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# Myitkyina-Bhamo-Tagaung-Mandalay Road reduces travelling hour

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects regional development undertakings

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence and Kachin State PDC Chairman Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint offered robes and alms to the chairman Sayadaws of Kachin State and Township Sangha Nayaka Committees at Zeya Mingala Sasana Beikman in Bhamo on 29 August.

The secretary of the Township Sangha Nayaka Committee and the presiding Monk of Mingala KanU monastery gave a sermon. The congregation shared merits gained for the donations.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party cordially met local farmers at Sihe Village-tract in Bhamo Township.

Upon arrival at the 100-acre model monsoon

paddy field at the entrance to the township, they heard an account of the cultivation of high-yield strain monsoon paddy on 232 acres of land in the village-tract by an agricultural official.

They inspected the 219-acre Hsinshweli strain paddy field of local farmer Daw El Mon. They also viewed the physic nut and paddy plantations on both sides along the road of Mansi, and the 16-acre physic nut plantation of Mansi Township Police Force.

They observed the artefacts discovered at Kaungton Village, 27 miles from Bhamo. They also viewed the old Kaungton fortress of Bala Min Htin in the village, and visited the Myohaung Pagoda at the Kaungton fort. In meeting with social organizations,

townselders and teachers at the prayer hall of the pagoda, Lt-Gen Ye Myint called for extended cultivation of paddy, and seasonal and perennial crops and presented K 500,000 to the funds for the development of the village.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected the Sinkhan Bridge on Mandalay-Thabeikgyin-Tagaung-Shwegu-Bhamo Road across the Sinkhan Creek, and viewed the second defile of the Ayeyawady River between Bhamo and Shwegu.

On arrival at mile post No 152/4 of the road, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard a report by officials on maintenance of the road section between mile post Nos 129/4 and 175/4 of Tagaung-Katha Road and programmes

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects renovation of Shweli Bridge (NgaO). — MNA

### 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

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



# PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 1 September, 2006

## Continue working towards a polio-free country

Polio, also called poliomyelitis, is a contagious viral disease. There are three types of polio, namely, abortive polio, nonparalytic polio and paralytic polio. Children who have abortive polio or nonparalytic polio usually make a full recovery. However, paralytic polio can damage the nervous system and cause paralysis.

Polio is most common in infants and young children and it is preventable by immunization. There are two types of polio vaccine and they are oral polio vaccine (OPV) and inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) and experts say that OPV is more effective in preventing the spread of polio virus.

Myanmar has been working towards eradicating polio since 1996, holding the national immunization days twice a year and feeding polio vaccine to children under five. Myanmar has now vaccinated at least 95 per cent of its children under five. Polio mainly affects children under three years of age and it is important to continue vaccinating kids against polio.

The last case of wild polio was reported in Myanmar in 2000. Then, there had been no cases of the disease for three successive years. Therefore, Myanmar was recognized as polio-free country by a regional committee on 13 February, 2003.

But in May this year, there was a case of a highly infectious polio caused by a virus like wild-type polio virus in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division. As the disease is likely to rear its head in our polio-free county, it has been planned to continue feeding OPV to children in each and every region on national immunization days to check the spread of the virus timely.

This year, 3 September and 1 October have been designated as national immunization days and more than two million children in 80 townships in Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing Divisions and Shan State (North) and Kachin State will be given polio vaccine. We believe that the entire people will take an active part in national immunization activities region-wise in order that all their children can be healthy and their nation can remain a polio-free country.



**OUTSTANDING STUDENTS HONOURED**  
— Mingala Taungnyunt Township's No 1 Basic Education High School's six-distinction winner (L) accepts an award presented by a member of the Board of Trustees of the school on 30 August 2006. — 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

## Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept— The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Mr Michael Sternberg as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Denmark to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Michael Sternberg served for UNDP and World Bank in 1970s and then joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Denmark in 1979. He served in various capacities at different departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark and at Royal Danish Embassies in New Delhi and Nairobi. Then from 1995 to 2001, he served as Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark to the Republic of Indonesia. Currently he is the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark to the Republic of India and also accredited to Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Maldives.

He is married and has a daughter.

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## MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 31 Aug— The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Deputy Principal U Han Soe of the Sagaing Cooperative College as Principal of the same college under the Ministry of Cooperatives on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

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## Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Qatar

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept— On the occasion of the Independence Day of the State of Qatar which falls on 1 September, 2006, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jabr Al-Thani, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar.

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## Yangon East District holds Performing Arts Competitions

YANGON, 31 Aug — Yangon East District opened its Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at Yankin Education College yesterday, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win.

Chairman of District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein gave an address after formally opening the competitions in which 79 professionals and 326 amateurs totalling 405 are taking part.

The venue of singing and composing contests is Thingangyun Education College and that of dance and music contests is Thingangyun Township Peace and Development Council Office.

The commander presented gifts to artistes who entertained the audience at the opening ceremony.

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## Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Uzbekistan

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Norov Vladimir Imamovich, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Uzbekistan which falls on 1 September, 2006.

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**Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win presents a flower basket to artistes.**

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## All this needs to be known

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





Workers walk beside cars lined up at a Brazilian Volkswagen plant, which employs 12,000, in Sao Bernardo do Campo, near Sao Paulo on 30 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

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## Six ASEAN countries agree to connect flights to boost tourism

JAKARTA, 30 Aug— Six member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) have agreed to open flights to each other in their efforts to boost tourist arrivals, an Indonesian official said Tuesday.

The six countries — Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam — are determined to boost international arrivals by 15 per cent a year, said Minister of Culture and Tourism Jero Wacik.

Speaking to journalists after meeting with President Susilo Bambang

Yudhoyono here, Wacik said the number of tourists visiting the six countries totalled only around half a million a year.

The six countries also agreed to jointly launch tourism promotion and open training programme for tourism workers from each country.

MNA/Xinhua

## Iran's President wants TV debate with Bush

TEHERAN, 30 Aug— Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Tuesday proposed holding a live television debate with US President George W Bush to discuss global affairs.

"I suggest holding a live TV debate with Mr



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad during a news conference in Teheran, on 29 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

George W Bush to talk about world affairs and the ways to solve those issues," Ahmadinejad told a news conference in which he complained about the US and British roles in the world after World War II. The United States and Britain are abusing the privileged positions they hold in the international order set up after World War II, he said.

"We think the special privileges that America and Britain are taking advantage of today are the origin of all disturbances in the world," he said, adding that they were abusing their roles as permanent members of the Security Council.

"Isn't it time that international relations were founded on democracy and equal rights of the nations?" he said.

He made similar complaints about the world order in a recent letter to German Chancellor Angela Merkel in which he suggested that both Iran and Germany were subject to the "tyranny" of the winners of World War II. —MNA/Reuters

## Iranian VP says Iran to help rebuild Lebanon

BEIRUT, 30 Aug—Visiting Iranian Vice-President Ali Saeedlou said here on Tuesday that Iran would do its endeavour to help rebuild Lebanon.

"We have come as an official delegation to say that we in the Islamic Republic of Iran put all resources at the disposal of Lebanon's reconstruction and development process," Saeedlou told reporters after his meeting with Lebanese officials.

He added that "We discussed with Lebanese officials how Iran can participate in rebuilding infrastructure in Lebanon, including schools, roads and places of worship that were damaged and destroyed in the Israeli aggression". Meanwhile, Saeedlou said his meeting with Lebanese Prime Minister Fouad Siniora was positive, saying "With all honesty, during my meeting with Siniora, I heard only positive indications, understanding and readiness to cooperate whether in the reconstruction stage or in enhancing bilateral cooperation." —MNA/Xinhua

## Venezuela seized 300 pistols bound for Colombia

CARACAS, 30 Aug— The Venezuelan Customs officials seized 300 pistols at the Maiquetia International Airport in the capital, said the country's top Tax and Customs official Jose Gregorio Vielma Moraon Tuesday morning.

"The warehouse at La Guaira did not report to SENIAT (the National Tax and Customs Service)," said Vielma, noting it would be fined about 39.98 million bolivars (18,633 US dollars) for violating Customs rules.

The 300 millimetres Vernadeli-brand pistols, bound for Colombia, were transported by the Alitalia Airlines from Turkey, he said, stressing that by law all arms that arrive in Venezuela are required to be registered with the Armed Forces Munitions Directorate. —MNA/Xinhua

## Nepali registered in "Guinness Book" as world's shortest man



Fourteen-year-old Khagendra Thapa-magar from the West Nepali village of Baglung walks in the capital Kathmandu.

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KATHMANDU, 30 Aug— A 14-year-old Nepali has been registered in the Guinness Book of World

Records as the world's shortest man, *The Himalayan Times* newspaper reported on Tuesday.

With 20 inches height and 4.5 kilogrammes weight, Khagendra Thapamagar of Baglung, western Nepal, has his name registered in the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the world's shortest man, according to the newspaper.

