaris early on Monday, the state news agency reported.

Sixteen people, including 10 British tourists, were injured as a bomb planted under one seat of a mini-bus went off on one of the major streets in Marmaris, a coastal resort popular with west European and Russian tourists as well as Turks.

Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office said 10 Britons were injured in the explosions, according to a report from the British news agency *Press Association*.

The other two explosions hit the harbour and

a residential block in Marmaris respectively, and no one was injured, the agency said.

The blast in Istanbul injured six Turks, *Anatolia* quoted the city's police chief Cemalettin Cerrah as saying.

The cause of the explosions was still under

investigation. No individuals or groups have claimed responsibility for the blasts.

Kurdish separatists, leftists and Islamic militants had carried out similar bomb attacks in Turkey.

The outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party

(PKK), which launched an armed campaign for an ethnic homeland in southeastern and eastern Turkey in 1984, and other militant groups have been blamed or claimed responsibility for similar blasts in the past.

MNA/Xinhua



Turkish police forensic officers examine the blast site in Marmaris, Turkey, on early 28 Aug, 2006. XINHUA

## Two aircraft scratch each other at Beijing Airport

BEIJING, 28 Aug — Two passenger airplanes of *Airbus 320* and *Boeing 777* scratched each other when sliding at Beijing Capital Airport Sunday noon. No casualties were caused.

The two planes which belong to China Eastern Airlines and China Southern Airlines respectively were damaged to some degree during the scratch, said sources with the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China.

The source said damage was made to vertical empennage of *Airbus 320* and right wing of *Boeing 777*.

The Airbus plane was scheduled to fly from Beijing to Ningbo and the *Boeing 777* was heading for Guangzhou when the scratch happened.

Both flights were delayed and passengers were arranged to take new ones, said the official source.

MNA/Xinhua

## Police seize 4,400 kilos of drugs in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, 29 Aug — The police have seized 4,400 kilos of drugs worth two billion rupees (42 million US dollars) in the Indian capital Delhi, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported on Monday.

The police seized the drugs from a person named Vinod Sharma at Kalkaji area in south Delhi late Sunday night, the report said.

The police said the drugs were in great demand among party-goers and sportsmen, but did not release what types of contraband they had seized.

"The seized drug is in great demand these days and is a favourite among some sports persons.

MNA/Xinhua

## Iran fires missile from submarine

LONDON, 28 Aug — Iran test-fired a long-range missile from a submarine in the Gulf yesterday as part of an orchestrated show of defiance ahead of the United Nations Security Council's Thursday deadline to suspend part of its nuclear programme.

Iranian state television carried a video clip showing the missile being launched and hitting a target.

The show of military strength came less than 24 hours after the Iranian President, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, formally opened a heavy water plant that could be used in

the production of nuclear weapons.

The missile launch underlines Iran's ability to create havoc in the Gulf by closing off the Straits of Hormuz to oil tankers, a move that would create serious shortages and send prices soaring.

An Iranian navy commander, Sajjad Kouchaki, quoted on the broadcast, described the missile as Iranian-built, "with a very high speed and destructive power. It is also radar-evading."

The UN has given Iran until Thursday to suspend its uranium enrichment programme, which Te-

heran claims is for purely civilian purposes but which the US and others in the west view as a step towards achieving a nuclear weapons capability.

If Iran fails to comply, the US favours imposing sanctions but Russia and China, which both have a veto on the Security Council, have shown little enthusiasm for such a move.

Teheran disclosed yesterday that the UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan, is to go to Iran on Saturday for a two-day visit to see if there is a way out of the crisis.

Internet



Rescue workers surround a three alarm fire where five firefighters were trapped after part of the building collapsed, in New York, on 27 Aug, 2006. Local reports indicated at least one firefighter was killed and another seriously hurt as even more suffered injuries trying to rescue them.

INTERNET



A cowboy rides a wild horse at the Barretos Rodeo International Festival in Barretos, 438 km (272 miles) northwest of Sao Paulo, on 27 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

### Eight killed in building fire in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 28 Aug—Eight people were killed and one was critically injured when two buildings in South Africa's largest city of Johannesburg caught fire on Sunday.

Local emergency services said seven people, including three children aged from two months old, died when an office building they lived in caught fire.

In another incident earlier, a child died in a fire in inner city of Johannesburg and one person was critically injured while trying to jump off the building.

Two people were treated for minor burn wounds. Both cases were being investigated to establish the cause of fire.

Both buildings, previously used as business offices, were reportedly occupied illegally. — MNA/Xinhua

### Two explosions kill 13 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 28 Aug—Two powerful explosions rocked the Iraqi capital on Sunday morning, leaving 13 people killed and 35 others wounded, an Interior Ministry source said.

The death toll rose to 11 when a bomb in a minibus detonated in a busy street near a Baghdad hotel complex in central Baghdad, and 15 others were wounded in the blast, the ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Earlier, the source said that the blast killed five people. "A minibus detonated at about 10:30 am (0630 GMT) while travelling on Sa'adon Street between Baghdad Hotel and Meridian Hotel," the source said.

In another incident, a car bomb went off in the parking lot of the state-run *al-Sabah* newspaper building in Baghdad's northern neighbourhood of Waziriyah at about 8:45 am (0445 GMT), killing two civilians and wounding 20 others.— MNA/Xinhua

### Russia seizes 160 kilos of Aghan heroin

MOSCOW, 29 Aug — Russia's security services seized 160 kilos of high-quality Afghan heroin in a Ural Mountains city, the *ITAR-TASS* news agency reported on Monday.

The drugs were found in a Kamaz car-refrigerator at a vegetable base in Yekaterinburg, the capital city of Sverdlovsk region, it said.

Three suspects from Tajikistan and Uzbekistan were detained. — MNA/Xinhua

## Syria will resume peace talks when Israel is ready

DAMASCUS, 28 Aug—Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Faisal Meqdad said Sunday that his country would resume peace talks with Israel on basis of international resolutions when the Jewish state is ready.

Meqdad made the remarks at a joint Press

conference with visiting leader of the Civil Rights for Black Americans Jesse Jackson.

Syria has always been calling for a resumption of the peace process on the basis of the UN Security Council resolutions and Arab peace initiatives, Meqdad

said.

"When Israel is ready to resume the peace process on the basis, Syria will be constantly ready to achieve results that restore the Arabs' legitimate rights, notably a just peace" in the region, he added.

MNA/Xinhua



Stunt expert and horse trainer Mario Luraschi and his son Marco ride in chariot as they cross the Pont d'Iena near the Eiffel Tower during a parade to promote a production of 'Ben Hur' in Paris on 27 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

### French engineers arrive in Lebanon to rebuild 15 bridges

BEIRUT, 28 Aug — The first group of 240 French Army engineers arrived at Rafik Hariri International Airport on Sunday to help rebuild the bridges that were destroyed during the 34-day-long Israel-Hizbollah conflict, local media reported.

The French soldiers were due to help the Lebanese Army rebuild about 15 bridges across Lebanon which were destroyed in Israeli air-

strikes, said an officer of the French military mission in Beirut.

The officer said that another 240 French soldiers will arrive in three consecutive sections later in the day, adding that the French troops will go first to Damour, a coastal town south of Beirut, where they will begin work before moving to other areas in south Lebanon.

The French soldiers are neither part of the UN

peacekeeping force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), nor part of an expanded international force authorized by the UN Security Council Resolution 1701 to help the Lebanese Government control south Lebanon, according to the officer.

The Israel-Hizbollah fighting has ended since 14 August when a cease-fire was approved by both Israeli and Lebanese governments.

