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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

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Malaysia

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — On the occasion of the 49th Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia which falls on 31st August, 2006, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Ibni Al-Marhum Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail, the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong XII of Malaysia. — MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Prime Minister General Soe Win receives Special Envoy of the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

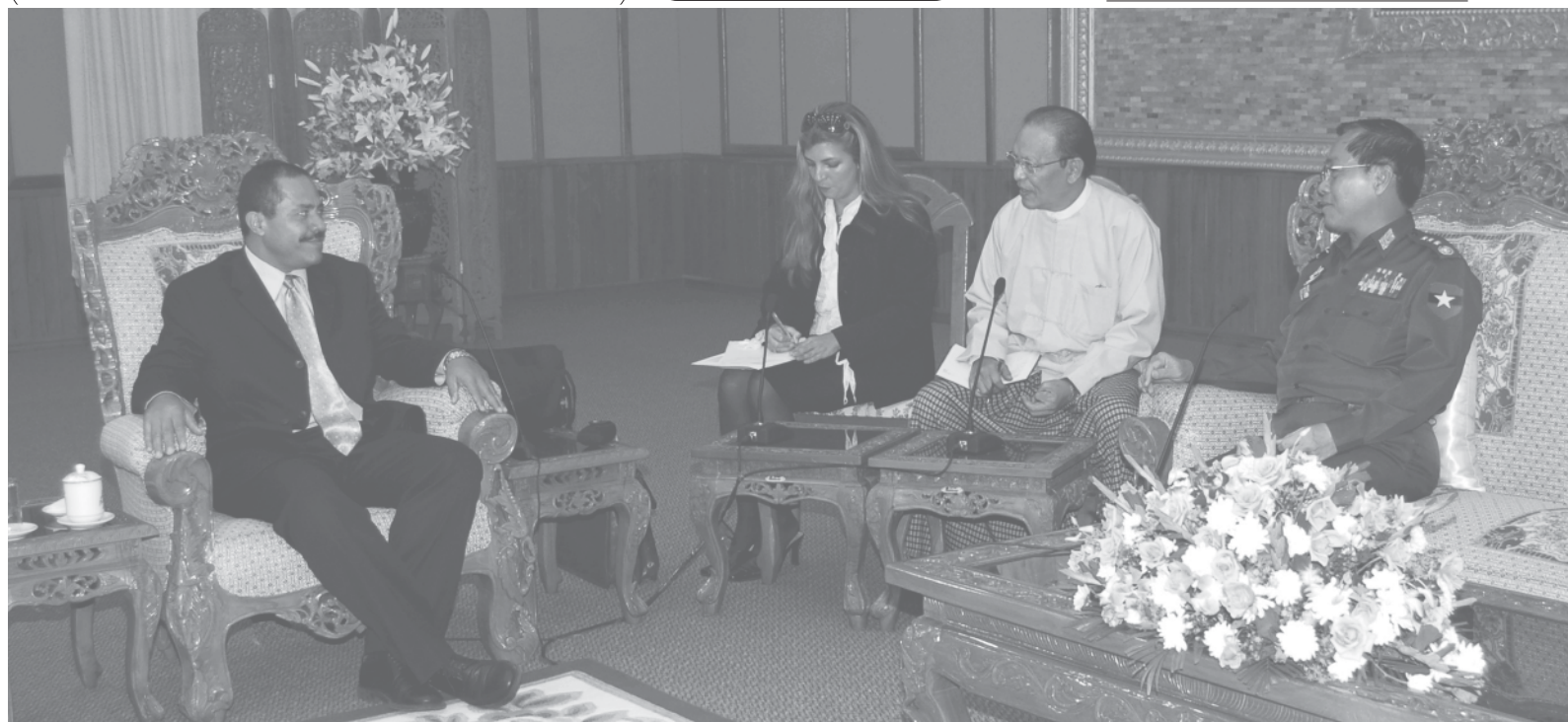
NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win received Ambassador Mr Vladimir Villegas, Special Envoy of the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and party at the hall of the Prime Minister's Office in Nay Pyi Taw this evening.

Present also were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Prime Minister's Office and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win receives Mr Vladimir Villegas, Special Envoy of the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela at his office. — MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win welcomes Mr Vladimir Villegas, Special Envoy of the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela at Prime Minister's Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

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INSIDE

With wider and active cooperation of the public in trying to realize the educational goals and work programmes designed to promote public knowledge and education and vocational education of the people, national development plans will be more meaningful and successful in the international arena.

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MAUNG MAUNG KYAW

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Myanmar crowned with success in Merdeka Tournament

The final of the 38th Merdeka Tournament 2006 was held in Malaysia on 29 August and the Myanmar emerged champions by beating Indonesia 2-1.

In retrospect, we can find that Myanmar athletes and football team won successive victories in soccer and track and field in Southeast Asia. The Myanmar football team had often been crowned with success in the Asian soccer.

Throughout the history of the Merdeka Cup, Myanmar became champions in 1964, 1967 and 1971, stood second in 1966, 1968 and 1970 and third in 1965, 1969, 1973 and 1975. In 2005 also, the Myanmar youth football teams (U-17 and U-20) emerged champions in ASEAN Youth Soccer Tournaments.

Winning victories at international level is something Myanmar people have to be proud of and reflects high soccer standard of the nation.

In an effort to improve the sports standard, the government has provided assistance to sports sector and entire people have supported sports teams to be crowned with success in every competition.

Myanmar team played with tremendous spirit, unity and strength and won the trophy of the 38th Merdeka Tournament 2006 after it had been away from the trophy for over 30 years. Hence, we would like to urge the Myanmar athletes to continue to step up their efforts so that the latest victory could bring similar success to other sports events in future.



CASH DONATED: Dr Htay Hlaing Soe, Dr Myint Kyaing Soe-Daw Wai Wai Than and family of No 69, Obo Street, Kyimyindine Township, recently donated K 130,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged to mark 89th birthday of mother Daw Mya Kyi. Treasurer of the Home Administrative Board U Aung Than accepts 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

Home Affairs Minister meets with service personnel of Thayawady District, Bago Division (West)

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo accompanied by officials met with service personnel under the Ministry of Home Affairs and members of social organizations at Saya San hall in Thayawady yesterday. The minister urged them to do their duties in accord with rules and regulations with goodwill.

Next, the minister proceeded to Pyay in Bago

Division (West) and met service personnel under the Ministry of Home Affairs and members of social organizations at Khittaya Yadana hall in Pyay.

At Shwepyitha Youth Nurturing Centre in Wethigan, the minister heard reports on progress of drug elimination by Head of Drug Elimination Department of CCDAC Police Colonel Kham Aung and attended to the needs.

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Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Malaysia

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — On the occasion of the 49th Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia which falls on 31st August, 2006, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dato Seri Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Albar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia. — MNA

Home Affairs Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo meeting with employees of the ministry and members of social organizations in Pyay, Bago Division (West).

HOME AFFAIRS



Minister attends Health Ministers' Meeting of WHO SEA Regional Countries, Regional Committee Meeting in Dhaka

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint arrived back here by air on 28 August morning after attending the 24th Health Ministers' Meeting of WHO SEA Regional Countries held in Dhaka of Bangladesh on 20 and 21 August and the 59th Regional Committee Meeting from 22 to 25 August.

On 20 August, Bangladeshi Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia attended the opening ceremony of the both meeting at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel in Dhaka.

All the participants reviewed tactics of malaria control, prevention against bird flu, malaria, TB and AIDS diseases, the fund raising task and expertise, and assistance provided to tsunami-hit countries. In his speech, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint said that preventive measures against malaria were taken in Myanmar systematically. The WHO, UNICEF and

local and international social organizations cooperating with the Ministry of Health participate in the preventive measures against malaria. In the country, the National Strategic Plan for Prevention and Control of Avian Influenza and Human Influenza Pandemic Preparedness and Response is being implemented. Furthermore, committees at different levels were set up to provide rehabilitation and health care services to the people

in the natural disaster-hit regions. On 21 August, they approved the Dhaka Declaration on Strengthening Health Workforce in the Countries of SEA Region. On 22 August, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and party attended the 59th Regional Committee Meeting.

On 24 August, they held discussions on enhancement of human resources in the health sector, development of health information system, duties and functions

assigned to SEA countries for participating in the 68th WHO Conference, and preparations for topics on health tasks to be discussed at the conference. On 25 August, the 59th Regional Committee Meeting concluded.

While in Dhaka, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint called on Minister for Health Dr Lyonpo (Dr) Jigmi Singay of Bhutan and WHO SEA Regional Director Dr Samlee Plianbangchang separately. — MNA



Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint (L) participates in Health Ministers' Meeting of WHO SEA Regional Countries in Dhaka. — HEALTH

Chinese party leader meets Malaysian guest

BEIJING, 29 Aug— Luo Gan, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Monday called for greater cooperation with Malaysia on legal affairs in a meeting with Malaysia's Chief Justice Ahmad Fairuz Sheikh Abdul Halim.

China and Malaysia have established effective

exchanges and co-operation on judicial and legal affairs, Luo said, vowing to continue efforts with the Malaysian side to boost mutual co-operation.

The two countries have witnessed smooth development of bilateral relations since they forged diplomatic relations over the three decades ago, Luo said, noting that the two sides

have established good cooperation in economic, scientific, technological, cultural and educational friends.

China will strengthen the exchange and cooperation in the judicial field with Malaysia in a bid to promote bilateral relations, Luo said.

Fairuz said Malaysia hopes to learn China's experience in judicial construction and expects to forge closer cooperative ties with Chinese Judicial Organs.

MNA/Xinhua



The space shuttle Atlantis leaves launch pad 39B at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on 29 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET



A tourist visits the annual sand sculpture festival on the beach in Haifa, on 28 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA

Chickens die en masse in Vietnam's central highland province

HANOI, 29 Aug— More than 1,100 chickens in Vietnam's central highland Kon Tum Province have died with unidentified causes, Vietnam News Agency reported Monday.