"The Guinness Book people sent us information that Khagendra contested for the title with Jordan's Yoyansvans, who is 25.5 inches tall and weighed 10 kilogrammes, but Khagendra came out as the winner," Min Bahadur Rana, chairman of the Khagendra Thapamagar Academy, which organizes exhibitions on Khagendra to support him and his family, was quoted as saying by the daily.

Khagendra's mother Dhan Maya said her son started moving around only when he was eight and his physical growth stopped at the age of 11, the daily said. —MNA/Xinhua



A worker carries a statue of a golden-winged lion, the symbol of Venice Film Festival, during preparations for the festival in front of Cinema Palace in Venice on 30 Aug, 2006. The 63rd edition of the Venice Film Festival will take place from 30 Aug to 9 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET



# US data show one in eight Americans in poverty

WASHINGTON, 30 Aug — In the world's biggest economy, one in eight Americans and almost one in four Blacks lived in poverty last year, the US Census Bureau said on Tuesday, both ratios virtually unchanged from 2004.

The survey also showed 15.9 per cent of the population, or 46.6 million, had no health insurance, up from 15.6 per cent in 2004 and an increase for a fifth consecutive year, even as

the economy grew at a 3.2 per cent clip.

It was the first year since President George W. Bush took office in 2001 that the poverty rate did not increase. As in past years, the figures showed poverty especially concentrated among Blacks and Hispanics.

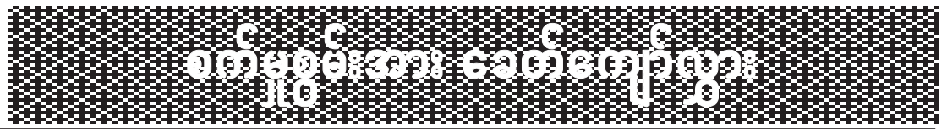
In all, some 37 million Americans, or 12.6 per cent, lived below the poverty line, defined as having an annual income around 10,000 US dollars for an individual or 20,000

US dollars for a family of four. The total showed a decrease of 90,000 from the 2004 figure, which Census Bureau officials said was "statistically insignificant".

The last time poverty declined was in 2000, the final year of Bill Clinton's presidency, when it fell to 11.3 per cent.

The stagnant poverty picture drew attention from Democrats and others who said not enough is being done to help the nation's poor.

MNA/Reuters



*A farmer gather peanuts leftover from the harvest in Suining, southwest China's Sichuan Province on 29 Aug, 2006.*

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## Singapore conducts inter-agency maritime security exercise

SINGAPORE, 30 Aug— Singapore is now holding a major inter-agency maritime security exercise, which started on 21 August and will end on 1 September.

Confirming the exercise on Tuesday, Singapore's Defence Ministry said that some 1,600 personnel from the city state's Air Force and the Army, as well as the Police Coast Guard (PCG), Maritime Port Authority (MPA), and the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA), are participating in the exercise, code-named Exercise APEX 06.

Some Singapore Navy's mine countermeasures vessels and Fokker 50 maritime patrol aircraft, as well as boats from the above-mentioned agencies were also involved in the annual drill, the fifth and largest in the series.

Various scenarios played out in the exercise included the disposal of a sea mine detected in the Singapore Straits by the country's mine-hunting assets, as well as a ferry mishap which required co-ordinated responses by different agencies to handle various consequence management issues, such as evacuation and medical aid for casualties, according to the Defence Ministry.

MNA/Xinhua

## Blast at Iraqi pipeline site kills at least 29



*Residents gather near a crater after an explosion Near Diwaniya, 180 km (112 miles) south of Baghdad on 29 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET*

NEAR DIWANIYA (Iraq), 30 Aug— At least 29 people were killed when a blast ripped through scavengers siphoning petrol from pools around a breach in a disused pipeline in central Iraq late on Monday, health officials said.

A Reuters reporter at the rural site Near Diwaniya, 180 kilometres (110 miles) south of Baghdad, saw 15 charred bodies, including that of a boy. The explosion severely wounded 26 people.

"Some of the wounded have burns in 75 per cent of their bodies," Hamid Jaafi, a health official in Diwaniya told Reuters, adding the death toll is expected to climb.

A police source said more than 50 were killed, although that figure could not be confirmed. Witnesses said the blast occurred at 11 pm (1900 GMT), while a group of impoverished people were scooping fuel from two large pools.

The cause of the blast was still under investigation, officials said.— MNA/Reuters

## Police find 11 bodies in S-W Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 30 Aug— Iraqi police found 11 bodies in execution-style in southwestern

Baghdad on Tuesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

The bodies were dumped in the backyard of the Alam school in Al-Furat neighbourhood, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The bodies, with bullets in the back of their heads, were blindfolded and bound, the source said.

The almost daily gruesome body findings, assassinations and explosions in Baghdad and other cities were seen as a major setback for the Iraqi Government's efforts to stem violence and achieve national reconciliation.

MNA/Xinhua



*Firefighters use water to control natural gas leaking from a destroyed pipeline on a street in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality on 30 Aug, 2006. More than 200 people were evacuated and gas supply to 170 thousand users was cut off due to this gas leakage.—INTERNET*



*Jing Jing, a panda who was chosen as one of the Olympic mascots, sits in a tree at the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding in China's western province of Sichuan on 31 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET*





Artists perform during the 250th anniversary celebration of the Alexandrinsky Theatre, which re-opened after 15 months of refurbishment, in St Petersburg on 30 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

## Zambia, Botswana, Zimbabwe to build bridge on Zambezi River

LUSAKA, 30 Aug— Zambia, Botswana and Zimbabwe on Monday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the construction of the Kazungula Bridge along the Zambezi River, according to *Zambia News and Information Service*.

Zambian President Levy Mwanawasa, Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe and Botswana President Festus Mogae signed the MoU in Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe.

Speaking before the signing ceremony, Mugabe said the construction of the bridge linking the three countries will boost tourism in the region and enhance the flow of trade.

Mugabe paid tribute to Zambia and Botswana for providing shelter to many Zimbabweans who were running away from persecutions by the racist colonial regime.

Speaking after the

signing ceremony, Mwanawasa said he was happy with the agreement signed and looked forward to its implementation.

Mogae said the signing of the MoU captures the true spirit of Africa.

According to a joint communique, the objective of the MoU is to record the undertakings and commitments of the three countries regarding their intended cooperation to the construction of the bridge.

The countries will explore and agree on suitable arrangements for the development of the project.—MNA/Xinhua

## Depleted ozone layer to be recovered

BEIJING, 31 Aug — Earth's protective ozone layer, which was notably thinning in 1980, may be fully recovered by mid-century, climate scientists said Wednesday.

Ozone in the stratosphere, outside the polar regions, stopped thinning in 1997, they found after analyzing 25 years worth of observations, published in the *Journal of*

*Geophysical Research - Atmospheres*.

The ozone layer shields the planet from the sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation, but human-made chemicals — notably the chlorofluorocarbons found in some refrigerants and aerosol propellants — depleted this stratospheric ozone, causing the protective layer to get thinner.

The scientists said the ozone layer's comeback is due in large part to compliance with a 1987 international agreement called the Montreal Protocol, which aimed to limit emissions of ozone-depleting chemicals.

"These results confirm

the Montreal Protocol and its amendments have succeeded in stopping the loss of ozone in the stratosphere," said Eun-Su Yang of the Georgia Institute of Technology, who led a team that analyzed the data.

*Internet*

## 27 drown in bus mishap in south India

NEW DELHI, 30 Aug— At least 27 people, including 12 women and eight children, drowned Tuesday when a minibus plunged into a river in south Indian state of Karnataka, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

The driver lost control of the bus when trying to avoid colliding with a motorcycle on a bridge over the Krishna River in Bagalkot District of Karnataka at around 1:00 pm Tuesday, the local police said.

"The 30-seater minibus was carrying four

families from the neighbouring Koppal District on a sightseeing trip to Bagalkot," Bagalkot superintendent of police Ramesh Harihar said.

Two passengers and the driver survived the accident, he said. The wreckage of the bus has yet been traced and the police and local residents were busy searching for bodies.

The police have registered a case of rash and negligent driving against the driver.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Google CEO joins Apple board of directors

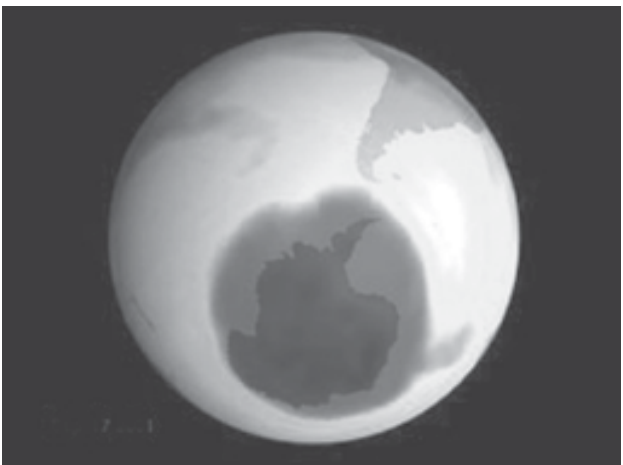
LOS ANGELES, 30 Aug— Google Inc Chief Executive Officer Eric Schmidt has joined the board of directors of Apple Computer Inc, Apple said on Tuesday.