MNA/Xinhua

## Hurricane "Ernesto" triggers alert in eastern Cuba

HAVANA, 28 August—A hurricane alert was issued by Cuba's civil defence department on Sunday to the eastern provinces of Guantanamo, Santiago de Cuba, Granma, Holguin, Las Tunas and Camaguey.

Hurricane Ernesto was the first hurricane of the season with winds measured at 120kph in the early hours of Sunday.

At 8:00 am local time (1200 GMT), Ernesto reached category one on the Saafir-Simpson Scale, with a central pressure of 997 hectopascals around 366 kilometres east of Jamaican capital Kingston and 340 kilometres southeast of Guantanamo, Cuba's easternmost province.

Ernesto has been moving northeast at a speed of 15kph. In the following 12 to 24 hours, Ernesto is expected to head northeast and east with little change in speed or direction, approaching Haiti's extreme southeast.

MNA/Xinhua

## NASA delays "Atlantis" launch again

WASHINGTON, 28 Aug — NASA announced on Sunday to delay the *Atlantis* shuttle launch by at least another 24 hours, because the engineers "need more time" to examine the impact of a strong lightning strike on the launch pad, according to the official NASA website.

NASA on Saturday decided to postpone the scheduled Sunday launch of *Atlantis* for at least 24 hours.

The shuttle mission managers were quoted as saying that the space shuttle will not be launched before Tuesday, so that engineers could have more time to check the impact of Friday's lightning strike on the launch pad. No damage to the vehicle or pad has been found so far, NASA said.— MNA/Xinhua



People jump the rope on Havana's seafont boulevard, El Malecon, during the "End of the Summer" carnival on 27 Aug, 2006. Cuba issued a hurricane warning for its eastern provinces and residents were told to prepare for approaching Ernesto which grew into the first hurricane of the Atlantic season on Sunday.—INTERNET



Members of Berlin's special police force SEK (Spezialeinsatzkommando) simulate an arrest during a presentation to the public in Berlin, on 27 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

## Egypt calls for dialogue on Iran's N-issue

CAIRO, 28 Aug—Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit on Sunday urged parties concerned to continue dialogue to settle the Iranian nuclear issue, the official news agency MENA reported.

Abul Gheit made the call after meeting with visiting Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohamed Reza Baqiri, according to MENA.

It was important to continue dialogue between Iran and the UN Security Council's five permanent members plus Germany in a bid to find a solution satisfactory to all parties over the nuclear dispute, Abul Gheit was quoted as saying.

Abul Gheit said that Baqiri was visiting Cairo

to explain to Egypt details of Teheran's response to a Western-proposed package of incentives in exchange for Iran's halting nuclear activities.

For his part, Baqiri said that his visits to Syria, Egypt and Algeria, as well as meeting with Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa, came out of Iran's keenness on directly informing the Arab countries about Iran's response.

Western threats to impose sanctions on Iran were just media talks and there was nothing at the official level, he added.

Baqiri arrived here on Saturday night and Cairo was the second leg of his regional tour, which has already taken him to Syria.

MNA/Xinhua

## London terror plot suspect to be extradited

ISLAMABAD, 28 Aug—Top security officials of Britain and Pakistan are negotiating the extradition of the key suspect of London terror plot, Rashid Rauf, local newspaper *The Nation* reported on Saturday.

Official sources have stated that on the expiry of physical remand of British national Rashid Rauf, whose arrest was registered in Airport police station for holding tampered travelling documents, authorities on both sides are now working out his extradition to Britain.

Foreign Office spokesperson Tasneem Aslam confirmed the possibility of shifting Rashid Rauf to Britain where he is required in the extensive probe into the London terror plot.

"Although we don't have an extradition treaty but the possibility is very much there," Aslam said.

The held British national of Pakistani descent is believed to have triggered dozens of arrests both here and in suburbs of London more than a week ago when the alleged terror plot was unveiled.— MNA/Xinhua

# President says S Africa not about to descend into lawlessness

JOHANNESBURG, 28 Aug—South Africa is not about to descend into a state of lawlessness, despite the country's high crime levels, President Thabo Mbeki said on Sunday.

However, something has to be done about the "entrenched" level of violence in the country, he said in Cape Town, following a meeting of the ruling African National Congress's (ANC) provincial executive committee on Sunday,

according to the *South African Press Association* (SAPA). South African newspaper *The Rapport* on Sunday reported that business magnate Johann Rupert, in a meeting with Mbeki last week, had told the President crime in South Africa had reached a crisis point.

The newspaper quoted Rupert as saying there was great danger rising crime could see the country descend into general lawlessness.

But Mbeki denied the

country was sinking into lawlessness.

"There wasn't any suggestion the country's about to drop into the Atlantic Ocean because of crime," he was quoted as saying.

Mbeki said what Rupert had in fact told him at the meeting was "President, I agree with you, (when you say) there is something in this society, which entrenches a level of violence... that is unacceptable."

The President said

Rupert had been referring to something Mbeki had said last week, when he had spoken on crime at a meeting of the National House of Traditional Leaders (NHTL) in Cape Town.

At the time, Mbeki told the NHTL almost 80 per cent of murders in South Africa were committed by people who knew their victim, and most occurred over weekends in situations where people had been drinking.

Patrick Matlou, deputy head of the national tourism department, last week acknowledged that the country's crime rate was a major concern ahead of its hosting of the soccer World Cup in 2010.

National crime statistics showed that nearly 19,000 murders were reported in the country of 47 million over 2004-2005, a 5.2-per-cent drop from 2003-2004.

But this has been refuted by many South Africans, who, based on their real-life experience, said the crime in the country is not under control.

MNA/Xinhua



A young girl watches children's day at Notting Hill Carnival in London, on 27 Aug, 2006. The carnival which began in 1964 and starts on Sunday is one of the world's largest street parties with thousands of people expected to attend over the Bank Holiday weekend.—INTERNET

## China's legislature adopts corporate bankruptcy law

BEIJING, 28 Aug—China's top legislature, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, on Sunday adopted a corporate bankruptcy law, aiming to protect both creditors of bankrupt enterprises and the people who work in them.

The law will come into effect on 1 June, 2007. The current enterprise bankruptcy law will be abolished at the same time.

The current bankruptcy rules, promulgated in 1986 on a test basis, are widely regarded as outdated as they fail to give sufficient protection to creditors and only touch on State-owned enterprises (SOE). The rules allow laid-off workers to be paid before creditors.

The new corporate bankruptcy law will apply to all kinds of enterprises and financial institutions.

All the country's

companies and enterprises, whether state owned or private, will have to follow a unified corporate bankruptcy law if they founder.

The new law stipulates that from 1 June, 2007, all insolvent enterprises will pay credit guarantees to creditors first, and use other assets

not earmarked as credit guarantees to pay laid-off workers.

"The provision is a compromise that aims to protect both creditors and workers of insolvent enterprises," said Cheng Siwei, vice-chairman of the NPC Standing Committee.

"The new law

embodies the notion of putting people first, as it fully considers worker's interests. At the same time it accords with standard international practice in better protecting lenders' interests," said Jia Zhijie, member of the NPC Standing Committee.

MNA/Xinhua



A man dressed as a Roman legionnaire takes part in the Cantabrian wars parade in the northern Spanish town of Santander on 27 Aug, 2006. Every year people dress either as villagers of a historical Cantabrian tribe or as Roman invaders to commemorate the battles they fought during the 29 BC to 19 BC.—INTERNET

# May all flowers be fragrant!

*Khin Oo*

It was about noon on 23 August 2006 and it was cool and drizzling. When we entered the Sabai Hall of No 2 Basic Education High School in Sangyoung Township, we saw a number of teenager girl students. They are the girls who have passed the 2006 matriculation examination with all six distinctions.