Many chickens in two farms in Dak Ha District have died with symptoms of bleeding at anus and being affected with dysentery since mid-July.

Vietnam is taking drastic measures to prevent potential bird flu outbreaks.

It 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

Six US soldiers killed in guerilla attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 29 Aug—Six American soldiers have been killed in separate roadside bomb attacks in Iraq, the US military said on Monday.

A roadside bomb struck a US vehicle in north of Baghdad on Sunday, killing four soldiers, the US military command said in a statement.

Another roadside bomb killed the fifth soldier in western Baghdad, while the sixth killed by a sniper gunshot without specifying the place of the incident, the military said in separate statement.

Since the US-led war in Iraq started in March 2003, about 2,620 soldiers have died in Iraq, according to media count.—MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi special police commandos attend target practice in Baghdad on 29 Aug, 2006. The training is aimed at providing tighter security to high Iraqi government officials and other VIPs.

INTERNET

Iran dismisses US threat of sanctions coalition

TEHERAN, 29 Aug—Iran said on Monday a US threat to form an independent coalition to impose sanctions if the UN Security Council failed to act over Teheran's nuclear programme was an insult to the Council's work.

The Los Angeles Times reported on Saturday that the US Ambassador to the United Nations, John Bolton, had indicated Washington was prepared to act independently with allies to freeze Iranian assets and restrict trade if the Council did not.

The United States has called for a swift response if Iran does not heed the Security Council's on Thursday deadline to halt uranium enrichment.

Analysts say divisions, particularly opposition from veto-wielding powers Russia and China, could delay any moves. "These remarks (by Bolton) are an obvious insult to the Security Council," Iranian Government Gholamhossein Elham told a weekly news conference.

"These remarks are just bullying and baseless remarks and show that they are not competent to be a member of the Security Council," he added.

Iran has so far shown no sign it will halt enrichment,

a process which can make fuel for nuclear power plants or material for nuclear bombs. The West accuses Iran of seeking atomic weapons, a charge Teheran denies.

MNA/Reuters

28 Chinese armed police officers promoted to Major General

BEIJING, 30 Aug — The Central Military Commission has promoted 28 armed police officers to the rank of Major General.

A total of 63 officers have so far been awarded the rank of Major General.

The promotion ceremony was held on Monday for the 28 officers from the Ministry of Public Security's Fire Department, Guard Department and Armed Police Institute, as well as provincial public security departments.

MNA/Xinhua

US consumer confidence sinks to nine-month low

NEW YORK, 29 Aug—Consumer confidence sank to a nine-month low in August as worries about job growth and the economy overshadowed a pause by the Federal Reserve in raising interest rates, a survey showed Tuesday.

The Conference Board said its index of consumer sentiment dropped in August to 99.6 - its lowest since November 2005's 98.3 - from 107.0 in July. Sentiment scaled a high for the year of 109.8 in April.

The median forecast of 86 economists polled by Reuters had called for the index to fall to 103 in August. Estimates ranged from a low of 99 to a high of 106.8.

"Less favourable business conditions coupled with a less favourable job scenario have resulted in the largest one-month decline in confidence since Hurricane Katrina last year," Lynn Franco, director of The Conference Board Consumer Research Center, said in a statement.

"Consumers are growing increasingly pessimistic about the short-term outlook." The Fed's policy-setting committee voted to leave its benchmark federal funds rate steady at 5.25 percent on 8 August after some two years of raising official US short-term rates but left the door open to future rate increases in case inflation proved tenacious. On Wall Street, stocks turned lower after the report, reversing earlier mild gains. Treasury bond prices fell, with the benchmark 10-year note down 10/32, or \$3.13 for each \$1,000 invested, to yield 4.83 percent, up from from 4.79 percent late Monday. Bond prices and yields move in opposite directions.—Internet



The replica of the 18th century Swedish merchant ship Gotheborg arrives at the anchorage of Wusongkou near Shanghai, east China, on 28 Aug, 2006. The ship is scheduled to visit Shanghai and stay for two months.—XINHUA



Indonesia may cooperate with Iran in nuke project

JAKARTA, 29 Aug— Indonesian House of Representatives Speaker Agung Laksono said on Monday Indonesia and Iran can cooperate in nuclear enrichment projects for peaceful purposes.

“I think we can establish cooperation with the Iranian Government in

the pursuit of nuclear enrichment projects in the future as long as they are designed for peaceful objectives,” the Speaker was quoted by the national Antara news agency as saying.

He said that the Indonesian government needed to defend Iran from pressure exerted by Western countries with regard to its nuclear enrichment projects.

“I told the Iranian delegation that Indonesia will support Iran because its nuclear enrichment programme is for peaceful purposes,” he said after a meeting with a delegation of Iranian Parliament

members here.

He said that he himself had observed directly the Iranian nuclear enrichment projects which were being implemented for power generation, agricultural and medical purposes.

The House Commission one, which deals with defence and foreign affairs, visited Iran sometime ago and observed an Iranian nuclear installation.

Based on its observation, the commission concluded that Iran by no means had the intention to develop nuclear power for military purposes.

MNA/Xinhua

Fossils of new dinosaur species found in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO (Brazil), 29 Aug — Brazilian paleontologists have discovered a new giant dinosaur species based on fossilized fragments of the herbivorous reptile that lived 80 million years ago.

The Maxakalisaurus topai, of the Titanosauria group, was 13 metres (yards) long and weighed about nine tonnes.

It had a large body, long tail and neck with a relatively small head. Some of the bones found had the marks of teeth on them, which led scientists to believe that the specimen was devoured by carnivorous dinosaurs after its death.

MNA/Reuters

US Airways plane diverted after bomb threat

WASHINGTON, 29 Aug— A US Airways flight en route to Houston from Philadelphia was diverted to Bristol, Tennessee, on Monday after a bomb threat was found in a note on board, officials said.

The plane landed at the Tri-Cities Airport, which serves eastern Tennessee, southwestern Virginia and western North Carolina, and the passengers were being questioned by the FBI after leaving the plane, a Transportation

Security Administration official said.

“It’s a Philadelphia to Houston flight that was diverted to TRI, which is Tri-Cities Airport in Tennessee, due to a threatening note,” the TSA spokesperson said.

“The flight has now landed without incident.”

A US Airways spokeswoman said flight 3441, a US Airways Express flight operated by Republic Airways, landed shortly after taking off at 10:10 am EDT (1410 GMT).

“There was a potential threat of a bomb,” she said.

She said 52 passengers and three crew members were on board the plane.

An airport official told Reuters there had been a bomb threat.

It is the latest in a series of scares since police in Britain uncovered a suspected plot to blow up US-bound airliners this month. Since then security has been tightened at airports and passengers have been jittery.

MNA/Reuters

‘Work harder to fight corruption’

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 Aug— Muslim countries should step up efforts to fight corruption or risk scaring away foreign investors, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said yesterday. The Prime Minister said the absence of investors would mean continuing down the path of poverty. He was deeply saddened that Muslim countries as a group ranked low in Transparency International’s Corruption Perception Index, occupying more than half of the bottom 10 places.

The best record for a Muslim country was 29th place. “Although the CPI is merely a survey of perceptions, it has become a widely used reference point for potential investors. Therefore, it is vital for Muslim nations to focus their attention on improving their position in the CPI,” he said in his keynote address at the Organisation of the Islamic Conference’s first Anti-Corruption and Enhancing Integrity Forum yesterday.

He said even if the findings in the CPI were debatable, there was no arguing that the ranking had an effect on countries’ economic and political interests.

He felt the imperative to fight corruption and enhance integrity went beyond the need to merely perform better in surveys and indices, as the Muslim world’s problems of poverty, poor governance and limited education opportunities were exacerbated by corruption.—Internet



The USS Shiloh, the first missile-defence capable ship to be deployed to Japan, arrives in the port of the US naval base in Yokosuka, south of Tokyo, on 29 August, 2006.—XINHUA

85 die in Rajasthan floods in India

NEW DELHI, 29 Aug— This year’s unusual floods in Rajasthan in India have so far claimed the lives of 85 people, including 50 in the desert town of Barmer where 800,000 people have been severely affected and thousands of cattle drowned.

However, media reports claim 300 people have died in the floods in the state, and the number of those dead in Barmer alone is 200.

“Thirty six people in Malva Village of Barmer District are reportedly missing. We have sought divers of the Indian Navy to help locate missing persons,” Indo-Asian News Service quoted state Relief Minister Kirori Lal Meena as saying on Saturday.

Barmer, which on an average receives 277 millimetres of rains a year, has this time received 577 millimetres of rainfall so far. —MNA/Xinhua



Flood-affected people wade through their flooded village of Madpara in the western Indian state of Rajasthan on 29 August, 2006.—INTERNET



A child looks at a one-metre-tall hourglass containing thousands of diamonds during a preview for an upcoming Central International Watch Fair, at a shopping mall in Bangkok on 28 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Cambodia looks into bio-fuels to replace petroleum

PHNOM PENH, 29 Aug—Cambodia is currently in the process of investigating bio-fuels as an alternative energy source to oil whose price is escalating worldwide, local media reported on Monday. “Currently, Cambodia is conducting trials and research into bio-fuels following the success of similar trials in Brazil and Germany,” *Business Press* quoted Sat Samy, undersecretary of state for the Ministry of Industry, Mines and

Energy, as saying.

Several farmers and businesses in the country have planted cane, tapioca, beans and corn, any of which can be transformed into ethanol to mix with or replace gasoline for engines that currently run on petrol, according to Sat Samy.

He said that research had discovered that oil palm and papaya can be processed into alternative bio diesel for all kinds of generators.