Apple, maker of the Macintosh personal computer, elected Schmidt to the board at a meeting earlier in the day, according to a statement by California-based Apple.

Schmidt, 51, joined Mountain View, California-based Google from Novell Inc in 2001. Before Novell, Schmidt was chief technology officer at Sun Microsystems Inc.

The statement signals closer professional ties between Apple CEO Steve Jobs, whose iPod is the most popular digital music player, and Schmidt, who witnessed Google's rise to become the most-used Internet search engine. There have been few instances that really top-flight people with operational experience can become directors, technological analysts in Silicon Valley said.

*MNA/Xinhua*



This 2001 NASA image depicts the hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica. Earth's protective ozone layer, which was notably thinning in 1980, may be fully recovered by mid-century, climate scientists said on 30 Aug, 2006. —XINHUA

## Strong aftershock hits S-W China, injuring 16

KUNMING, 30 Aug— A major aftershock measuring 4.7 degrees on the Richter Scale on Tuesday jolted counties of Yanjin and Dagan in southwest China's Yunnan Province, injuring 16 people and destroying thousands of buildings.

The quake, which lasted about five seconds, occurred at 9 am on Tuesday, local authorities said, adding that more aftershocks may hit the

area in the next few days. The tremour has destroyed some buildings in an elementary school in Yanjin County, forcing all students to move out of their classrooms.

Among the 16 injured, three are in critical condition.

Local governments are making efforts to prevent possible geological disasters triggered by the quake such as landslides and rockfalls

in mountainous areas.

Two moderate earthquakes measuring over 5 degrees on the Richter Scale hit the two counties on 22 July and 25 August, killing over 20 people, injuring 100 others.

The quakes caused economic losses of 700 million yuan (87.5 million US dollars), affecting more than 300,000 people.

*MNA/Xinhua*



Gyles Brandreth co-founder of the world's oldest teddy bear museum in Stratford-upon-Avon, England with some of the bears which are to be sold together with the museum building as a going concern in London on 30 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET



## Koizumi discusses energy ties with Uzbek President

TASHKENT, 30 Aug— Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, seeking to bolster Tokyo's role in Central Asia, discussed energy ties on Tuesday with Uzbek President Islam Karimov and cautiously pressed him on human rights.



Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi (L) and Uzbek President Islam Karimov. —INTERNET

Mindful of China's aggressive oil diplomacy in Central Asia, Koizumi focused on oil, gas and uranium cooperation in his talks with Uzbek

leader Islam Karimov. "I hope my visit underlines Japan's intention to have closer ties with Uzbekistan and shows Japan has much interest in Central Asia and intends to work more actively here," he said after talks. The West, including Japan's key ally the United States, has criticized Karimov for cracking down on dissent and jailing

opposition politicians in his gas-rich country.

Koizumi's trip to Uzbekistan is the first by a key leader from the Western camp since the Andizhan uprising in May 2005 when witnesses saw hundreds of men, women and children being killed after troops opened fire on a crowd.

MNA/Reuters



Cast members of the movie "The Black Dahlia" (L-R), Scarlett Johansson, director Brian De Palma, Mia Kirshner, Josh Hartnett, Aaron Eckhart, and writer James Ellroy, arrive at the Cinema Palace in Venice on 30 August, 2006. —INTERNET

## India, Iran talk about nuclear, energy issues

NEW DELHI, 30 Aug— India and Iran discussed the nuclear issue and cooperation in energy sector at the meeting between visiting Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister and Indian counterpart Tuesday, the Ministry of External Affairs said.

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Asia, Oceania and Commonwealth Mehdi Safari arrived here Tuesday and met with Rajiv Sikri, Secretary (East) with

Indian Ministry of External Affairs, the ministry said in a Press release.

On the nuclear issue, Safari said Iran is open to negotiations and willing

to cooperate fully with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) but insist on its rights under the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and the issue being

reverted to the IAEA.

India does not want confrontation and destabilization in the region, Sikri said. "India wants all issues to be resolved through dialogue and discussion rather than coercion."

India believes that as a signatory to the NPT Iran must enjoy all its rights and honour all its obligations, he said. The two sides reaffirmed the commitment to the Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project while India emphasized the importance of Iran to honour the liquefied natural gas (LNG) deal signed in June 2005, the Press release said.

MNA/Xinhua



Guarani Indians work at a sugar cane mill in Tarenda, some 250km (155 miles) south of Santa Cruz, Bolivia, on 30 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

## At least five killed in train collision in Zimbabwe

HARARE, 30 Aug— At least five people were confirmed dead and eight others were injured in a train collision when a Victoria Falls-bound passenger train collided with a goods train at Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe on Sunday, sources told Xinhua on Monday.

The sources with the National Railways of Zimbabwe (NRZ) said three people were confirmed to be dead on the spot, and two others died in the hospital on Monday.

An NRZ official who was on the scene said on Sunday that burnt limbs could be seen in the mangled coaches suggesting more people died. Rescuers could not pull out the limbs from the coaches because of heat from the fire.

The official said the Spoornet goods train, which was carrying copper sulphate and fuel tanks, left the Victoria Falls station after the NRZ officials had confirmed that the passenger train had been alerted to wait at the Dibamombe junction until the Spoornet train had passed.

Mugariri could not confirm the number of casualties saying he could

only confirm three deaths, a woman and two men. The two men were the engine drivers.

MNA/Xinhua



Amanis looking at the destroyed car in Baghdad on 30 Aug, 2006. A bomb exploded in a central Baghdad market killing 24 people and wounding 45, police and Interior Ministry sources said. —INTERNET

## Eight Egyptians killed in building collapses

CAIRO, 30 Aug— Eight people were killed when two buildings collapsed within hours of each other in Egypt, and rescuers were searching for any others who could be trapped in the rubble, security sources said on Monday.

The two residential buildings, one in Cairo and another in the town of Qalyoub 20 kilometres (12 miles) north of the city, collapsed between on Sunday evening and Monday morning. Qalyoub was also the scene of a train crash which killed 58 people last week.

Building collapses are frequent in Egyptian cities because of poor construction and maintenance. — MNA/Reuters



# Myanmar football heading for era of gold

*Article & photos by Thaung Win Bo*

When I heard the news that Myanmar National Football Team cruised into the final by winning over host Malaysian team in the Merdeka Tournament, I wanted to welcome the return of the championship trophy of the Merdeka Cup which we all the people have desired for 35 years. I was eager to listen to the song entitled "Myanmar has won victory."

In retrospect,

times in the competitions of the Merdeka Tournament in 1964, 1967 and 1971. Furthermore, Myanmar team stood at the second positions in the Merdeka Cup for three times in 1966, 1968 and 1970. Moreover, the national team clinched the third prizes for four times in 1965, 1969, 1973 and 1975. After having been away from the trophy for 35 years, the present Myanmar National Team fulfilled the desire of all

participating in the Merdeka Tournaments for 17 times, Myanmar team was held in high esteem by its opponent teams from South-east Asian countries. With the concept that if Myanmar did not take part in the competitions, the Merdeka Tournament would be less meaningful, the host country invited Myanmar team to the tournament.

Speaking on the occasion on 30 August evening, Minister for



**Victorious Myanmar Team welcomed back by people at junction of Pyay Road and Kamayut Road.**



**Artistes wait to welcome back winning football team.**

the Merdeka Cup Football Tournament commenced in 1957. Myanmar National Football Team secured champions for three

the people of Myanmar in 2006 by securing the championship trophy in the 38th Merdeka Tournament.

Whiling partici-

Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint said that Myanmar selected footballers Than Toe Aung, Myo Hlaing Win and Soe Myat Min had been trying

from State-run newspapers, Myanma Radio and Television and Myawady TV made preparatory tasks to welcome back the Myanmar National Team that would arrive back at Yangon International Airport at 9.15 pm on 30 August after clinching the championship title in the final match of the 38th Merdeka Tournament by beating Indonesian with a 2-1 result. Likewise, journalists from various private journals and magazines waited for the victorious Myanmar team at the airport. Similarly, artistes joined the crowd to garland the footballers at the airport.

In an interview, vocalist and actress Tha Zin said that she was waiting for victorious footballers who brought honour to the State to welcome back them at the airport. Being a Myanmar national, she was proud that Myanmar team had emerged champion in the Merdeka Tournament, she added.

So also, vocalist and actor Tun Tun spoke with delight about the victorious Myanmar team. He realized that Myanmar had become Merdeka Champions in the past is not a legend. He expressed his feeling of esteem to the players.

After the aircraft had landed at the airport, the Myanmar footballers alighted. In an interview, former selected player U

Aye Maung Gyi said, "I take a great pride in the present Myanmar team in securing Merdeka Championship more than that of ours. After 35 years of hard work, our expectation finally comes to fruition."