Various kinds of flowers are blossoming in the garden of education. There are 283 girl students of basic education schools in Yangon Division who passed the 2006 matriculation examination winning all the six distinctions. Students are brought up under the care of teachers and parents. They are beautiful in appearance and are qualified. Their future will be bright under the sun. Everybody would surely be pleased to see them in a single place. The members of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization were at the school to attend the ceremony to honour the six-distinction winners. It was jointly organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization. There are 522 six distinction winners nationwide — 431 from Yangon Division. Of them 148 are boys and 283 are girls. The girls are from 58 schools.

The ceremony began after Vice-President of MWAF Daw Khin Thet Htay and Patron of Yangon Division Women's Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai had arrived. Girl students of basic education schools

sang the song "Myanmar School".

In her speech Daw Khin Thet Htay explained the background history of MWAF, objectives, organizational set-up and its functions. She said the MWAF had laid down projects that would contribute towards the education development and was implementing them in accord with the future tasks and objectives.

She said the projects include launching of school health programmes, providing desks, teaching aids, stationery and school uniforms, conducting educative talks and seminars, literacy and teachership courses on constant learning, participation of members of women's affairs organizations at different levels in school enrollment activities, establishing education centres in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and reading circles for adult literacy, opening evening classes, vocational education for women who cannot receive education and opening of libraries.

She said the federation presented stationery and school uniforms worth K five million and cash for 5,838 students and District and Township MWAFs K 15.6 million for 6,100 students. The distinction winners were honoured in accord with the objective of uplift of national education, she added.

Next, girl students of BEHS No 2, Latha gave

performance. Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay, Daw Mar Mar Wai, Head of Administration Department of MWAF Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, Leader of social and cultural group Dr Daw Sanda Aung, Head of Discipline Department Daw Mya Theingi, Head of Finance Department Daw Aye Aye and Executive Daw Khin Mi Mi presented medal, certificate of honour and K 2,5000 each to the winners.

On behalf of the distinction winners, Ma Phyu Win Thaw of BEHS No 2, Latha, said they won the distinctions just because of their efforts but thanks to the support of the government and care and guidance of the teachers and parents. They would never forget the gratitude they owed. They were determined to repay the gratitude when they achieved their goal in life, she said. Hearing this, we were very pleased.

While I was watching the girls who won victories as they had fully applied the strengths such as diligence, desire, spirit and wisdom, I remembered Maghadewa treatise of Manle Sayadaw emphasizing how wisdom could lead a person to success. The girls also sang a song, "Pyinnyayay Htoo-chun Luyemon".

Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay and party then greeted them.

It was very graceful to see their smiling faces with promising future.

It is the duty of members of MWAF to honour the girls who brilliantly passed the matriculation examination, a turning point in their life. We have to acknowledge their efforts and put on record their success. Natural resources and technology are needed for the national development. Moreover, development of human resources plays an important role in building a nation. Honouring the new generation youths who will discharge the duties of State is making a contribution toward the development of the nation. A modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation must be built with the strength of brilliant women. I contribute this article honouring the outstanding girls. I wish that all flowers are fragrant.

Translation: NY

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## Cooperate with local people in regional development...

(from page 1)

Lt-Gen Ye Myint called for growing of rubber on more than 1,000 acres, extended cultivation of Danyin (djenkol bean) and avocado, establishment of teak plantations, and implementation of agricultural tasks in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, and cultivation of physic nut for biofuel.

He inspected the plantations of macadamia, lychee, honey orange and other species of orange in the 143-acre Aunggya model farm and the 300-acre Madeeyan model farm.

Afterwards, he met with officers and other ranks of local regiment in Dawphonyan, Bhamo District. He also held a meeting with service personnel, social organizations and local residents at the township General Administration Department. On the occasion, the township PDC chairman reported on facts about the township, and the agriculture and transport sectors. The commander and the chairman of district PDC gave supplementary reports.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended to the needs, saying that Dawphonyan has been upgraded to a township for greater success in the administration and regional development tasks. He called for increased efforts for regional progress.

He visited Dawphonyan Township Hospital and Dawphonyan vocational training centre for women

under the Education and Training Department of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.

Next, he visited Dawphonyan monastery and offered alms to member of Kachin State Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kovida. He saw over the construction of monastic buildings and left instructions to the officials.

In meeting with servicemen of Myothit station in Momauk Township, he called for participation in the five rural development tasks.

Then, he visited Maha Saddhamma Jotikayon monastery in Myothit Village and offered alms to Presiding Sayadaw Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Dandhama.

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## Desks and stationery donated to primary schools in Dagon Myothit (East) Township



Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai (L) presents exercise books to a headmistress. YCDC

YANGON, 29 Aug — As part of an effort to facilitate improvement in the education sector, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation donated desks to basic education primary schools in Dagon Myothit (East) Township today.

The donation ceremony was held at the township's No 5 primary school. Vice-President of MWAFF Daw Khin Thet Htay handed over 110 desks for the schools in the township through headmistresses.

Patron of Yangon

Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai, Head of the Organizing Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, Head of Administration Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe and officials also presented exercise books worth K 300,000 to headmistresses of the township's primary schools.

At the ceremony, wellwishers also donated clothes worth K 600,000 to 22 primary schools in the township.

After the ceremony,

Daw Khin Thet Htay and responsible persons met with the headmasters, head-mistresses and teachers at No 2 Basic Education High School in the township and briefed on objectives and activities of the federation and preventive measures being taken by the association against human trafficking.

At the meeting, MWAFF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay accepted 1,230 membership applications for MWAFF.

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## Minister on inspection tour of Myingyan District

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung on 27 August inspected the vest factory (Taungtha) under the Myanmar Textile Industries in Taungtha, Myingyan District, Mandalay Division, and called for extended production of quality textiles of attractive designs.

Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central) Minister U Aung Thaung attended the setting up of a billboard to mark USDA Annual General Meeting (2006) at city hall of Myingyan.

The minister and wife Daw Khin Khin Yee held their fifth presenting of prizes to outstanding

students of matriculation examination at the same venue. The minister presented prizes to six five-distinction winners, and gifts to nine principals, and 56 teachers; Daw Khin Khin Yee, to 12 four-distinction winners; and officials, to 100 distinction winners.

The minister delivered an address concerning the education promotion programmes.

At the ceremony to submit USDA membership applications and to present prizes to outstanding students, the minister received 934 applications. The minister and wife presented prizes to 12 outstanding students.

The secretariat member presented K 11 million to Myingyan

Degree College for educational research, and K 10 million, to technical institute, and made a speech.

The secretariat member and wife also held their matriculation prize presentation ceremony at Tamaiktha BEHS (branch) in Taungtha Township. The secretariat member and wife and officials presented prizes to outstanding students and gifts to teachers.

The secretariat member donated 75 sets of desks and benches to 11 basic education schools.

Next, the secretariat member dealt with matters on education promotion programmes.

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## 21st Gem and Jade Sales continues

YANGON, 29 Aug — Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd's 21st Gems and Jade Sales for the Year 2006 continued at Myanmar

Convention Centre here.

So far 657 local merchants and 477 foreign merchants have arrived here.

Merchants are

allowed to examine the jade and gem lots from 28 to 30 August and the sales will be held on 31st August and 1st September.

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Gem merchants examine jade lots at the 21st Gems and Jade Sales of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd. — MNA

## New bus line launched

YANGON, 29 Aug — Hlinethaya Township War Veterans Organization launched a new bus line (No 233) on 26 August. The launching ceremony was held at the office of the township WVO and attended by Chairman of Yangon

North District All Bus Lines Committee Lt-Col Aung Hein Myat (Retd), Chairman of the Township Peace and Development Council U Khin Thein Maung and Chairman of the township WVO Captain Maung Maung Than (Retd).