A series of cooperative projects between

Cambodia and Thailand will start to examining the potential for small-scale hydroelectric and bio-fuel power plants, as well as energy efficiency and conservation.

“The success of the work depends on a strong commitment, sufficient budgets... and next year we may draw on bio-fuel to power certain generators,” Sat Samy added.

MNA/Xinhua



Red Bull Box Cart Race competitor, The guitar that rocked Benoni, races down Jan Smuts avenue in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 27 Aug, 2006.

INTERNET

Heat wave prolongs school vacation in S-W China



A local resident crops lotus roots at a dried-up pond due to the drought in Suining, southwestern China's Sichuan Province on 29 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

CHONGQING, 29 Aug—Scorching temperatures have returned to southwest China's Chongqing Municipality prompting education officials to extend the summer vacation by five days.

The delay will affect five million teachers and

students in kindergartens, middle schools and primary schools.

While the city got a reprieve from high temperatures last week the heat was cranked up again over the weekend as 15 counties in Chongqing reported reaching highs of 40 degrees Celsius.

“I am very glad the new term is delayed, so we can have five more days to enjoy vacation,” said Huang Xuan, a grade-four pupil in Shuren elementary school.

“The weather is too hot. The health of both teachers and students could be affected if they start work and study on 1 September,” said Zhan Chu, a middle school teacher in the city.

According to the education authority, the start of the new term will be further delayed if the heat wave continues past 5 September.

The weather has also triggered the worst drought in 50 years, leaving more than 7.9 million people in Chongqing without adequate drinking water and causing economic losses of 6.1 billion yuan (763 million US dollars).—MNA/Xinhua



KUALA LUMPUR, 29 Aug—Eight more children were hospitalized for the Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) during the past 24 hours in eastern Malaysia, an official said on Sunday.

Up to 10 am (0200 GMT) Sunday in Sarawak State, 18 new HFMD cases were detected but no one was critically ill, said State Deputy Chief Minister George Chan.

Among the new cases, seven were detected in Sibu division, followed by six in Miri and five in Bintulu, said Chan in a statement on the daily HFMD update.

The latest figures brought the total number of children infected with the disease to 13,969 since it broke out early this year in this eastern state.

So far, the HFMD has claimed 13 lives, including seven who were tested positive for the deadly Enterovirus 71 (EV71).

MNA/Xinhua



Heavy clouds are seen at the nearly deserted Papagayo beach in the resort city of Acapulco, Mexico, on 29 Aug, 2006. Tropical Storm John grew into a powerful Category 3 hurricane and its outer bands began lashing Mexico's Pacific coast but its centre is not expected to hit land.—INTERNET

Soft-drink industry to remove products from primary schools

MELBOURNE, 29 Aug—The soft-drink industry has committed itself to taking sugar drinks out of New South Wales primary schools and not advertising directly to children.

As part of a new plan to address childhood obesity, all major soft-drink companies have also agreed to new labelling guidelines.

Drinks will now show the number of kilojoules and the percentage of the daily recommended intake.

The chief executive of the Beverages Council, Tony Gentile says it will give consumers choice.

“We believe that our policy will assist parents because they will know exactly how many kilojoules there is in the product in making those choices,” he said.

Internet

“Ernesto” nears Cuba on track to southern Florida

HAVANA, 29 Aug—Tropical Storm Ernesto bore down on southeastern Cuba on Monday after drenching Haiti with punishing rains, while forecasters issued a hurricane watch for the southern peninsula of Florida.

The US National Hurricane Centre issued the watch from Deerfield Beach southward on Florida's east coast and from south of Chokoloskee southward along the west coast. The watch, which means hurricane conditions could develop within 36 hours, remained in effect for all the Florida Keys.

Ernesto, which was downgraded to a tropical storm on Sunday after skirting southern Haiti, was pounding Haiti, the poorest country in the Americas, with flooding rainfall and killed at least one person there.

The Miami-based



Miami Beach as tropical storm Ernesto approaches the area, on 29 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

hurricane centre said in its 5 am (0900 GMT) advisory that Ernesto was getting better organized as it approached southeastern Cuba and that heavy rains, floods and mudslides were a significant threat for eastern Cuba and much of the island of Hispaniola, shared by Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Tens of thousands of Cubans were transported from coastal and moun-

tain villages in buses and trucks.

In Haiti, a woman died after huge waves from Ernesto's storm surge swept ashore on the southern island of Ile-de-Vache and destroyed her home. There was an unconfirmed report of another death in the port city of Gonaives, where tropical storm flooding killed 3,000 people two years ago.

MNA/Reuters



Cast members of 'The Office' after winning an Emmy for outstanding comedy series at the 58th annual Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles, on 27 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA

Four more way satellite galaxies discovered

LONDON, 29 Aug — A further four satellite galaxies of the Milky Way have been discovered, bringing the amount known to around 20, *New Scientist* magazine reported on Monday.

The discoveries were made by a team led by Vasily Belokurov of the University of Cambridge, Britain.

The satellites are named after the constellations in which they were found — Coma Berenices, Canes Venatici II, Hercules, and Leo IV.

Astronomers used new observing techniques and detailed sky maps including the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) to look for the galaxies.

The largest and smallest galaxies are Hercules and Coma Berenices, which are about 1,000 and 200 light years across, respectively.

Like most of the other dwarfs discovered by SDSS, the finds are much smaller and fainter than the dwarfs that were known previously, according to Belokurov, who was quoted as saying,

“They should not really be called dwarfs — they are more like hobbits.”

The dwarf galaxies are thought to be the building blocks of large galaxies, such as our own Milky Way, which is about 100,000 light years wide.

The pace of discoveries suggests that many more such satellites remain unknown, which would present a serious challenge to models of dark matter as “warm”, fast-moving particles.

Based on the number of dwarf galaxies SDSS has found so far, the researchers estimate that there may be something in the region of 50 small satellites around the Milky Way.

MNA/Xinhua

Three killed in new attack on Turkish resorts

ANTALYA (Turkey), 29 Aug — A bomb blast killed three people and wounded dozens in the coastal city Antalya on Monday in a second day of attacks on Turkish resorts apparently designed to scare off tourists and hit the economy.

Bombs on Sunday in Turkey's largest city Istanbul and the coastal resort of Marmaris wounded 27 people, and a Kurdish guerilla group linked to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) said on Monday it carried out those attacks.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Monday evening's attack in Antalya, a Mediterranean tourist hub.

Witnesses in Antalya told *Reuters* they heard a loud bang which broke windows, sent shrapnel flying into people and sparked a fire at a shopping area in the heart of the city.

“I saw two wounded

tourists and the burned body of a dead man, a pastry vendor,” said holidaying journalist Riza Ozel.

Officials at three hospitals contacted by *Reuters* said they had received a total of 38 wounded people. Russia's

Vice-Consul in Antalya, Sergey Koritsky, told *Reuters* the wounded included a German, a Jordanian, two Iranians, four Israelis and a Russian.

“There was a fire and a lot of cars ... (and) a lot of motorbikes were damaged,” he said.

MNA/Reuters



Turkish coastal city of Antalya. A radical Kurdish militant group has claimed responsibility for a blast in the popular Turkish resort of Antalya which killed three people, as police said they were hunting for two suspects in connection with the attack.—INTERNET

S Korean scientist finds cure for African sleeping sickness

SEOUL, 29 Aug — South Korean scientist Lee Soo-hee found a new way of treating parasitic disease, including the African sleeping sickness, the *Korean Times* reported on Monday.

Lee, 27, is now leading a team at Johns Hopkins Medical School.

Her research was published as biological journal *Cell's* cover story in its 25 August issue.

Her discovery was hailed as a breakthrough for development of new drugs to fight the African sleeping sickness and other diseases.

Lee said discovered a previously unknown way of forming the fatty acids that form the outer layer of all animal cells after a three-year research.

The parasites named trypanosomes use an enzyme called elongases to change their outer layer, in a process she dubbed the elongase pathway, to hide itself from the human immune system.

The discovery could open the way to treatment of other parasitic illnesses

as well as the sleeping sickness, Lee said.

“It's highly likely other organisms, especially other trypanosomatids such as that causing Chagas' disease and leishmaniasis (Dum-Dum fever), may utilize the elongase pathway for fatty acids synthesis.

Thus, the pathway could be a drug target for other diseases,” she said.

Sleeping sickness, which is the main target of Lee's research, is transmitted through the bite of the Tsetse fly.

Once the parasite invades the human nerve system, the patients suffer confusion, personality changes, sleep disturbance and eventually coma and death.

MNA/Xinhua

China breeds rapeseed to develop bio-diesel industry

BEIJING, 29 Aug — China has bred a new kind of rapeseed with record high oil content in a move to develop its bio-diesel industry, the Ministry of Agriculture announced on Monday.

The new rapeseed has an oil content of 54.72 per cent, nearly two percentage points higher than the previously reported highest oil content, according to a test report from the ministry.

The seed was developed to meet the market demand for renewable sources of energy, according to the ministry. If grown in high altitude regions, such as West China's Qinghai Province, it was two to three percentage points higher in oil content, the ministry said.

MNA/Xinhua



Carnival-goers in costume play drums at the annual Notting Hill Carnival in London on 28 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Two car bombs rock southern Baghdad neighbourhood, killing five

BAGHDAD, 29 Aug — Five people were killed and five others wounded in two car bombs, went off separately in Baghdad's southern neighbourhood on Monday, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua*.

“A car bomb parking on the side of a road in Baghdad Doura neighborhood detonated at around 1:00 pm (0900 GMT) at a passing police commando patrol,” the source said on condition of anonymity.

The blast damaged a police vehicle and killed two police commando members and wounded two, the source said.