Team captain Soe Myat Min said, "We have achieved success due to concerted efforts of all the teammates. I am so happy because the Myanmar team has fulfilled the desire of the Myanmar football fans who expected to win victory in the football event. We will try harder in future."

Striker Kyaw Thura who scored equalizer in the match said the support of Myanmar people at home and those in Malaysia meant a lot for the success. And Sithu Win who shot two goals for Myanmar team also expressed his happiness.

The mass of fans welcomed the team back and honoured the footballers with garlands at the airport. By waving to the sports enthusiasts, the victorious players left the airport by car and proceeded to Karaweik Palace along

Pyay Road through Thamaing junction and Myenigon junction.

On arrival at Karaweik Palace, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw handed over the championship trophy to Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint. After that, the minister delivered an address. At the dinner, those present including the footballers were entertained with music by Emperor Band.

On its return, Merdeka Champion Myanmar National Football Team was accorded a rousing welcome by a large number of people including enthusiasts along the route from the airport to Karaweik Palace. The people welcomed back the team with garlands and shook hands with them.



**Soe Myat Min.**



**Kyaw Thura.**



**Sithu Win.**

## Myanmar Victorious

- \* Myanmar team at Merdeka Won three gold, three silver Bronze several times Are facts to be chronicled.
  - \* This time around, has won again And knowing the fact for sure Caused us to hold the Union Flag And make it flutter in the wind True as the nation's sons.
  - \* When on screen MRTV Further vouched for sure "Myanmar Victorious", the song reverberated The sight and sounds touched us Overjoyed, with brimming smiles So brimmed over, our gladness.
- Dr Than Oo (Trs)

their best for many years to be able to lift the trophy of the Merdeka Cup again, and the dream has come true now.

Indeed, Myanmar had established a golden era as far as football is concerned in the past. All the footballers desired to be victorious players. Former selected players of Myanmar teams in the golden era of the football arena looked forward to achievements of the present Myanmar National Team.

Media persons



**Tun Tun**



**Tha Zin.**

By winning the Merdeka Championship Myanmar football is again heading for the era of gold.

Translation: TTA  
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## Myitkyina-Bhamo Tagaung-Mandalay...

(from page 1)

for the upgrading of the facility in the dry season. The commander and officials gave supplementary reports.

From Shukhintha (Kyeegan Bazat) at mile post No 150/6, Lt-Gen Ye Myint viewed the second defile of the river.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party, accompanied by Sagaing Division PDC Chairman North-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, inspected the progress of Shwegu.

They met township level service personnel, social organizations, townsenders and local authorities. The township PDC chairman gave an account of work progress for regional development. The commander gave a supplementary report.

The officials concerned also reported on progress of work in respective sectors.

Concerning the report, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that the government has been implementing various projects for equitable development of all parts of the Union, that calls for harmonious efforts of the people, departments and local administrative bodies. In the past, local people had to stop over a night in Thabeikgyin to travel by boat between Shwegu and Mandalay. Now, thanks to the emergence of Myitkyina-Bhamo-Tagaung-Mandalay Road the government has constructed for expediting tasks for regional development, the travelling time can be reduced to one day. He urged local people to maintain the facility for its durability and to strive for exceeding the targeted per acre yields of monsoon paddy, physic nut, rubber and sugarcane, calling for planting of physic nut on all vacant land. He said that departmental officials are to play an exemplary role and local authorities to fulfill the requirements. He called on all to make earnest endeavours in concert for regional development in response to the



**Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspects teak special plantation of Honda Co Ltd. — MNA**

goodwill of the government.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected plantations of physic nut, vegetables, pineapple, banana, djenkol bean, cashew, tamarind and physic nut of Shwegu Station.

Next, they looked into the sugarcane farm of Yuzana Co Ltd in Shwegu. Project director U Sonny reported on progress of cultivation of sugarcane on 121.91 acres of land. Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint gave a supplementary report.

In response, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that the government is encouraging national agricultural entrepreneurs and reclaiming vacant lands, while local authorities are attending to the needs to meet the goal. He called for extended cultivation of crops.

They inspected the 1,500-acre teak plantation of the Forest Department and three companies at Namtme reserve forest in NgaO Village-tract, Mabein Township, Kyaikme District, Shan State (North).

They viewed the plantations of physic nut, vegetables and perennial crops of local regiment. Next, they

inspected the 2,330-foot Shweli Bridge (NgaO) spanning the Shweli River at mile post No 101 of Shwegu-Tagaung-Twinng-Momeik Road.

Afterwards, they inspected Hunda-Myanmar Co's factory project that will be able to produce 30,000 tons of gasohol from sugarcane at Pyindaunglay Village in Katha Township, and the 800-acre teak plantation of the company in Indaung forest reserve in Htigyaing Township. They saw over the Great Wall 1,500-ton sugar mill project in Htigyaing Township.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye met with local authorities, service personnel, social organizations and the employees at the factory. Lt-Gen Ye Myint called for concerted efforts for regional development.

Together with Shan State (North) PDC Chairman North-East Command Commander Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party visited the Twinng-Momeik Road Project site. Lt-Gen Ye Myint called for completion of the project by the coming dry season.

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## Yangon West District MCWSC holds quiz and cooking contest

YANGON, 31 Aug — A prize presentation ceremony of quiz and cooking contest organized by Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee of Yangon West District, was held at No 2 Basic Education High School in Latha Township today.

Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai made an address at the ceremony.

Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win presented the first prize to Daw Lwin Lwin Cho,



**Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai view meals at cooking contest. — MNA**

the second prize to Daw Khine Khine Win and the third prize to Daw Thandar Win of the quiz

contest.

Next, Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai of MCWSC gave the first prize in cooking contest to Kyimyindine Township, the second prize to Sangyaung Township and the third prize to Kyauktada Township.

After the prize presentation ceremony, the commander and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai viewed meals of the cooking contest participated by 13 townships of Yangon West District.

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## Myanmar, India to discuss trade cooperation

YANGON, 31 Aug — The Indian-Myanmar Business Matching, jointly organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Indo-Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industries based in Mumbai, India, will be held at UMFCFI Office Tower from 1 pm to 4 pm on 5 September.

The 15-member Indian trade delegation led by Mr G L Goenka, chairman of Indo-Myanmar CCI, will discuss matters related to forest products, medicines, auto parts, household appliances, handicraft, chemicals and tourism with Myanmar businessmen.

Those wishing to take part in the discussion may dial the numbers between 214344 and 214349 of UMFCFI. — MNA

## Refresher course for general practitioners on 2 September

YANGON, 31 Aug — The Orthopaedic Group of Myanmar Medical Association will hold a refresher course for general practitioners under the title of "Common Geriatric Orthopaedic Problems" at the association on Theinbyu road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township at 8.30 am on 2 September.

Interested persons can register at 7.30 am and attend the course. — MNA

# Donate Blood



## Cultivation of pepper to be...

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They viewed paddy harvesters, Leyar-16 power-tillers, combined harvesters and tractors.

At the local battalion in Kyaukpyu, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on undertakings of agriculture and livestock breeding to Tatmadawmen and family members.

At Rammawady Hall in Yanbye, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with departmental per-

sonnel and local people.

In his address, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that the Government had opened Yangon-Kyaukpyu Highway and built 15 bridges on the road. Departmental personnel and local people are to join hands in maintaining the construction facilities. Departmental personnel are to cooperate with local people in their field trips to grassroots levels in undertaking rural development tasks.

He presented cash assistance and school stationery to Township Education Officer U Nyo Tun.

At Yanbye Township Hospital, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than visited wards and gave cash assistance to the patients. He inspected the operation theatre and medical store of the hospital and left necessary instructions.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to Maei.

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**Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents exercise books, pencils and cash assistance to Kyaukpyu Township Education Officer Daw Tin Tin Ohn. — MNA**

## Lt-Gen Myint Swe...

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After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe met with the rector, professors, faculty members and students at the convocation hall and

briefed on measures being taken by the government for the development of human resources in the country.

In his address, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said the State

laid down the seven-point road map and has been striving for the emergence of the peaceful, modern and developed nation. Thanks to the community peace and tranquillity, urban and rural areas have rapidly developed.

In an attempt to underpin the economy of the country, the government has constructed necessary infrastructures and stepped up efforts to increase the country's productivity including agricultural produce. So, the country has enjoyed the growth of GDP year by year.

He continued to say that building a peaceful, modern and developed nation depends on the community peace and tranquillity, development of the economy and development of human resources of a country. Therefore, he said, with a view to developing human resources, the government established 24 development zones and universities and colleges across the country so that residents in rural areas can also get access to higher



**Lt-Gen Myint Swe waters a plant at Dagon University's Tree Planting Ceremony. — MNA**

education.