Lt-Col Aung Hein Myat (Retd) and Captain Maung Maung Than (Retd) formally opened the bus line that will shuttle between Thakhin Mya Park and Kungyangan Township.

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# USDA CEC member visits Insein Township



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint meeting with executives and members of Insein Township Union Solidarity and Development Association. — MNA

YANGON, 29 Aug — Union Solidarity and Development Association CEC member Minister for Electric Power No (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint attended a Waso robes offering ceremony organized by Insein Township USDA at Insein Ywama Pariyatti Sarthintaik Maha Theindaw on 27 August morning. Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita

Bhaddanta Tilawka invested the congregation with the Five Precepts. Next, the CEC member and officials offered 10 sets of Waso robes, 20 bags of rice and 50 viss of edible oil to members of the Sangha. After the ceremony, the CEC member visited Insein Township USDA and met with its members. MNA

# Training Course on Use of Wide Area Network opens



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivers an address at opening ceremony of Wide Area Network (WAN) Course. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug — The Ministry of Finance and Revenue opened Training Course on Use of Wide Area Network in conjunction with the stipend presentation ceremony at the office of the ministry, here, yesterday morning, attended by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun. It was also attended by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, heads of departments under the ministry, trainees and others.

In his address, Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun said that the training course is being opened to more effectively deal with financial and tax measures, that trainees are to strive to fully understand the subjects taught at the course in order that they can effectively utilize them in practical field, and that stipends are to be provided to students in order to enhance the standard of their education. Next, the minister presented stipends to the students of staff families under the ministry. The two-week course is being attended by 21 trainees. — MNA

**“သတိပေး နှိုးဆော်ချက်”**

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# Exercise books donated by USDA Secretariat member

YANGON, 29 Aug — A ceremony to present 115 dozens of exercise books donated by Secretariat member Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan to basic education schools in Mingalar Taungnyunt Township was held at the hall of Mingalar Taungnyunt Township USDA yesterday. After secretary of the township U Zaw Lin had explained about the purpose of the donation, he presented exercise books to township assistant education officer U Myint Thein. Next, township assistant education officer U Myint Thein spoke words of thanks. MNA

# Cultivation of monsoon paddy in...

(from page 16)  
On arrival at the meeting hall of Regional Development Office in An, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with departmental officials and local people. Officials reported on cultivation of 51,218 acres of monsoon paddy against the target of 51,208 acres, cultivation of 30 acres of pepper against the target of 300 acres, growing of 718 acres of rubber and growing of 810 acres of physic nut plants. Commander Brig-Gen Maung Shein reported on other salient points. In his address, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that the cultivation of monsoon paddy in An Township is exceeding the target and efforts are to be made for extended cultivation of pepper for Rakine State to become a pepper state. Relentless efforts are to be made to meet the target of growing 100,000 acres of rubber in Rakine State, to bring about development in An Township as the airport and a 100-bed hospital have already been built in the township. And he stressed the importance of local authorities and the people to strive for exceeding the target of growing physic nut plants. MNA

# Lt-Gen Myint Swe welcomes back victorious...

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Altogether 14 Tatmadawmen took part in the contest that was held on 27 August. Chief Petty Officer Hla Thein Tun of Tatmadaw (Navy) stood first fetching the gold medal plus US\$ 250, Sergeant Myat Hsu Aung of Tatmadaw (Army) stood ninth fetching US\$ 150 and Sergeant Khin Maung Than of Tatmadaw (Army) stood tenth fetching US\$ 100. The competing countries are Myanmar, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Brunei, Malaysia, India, Britain and host Singapore. — MNA

**CPO Hla Thein Tun of Defence Services (Navy) who wins gold medal and US\$ 250 in Singapore Army Fall Marathon-2006.**  
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# Myanmar Merdeka...

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Despite the presence of about 30,000 supporters, mostly Indonesians, both teams failed to find the net in the first half. Myanmar, who are coached by U San Win, finally opened accounts in the 61st minute when Kyaw Thu Ra slammed home a cross into the penalty box. They got their second in the 85th minute when their captain Soe Myat Min neatly headed in a corner kick. Two minutes later (87th minute), Indonesian substitute Zaena Arif reduced the deficit when he slotted home the ball in a goalmouth melee. Since the tournament was introduced in 1957, Myanmar won it three times (1964, 1967 (joint winners with South Korea), 1971) while Indonesia lifted it three times (1961, 1962, 1969) The victorious Myanmar soccer team will arrive back here tomorrow. — INTERNET

## USDA donates desks to schools in Kachin State



**Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw delivers an address at Myitkyina Township USDA's annual general meeting. — MNA**

YANGON, 29 Aug — Union Solidarity and Development Association donated benches to schools in Kachin State on 25 August.

At the donation ceremony held at Myitkyina's No 1 Basic Education High School, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Secretariat Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central) Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw handed over 1,495 desks to officials concerned.

After the ceremony, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw attended the annual general meeting of Myitkyina

Township USDA and delivered an address. At the ceremony, the minister accepted 7,200 USDA membership applications and wife of the commander Chairperson of Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw NuNuSwe and the secretary of the township's USDA awarded the outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2005-2006 Academic Year.

During his tour of Kachin State, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw went to Dhamma Rakkhita Wuntho Monastery in Myitkyina and presented offertories to Presiding Sayadaw of the monastery Abhidhaja Maharatta Guru Bhaddanta Silavamsa.

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## Teachership course on early childhood development opens

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug — Teachership course (1/2006) on early childhood development, organized by Rakhine State Social Welfare Department, Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, was opened on 15 August at the MCWSC office. Rakhine State WAO Patron MCWSC Chairperson Daw Kyawt Kyawt San addressed the opening ceremony.

Altogether 25 trainees are attending the three-week course. — MNA

## Tune-up matches to be held for setting up U-20 Myanmar team to participate in Mekong region sports

YANGON, 29 Aug — Two warm up matches for setting up U-20 Myanmar team to participate in Mekong region sports tournament will be held in Aug San Stadium.

Tentatively selected team-A and tentatively selected team B will take on the first warm up match at 3.30 pm of 30 August and the second warm-up match will be launched by F&R and tentatively selected teams.

The fee for the grand stand is K 300 and the others K 100. — MNA

## Deputy Minister visits Myitnge carriage and wagon factory, Ywahtaung diesel locomotive shed

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug — Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thauung Lwin visited Myitnge carriage and wagon factory on 26 August morning and inspected renovation of the carriages donated by the People's Republic of China during the Prime Minister's goodwill visit to China. Next, the deputy minister met with the factory manager and staff and gave necessary instructions.

On 26 August, the deputy minister met the factory manager and staff members at Ywahtaung diesel locomotive shed and inspected repairs of locomotives. — MNA



**Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thauung Lwin observes manufacturing of engine at Ywahtaung Locomotive Shed. — (RAILWAYS)**

## Trawler catches fire at jetty

YANGON, 29 Aug — A trawler caught fire at a jetty in Mingala Taungnyunt, here, on 23 August. The fire destroyed equipment worth K 1.5 million of the single decker trawler Yeyint Aung.

In a separate incident, fire razed ten houses at Phayekyun village, Yanangyoung Township, Magway Division, on 26 August after it began from U Chit Tee's house at about midnight due to negligence.