Another car bomb parking near a gas station in same neighbourhood detonated at about 1:30 pm (0930 GMT) killing three civilians and wounding three others, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



A tennis fan waits for play to begin during a rain delay at the US Open in New York on 28 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Comprehensive education promotion endeavours in Myanmar

Maung Maung Kyaw

The most appropriate means for a developing country like the Union of Myanmar advancing ahead to become a developed nation is education development followed by human resources development and acquirement of technologies till becoming an industrial nation.

Accordingly, in the Union of Myanmar, long-term education plans have been laid down and are being implemented for the emergence of global-level education system that is not lower than those of the developed Southeast Asian countries and production of experienced and innovative intellectuals capable of facing the challenges of the 21st century.

The 30-year National Education Promotion Plan covers the task of carrying out the ten tasks of the basic education sector and 21 tasks of the higher education sector beginning 2001-2002 academic year.

Enrollment of all school age children

Thanks to the five-year short-term project that is implementing the basic education sector's ten working programmes to realize the cent per cent school age children enrollment project, 55 townships reached 100 per cent school enrollment of school age children in 2002-2003. The number increased to 144 townships in 2003-2004, 233 townships in 2004-2005, and 319 townships in 2005-2006. Due to the increase in the number of townships in this matter the national school enrollment rate reached 97.58 per cent in 2005-2006.

Completion of primary education

Due to the integration of the cent per cent school age children enrollment project and the primary education completion project, the number of students who have completed primary education increased alongside the rise in the number of students in all grades. In addition, a special programme was laid down for enabling over-age dropouts to pursue education till completion of elementary level.

Education without gender discrimination

Children can pursue education according to their intellectual qualification without any gender discrimination. Ninety per cent of the trainees at teachers training schools and nurses training schools are females. Sixty per cent of students of medical universities are females. The number of female teachers is much larger than their male counterparts.

Extension of post-primary schools

Suitable primary schools have been upgraded to post-primary schools for ensuring greater access to middle school education. There were 5,545 post-primary schools in 2005-2006 academic year, up from 696 when the project started in 2001-2002. They have now opportunities to pursue middle school education at primary schools although they had to drop out of school in the past for various reasons after completing primary education.

Monastic education

Monastic education has been the basic education of Myanmar people. A total of 175,095 students are learning primary and middle school education at 1,255 monastic education schools across the nation in accord with the curriculum.

Increasing number of teachers and students

Thanks to the education promotion programmes and continuous assessment progressive system, children are feeling happier to be at school and the number of students is on the increase. Measures are being taken to appoint more teachers and build more schools. There were 40,531 schools, more than 248,000 teachers and 7.81 million students in 2005-2006 academic year. The State was able to open a school in a radius of one and a half miles average.

Establishment of multimedia classrooms and e-learning centres

According to the education promotion system, multimedia classrooms are being opened at basic education schools. In 2005-2006 academic year, 8,270 schools were equipped with multimedia classrooms. As a result, students are in a position to learn with the modern teaching aids such as electronic gadgets, educational software, CD-ROMs, cassette tapes and video tapes have been distributed to schools free of charge.

With a view to learning e-education system, e-education learning centres are being opened one after another. Universities and colleges have been equipped with 71 e-learning centres and basic education schools with 624 totalling 695.

Adult literacy and constant learning

Basic literacy programme and follow-up literacy programme were carried out in the states and divisions of the country during the summer holidays. According to the constant learning programme, programmes for basic literacy and improving the living conditions are being carried out and vocational training courses are being conducted by opening village education centres. A total of 887 centres have been opened across the nation and adult literacy rate has increased to 94.1 per cent.

Teachership training

Teachership training is important for education promotion of new generation students. In Myanmar, twenty education colleges and two institutes of education are training the teachers. Teachership diploma course, B. Ed course, M.Ed course, Ph.D course and M. Phil (Education) courses are being conducted for enhancing the qualification of the teachers.

The nation's objective of creating an education system that can generate a life-long learning society capable of facing the challenges of the knowledge age was laid down and implemented beginning 2001-2002. Now is the final year of the short-term five-year plan.

During these periods, ten tasks were undertaken in basic education sector. Students who completed the basic education can pursue their higher education beginning 2006-2007.

In the higher education sector 21 tasks were implemented and the students have now access to wider knowledge and ever advancing technology.

Universities and colleges

In higher education sector, over 130,000 students received their education at 32 universities and

colleges in 1988. Now over 890,000 students are reading at 156 institutions of higher learning. Learning opportunities of today are quite different from that of the past.

As the government opened universities and colleges in states and divisions, youths can easily pursue higher education in their own regions. Education of Myanmar has greatly improved. Learning opportunities in higher education have also increased without any restrictions. Academic infrastructures are being provided for uplift of education standards of the people and turning out intellectuals and intelligentsia in building a modern developed nation.

Advanced curricula

Measures on review of curricula in order not to lag behind the education standard of developed nations in South East Asia, changes in the combination of subjects, teaching of combined subjects in accord with the international standards, review the quality of learners and innovation and application of modern technology were carried out for human resources development. Teaching techniques were also upgraded for sustainable development.

Information Communication Technology

Making full use of advancing and changing technology, education network was established in order to keep abreast of international community. Students at 71 institutions of higher learning are studying information communication technology. Systematic measures are being taken effectively for applying IT for academic purpose, and management and gathering and distributing information. Such measures will make considerable contribution towards the establishment of the science and technology sector, the education promotion drive and the building of a modern nation.

More degree and diploma courses introduced

As a result of changes in teaching programmes of the higher education sector, diploma courses, MA research degree courses, and Ph.D degree courses unprecedented in the past have been opened. In 1988, there were only 79 academic programmes. Now, the number has increased to 192 due to the fact that new fields compatible with the modern period have been added to the education sector.

Cooperation with international community

Since 23 July 1997 when Myanmar joined the Association of South-East Asian Nations as member, the nation has participated in the regional education network. Myanmar has hosted many workshops and seminars on educational subjects. Simultaneously, many Myanmar scholars have represented the motherland at similar workshops and seminars held abroad.

Rural education

The purpose of the Myanmar education promotion plan is not confined to producing literate and educated persons of the urban areas. With a view to broadening the scope of knowledge and intellectual power of people in rural areas where more than 70 per cent of the nation's population reside, rural self-reliant libraries have been opened extensively the length and breadth of the nation. So far, the number of rural libraries has reached 54,707. The knowledge and education of people can be enhanced all the more by installing radios, TV sets, video players and computers in all the libraries in townships.

With wider and active cooperation of the public in trying to realize the educational goals and work programmes designed to promote public knowledge and education and vocational education of the people, national development plans will be more meaningful and successful in the international arena.

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development project and rural development project for harmonious progress of the entire Union. It is also developing the transport sector, the main driving force behind regional development. As the roads from Myitkyina, Lwejel, Namkham, SiU and Mandalay are leading to Bhamo, the town once relying solely on waterways now is handling land-route passenger and freight services. The use of pedigree strains suitable to climatic and soil conditions of the region, where food supply meets the local demand, will lead to further boosting of paddy production. It is

a national duty for the region to extend cultivation of physic nut from which biodiesel is derived. In addition to seasonal crops, the region should grow dkenkol bean, rubber, and other tree species for long-term interest. As for the regional greening tasks forest conservation is a must. As regards regional development tasks, departmental personnel will have to set an example to the public in regional development undertakings.

Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and officials also presented reports on land

use, crop cultivation, establishment of forest plantations and regional development undertakings.

Before the meeting Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party met with Tatmadawmen and families at regional battalion in Bhamo.

During their visit to Government Technological College (Bhamo), they observed students learning their lessons with the help of modern teaching aids in language lab and computer room.

After hearing the reports presented by the principal and faculty members, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that teachers should discharge their duties with goodwill while



Lt-Gen Ye Myint views students learning at Government Technological College in Bhamo. — MNA

trying to improve their individual academic skill as their work concerns the task of producing highly-qualified human resources.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party also inspected Government Computer College, domestic science training school, the 200-

bed hospital and in the town and a physic nut farm of Bhamo station where 100 acres of land has been put under physic nut saplings.

During inspection of Bhamo Degree College, Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged teachers to produce qualified human

resources, conduct research in the nation's interest, and grow perennial crops and physic nut.

They observed the lecture halls and the place where a building that houses a common room will be built.

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Educative talks given in Yangon East University

YANGON, 30 Aug — A ceremony to give the educative talks jointly organized by Information Department under the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Yangon East University was held at the university in Thanlyin Township, at 10 am today.

It was attended by Head of Department Daw Kyi Kyi Win and party, the rector, pro-rector, members of Yangon South District Women's Affairs Organization and Union Solidarity and Development Association, faculty members, students and officials concerned.

First, Rector Dr U Win extended greetings. Next, Head of Department Daw Kyi Kyi Win made an opening speech.

Writer Ma Sandar gave the educative talks.

The rector presented 376 books to village libraries donated by staff families of Yangon East University through Daw Kyi Kyi Win.

Head of Myanmar Department Professor Daw Soe Myint gave gifts to writer Ma Sandar and Chairman of Yangon South District WAO Daw Khin Win Myint



Rector Dr U Win hands over books to Daw Kyi Kyi Win of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation. — MNA

presented Law books on women to Pro-rector U Tin Maung Nyunt. — MNA



Rector of Yangon East University Dr U Win extends greetings at the educative talks.

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C-in-C (Navy)'s Shield Volleyball Championship commences

YANGON, 30 Aug — A ceremony to open the Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Shield Volleyball Championship 2006 was held at Thiha Thura Tun Tin Hall of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command, here, this morning.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Win Shein delivered an opening address.

Also present on the occasion were senior naval officers, Tatmadawmen and family members of Yangon and Thanlyin Stations.

A total of 13 teams are taking part in the championship that will last up to 6 September.