In conclusion, Lt-Gen Myint Swe urged students to try hard to become educated persons

and to safeguard the cultural heritage and national character with union spirit and patriotic spirit. — MNA



**Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Rector U Kyaw Myint Oo formally open Tree Planting Ceremony of Dagon University. — MNA**

## Prevention against bird flu discussed in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — Minister-Counsellor, Mr Patrick Deboyser of European Union Delegation of the European Commission, Health and Food Safety, who will conduct survey on controlling bird flu in Mandalay called on Director-General U Maung Maung Nyunt of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries at the department in Pyigyitagon Township yesterday.

Mr Patrick Deboyser was accompanied by Assistant Director U Tint Wai of Fisheries Department.

They cordially discussed matters related to prevention against bird flu outbreak that broke out in Sagaing and Mandalay divisions in March, 2006, active cooperation with international organizations in controlling the bird flu in Myanmar and technical assistance for prevention against bird flu to be provided by EU through World Bank.

Later, Mr Patrick Deboyser and party made a field trip to the Laboratory of the department and chicken farm of Dr Aung Kyaw Moe. — MNA

## Myanmar delegation attends 5th officials' meeting on ASEAN Charter

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — A delegation led by Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun attended the 5th officials' meeting on ASEAN Charter held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 22 to 24 August.

On 23 August, participants of the meeting hold a meeting with ASEAN Economic Ministers and exchanged views on founding of Asean Economic Community (AEC).

Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Seri

Abdullah Ahmad Badawi hosted a dinner in honour of the participants of the meeting. — MNA

**Ambassador of Malaysia HE Dato' Shahamddin Bin Md Som welcomes Deputy Foreign Minister U Kyaw Thu at a reception to mark 49th Anniversary Independence Day of Malaysia on 31 August. — MNA**





## H&T Minister arrives back from Indonesia

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing arrived back here by air this morning after attending the ministerial and senior officials meetings and symposium on Ancient Cultural Heritage Tourism of Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam held from 27 to 30 August in Jogjakarta, Indonesia.

They were welcomed back at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, departmental heads and officials.

While they were in Indonesia, the minister



**Hotels and Tourism Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing being welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung. — MNA**

and party attended the opening ceremony of ministerial meeting held at Mercure Hotel in Jogjakarta on 28 August and visited Borobudur image. In the evening, the minister made an address at the meeting held at Amonjiwo Hotel and signed Borobudur

Declaration to promote the culture based tourism sector.

On 29 August, the minister together with ministers and deputy ministers of member nations called on Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudoyono at Merdeka Palace in Jogjakarta. — MNA

## 21st Gem and Jade Sales 2006 of UMEHL commences

YANGON, 31 Aug — The 21st Gem and Jade Sales 2006 of the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd commenced at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township this morning, attended by Managing Director of UMEHL Maj-Gen Win Than, members

of the Board of Directors and gem merchants.

Gem merchants examined gem and jade lots from 28 to 30 August. Officials inspected bargain forms from the tender boxes.

Managing Director Maj-Gen Win Than delivered an address and opened the sales.

A total of 224 gem lots were sold through bargain system and auction. Managing Director Maj-Gen Win Than and members of BODs presented gifts to the gem merchants who bought the gems with highest prices. Jade lots will be sold through bargain system tomorrow. — MNA



**21st Gem and Jade Sales of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd at Myanmar Convention Centre in Yangon. — MNA**

## Introduction for Daewoo Air conditioner held



**Daewoo Air-con to be distributed by OK Myanmar Co Ltd. — MNA**

YANGON, 31 Aug — A ceremony to introduce new model of Daewoo Air Conditioner conducted by OK Myanmar Co Ltd was held at Sedona Hotel this evening. Present were departmental officials, developers and representatives of electric and electronic sale centres.

Firstly, Managing Director of OK Myanmar Co Ltd made an introductory



**Director of OK Myanmar Co Ltd U Zaw Weik briefs on distribution of electronic goods. — MNA**

speech and Director U Zaw Weik explained import and distribution plans, its guarantee on quality and services.

Next, officials answered the queries raised by those present and conducted them round the showroom.

OK Myanmar Co Ltd is the sole distributor for Daewoo electric products for Myanmar market and it will distribute refrigerator, TV and DVD sets later. Its products were tested

under the international standard and a three-year guarantee was provided for customers. During the sale promotion, the products will be distributed at a reasonable price at its outlets in other townships.

Those wishing to make inquiries may contact Headquarters (Ph::544463, 544464, 544465) and showroom (Ph: 241077, 387644, 377627).

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## Merdeka Trophy handed over to MOC

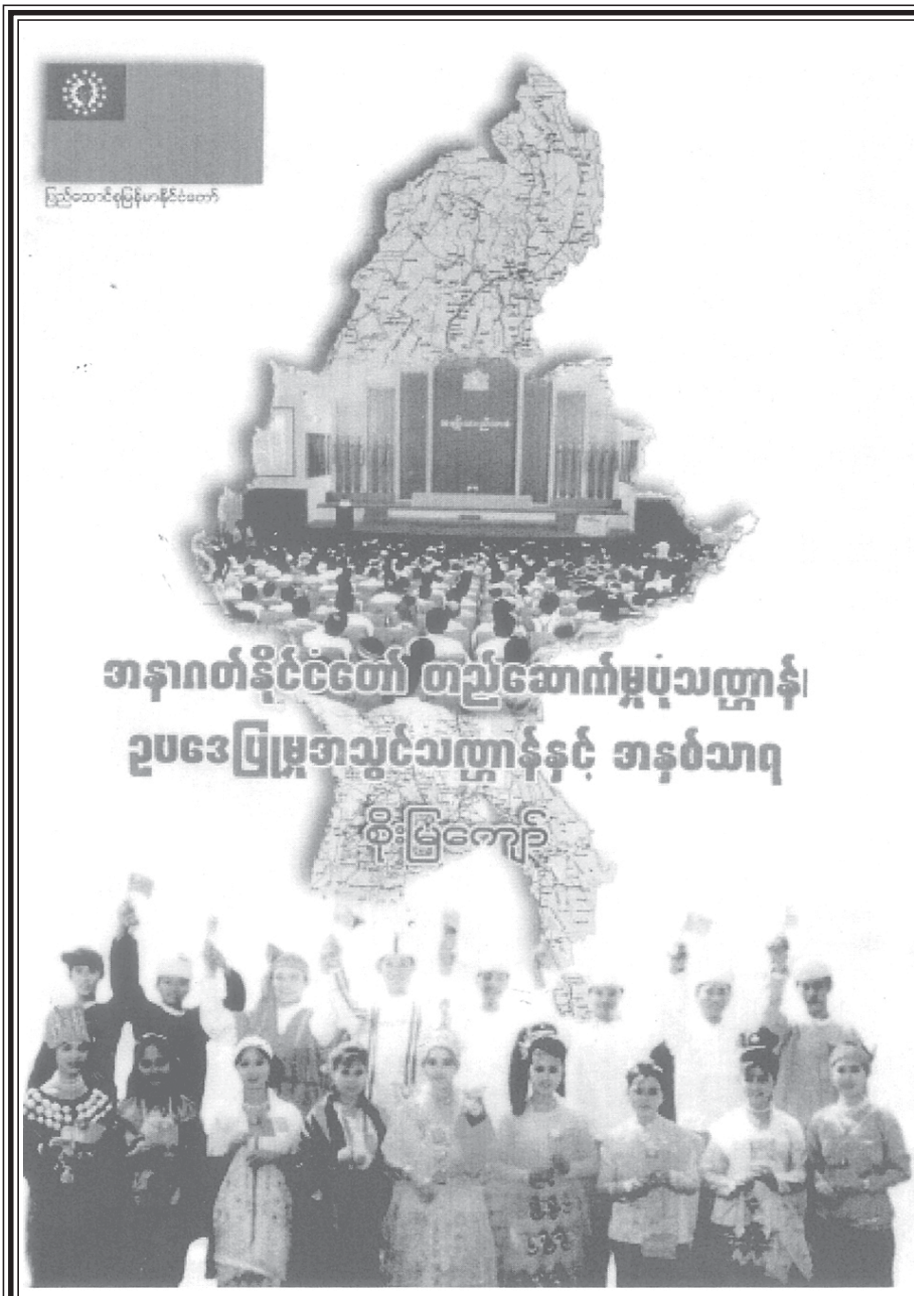
YANGON, 31 Aug — Victorious Myanmar football team handed over the trophy of the 38th Merdeka Tournament to Myanmar Olympic Committee (MOC) yesterday.

The football team who emerged the champion of the 38th Merdeka Tournament arrived back here at 9.15 pm yesterday and President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw handed over the trophy to Chairman of MOC Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint at Karaweik Palace Hotel.

Afterwards, the team held a press briefing and President of MFF U Zaw Zaw, Manager U Thein Aung, Coach U San Win and responsible officials replied the queries raised by journalists.

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**Vietnam reaps bigger coffee export revenues in 8 months**

HANOI, 31 Aug — Vietnam is estimated to earn 733 million US dollars from exporting coffee in the first eight months of this year, up 33.8 per cent over the same period of last year, despite lower volume of the goods, according to a local trade agency on Wednesday.