Another fire broke out at a paper mill in Za Ward (North), Natsinpyon Street, Thingangyun, here on 27 August caused about K 2 million worth of property damage as it burnt down cards, papers, the entire upper storey of a building, and an air-conditioner. — MNA

## Government, people, Tatmadaw will ward off and crush terrorist bombers

### Expatriate terrorist insurgents sending bombers to destroy national peace, stability

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug — Expatriates opposing the nation led by Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung held a meeting in a certain faraway country on 13 July to commit sabotage and destructive acts in Myanmar.

A B S D F chair-man Than Khe accepted the cash provided by the meeting to blow up

bombs inside Myanmar on 23 August.

A 15-member terrorist group comprising 12 males and three females led by Khin Kyaw and Than Aye of ABSDF left ABSDF head-quarters at Daungkh-win camp yesterday. With the money provided at the meeting, they are going to sneak into Penwegan and Zayatyi regions in September via

Shwegyin region.

Seven other terrorists including Than Htwe residing in Canada, Yin Htwe living in America and Soe Win staying in Japan were also sent to Myanmar.

Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung is a person who has been declared by the government as a fugitive and a terrorist. He, under the political cover has been acting

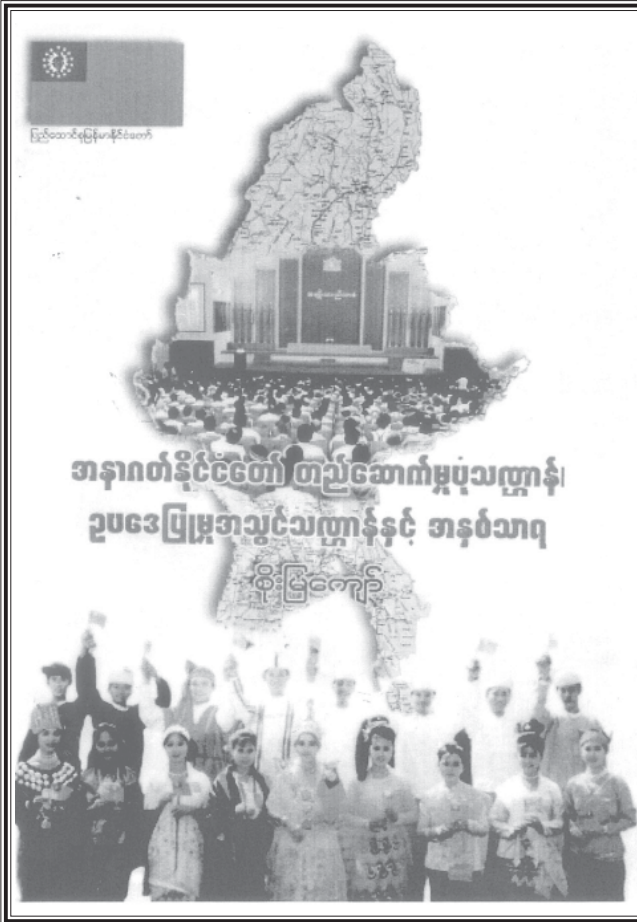
as the secretary of FTUB and the general secretary of NCUB both formed outside the nation, steering the destructive acts that will be launched inside Myanmar.

The government, the people and the Tatmadaw will collectively ward off all the destructive elements to safeguard all sound foundations of peace, stability, modernity and

progress of the democracy transition while cementing peace and unity.

The authorities concerned have urged the public to keep an eye on terrorists and inform the authorities of the saboteurs trying to infiltrate into the localities, professions, trade and communities of the people.

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**Brazil tries to weed out corrupt politicians**

BRASILIA (Brazil), 29 Aug— Election authorities have banned about 1,500 candidates charged with fraud from running in Brazil’s general elections next month, officials said on Monday.

The suspensions are part of a renewed effort to clean up Brazil’s corruption-plagued political system following scandals over vote-buying and campaign financing that rocked the government for several months last year and brought calls for President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva’s impeachment. “Authorities are more pro-active because pres-

sure from society to deal with this huge corruption quagmire is bigger than ever before,” Joao Paulo Peixoto, professor of politics at the University of Brasilia, told Reuters. Brazilians go to the polls on 1 October to elect a president, 27 state governors and assemblies, 513 seats in the Lower House of Congress and one-third of the Senate’s 81 seats.

The Supreme Election Tribunal said on Monday that 1,535 of 20,705 candidates had been suspended because of accusations of wrongdoing. In the latest scandal, dubbed “Sanguessugas”, or bloodsuckers, 86 congressmen allegedly took kickbacks to pay for overpriced ambulances in their municipalities. MNA/Reuters

**Ducks in Vietnamese southern province contract bird flu viruses**

HANOI, 29 Aug — At least 45 ducks in Vietnam’s southern Ben Tre province have been infected with bird flu viruses, local newspaper Youth reported on Monday.

Specimens from the ducks in a farm in Thanh Phu District, which were bird flu vaccinated last month, have been tested positive to H5N1, the paper quoted head of the provincial Veterinary Bureau, Mai Van Hiep, as saying. The local veterinary force has culled all of the ducks, and took specimens

from other duck flocks in the area for bird flu testing, he said. Vietnam will form anti-bird flu task forces at both central and local levels to stamp out any disease outbreaks timely and comprehensively. Bird flu outbreaks, starting in Vietnam in December 2003, have

killed and led to the forced culling of dozens of millions of fowls. The last outbreak of bird flu among poultry in the country was in December 2005, according to the Department of Animal Health under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. MNA/Xinhua

**At 85, S African teacher still energetic in classroom**

JOHANNESBURG, 29 Aug — At the age of 85, Nontsikelelo Qwelane now becomes a newsmaker in South Africa as probably the country’s oldest teacher who still instructs learners every day.

The octogenarian teaches geography to 12 classes at Metropolitan College, a private school in Mpumalanga Province, winning respects from both students and her colleagues for dedication and enthusiasm in her job, reported the national newspaper Sunday Times. “Age is a relative thing. I still have the strength to teach and I want to leave my mark on as

many pupils as possible,” the mother of two and great-grandmother was quoted as saying. Qwelane started teaching at a village school in 1940. Now she teaches an average of five hours a day and she is so experienced that she never needs a textbook to teach. “The knowledge I impart to my pupils is all in my head,” Qwelane said.

Described as a strict disciplinarian, Qwelane has produced outstanding results. Last year, 108 of her 110 pupils passed the subject. In 2004, she had a 100-per-cent pass rate. Colbert Kouatcho, the school’s director, said a large number of parents sent their children to the boarding school because of Qwelane’s reputation as a teacher. MNA/Xinhua



Firemen stand at the entrance to a building at a three alarm fire where five firefighters were trapped after part of the building collapsed, in New York, on 27 Aug, 2006. Local reports indicated at least one firefighter was killed and another seriously hurt as even more suffered injuries trying to rescue them. — INTERNET

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**EU welcomes UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

BRUSSELS, 28 Aug—The European Union (EU) welcomed on Saturday the conclusion of negotiations on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. "I welcome wholeheartedly the conclusion of the negotiations on the comprehensive UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which represents a major success," said Vladimir Spidla, EU commissioner for jobs and social affairs.

The convention establishes clearly that disability is a Human Rights issue and that persons with disabilities shall enjoy the full range of Human Rights and fundamental freedoms.

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**PM says US not to have missile defence base in Czech Republic**

PRAGUE, 28 Aug—Outgoing Czech Prime Minister Jiri Paroubek said on Saturday that from the information he has got, the United States would set up a missile defence base in other countries instead of the Czech Republic.

In an interview with the Czech newspaper *Pravo*, Paroubek said since the United States was not going to set up the missile defence base in his country, the Czechs would no longer need to debate whether a public referendum on the issue should be held.