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

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt received Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of the UNICEF Mr Kul Chandra Gautam at the hall of the ministry, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe, Director-General U Than Swe of Department of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department and officials.

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Articles, advertisements on traditional medicines need permission

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Those wishing to feature articles and insert advertisements on traditional medicines and traditional medicine clinics in newspapers, weekly journals, monthly magazines and books published in the Union of Myanmar are to submit original copies of advertisements and

manuscripts to Director U Win Myint, Tel: 067-411363 and Deputy Director Daw Wutyi Swe, Tel: 067-411027 and Fax: 411360 of Traditional Medicine Department under the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw and to get permission from the department.

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

Human resource development and...

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At the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said efforts are to be made for regional development in cooperation with local people. He spoke on cultivation of physic nut and participation in community welfare services. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attended the prize-presentation for outstanding students who passed the 2006 matriculation examination and presented prizes to them.

He said human resource development and turning out educated youths are major factors for emergence of a modern developed nation. That is why the government is promoting education sector.

He spoke of the need to train the students to become brilliant ones. Next, the commander reported on efforts for promotion of education programmes in Rakhine State.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented prizes to two six distinction winners and three townships that gained good results. He also gave away exercise books and stationery to Township Education Officer U Tin Shwe.

Next, the commander presented medals and certificates to five distinction winners and townships that got good pass rate.

Patron of Rakhine State Women's Affairs Organization wife of the Commander Daw Kyawt Kyawt San presented prizes to outstanding students.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to the people's hospital in An Township and provided cash to the patients undergoing treatment there. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented K 500,000 for medical funds to acting Medical Superintendent Dr Sein Lin.

The acting Medical Superintendent reported on construction of the hospital and staff quarters. The commander also gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on provision of medical care service to local people.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected rubber plantations of departments in the township, cultivation of 10-acre highland paddy and rubber plantations on An-Padekyaw-Maei Road and extension of road section.

They also visited rubber plantations of regiments and battalions. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected construction of road sections and maintenance of Londawpauk Bridge, Wunphite Creek Bridge and Minkyaung Creek Bridge and 100-acre rubber plantation of Kyaukphyu Station.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected Sanel station hospital in Kyaukpyu Township. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and wellwishers presented K 200,000 and other donations for the funds.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met Tatmadaw members and families and gave instructions on undertaking agriculture and livestock breeding on manageable



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents award for outstanding achievement in matriculation exam for 2006 to a responsible person. — MNA

scale and providing requirements on education, social and health matters. — MNA

MWAF organizes educative talks in PyinOoLwin

YANGON, 30 Aug— More than 500 local women were educated on the dangers of trafficking in persons and HIV/AIDS at the educative talks conducted under the arrangement of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation at Nwenin Village in PyinOoLwin Township on 23 August.

Head of MWAF Organizing Department Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo delivered an introductory speech and presented facts about the federation.

Leader Daw Mi Mi Lay of the working group of prevention of violence against women under Mandalay Division Women's Affairs Organization gave educative talks on



Round table discussion at Nwenin Village in PyinOoLwin Township.

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prevention against human trafficking, and specialist Dr Tun Myint, on dangers of HIV/AIDS. The head and group leaders of the MWAF Organizing Department gave talks on awareness of HIV/AIDS and danger of trafficking in persons to the local women.

Next, costumes (women's wear) donated by the MWAF were presented to the township WAO, and publications to Nwenin Village library. Educative leaflets on dangers of HIV/AIDS and iodized salt were also donated.

Mandalay Division WAO Chairperson Daw Kyemon Oo presented 6,500 membership applications to the head of MWAF Organizing Department, who then presented membership identity cards to the new members. — MNA

11th ASEAN APOL Database System Working Group-ADSWG meeting concludes

YANGON, 30 Aug — The opening ceremony of the 11th ASEAN APOL Database System Working Group-ADSWG meeting was held at Traders Hotel here with an address by Deputy Director-General Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win of Myanmar Police Force on 28 August.

It was attended by two representatives from Brunei, one representative from Cambodia, three representatives from Indonesia, two representatives from

Laos, two representatives from Malaysia, two representatives from the Philippines, three representatives from Singapore, one representative from Vietnam, one representative from Interpol liaison Office in Bangkok, one representative from STEISS Co in Singapore and Myanmar representatives. They held discussions on exchanging criminal information among ASEAN police forces. — MNA

21st Gem and Jade Sales continue for third day

YANGON, 30 Aug — The Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited continued the 21st Gem and Jade Sales 2006 for the third day at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road, here, this morning.

A total of 766 local gem merchants and 499 foreign gem merchants had arrived here and they examined jade and gem stones.

The opening ceremony of the sales will continue at 9 am tomorrow, and it will last up to 1 September.

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Merchants examine jade lots at 21st Gem and Jade Sales for 2006. — MNA

“သတိပေး နှိုးဆော်ချက်”

- (က) မိုးရွာစဉ် ယာဉ်မောင်းလျှင် အောက်ပါအချက်အလက်များ သတိပြုပါ။
 - (၁) လမ်းပေါ်တွင် စက်ဆီချောဆီများ မိတ်စင်လျှင် လမ်းချော်နိုင်သည်။
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 - (၅) အရှိန်ပြင်းစွာ မမောင်းပါနှင့်။
 - (၆) ဘရိတ်ကို ရုတ်တရက် မနှင်းပါနှင့်။
 - (၇) ကုန်တင်ယာဉ်များ ဟန်ချက်ညီမျှရန်ဂရုပြုပါ။
 - (၈) ရေသုတ်တံပါရှိရမည်။ ကောင်းမွန်ရမည်။
 - (၉) မိုးသည်းထန်စွာ ရွာသွန်း၍ မြင်ကွင်းမကောင်းလျှင် ရှေ့မီးကြိုကို ဖွင့်မောင်းပါ။
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- (ခ) အထက်ပါစည်းကမ်းချက်များအားမလိုက်နာ၍ ယာဉ်တိုက်မှု၊ ယာဉ်တမ်းမှောက်မှုများ ဖြစ်ပွားပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူခြင်းခံရမည်။

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Ivory authority seal donated to Ministry of Culture

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — A ceremony to donate an ivory authority seal of Wuntho Sawbwa Maha Rajavamsa Thohonbwa U Shwe Thar to the Ministry of Culture was held at the ministry, here, this afternoon.

It was attended by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, departmental heads and wellwishers.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint thanked the wellwisher family for the donation of the valuable historic seal.

Wellwisher U Saw Win, grandson of Wuntho Sawbwa U Aung Myat, explained the purpose of the donation.



Ivory authority seal of late Wuntho Sawbwa Maha Rajavamsa Thohonbwa U Shwe Thar.
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Next, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint accepted the ivory authority seal donated by wellwisher U Saw Win, and presented a certificate of honour to him.

The ivory authority seal was presented by the

king, who observed the Sixth Buddhist Synod, to Wuntho Sawbwa Maha Rajavamsa Thohonbwa U Shwe Thar.

Wuntho Sawbwa Maha Rajavamsa Thohonbwa U Shwe Thar and his son Maha Vam-

sasirijaya Thohonbwa U Aung Myat used the seal in governing Wuntho area and regions of upper Myanmar. The ivory authority seal will be displayed at the National Museum.

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Wellwishers donate over K 64 m to Religious Affairs Ministry

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Wellwishers donated cash to Ministry of Religious Affairs today to be spent on religious purposes in hilly regions.

At the cash donation ceremony held at the ministry here, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and Director-General of the Department for Propagation and Promotion of the Sasana Dr Myo Myint accepted the donation amounting to K 64.9 million.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung spoke words of thanks and the ceremony ended.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepts cash donation presented by a wellwisher. — MNA

US and British Embassies give instructions through conducting courses, interfering in Myanmar's internal affairs

YANGON, 30 Aug — As is known to all that diplomats of the US and the British Embassies are interfering in internal affairs of Myanmar, breaking the diplomatic ethics for their interests. Especially, they have been disrupting peace and stability and undermining the development tasks in various means since 1988. One of their actions includes conducting illegal courses.

Officials from NLD made contact with the two embassies and an agreement was reached between them that NLD members could take the courses free of charge. NLD members are doing the courses conducted by information section of the British Embassy and American Centre.

Information section of the British Embassy opens English proficiency course and international relations course and American Centre also opens English proficiency course and international relations course and global information course.

Ordinary people can take the courses only when they pass the entrance examination and the fee for each course is about US \$ 1,000 per year. If the trainees are NLD members, they do not need to pay the fee and they can take the course separately.

Professional Development Programme-1 course was opened every Tuesday and Thursday at American Centre from early 2002 to 2003. Six trainees — Dr Win Naing, U Myint Thein, U Tun Tun Hein, U Hla Min, U Win Myint and U Thein Oo of NLD attended the course. The course was opened until 2005. Dr Myo Aung, U Nyan Win, U Han Zaw, Daw Nan Khin Htwe Myint, Khin Tun and Toe Lwin of NLD totalling six took the course.

Professional Development Programme-2 was opened on 14-6-2005. U Han Tha Myint, Dr Aung Moe Nyo, U Tun Myaing, U Thein Zan, U Soe Win, Daw Aye Aye Mar, Dr Than Win, U Win Thaung, U Kyaw Hoe, Daw Than Ngwe and U Zaw Bwe totalling 11 attended the course. The lectures on trafficking in persons, documents on workers of ILO, societies, excerpts from human rights and points on the federal principle were given 28 times in 2005 and 35 times until 23 August 2006.

Dr Win Naing, U Myint Thein, U Tun Tun Hein, U Hla Min, U Win Myint and U Thein Oo of NLD also took spoken English and computer course opened every Thursday and Saturday from early 2002 to 2003 at the information section of the British Embassy.

The course was opened until 2005. Dr Myo Aung, U Nyan Win, U Han Zaw, Daw Nan Khin Htwe Myint, Khin Tun and Toe Lwin of NLD totalling six also took the course.