Between January and August, the country is set to ship abroad 634,000 tons of coffee, mainly to the European Union, the United States, Japan and Singapore, posting a year-on-year decrease of 8.7 per cent, said the Trade Infor-

mation Centre under the Trade Ministry. Vietnam, the world's second biggest coffee exporter, is diversifying coffee products for export, partaking more actively in international coffee trading floors, and applying

more advanced farming and processing techniques.

MNA/Xinhua

**Century-old drug rehabilitation centre found in C China**

CHANGSHA, 31 Aug — Archaeologists have discovered a building that served as a drug rehabilitation centre about a century ago in central China's Hunan Province.

The building, the ancestral hall of the Li family in Daweishan township, Liuyang, was built in 1815 and turned into a

rehabilitation centre in 1907 after many younger family members became addicted to opium.

The experts with the cultural relics protection bureau in Changsha, capital of Hunan, identified the building during a recent provincial investiga-

tion into cultural relics. Opium became legal in the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) after Britain defeated the government in the Opium War, resulting in millions of Chinese developing an addiction.

MNA/Xinhua

**Over 40 firefighters battle central London blaze**

LONDON, 31 Aug — More than 40 firefighters tackled a blaze on Tuesday at the former Museum of Mankind behind the Royal Academy of Arts in Piccadilly, the London Fire Brigade said.

Eight fire engines were sent to the three-storey building on Burlington Gardens, after fire crews were alerted at 1:40 pm

Plumes of smoke could be seen billowing across the district, which

is home to some of London's most upmarket shops. A fire brigade spokesman said it was too early to say what had caused the blaze, which has also set the roof of the building alight.

The former museum building, now owned by the Royal Academy and used for special exhibitions, was empty at the time of the fire which did not spread.

MNA/Reuters



A model presents a creation by Indian designer Rohit Bal at a fashion show on the first-day of India fashion week in New Delhi on 30 Aug, 2006. — INTERNET

**Anti-terrorist exercise starts in Canberra**

CANBERRA, 31 Aug — As many as 7,000 people were evacuated from a shopping centre and government offices at a suburb of Canberra Tuesday as part of one of the biggest anti-terrorist exercises in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT).

Some 300 police and emergency services personnel were also involved in the exercise, aimed at testing the ACT government's emergency re-

sponse systems in case of a terrorist attack such as car explosion or a hostage situation.

ACT Police Minister Simon Corbell said the evacuation was the largest evacuation ever in the territory, and a very good test of emergency response systems. "The possibility of a terrorist incident in Canberra cannot be discounted," he said.

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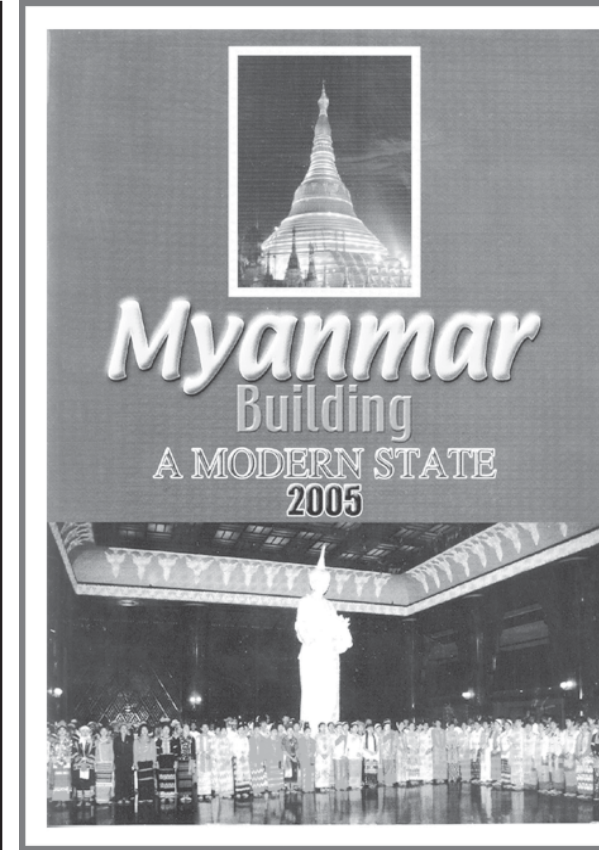
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**Nissan plans \$50m new investment in Indonesia**

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 ချစ်ခင်တဲ့လူမျိုး  
 သစ်ပင်ကို  
 နှစ်စဉ်စိုက်  
 ရွှေတိုက်ကိုစိုး**

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**Indonesia says to seed cloud to douse forest fires**

JAKARTA, 30 Aug—Indonesia will carry out cloud seeding this week to help extinguish forest fires, but plans to use cargo planes to drop water bombs on the flames have been ditched because of a lack of equipment, officials said on Monday.

Indonesia has been under pressure from neighbours Singapore and Malaysia to deal with recurring forest fires in Sumatra and Borneo that spread a thick haze across the region, deterring tourists and causing health problems.

"Our target is that the hotspots could disappear by the 2nd (of September). If not all, at least the significant haze would not be there any more," Information Minister Sofyan Djalil told a news conference.

A continuing flare-up in the fires in coming days could be embarrassing for Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, who is due to attend a summit in Singapore on 4 September.

The island state near Sumatra frequently suffers from the haze caused by Indonesian forest fires.

Research Minister Kusmayanto Kadiman told reporters cargo planes would start dropping salt to induce rain via cloud-seeding on Tuesday but a plan to bomb the hotspots with water had been shelved.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Reuters



ပညာရေးဖြင့် ခေတ်မီပွံ့ပြီးတိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်အံ့



Hong Kong actors Jackie Chan (L), Tony Leung Ka-fai and others take part in a protest against local weekly magazine "Easy Finder", which published semi-nude photos of Hong Kong pop star Gillian Chung, in Hong Kong on 29 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

## France urges Iran, Syria to work with the world

PARIS, 30 Aug— Iran and Syria should not isolate themselves from the international community but instead work towards building a lasting peace in the Middle East, French President Jacques Chirac said on Monday.

In a speech to French ambassadors, Chirac called Iran "a great country" and urged it to negotiate with world powers over its nuclear ambitions.

"Iran will not find security in the develop-

ment of hidden (nuclear) programmes, but in its full immersion into the heart of the international community," Chirac said.

"Once again, I urge Teheran to send the necessary signals to create the conditions for trust. There is always room for dialogue," he added.

Turning to Syria, Chirac said it should: "Abandon its insular

mentality."

The French President used to have a good rapport with Syria's leaders, but those ties suffered following the assassination last year in Beirut of one of Chirac's close friends, former Lebanese prime minister Rafik al-Hariri.

The killing was blamed on pro-Syrian agents.—MNA/Reuters

## Study shows ovarian cancer more aggressive in obese women

LONDON, 30 Aug— Research has suggested that obese women are less likely to survive ovarian cancer than those of normal weight, according to national newspaper *The Guardian* on Tuesday.

The research done by US scientists suggested for the first time that a woman's weight can affect the course of the disease.

Those who are obese not only have lower survival rates, but the cancer recurs sooner after treatment and they face an earlier death than women who are diagnosed at their ideal body weight.

The research was reportedly the first to identify weight as an independent factor in ovarian cancer disease

progression and overall survival, suggesting that there is an element in the fat tissue itself that influences the outcome of this disease in obese women.

In the study, the researchers compared the progression of the disease in 216 women, 35 of whom were obese, and 108 were of ideal weight.

The scientists discovered that in addition to their findings on mortality and recurrence of the disease, the cells of the tumours appeared different.

"While further molecular studies are warranted, our study suggests that fat tissue excretes a hormone or protein that causes ovarian cancer cells to grow more aggres-

sively," Andrew Li, the study's principal investigator, was quoted as saying.

The next steps will be to examine this relationship more closely, and to determine the exact biological mechanisms that influence tumour growth in ovarian cancer, Li said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Magnitude 6.4 quake jolts E Indonesia

JAKARTA, 30 Aug—A magnitude 6.4 undersea earthquake struck Indonesia's Moluccas Islands on Tuesday and there was a possibility of a tsunami, an official at the meteorological agency said.

"There is a possibility of a tsunami, but until now

we have not received a report that it has happened," Fauzi, head seismologist at the agency, told *Reuters*.

The epicentre of the quake lay southwest of Tual Island at a depth of 33 kilometres beneath the Banda Sea, he said. That would put it due east of

East Timor and due north of Darwin in northern Australia.—MNA/Reuters

## Hurricane John lashes Mexico's Pacific coast

BEIJING, 31 Aug—A Category 4 Hurricane John lashed Mexico's Pacific coast on Wednesday, pounding tourist resorts with heavy winds and rain in Acapulco. Acapulco, home to some one million people and a popular tourist destination, had sea surges of up to 10 feet (3.5 metres), seafront roads were ankle-deep in water and people struggled to stay on their feet in 135 mph (215 kph) winds.