A 22-member team from the US Missile Defence Agency spent one week from 18 July to 25 July in the Czech Republic surveying possible locations for a missile defence base. Their conclusions are expected to be released by the end of August. The team also did a similar survey in neighbouring Poland.

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**Macedonian Parliament approves new government**

BELGRADE, 28 Aug—Macedonian lawmakers approved the new government early Sunday with Prime Minister-designate Nikola Gruevski taking 68 votes to 22 in the 120-seat Parliament, according to reports monitored here from Skopje.

The vote, which came after two days of debate, was boycotted by 17 deputies from the ethnic Albanian DUI Party on grounds of being excluded from the new government. Thirteen other parliamentarians were absent or abstained. The 35-year-old former finance minister led his VMRO-DPMNE conservative party to victory in the 5 July election.—MNA/Xinhua

**Zimbabwe raises funds for environmental programmes**

HARARE, 28 Aug—Zimbabwe's Ministry of Environment and Tourism has urged corporations and individuals to contribute to environmental conservation programmes through availing funds for the initiatives.

Environmental awareness programmes are important in instilling a culture of conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and individuals and corporations who contribute towards the initiatives assist in the fight against environmental degradation, an official said Saturday.

Environment and Tourism Minister Francis Nhema said the government needs support of corporate and individual efforts to effectively protect the environment. "Everyone of us has a stake in a healthy, clean and safe environment and everyone has a part to play in ensuring its well being," he said when paying tribute to a former tourism official Chakanyuka Karase who donated 100,000 Zimbabwe dollars (400 US dollars) to the programmes.

"The environment is everyone's business and we should all invest and expend our energies in the promotion of sustainable environmental practices. As citizens of this great nation we have a mandate and obligation to educate each other about cleaner technologies, waste minimization and good environmental ethics," Nhema said.

MNA/Xinhua



*Actor Tony Shalhoub poses after winning an Emmy for outstanding lead actor in a comedy series for his work on 'Monk' during the 58th annual Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles, on 27 Aug, 2006*  
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### World's 1st cervical cancer vaccine available to Australian women

CANBERRA, 28 Aug — The world's first vaccine for cervical cancer, named GARDASIL, becomes available to Australian women Monday, the vaccine's Australian distributor, CSL Limited, announced.

"With over 40 Australian women undergoing surgery daily to remove pre-cancerous or cancerous cervical lesions, the available of GARDASIL has been welcomed by health professionals nationally," CSL Limited said in a statement.

CSL Limited is a global, specialty pharmaceutical company that develops, manufactures and markets products to treat and prevent serious human medical condi-

tions. The company's headquarters is in Melbourne, capital of Australia's state of Victoria.

"The long-awaited vaccine will help prevent cervical cancer, as well as other human papillomavirus (HPV)-related cancers and diseases caused by four HPV types (6, 11, 16 and 18, which are included in the vaccine)," the company said. These are the most common types of HPV affecting women's health

and account for 70 per cent of cervical cancer cases, a significant proportion of cervical abnormalities and 90 per cent of genital wart cases, according to the company. The vaccine is recommended for girls and women aged from 12 to 26. Australian women are encouraged by professionals to visit doctors to see if the vaccine is suitable for them.—MNA/Xinhua



Google Inc and eBay Inc have entered into an agreement involving text-based advertising and "click-to-call" advertising functionality, the companies said on 28 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA

### HK-listed co's textiles firm to pay for sewage infraction

GUANGZHOU, 28 Aug — A textile firm of a Hong Kong-listed company, based in Dongguan in south China's Guangdong Province, has been ordered to pay 11.55 million yuan (1.4 million US dollars) for illicit discharges of excess waste water over the past two years.

This is believed to be the heaviest fine ever for illegal sewage release in the province, said an official with the Guangdong provincial environmental protection bureau in an interview with Xinhua on Sunday.

Dongguan Fuan Textiles Ltd, fully owned by Hong Kong-listed Fountain Set (Holdings) Limited, secretly released

more than 10 million tons of waste water over the past two years through a pipe buried underground.

The company admitted that it had received notice of the fine on Thursday, but declined to comment.

The company was fined 210,000 yuan (26,000 US dollars) for the sewage infraction last month.—MNA/Xinhua



Tom Cruise with Katie Holmes. Hollywood star Tom Cruise has been voted recently, the world's sexist celebrity at 14th Annual Ernie Awards in Sydney for his derogatory and sexist public statements.—XINHUA

### Shanghai trains marriage counsellors

SHANGHAI, 28 Aug — China's economic hub Shanghai has trained its first group of marriage counsellors.

On Saturday 140 people obtained certificates for the new career, ready to offer professional consulting services on marriage and family life in the city.

The training was jointly sponsored by the human resources development centre of the All China Women's Federation and China International Marriage and Family Association.

Sources with the women's federation said that the 140 people have signed contracts with three local marriage consulting companies to serve as volunteers and consultants. The sources said a marriage counsellor needs to understand psychology, marriage law and child education. The counsellor

should be knowledgeable about family relations and cross-cultural marriage, and capable of providing professional psychological and legal counselling.

Divorce rates in China are rising rapidly.

According to the Ministry of Civil Affairs, 1.78 million couples separated nationwide last year, up 7.25 per cent over the previous year.

Big cities like Beijing and Shanghai have the highest divorce rates.

In 2002, Beijing recorded 76,136 weddings, but there were also 38,756 divorces, in other words, one divorce for every two weddings.

The divorce rate in Shanghai is not available.

MNA/Xinhua

### Saudi Arabia to increase crude oil supply to Japan

KUWAIT CITY, 28 Aug — Saudi Aramco, the national oil company of Saudi Arabia, will increase its supply of crude oil to Japan by at least

300,000 barrels per day (BPD), the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported on Saturday.

Saudi Aramco, currently supplying nearly

one million BPD to Japan, has recently signed an oil supply accord with the country and will accordingly become Japan's top crude oil

supplier.

Meanwhile, Saudi Aramco would acquire 9.96 per cent of shares of Showa Shell, a Japanese refining and marketing company, SPA reported.

Under terms of the accord, the transfer of shares is to be completed in August this year.

Saudi Aramco has also agreed in principle to acquire an additional 4.99 per cent of Showa Shell's shares from the Royal Dutch/Shell Group, said the report.

Showa Shell is one of the largest refiners in Japan, with access to refining capacity of 515,000 BPD through three affiliated refining companies.

MNA/Xinhua



People in traditional costumes dance during the parade in Lima, on 27 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA

### Zimbabwe to launch first traditional medicine course

HARARE, 28 Aug — The Traditional Medical Practitioners Council of Zimbabwe will launch a diploma course next month, the first of its kind which is opened for clinic operators of the country's traditional medicine, an official said on Sunday.

The council registrar Mutsa Chikede said the course starting on 18 September would be for practicing healers and school leavers who are enthusiastic about the traditional medicine.

"We want to train people to be able to identify, prepare and package traditional medicine," he said, adding that the course would include patient monitoring, basic human anatomy and physiology.

MNA/Xinhua

## SPORTS



Chelsea's manager Jose Mourinho returns the ball into play during their English Premier League soccer match against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park in Blackburn, northern England, on 27 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

## Gudjohnsen gives Barca dramatic 3-2 win at Celta

MADRID, 29 Aug—Champions Barcelona fought back from a goal down to earn a thrilling 3-2 win at Celta Vigo in their opening Primera Liga match of the season on Monday thanks to a late goal by substitute Eidur Gudjohnsen.

The Catalans, bidding for a third consecutive league title, looked to be suffering from the after-effects of Friday's 3-0 mauling at the hands of Sevilla in the European Super Cup as they fell behind to a Fernando Baiano goal just before halftime.