On 22-9-2005 the course continued to open and 11 NLD members including U Han Tha Myint attended it. There was no specific syllabus at the course.

The lectures on spoken English, assassination of Bogyoke Aung San, corruption in various nations of the world, Internet news, world trade system, human rights violation and lawlessness in weak nations were given 18 times in 2005 and 34 times until 12 August 2006.

Some youths from Myanmar media took the course. The lectures were sugar-coated medicines which can be called poison for the media. The courses are aimed at indoctrinating inexperienced journalists.

At the course the trainees are to discuss present Myanmar's economic, education, health and social aspects. Foreign instructors can get information from the reports and discussions. At the same time their instructions were lectured. The courses did not bring about the improvement of spoken English. There are comments among the private media that opening illegal courses by the embassies in cooperation with NLD is a blatant interference in Myanmar's internal affairs violating the diplomatic ethics. — (H)

40 members quit Kyaiklat Township NLD losing trust in NLD, its leaders 162 persons listed as party members asked their names be dropped from list

YANGON, 30 Aug — Forty members of Kyaiklat Township National League for Democracy including members U Than Swe, U Sein Win, U Than Shwe, U Ohn Maung, U Aung Thein Soe, Ma Thi Thi Swe, U Kyin Hsai, U Zaw Naing, U Khin Zaw and U Myint Thein resigned from the NLD of their own accord on 28 July, sending their letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and authorities concerned.

In their letters sent to Kyaiklat Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commission they said they had lost interest and faith in the NLD as well as its leaders as the party had never served the interests of the State and the people, and it had taken a collision course with the government. That was why they resigned from the NLD of their own volition, they added.

Formerly, a total of 20 members of Kyaiklat Township National League for Democracy including members U Khin Zaw, Daw Kyi and Daw Than Nu resigned from the NLD of their own accord. Besides, 162 NLD members including U Saw Tun, Daw Khin Sein, Daw Wah, Daw Wa Toke, Daw Tin Tin Aye, Daw Myint Myint Khine, U Than Tun, U Tin Aung Kyaw, Daw Aye Kyu and U Thet Oo said they were on the NLD list without their knowledge. Realizing the truth, they submitted their proposals to drop their names from the list of the NLD as they had never supported NLD, it is learnt.

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THOSE WHO BRING HONOUR TO THE NATION



Merdeka Champion Myanmar National Football Team seen with championship trophy on arrival back at Yangon International Airport. — NLM

Merdeka Champion Myanmar National Team accorded rousing welcome by artistes, football fans

YANGON, 30 Aug — The victorious Myanmar National Football Team that had secured championship in the 38th Merdeka Tournament arrived back here by air at 9.10 pm today.

The victorious Myanmar National Team was accorded a rousing welcome at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and MOC members, Chairperson of the Work Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye and members, Director-General U Thaug Htaik of the Sports and Physical Education Department, presidents of various sports federations, artistes of Motion Picture and Music Organizations and football fans.

Enthusiasts and football fans garlanded the victorious footballers led by Team Manager Deputy Director-General U Thein Aung of SPED along the route from the airport to Karaweik Palace. — H



Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint welcomes back Merdeka Champion Myanmar National Football Team. — NLM

Victorious players of Myanmar National Football Team being accorded rousing welcome by football fans and people. — NLM



Championship Trophy of Merdeka Tournament. — NLM



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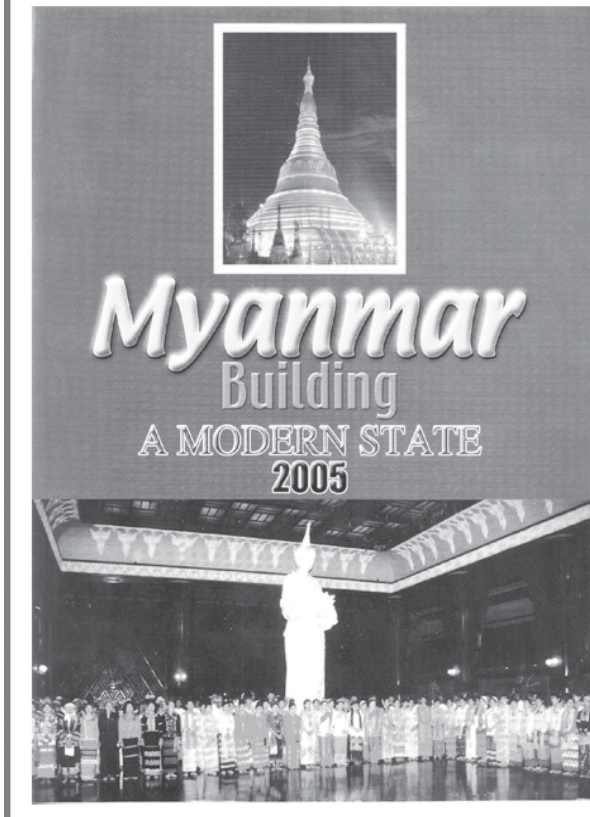
S Korea, Japan to boost cooperation in atomic energy

SEOUL, 29 Aug—The South Korean and Japanese governments have signed a document on closer cooperation in atomic energy, the *Yonhap* news agency said on Monday.

The document, called the Cooperation Plan, was signed by South Korea's Ministry of Science and Technology and Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the *Yonhap* said.

However, it did not give details about when and where the document was inked. The plan urges to share information on how to operate nuclear power safely and efficiently, and set up emergency reaction systems that can effectively cope with emergencies.

South Korea has 20 commercial nuclear reactors, while Japan has 54. There are 439 reactors in operation worldwide, according to local reports.— *MNA/Xinhua*



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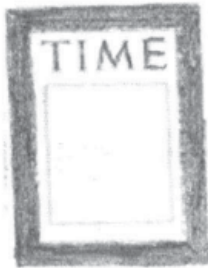
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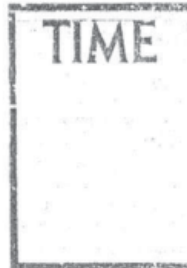
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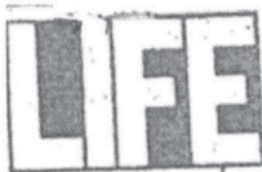


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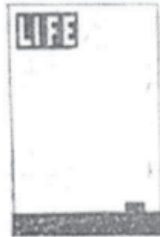


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China builds cereal trading centre in central Wuhan

WUHAN, 29 Aug—China has given the green light to constructing a 200-million-yuan state cereal trading centre in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province. An official with the city's grain department said the centre is part of a project to develop a modern grain logistics zone in Wuhan.

The grain logistics project, jointly managed by the State Grain Administration and the governments of Hubei and Wuhan, aims to capitalize on Wuhan's strengths in grain science, production and transportation. The project, which includes support infrastructures, storage facilities, and a grain and oil wholesale and distribution centre, will cost more than one billion yuan, said the official.

The project, which will be finished in two years, will boost grain storage capacity to 6.6 million tons and be a key part of central China's grain production base.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Health specialist says malaria in pregnancy on rise in Africa

HARARE, 29 Aug—The burden of malaria has increased in most African countries, as the disease is not getting the attention it deserves, especially concerning malaria in pregnancy, a Zimbabwean medical specialist has said.

Incidences of malaria in pregnancy are increasing every year, with 25 million African women in malaria-endemic areas becoming at risk of plasmodium falciparum infection, Zimbabwean health specialist Sarah Tikiwa said on Sunday.

Though most women in Africa reside in areas of stable malaria transmis-

sion, pregnant women have some form of immunity and usually have asymptomatic infections. For these women, the principal effect of malaria infection during pregnancy is the malaria-related anemia in the mother and the presence of parasites in the placenta, Tikiwa said.

Although it was the leading cause of morbidity and mortality, malaria was not accorded the highest level of visibility in Africa, according to the World Health Organization.

Most malaria programmes were hard pressed to make and report progress towards the achievement of global, regional and national targets. Yet about 550 million people are at risk of malaria in Africa, with 300 million clinical cases and one million deaths every year, mainly children under the age of five.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

13 killed in suicide bomb attack in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 29 Aug—A suicide bomber blew up a vehicle outside the building of the Iraqi Interior Ministry in eastern Baghdad on Monday morning, initially killing

13 people, a ministry source told *Xinhua*.

"We have 13 people killed and 35 others wounded, according to our reports," the source said on condition of

anonymity. The casualties included civilians and policemen.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

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China, S'pore, Norway ink MoU on maritime research

SINGAPORE, 29 Aug — China, Singapore and Norway inked here on Monday a memorandum of understanding on maritime research development, education and training.

The agreement was signed by visiting Chinese Communications Minister Li Shenglin, Singapore's Transport Minister Raymond Lim and the Norwegian Embassy's Charge d'Affaires Lise Nordegaard.

The three sides believed that agreement will further strengthen cooperation in maritime and shipping research among the countries, and it will also

allow for joint projects and exchange programmes.

The ties between China and Singapore in the maritime sector have been growing stronger over the years. In May 2004, China and Singapore signed a memorandum of understanding on maritime cooperation, paving the way for bilateral cooperation in areas such as shipping, port management and development, maritime

safety, training, maritime research and development.