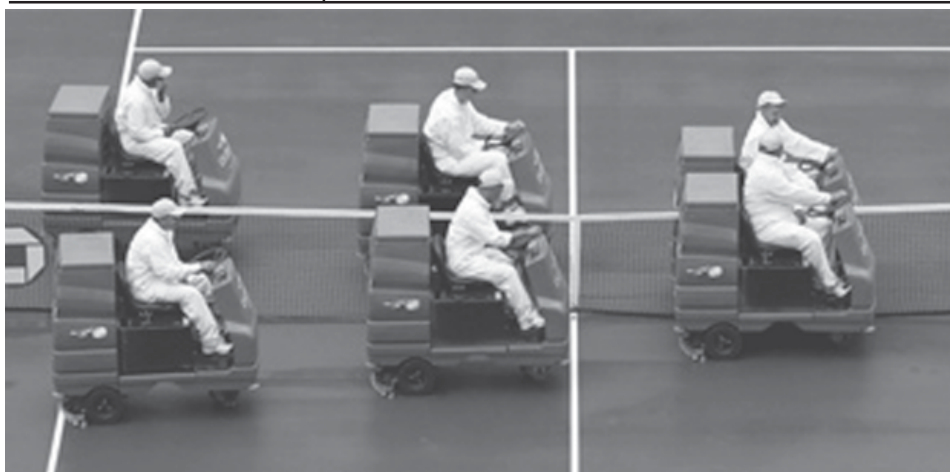
The hurricane could dump up to a foot of rain along parts of Mexico's southern coast, causing landslides or flooding, meteorologists warned. The Miami-based National Hurricane Center upgraded John to Category 4, the second-strongest type of hurricane, capable of extensive

damage if it hits inhabited areas directly.

It was expected to strengthen somewhat throughout its path.—Internet



A lifeguard station stands askew as Hurricane John lashes the resort city of Acapulco on 30 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA



Workers clear the court during a rain delay at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 29 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET



## SPORTS

## Top seed Mauresmo wins delayed first-round match

NEW YORK, 31 Aug — Top seed Amelie Mauresmo reached the second round of the US Open a day later than originally scheduled when she beat German qualifier Kristina Barrois 6-1, 7-5 on Wednesday.

After the rain delays of Tuesday, the Wimbledon champion resumed a set up but 5-2 down in the second to the world number 131.

Although Barrois got to within two points of leveling it up at one set apiece, Mauresmo won five games in succession to complete victory.

"When we came back on the court it wasn't easy but I was able to do it," the Frenchwoman told reporters.

"It's been a great year. I feel great physically, but tennis-wise I still have a few things to work on."

Mauresmo will play the winner of the match between American Meghann Shaughnessy and Italian Roberta Vinci.

MNA/Reuters



*Necaxa's midfielder Gerardo Galindo (R) controls the ball next to Cruz Azul defender Jose Carmona during their Mexican league championship soccer match at the Azul stadium in Mexico City, on 30 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET*

## US overrun Germany to reach semis

SAITAMA (Japan), 31 Aug — The United States broke out of a first-half slumber to beat Germany 85-65 and reach the last four of the world basketball championship on Wednesday.

The US blew a one-point game wide open in a high-energy third quarter as the red-hot tournament favorites moved a step closer to ending a six-year world and Olympic title drought.

The Americans will take on Greece in Friday's semifinals after the European champions overpowered France 73-56 earlier on Wednesday.

"We won despite not having a good offensive night," US coach Mike Krzyzewski told reporters. "But we forced 24 turnovers and we did the things that win ball games."

"Defensively I thought we couldn't have played better in the second half and we needed that."

Carmelo Anthony led the US with 19 points and fellow co-captain LeBron James added 13 after a much-improved second half propelled them to a perfect 7-0 record in Japan.

Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki had 15 points for Germany but spent much of the game in foul trouble after picking up his third personal with 3:04 left in the second quarter.

"They deserved to win — no question," said Germany coach Dirk Bauermann. "They were the better team defensively and they killed us on the offensive glass." — MNA/Reuters



*Los Angeles Dodgers' Andre Ethier, right, slides into home as Cincinnati Reds catcher Jason LaRue awaits a throw in the second inning of a baseball game in Los Angeles on 30 Aug, 2006. Ethier scored on a single by Greg Maddux.—INTERNET*

## Nadal makes impressive start to US Open bid

NEW YORK, 31 Aug — Second seed Rafael Nadal made an impressive start to his US Open title bid on Wednesday when he beat former runner-up Mark Philippoussis 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 in the first round on Wednesday. The Spaniard, who has never been beyond the third round in three visits to Flushing Meadows, looked full of confidence as he brushed aside the Australian wildcard in just over two hours.

Philippoussis hammered 19 aces but French Open champion Nadal broke once in each of the first two sets to take command. Nadal broke again in the opening game of the third set and after saving four break points in the fourth game, held on to set up a clash with Luis Horna of Portugal or Spaniard Guillermo Garcia-Lopez. — MNA/Reuters



*Eight-time Grand Slam winner Roger Federer retruns a forehand to unseeded Wang Yeu-Tzuoo of Taipei during the first round of the 18.5 million dollar US Open in Flushing Meadows. Federer won 6-4, 6-1, 6-0.—INTERNET*

## Former World Cup winner Kohler named new Ivory Coast coach

ABIDJAN, 31 Aug — Former West Germany defender Juergen Kohler has been named Ivory Coast's new coach, charged with getting the team to the 2008 African Nations Cup finals, the Ivorian football federation said on Wednesday.

Kohler, who made 105 international appearances, winning the World Cup in 1990, succeeds Frenchman Henri Michel, who quit after taking the team to the World Cup finals in June.

Kohler, who has signed a two-year contract with the Elephants, was sacked as coach of MSV Duisburg in April. — MNA/Reuters

## Sharapova advances to second round

NEW YORK, 31 Aug — Third seed Maria Sharapova used a dominant serve and laser-like groundstrokes to crush Dutch teenager Michaela Krajicek 6-3, 6-0 and advance to the second round of the US Open on Wednesday.

Sharapova hit 10 aces and was successful on 82 per cent of her first serves to defeat Krajicek in 59 minutes.

The 17-year-old Krajicek lost her serve to open the match and then hung in with Sharapova until getting broken again in the ninth game to lose the set.

Krajicek, making her Open debut, hit four double faults and just one ace in the match. — MNA/Reuters

*Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska returns a shot to China's Yan Zi during their match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 30 Aug, 2006. INTERNET*



## Fine start for relaxed champion Federer

NEW YORK, 31 Aug — Roger Federer took the first step towards what he hopes will be a third consecutive US Open title as he cruised past Wang Yeu-tzuoo of Taipei 6-4, 6-1, 6-0 in the first round on Wednesday.

The world number one was at his effortless best as he raced to victory in just one hour 41 minutes to set up a clash with the winner of the all-British clash between Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski.

Federer, who has won four of the past five Grand Slam events, was pushed hard by the world number 109 in the first set but then romped through the remainder of the match. The growing rivalry between Federer and second seed Rafael Nadal has captured plenty of attention on the ATP Tour this year.

The Spaniard beat Federer to win the French Open in June but the Swiss got his revenge in the Wimbledon final. The pair are seeded to meet in the final here but Federer said he was not looking that far ahead.

John McEnroe and Ivan Lendl are the only other men to have won three consecutive titles at the US Open in the professional era. — MNA/Reuters



# Philippines coastal oil spill reaches 500,000 litres

MANILA, 31 Aug — The Philippine Coast Guard said on Wednesday that more than half a million litres of bunker oil have been discharged from a sunken tanker near Guimaras Island, Western Visayas Region of the country.

“The leak is continuous,” local TV ANC quoted Coast Guard spokesman Joseph Coyne as saying.

The spokesman said that the Coast Guard estimated that 500,000 to 700,000 litres of industrial fuel oil have been spilled, according to the TV

report.

The country will hire a Japanese remote-operated vehicle, which is able to dive down the sea, to determine how many tankers have ruptured and how many litres of oil are still remaining in the vessel, Coyne added.

The figure is an in-

crease from the Coast Guard’s initial report of 200,000 to 300,000 litres of oil that leaked out after the Philippines tanker’s sinking on August 11, the report said.

The tanker has yet to be refloated due to the

Philippines’ lack of technical capability. With practical foreign help, two to three months will be needed to siphoning off the remaining oil without raising the ship, Coyne said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Survey says children’s hour most important for NZ parents

WELLINGTON, 31 Aug — Two-thirds of fathers and a half of mothers in New Zealand want to spend more time with their children, according to a survey released on Wednesday.