But they fought back in a pulsating second half and quick-fire goals from Samuel Eto'o and Lionel Messi rounded off by Gudjohnsen's last-gasp strike earned Frank Rijkaard's side a dramatic win.

Barca's arch-rivals Real Madrid were held 0-0 at home to Villarreal on Sunday while Valencia, one of the other favourites for the title, won 2-1 against visiting Real Betis on Saturday.

Barca, missing Ronaldinho who picked up a leg injury in the heavy defeat by Sevilla, made a hesitant start against Celta who hounded them down in midfield and looked sharp on the break.

The home side gave the European champions several scares late in the first half and took the lead three minutes before the break after sharp work by Brazilian forwards Nene and Baiano.

Barca keeper Victor Valdes blocked a low shot from Nene after he had

cut inside centre back Rafael Marquez and Baiano was on hand to stab the ball into the net. The goal brought Barca out of their shell and they looked far more lively at the start of the second half.

Last season's leading scorer Eto'o put the visitors back on level terms when he drilled in low past Pinto after beating the offside trap with a slick one-two with the live-wire Messi.

MNA/Reuters



China's Yao Ming (2nd R) and Yi Jianlian (1st R) leave after a match with Greece at the World Basketball Championships in Saitama, Japan, on 27 Aug, 2006. Greece defeated China 95-64 and advanced to the quarter-finals.—XINHUA

## Portsmouth thrash Middlesbrough 4-0 at Riverside

LONDON, 29 Aug—Portsmouth, who narrowly escaped relegation last season, moved up to second place in the Premier League after a 4-0 win at Middlesbrough on Monday.

Two goals from Kanu and strikes by Benjani Mwaruware and substitute Svetoslav Todorov put Portsmouth on seven points from three games, two behind early leaders Manchester United.

Kanu struck early to put Portsmouth ahead after seven minutes when he fired home from close range following a corner that eventually found its way to the Nigerian international.

Benjani put the visitors 2-0 in front with a downward header at the far post following a short corner five minutes after the break to score his second goal for the club. Kanu added Portsmouth's third with a fine individual goal after running from inside his own half before lifting the ball over stranded Boro goal-

keeper Mark Schwarzer. Todorov wrapped up the victory in added time with Pompey's fourth goal after being played in by Sean Davis and lobbing Schwarzer to round off a fine night for the south coast side.—MNA/Reuters



Tiger Woods of the United States lines up a putt on the sixteenth hole during the final round of the WCG Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament in Akron Ohio on 27 Aug, 2006. Woods went on to defeat Stewart Cink on the fourth hole of sudden death.—INTERNET

## Disgraced Juventus out of Italian Cup

ROME, 29 Aug—Scandal-hit Juventus were kicked out of the Italian Cup on penalties at Napoli on Sunday after a 3-3 draw.

The Neapolitan side prevailed 5-4 on penalties, scoring with four minutes remaining to force the shootout in a game where both sides finished with 10 men.

Second-half substitute Alessandro Del Piero rallied Juventus with a 79th-minute equalizer to tie the game 2-2 and scored again in the 115th minute to put his side ahead. But Paolo Cannavaro, the younger brother of former Juventus defender Fabio, tied the match for Napoli.

A crowd of 60,000 filled the San Paolo Stadium in Naples for the match featuring two of Italy's most famous clubs now both relegated to the Second Division.

Juve was stripped of its two last Serie A titles and relegated to Serie B with a 17-point point penalty, the harshest penalty to come out of Italy's match-fixing scandal. Napoli, a two-time league champion whose history includes Diego Maradona, earned promotion to the Serie B this year.—MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese rower becomes youngest ever world champion

ETON (England), 29 Aug—Chinese rower Fan Xuefei etched her mark in history as the youngest ever world rower champion on Sunday when she and her fellow crew members won the gold of lightweight women's quad sculls.

The quartet won the gold medal with a new world's best time of 6:23.96.

Fan, who will turn 16 in October, rowed in the third seat of the Chinese boat and has become something of a celebrity at the 2006 World Rowing Championship at Dorney Lake, Eton.

"She has been rowing now for three years," said China's team manager Xu Gaohang.

"She showed exceptional talent as an athlete at school and her sports teacher brought her to the attention of a talent scout for the rowing team.—MNA/Xinhua

## Stockholm derby match called off after fans storm pitch

STOCKHOLM, 29 Aug—Sweden's capital city derby between Djurgarden and Hammarby was called off in the second half on Monday after fireworks were shot onto the field and some fans tried to storm the pitch, Swedish media reported.

Champions Djurgarden were leading 3-0 when the First Division match was stopped 10 minutes after halftime when some 15 Hammarby fans tried to run on to the pitch.

After a 35-minute interruption the match was called off for security reasons by the police.

The game had also been

stopped in the first half when one of the linesmen was hit in the head with an object.

The FA is likely to

award Djurgarden the win, according to Monday's edition of the Swedish daily *Dagens Nyheter*.

MNA/Reuters

## Sevilla pull the plug on televised matches

MADRID, 29 Aug—Spanish Primera Liga side Sevilla have said they will not allow their domestic matches to be televised in any format this season because of a dispute with the company which controls the rights to Spanish football.

"The UEFA Cup holders and winners of the European Super Cup consider that the treatment they have received from intermediaries Mediapro and Sogecable, partners of Audiovisual Sport, does not correspond with their status in national and international football," the club said in a statement on their website.

"Sevilla laments this situation for its fans and for football fans in general.—MNA/Reuters

## Farul Constanta owner fines players for not trying

BUCHAREST, 29 Aug—The owner of Romanian club Farul Constanta fined his players a combined total of more than 100,000 euros (128,100 US dollars) on Monday after accusing them of not trying in two First Division matches.

Constanta lost 1-0 at home to Unirea Urziceni earlier this month and 3-0 against Steaua Bucharest last weekend.

"They (the players) did not fight against Urziceni and invited Steaua to attack," Gheorghe Bosanceanu told reporters.

"They proved they can play good soccer in previous matches but they showed a lack of fight against Steaua."

Bosanceanu said captain Mihai Gurita and goalkeeper George Curca were fined 15,000 euros each, while the other players involved in both matches were penalized 2,000 to 13,000 euros. The fines were the largest ever imposed in Romanian soccer.—MNA/Reuters



Jamie Varner (top) strikes Hermes Franca during the lightweight bout of their Ultimate Fighting Championship match at UFC 62 at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 26 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET



Wellwishers of Iron Market donate K 200,000 to construction of Saddhama Pala Mingala Maha Ordination Hall through an official on 29 August 2006. — H

## Only few US soldiers tried for killing Iraqi civilians

WASHINGTON, 29 Aug — The majority of US soldiers charged with the unlawful deaths of Iraqi civilians have been acquitted, found guilty of relatively minor offenses or given administrative punishments without trial, a news report said on Monday.

Experts estimate that thousands of Iraqi civilians have died at the hands of the US forces, but only 39 service members have been formally accused of offenses in connection with the deaths of 20 Iraqis from 2003 to early this year, *The Washington Post* reported. Of the 24 Army personnel charged in connection with Iraqi civilian deaths, 12 were convicted of crimes and received jail sentences which range from 45 days to 25 years, four others were tried at courts-martial, resulting

in one acquittal and three convictions with no confinement.

Charges against two others were dropped. Six received administrative punishments, including four who cooperated with government prosecutions of their superiors, the report said. Some military officials and analysts said the small numbers reflected the caution and professionalism exercised by US forces on an urban battlefield, where it was often difficult to distinguish combatants from civilians. But

others argued that the statistics illustrated commanders' reluctance to investigate and hold troops accountable when they took the lives of civilians, according to the report.