The China-Singapore Maritime Transport Agreement, signed in 1989, was also strengthened in March 2005 to allow Chinese and Singapore shipping companies to establish wholly-owned subsidiaries in Singapore and China respectively, without any geographical limitation.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese youth practice Kung Fu during a lesson at a martial arts school in Nanjing, China, on 27 Aug, 2006. More than a hundred Chinese youth, aged between 6 and 16 from Mainland China, gather here to learn traditional Chinese martial arts and to be immersed in the Chinese traditional culture.—

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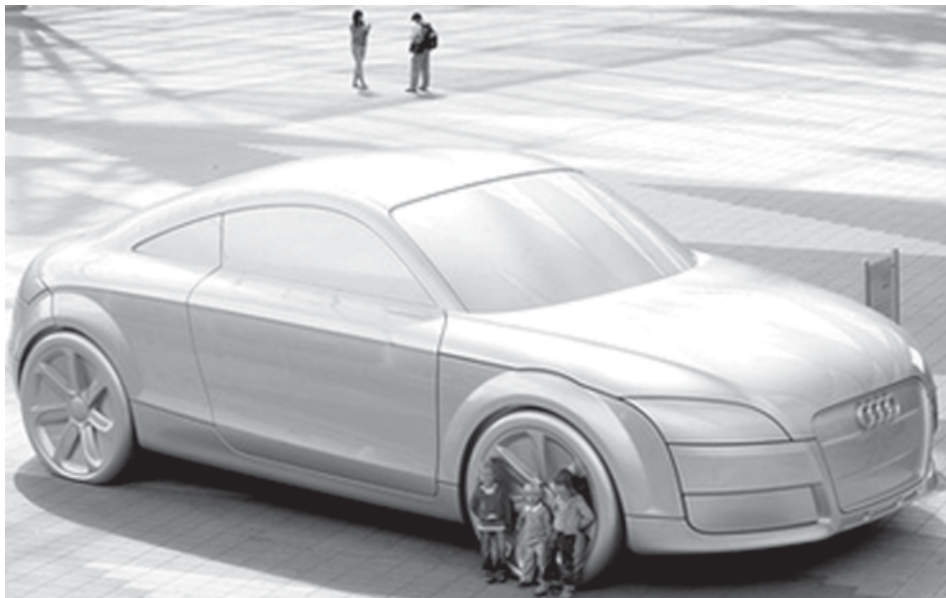
Two Turks killed in Afghanistan

ANKARA, 29 Aug — Two Turks were killed in Afghanistan on Monday and a third was abducted, Foreign Ministry officials said.

Turkish engineer Hasan Gedik was killed in an ambush and another Turk working for a security firm was abducted in the same attack on the road between Kandahar in the south and the western city of Herat, the officials said. The engineer's company, Ankara-based Kolin Insaat which is involved in reconstruction work in Afghanistan, also confirmed his death.

Separately Riza Ozsimsek, who worked for construction firm Jeo-Son, was also found dead in a construction site on the road between Kabul and Pul-i Charkhi, state Anatolian news agency reported.

MNA/Reuters



Children stand in front of a sculpture of an oversized Audi TT called 'The Automobile,' at Franz-Josef-Strauss airport in Munich, southern Germany, on 29 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

Landslide sweeps 90 houses in far-west Nepal

KATHMANDU, 29 Aug — Two areas of Khaptad Village in Achham District in far-west Nepal were swept away by landslide caused by the incessant rainfalls on Sunday, local media reported on Monday.

"All the 90 houses that were there in two wards of the village, some 500 kilometres west of Kathmandu, were swept away," the English-language daily The Rising Nepal reported.

Armed Police Force of Nepal based in Sanphebagar area of the district and Nepali Army (NA) confirmed that two survivors each contacted police force and the Army, respectively.

The NA said that they were unable to reach the area ravaged by the flood and landslide until Sunday evening and scene was completely out of contact.

"The rescue team might reach the village only on Tuesday at the earliest," NA said.—MNA/Xinhua

Firefighting helicopter crashes in S Turkey

ANKARA, 29 Aug — A firefighting helicopter crashed in the southern Turkish province of Antalya on Monday and all crew members on board survived, the semi-official Anatolian news agency reported.

The Kamof-32 helicopter crashed near Gombe Region in Kas town of Antalya while fighting forest fire in the area, Director General for Forestry Ahmet Gedika-gaoglu was quoted as saying.

All five people aboard — two pilots and three Russian crew members survived and were rushed to a nearby health centre, Anatolian said, adding

that none of them was in life-threatening condition.

Another helicopter was sent to the scene for investigation, the report said. Turkey has suffered from one of its worst forest fires and is left with a trail of destruction on its Aegean and the Mediterranean coasts, Anatolian said, adding that heat wave was seen as the major reason behind the fire.

MNA/Xinhua



Girls in traditional costumes dance during the parade in Lima, on 27 Aug, 2006.

XINHUA

17 killed, 50 wounded in suicide bombing in S Afghanistan

LASHKAR GAH (Afghanistan), 29 Aug — A suspected suicide bomber killed at least 17 people and wounded almost 50 in a crowded bazaar in southern Afghanistan on Monday, the latest attack in a surge of violence in the Taliban heartland.

Several children were

among those killed or hurt in the blast in Lashkar Gah, capital of the country's prime drug-growing province of Helmand.

The head of the city's emergency hospital, Rahmatullah, said at least 47 people were wounded, all of them civilians.

One of those killed was Naw Khan Noorzai,

provincial Police Chief in the 1990s, Helmand government spokesman Mahaiuddin said.

"There was a suicide incident, but we do not know what the target was," he said. Another official said the bomb may have exploded prematurely.

MNA/Reuters



Charlie Chaplin, one of the six-toed descendants of the cats given to Ernest Hemingway, and a current resident of the Hemingway House in Key West, Florida, lounges outside of the house on 29 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Beijing needs over 100,000 volunteers for Olympic Games

BEIJING, 29 Aug— Beijing needs much more than 100,000 volunteers to directly serve the Olympic and Paralympic Games, said Beijing organizers here on Monday.

There will be 100,000 directly volunteering in the two Games but more people are needed to help with the city's transportation, environment, security, commerce and tourism, organizers said after the launching ceremony of recruitment of volunteers for the Beijing Olympic Games as well as the Paralympics Games.

MNA/Xinhua



Washington Nationals shortstop Felipe Lopez reaches for a ball hit for a single by Philadelphia Phillies' Abraham Nunez during the fourth inning of a baseball game, on Tuesday, 29 Aug, 2006, in Washington.—INTERNET

Myanmar shock Indonesia 2-1 in Merdeka Cup final

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 Aug— Myanmar stunned Indonesia 2-1 to win the 38th Merdeka Cup tournament on Tuesday at the Shah Alam Stadium.

Myanmar, underdogs against an Indonesian side under the guidance of former England and Aston Villa striker Peter Withe. However, they took a 61st-minute lead through Kyaw Thu Ra, who crashed a rebound into the top right-hand corner.

A header from Soe Myat Min in the 85th minute gave Myanmar a 2-0 lead before Indonesia managed a consolation goal through Zaena Arif two minutes later.

It was Myanmar's fourth Merdeka Cup title, having previously won in 1964, 1967 and 1971 as Burma.

They reached the final after beating hosts Malaysia 2-1 in their last preliminary match. They also drew 2-2 with Thailand and held Indonesia 0-0.

Indonesia, had drawn 1-1 with Malaysia and defeated Withe's former team Thailand 1-0 in the round-robin stage.

The Merdeka Cup is an annual tournament to celebrate Malaysian National Day, which falls on 31 August.

MNA/Reuters

O'Neill to step down as FFA chief executive

SYDNEY, 30 Aug— John O'Neill is to step down as chief executive of Football Federation Australia (FFA) in March after three years in charge.

O'Neill, former head of the Australian Rugby Union (ARU), has chosen not to stay on when his contract ends to consider other career opportunities and for family reasons.

"It's been fantastic and I've had an absolute ball," O'Neill told a news conference on Tuesday. "We have achieved a lot and laid fantastic foundations but the time is right for me to move on to other things."

"On the one hand, my involvement with football has been an exhilarating ride and while we've achieved so much, the potential to take the game even further is enormous," he added.

"But with our rapid progress has come an incredibly intensive and demanding workload and that creates a lot of pressure on personal time and family life."

O'Neill, 55, joined the FFA after leaving the chief executive post at the ARU in 2003 and was seen as key to the revival of soccer's fortunes in rugby-mad Australia.

He oversaw the appointment of Dutchman Guus Hiddink to the national coaching post in 2005 and the Socceroos went on to qualify for the World Cup for the first time in 32 years. They reached the second round of the finals in Germany this year, losing 1-0 by eventual champions Italy.

O'Neill was also instrumental in the establishment of the domestic A-League competition, which opened its second season amid much fanfare last weekend, and in Australia's switch to the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

MNA/Reuters

Maniche to sign three-year deal with Atletico

MADRID, 30 Aug— Portugal midfielder Maniche will sign for three years with Atletico Madrid after the Primera Liga side reached an agreement with the player's club Dynamo Moscow on Tuesday.

Atletico said on their website that the 28-year-old, who spent a six-month loan spell at Chelsea last season, would be presented on Wednesday after undergoing a medical at the club.

He will be reunited with former Dynamo teammates Costinha and Yourkas Seitaridis who joined Atletico in the close season.

Atletico, who newspapers said will spend nine million euros (11.54 million US dollars) for the central midfielder, have been one of the biggest spenders in the Primera Liga in the close season. They forked out a club record 23

million euros for Argentine teenager Sergio Aguero and another 17 million on other new signings including Spain Under-21 international Jurado and former Valencia striker Mista.

The Maniche deal will bring their close-season expenditure to close to 50 million euros.

Maniche won the Champions League and UEFA Cup while at Porto under Jose Mourinho and added an English league title to his honours when he was reunited with the Portuguese coach at Chelsea last season.

MNA/Reuters



Argentina's Emanuel Ginobili (R) drives the ball during their match against Turkey at the World Basketball Championships in Saitama, Japan, on 29 Aug, 2006. Argentina won 83-58 and advanced to the semi-finals.—INTERNET

Straigh-talking Keane says follow my example

LONDON, 30 Aug— Roy Keane settled into his first day of management on Tuesday promising the same no-nonsense approach that defined his illustrious, if controversial, career as a player.