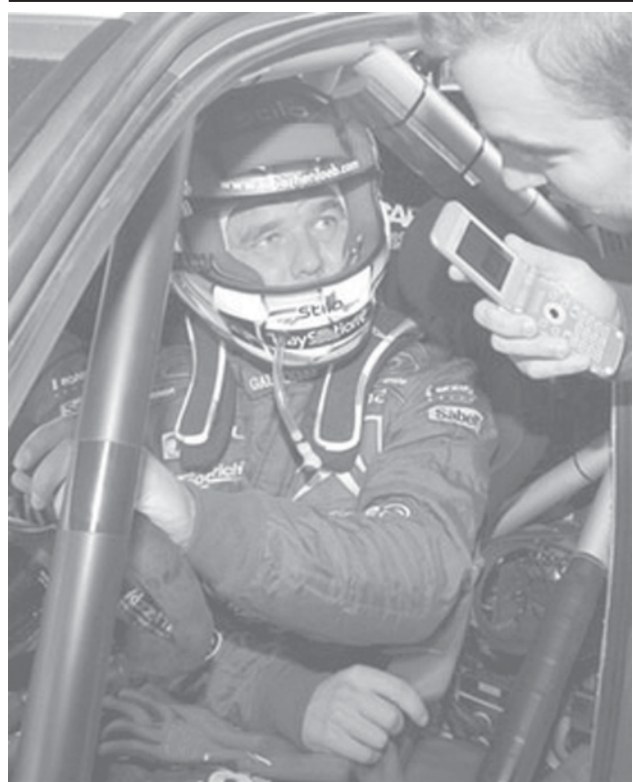
The survey for Relationship Services of 1,000 New Zealanders shows that 66 per cent of men and 52 per cent of women surveyed want to have more time with their children.

Exactly half of them want to have more time with their partners. Only 2 per cent or less said they wanted to spend less time with any of these.

Jeremy Robertson, a researcher at Victoria University’s Roy McKenzie Centre, said the findings showed that “policies that help achieve a better work and family life balance are

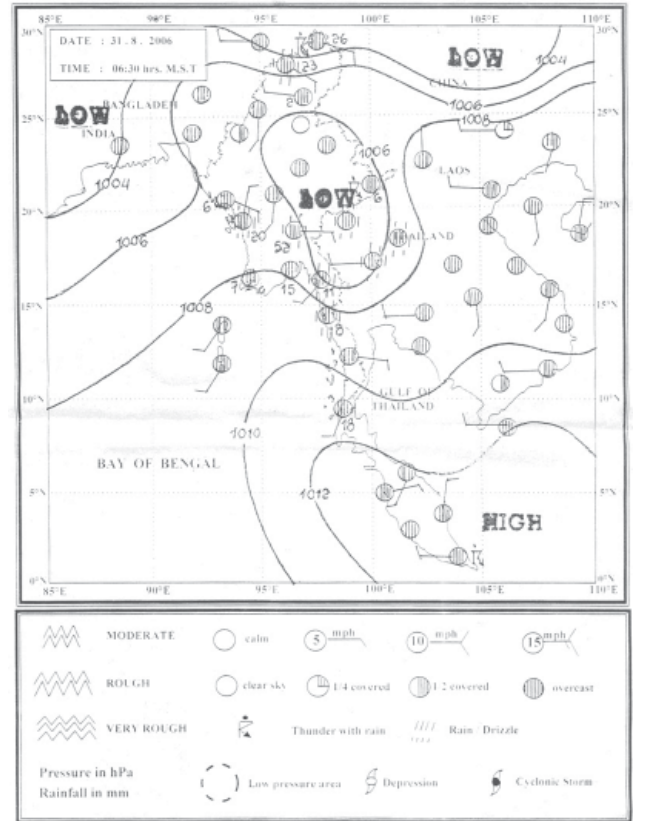
more likely to lead to better individual wellbeing”.

Despite feeling that they would like to spend more time with their children, New Zealanders in the sample were happier with their relationship with their offspring than with anyone else in their lives. — MNA/Xinhua



French driver Sebastien Loeb of Citroen chats with his team staff before his second run during the shakedown for P1 drivers of the Japan Rally 2006 in Obihiro on Japan’s northernmost main island of Hokkaido Thursday, 31 Aug, 2006. — INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



### WEATHER

Friday, 31 August, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (1.02) inches, Pyinmana (3.19) inches, Hpa-an (2.56) inches, Taunggu (2.17) inches, Loikaw (2.01) inches and Shwegyin (1.66) inches.

Maximum temperature on 30-8-2006 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 31-8-2006 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 31-8-2006 was (89%). Total sunshine hours on 30-7-2006 was (0.2) hour approx.

Rainfalls on 31-8-2006 were (0.43) inch at Mingaladon, (0.59) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.43) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (79.80) inches at Mingaladon, (91.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (96.10) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 30-8-2006.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and south Bay and generally moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 1-9-2006:** Rain will be isolated in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated in heavyfalls in Mon State and Deltaic area. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Sea will be moderate in Myanmar water.

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 1-9-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 1-9-2006:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 1-9-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

### “Flood Bulletin”

(Issued at 12:30 hrs MST on 31-8-2006)  
According to the (18:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1141) cm. It may remain above its danger level (1070)cm during the next (72) hours commencing noon today.



Friday, 1 September  
View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
- 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
- 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
- 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
- 5. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင် စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
- 8:10 am
- 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
- 7. The mirror images of musical oldies

- 8:25 am
- 8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:35 am
- 9. တံငါတံတား
- 8:45 am
- 10. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
- 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
- 3. Practice in reading
- 4:45 pm
- 4. အစေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သင်္ချာ၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
- 5. Song of national races
- 5:15 pm
- 6. “အရေးကြီးလို့ပါ” (ခင်လှိုင်၊ ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)
- 7. “ဒါရိုက်တာ- ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ”
- 5:25 pm
- 7. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား

- 5:35 pm
- 8. Song of yester year
- 5:45 pm
- 9. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊အရေး၊အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေးနှင့် ကာလပေါ်တေး) (မဟာဂီတ) (ပညာရှင်အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား/အမျိုးသမီး)
- 6:00 pm
- 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
- 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
- 12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှန်
- 7:10 pm
- 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်လိပ်ပြာလေးတစ်လည်လည်” (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
- 8:00 pm
- 14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာသံစဉ်” (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
- 18. The next day’s programme



Friday, 1 September  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Good sign
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -I gotta know
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -The way to my heart
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Life is good
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music
- To love you more
- Someday
- You’re all that I need
- 9:00pm WOM
- Israel, Portugal, Hungary, India, Indonesia
- 9:15pm Article
- 9:25pm Music at your request
- Promie me you’ll try
- Whenever you go
- Love sent ingel
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



## Cultivation of pepper to be extended as main crop in Rakhine State

### Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on inspection tour of Kyaukpyu, Yanbye

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Rakhine State PDC Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Maung Shein, met departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people at Rammawady Hall in guard and maintain Yangon-Kyaukpyu Highway for its durability. Rubber and physic nut plants are to be grown for exceeding the target. In addition, cultivation of pepper is to be extended as main crop in Rakhine State. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented cash assistance and school stationery to Township Education Officer Daw Tin Tin Ohn.



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence views collective scattering of fertilizer in fields at Hnanpetaung Village, Kyaukpyu Township. — MNA

ment Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Rakhine State PDC Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Maung Shein, met departmental personnel, members of

Kyaukpyu on 27 August morning.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than stressed the need to concentrate on cultivation of double cropping and extension of livestock breeding. It is necessary to safe-

guard and maintain Yangon-Kyaukpyu Highway for its durability. Rubber and physic nut plants are to be grown for exceeding the target. In addition, cultivation of pepper is to be extended as main crop in Rakhine State. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented cash assistance and school sta-

tionery to Township Education Officer Daw Tin Tin Ohn.

They attended the ceremony to grow physic nut saplings at Kyaukpyu Education College. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and the commander

planted physic nut saplings at the designated places.

They also attended the collective weeding ceremony at Hnanphetin field in Hnanpetaung Village. At the ceremony, Acting

Chairman of the Township PDC U Myint Hlaing reported on cultivation of 60,692 acres of monsoon paddy against the target of 60,690 acres for 2006-07, cultivation of 139 acres of rubber and pepper.

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## Lt-Gen Myint Swe participates in Dagon University's tree planting ceremony

YANGON, 31 Aug — Dagon University in Yangon East District organized a tree planting ceremony today and Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence planted a Gangaw (Meswafferrea) tree in front of the university's main building.

As part of a plan of the university to grow 10,000 plants on the campus, over 3,000 plants were grown at the ceremony.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Central Executive Committee Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Mayor of Yangon Brig-Gen

Aung Thein Lin, Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai, the rector and faculty members of the university, students and members of USDA and social organizations also participated in the tree planting ceremony which was formally opened by Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Rector U Kyaw Myint Oo.

At the ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai and Rector U Kyaw Myint Oo and distributed to the participants.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe meeting with the rector, faculty members and students of Dagon University. — MNA

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After the aircraft had landed at the airport, the Myanmar footballers alighted. In an interview, former selected player U Aye Maung Gyi said, "I take a great pride in the present Myanmar team in securing Merdeka Championship more than that of ours. After 35 years of hard work, our expectation finally comes to fruition."

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