Top military officers, military lawyers, experts and troops were quoted as saying that the number of homicide cases prosecuted probably represented only a small proportion of the incidents in which Iraqi citizens were killed under questionable circumstances, the report said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

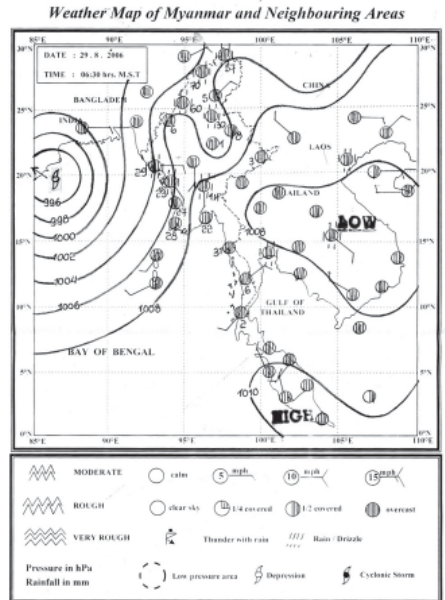
## Fire at Dow chemical plant in Netherlands

AMSTERDAM, 29 Aug — A large fire has broken out at a plant producing propylene and ethylene belonging to Dow Chemical Co in the Dutch town of Terneuzen, police said on Monday.

A police spokesman said there was a fire at the plant but declined to give further details.

Dutch news agency ANP reported that measurements taken by the fire brigade had shown that no substances dangerous for public health had been released in the blaze.

*MNA/Reuters*



### WEATHER

Tuesday, 29 August, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.08) inch, Hkamti (2.80) inches, Homalin and Putao (2.40) inches each, Bago (1.97) inches, Kalay (1.38) inches and NyaungU (0.59) inch.

Maximum temperature on 28-8-2006 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 29-8-2006 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 29-8-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 28-8-2006 was nil.

Rainfalls on 29-8-2006 were (1.22) inches at Mingaladon, (0.86) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (77.91) inches at Mingaladon, (90.35) inches at Kaba-Aye and (95.00) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (13) mph from South at (17:15) hours MST on 28-8-2006.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST on today, the low pressure area over North Bay has intensified into a depression centred at about (50) miles Southeast of Puri, India. It is forecast to move West (or) Northwest direction. Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and strong in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 30-8-2006:** Rain will be isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining states and divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with rough seas will be experienced at times off and along Deltaic, Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 30-8-2006:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 30-8-2006:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 30-8-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

### "Storm News"

(Issued at 10:30 hrs MST on 29-8-2006)  
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Wednesday, 30 August  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:  
-It might be you
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:  
-Save the best for last
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:  
-What it's like to be me
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:  
-Giving it all away
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music  
-Will you be there  
-That's the way it is  
-Wind beneath my wings  
-Just the way you are
- 9:00pm Variations on a tune  
-The end of the world
- 9:15pm Article
- 9:25pm Music for your request  
-May be  
-True to your heart  
-Black coffee
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Wednesday, 30 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. စန္ဒာနိသာဏကောသလဆရာစတီ
- 7:55 am  
5. Nice and sweet song
- 8:10 am  
6. မြန်မာ့ပြည်ထောင်စုအဖွဲ့အစည်း
- 8:20 am  
7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am  
8. International news
- 8:45 am  
9. Islands of Dhamma
- 8:50 am  
10. တက္ကသိုလ်တို့(အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ) အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ(စတီ) တို့၏ အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ဆရာတော်၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့၊ ဓမ္မေယျ

- လက်ရာရုပ်ရှင်သင်တန်း၊ မြင်မြင်မြူ၊ မွှေလေးတိုင်းထံမှ နဂါးပေါသထသီလ ဓံယူ ဆောက်တည်ခြင်း
- 4:00 pm  
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm  
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm  
3. အမှတ်(၃)အခြေစိုက်ပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ တတိယအကြိမ်မြောက်ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရုပ်ပုံစော်ပွဲ (တတိယဆု) (အထက-၁သားကော) (အမျိုးသားဝတ်ရုပ်ပုံအဖွဲ့)
- 4:45 pm  
4. အဆောင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (အထူးပြုအားလုံး) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)
- 5:00 pm  
5. Song of national races
- 5:15 pm  
6. Classical song
- 5:30 pm  
7. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား
- 5:45 pm  
8. "တန်ဖိုး" (ညီညီနေနိုင်၊ လှိုင်မြေဖြူထွက်၊) (ခါရိုက်တာ- သက်တင်)
- 5:50 pm  
9. ရွှေယံနံလင်းအာဇာနည်အစီအစဉ်
- 6:00 pm  
10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm  
11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm  
12. Japan video topics
- 6:50 pm  
13. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညာဏ်ရင်
- 7:20 pm  
14. ရွှေလင်းပန်းတံတား
- 7:25 pm  
15. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 7:35 pm  
16. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင်ပွဲအဖွဲ့အစည်း အဆို၊ အကအရေးအတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်မောင်းတေးနှင့် ကာလပေါ်တေး) (အခြေစိုက်ပညာ ၅-၁၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား)
- 7:45 pm  
17. လေးကျွန်းမာရ်အောင် စေတီတော် (သောတာပန်ရုပ်၊ စစ်ကိုင်းမြို့)
- 8:00 pm  
18. News
- 19. International news
- 20. Weather report
- 21. Myanmar movie: "ပယင်းရောင်" (ကာလပိရူင် နေဝင်း၊ အေးအေးအေး၊) (ခါရိုက်တာ- ခင်မိုး)
- 22. မင်းကျွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးစိတ္တသာရာတိပဿ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ ဓမ္မဇာတာဝရာပွားပွားခြင်း တရားတော်
- 23. The next day's programme

# Cultivation of monsoon paddy in An Township exceeding target

## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects Minbu-An Road



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects repair work on Minbu-An Road. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence on 25 August inspected the condition of road along Minbu-An Road and gave necessary instructions.

At the briefing hall of Road Construction Special Group-3, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard a

report on renovation of the road, work being carried out for proper drainage and future task. And Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than stressed the need for officials to take systematic measures to avoid the interruption of traffic due to landslide and ensure proper drainage in the rainy season.

Accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State

Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Maung Shein and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected the repair of road section between Kyetyesan and An.

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## Lt-Gen Myint Swe welcomes back victorious Myanmar Tatmadaw track & field contingent

YANGON, 29 Aug—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence welcomed back the victorious Myanmar Tatmadaw track & field contingent that participated in Singapore Army Half Marathon 2006 held in Singapore at Yangon International Airport this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and De-

velopment Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, officers and other ranks and their families also welcomed the athletes.

Alighting from the aircraft, the victorious athletes led by Lt-Col Kyaw Win were welcomed by Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander Brig-Gen Hla

Htay Win and senior military officers and garlanded by families of the Tatmadaw.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that the Tatmadaw has the tradition of producing outstanding athletes and that the athletes are to constantly try their best in maintaining their achievements, reviewing their weaknesses.

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## 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 *MyanmaAlin* and *Kyemong* 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.

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## Myanmar Merdeka Tournament Champs

YANGON, 29 Aug— Myanmar emerged champions of the 38th edition of the Merdeka football tournament, their fourth win since 1957, after defeating Indonesia 2-1 in the final at the Shah Alam Stadium in Malaysia today.

Both teams displayed aggressive football and tried to get ahead in the first half but while Myanmar's defence stood firm in cutting out Indonesia's attacks, the Indonesians on the other hand used effective off-side traps to blunt Myanmar's forays.

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