The former Ireland captain and Manchester United midfielder, who signed a three-year contract with the Second Division side Sunderland on Monday, left the team in no doubt as to what he expected. "All I expected from my teammates and the people I worked with

was 100 per cent. I've never criticized players for having bad games, only if I thought they were slacking off and not focused on the job," Keane told a news conference in Sunderland on Tuesday.

"I have spoken to the Sunderland players and I reassured them if they give 100 per cent there will not be a problem."

The 35-year-old, who announced his retirement from playing in June after a short spell at Celtic, was known as much for his firebrand temper as his combative play in midfield during a highly successful 13-year stint at United.

Keane, who walked out of the Ireland squad before the start of the 2002 World Cup finals and left United in November last year after falling out with manager Alex Ferguson, said his volatile temper had cost him in the past.

"I have no doubt over the years crossed that white line. It's probably cost me the World Cup in 2002, you could say my United career," he said. "But I do care about the game, I do care about who I'm playing for. I'm just glad I have this opportunity, if I didn't think I could do it I wouldn't be here.— MNA/Reuters



Lleyton Hewitt of Australia returns a shot to Albert Montanes of Spain at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 29 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET



Brazil's Evaldo Yamaoka throws the ball in the seventh inning of their game against Venezuela during the Olympic qualifier tournament of the Americas in Havana on 29 Aug, 2006. Looking on is Brazil's short stop Julio Takahasi.—INTERNET

Van Bommel completes transfer to Bayern Munich

BERLIN, 29 Aug— Bayern Munich said on Monday Dutch midfielder Mark van Bommel had signed a three-year contract with the Bundesliga champions, completing a move from Barcelona worth a reported six million euros (7.7 million US dollars). Van Bommel, 29, passed a medical on Monday and will begin training with his new colleagues on Tuesday, Bayern said in a statement on their website.

At a news conference in Munich, the Dutch international said it had not been an easy decision to leave Barcelona after just one year in which they won the Spanish championship and the Champions League.

He said his priority now would be to ensure Bayern retained their German league and cup titles.

"Then let's see what we can do in Europe," he said. "Bayern always has a strong team that allows it to perform well there."

The Bavarians have long had an eye on Van Bommel as a replacement for Germany captain Michael Ballack, who left at the end of last season on a free transfer to Chelsea.

The club has made it clear, however, that Van Bommel's arrival will not clear the way for England international midfielder Owen Hargreaves to move to Manchester United.

MNA/Reuters

Elderly English patients at risk of malnourishment

LONDON, 30 Aug — Elderly patients in hospital are at risk of becoming malnourished because nurses do not have enough time to help with feeding, Age Concern said on Tuesday.

Launching a campaign to raise awareness about the problem, the charity said six out of ten older patients suffered malnourishment or declining health while in hospital.

Age Concern said malnutrition was estimated to cost the health service some 7.3 billion pounds per year because malnourished patients stay in hospital longer, are three times more likely to

develop complications during surgery and have a higher mortality rate.

“Hospitals are in danger of becoming bad for the health of older people,” said Age Concern director general Gordon Lishman.

“The majority of older patients are being denied some of the basic care they need, leaving hundreds of thousands of older patients malnourished.

“It is shocking that the dignity of patients is being overlooked, and that Age Concern has to run a campaign to fight for the implementation of such simple measures.”

Age Concern said nine out of 10 nurses did not always have enough time to help patients who needed assistance with meals and said, as a result, patients over 80 had a five times higher prevalence of malnutrition than those

under the age of 50.

With its “Hungry to be Heard” campaign, the charity called on hospitals to introduce protected mealtimes where nurses focus just on feeding patients.

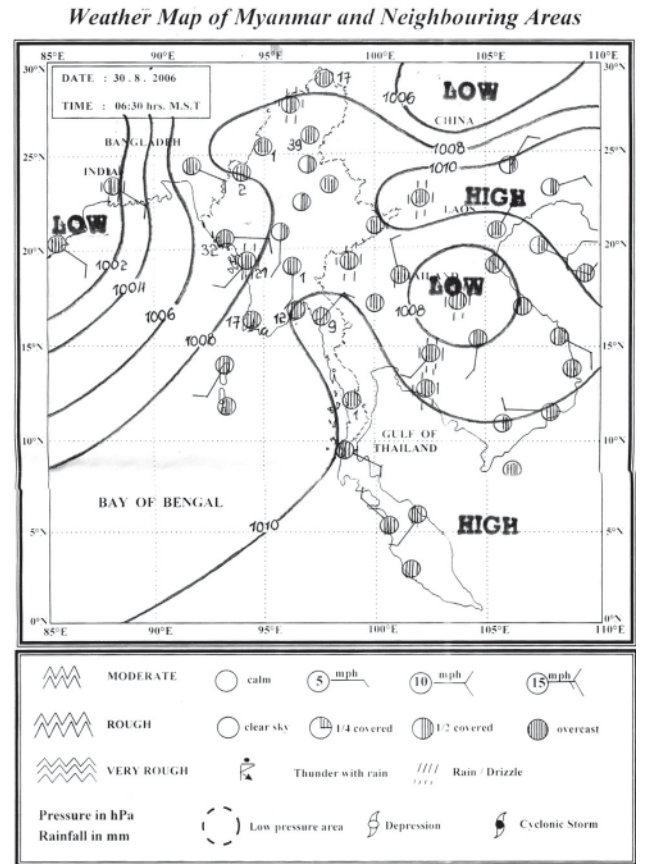
Pauline Ford, a Royal College of Nursing adviser for older people, told the BBC the survey underlined how most nurses need more assistance and support.

“It is unacceptable if patients are not getting the help they need,” she said. “Nurses desperately want to be able to give the standards of care they were trained to give, but need the support and resources to do so. Most importantly they need to be given the time to care.”

MNA/Reuters



A man jumps his jet ski in front of onlookers on waves created by tropical storm Ernesto in Miami, Florida, on 29 Aug, 2006. Ernesto, which briefly became the first hurricane of the 2006 Atlantic storm season but weakened back into a storm on Monday as it hit Cuba. A mandatory non-resident evacuation has been ordered for the Florida Keys. — INTERNET



WEATHER

Wednesday, 30 August, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyauktaw (4.45) inches, Loikaw (3.07) inches, Myitkyina (1.53) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.46) inches, Mogok (1.42) inches and Sagaing (0.39) inch.

Maximum temperature on 29-8-2006 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 30-8-2006 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 30-8-2006 was (92%). Total sunshine hours on 29-8-2006 was (4.4) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 30-8-2006 were (1.46) inches at Mingaladon, (0.48) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.67) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (79.37) inches at Mingaladon, (90.83) inches at Kaba-Aye and (95.67) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from West at (15:00) hours MST on 29-8-2006.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (18:30) hours MST yesterday, the depression over North Bay has crossed the Orissa Coast near Puri, India. Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and moderate in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 31-8-2006: Rain will be isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Chin and Shan States, upper Sagaing Division and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 31-8-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%)

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 31-8-2006: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 31-8-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

“Storm News”

(Issued at 14:00 hrs MST on 30-8-2006)
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Radio Myanmar

Thursday, 31 August
 Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-I wanna be with you
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-Sha La La
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-The day we find love
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-Let me in
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music
-Hello darling
-I love you
-Truely, madly, deeply
-Without you
- 9:00pm Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10pm Article
- 9:20pm Pourri
- 9:30pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
-More than words
-Still a little bit of love
-If you had my love
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

TV Myanmar

Thursday, 31 August
 View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
5. Dance of national races
- 8:05 am
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
7. Dance variety
- 8:25 am
8. ယာကြီးရေထိန်းတံခါး
- 8:30 am
9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:45 am
10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. Musical programme
- 4:40 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာ အထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)
- 4:55 pm
5. Cute little dancers
- 5:05 pm
6. Musical programme
- 5:20 pm
7. “ပေါင်ပေါ်ကျတဲ့မီး” (ရဲအောင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်းနိုင်၊ ညီညီမင်းထက်၊ ဘုန်းလှ၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ပိုင်းစုနိုင်သိန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်လွင်၊ မင်းအုပ်စိုး)
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- 5:45 pm
9. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:00 pm
10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
12. သီရိဓေဟာ
- 7:00 pm
13. ဒေသအလိုက်ကာကွယ်ဆေးတိုက် နေ့များအကြောင်းသိကောင်းစရာ
- 7:10 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်လိပ်ပြာလေးတစ်လည်လည်” (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
- 8:00 pm
15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. လပတ်မိုးလေဝသနှင့်ဇလဗေဒ ခန့်မှန်းချက်
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာသံစဉ်” (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 20. The next day's programme

Prime Minister felicitates Malaysian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — On the occasion of the 49th Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia which falls on 31st August 2006, General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dato' Seri Abdullah Bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia. — MNA

Objectives of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

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

Use of pedigree strains will lead to further boosting paddy

Lt-Gen Ye Myint meets departmental personnel, social organizations, local elders

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Member of State Lt-Gen Ye Myint held talks with departmental personnel, said that the government 24-special-region (See page 8)



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects physic nut cultivation in campus of Bhamo Degree College. — MNA

Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence social organizations and local elders in Bhamo, Kachin State, on 28 August. has been implementing border areas and national races development project,

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

Human resource development and turning out educated youths major factors for emergence of modern developed nation

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, 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 met officers, Tatmadaw members and families of regional battalion in An Township on 26 August.

(See page 9)

Weather Forecast for (31-8-2006)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas

Likelihood of isolated rain.

Degree of certainty is (60%).

Yangon and neighbouring areas

Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring areas

Likelihood of isolated rain.

Degree of certainty is (60%).



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence presents cash assistance to a patient receiving treatment at An Hospital. — MNA