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## Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Morocco

YANGON, 30 July — 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 King Mohammed VI of the Kingdom of Morocco, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Morocco which falls on 30 July 2003. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-2 inspect Myittha River Bridge (Kalewa) Construction Project

YANGON, 29 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win and member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, together with Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, ministers, deputy ministers, senior military

officers and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, arrived at Kale in Sagaing Division on 25 July.

They were welcomed there by Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye of Kale Station, Brig-Gen Mya Win of Kyikon Station and officials. Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, the Secretary-2 and party attended the offering of provisions to members of the Sangha from 37 monasteries in Kale Township at the Dhammayon of

First, Lt-Gen Ye Myint made a speech saying that the aim of their tour was to fulfil requirements for regional development. He invited the officials to present needs for regional development. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann said that Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe during his recent tour of Kale made arrangements for regional development. He quoted the

been endeavouring intensively for building up a peaceful, modern and developed nation. But the government alone would not be able to implement the development projects, and the government personnel and the people are thus to collectively and harmoniously participate in the projects hand in hand with the government. Employing the development momentum resulting from the correct leadership of the government and participation of

### 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 nation



Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party inspect the Myittha Bridge (Kalewa) construction project in Kalewa Township. — MNA

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Shwebontha Buddha Image in the Township.

Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Mingala Uyin Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sirinda administered the Five Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited religious verses. Next, the rice, edible oil, salt and offertories were presented to the Sayadaws. Sayadaw Bhaddanta Punñasattha delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, the Secretary-2 and party met departmental officials, local authorities, personnel, members of social organizations and townselders at Kale Station.

Head of State as saying that if the State, the people and the service personnel carried out the tasks in unity and cooperation, it will make significant contribution towards Kale region gaining development momentum.

He added that though it is a district in Sagaing Division, Kale contributes much towards economic, education and health sectors of Chin State, which is contiguous with Sagaing Division. The border trade with the neighbouring country and favourable conditions for agriculture and livestock breeding are improving the prospects of regional development.

The government has

the staff and the people, collective and continued efforts are to be made for achieving greater success, he noted.

Chairman of Kale District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myo Chit reported on utilizing of land resources in the district, progress in cultivating monsoon paddy, edible crops, beans and pulses, sugarcane and other crops, sufficiency of rice and edible oil, tasks being carried out for regional development, economic development, per capita income, education and health sectors and requirements.

Regarding the reports, the Secretary-2 gave necessary instructions, saying that

Kale region is developing more and more. One can notice the region's development conditions sector-wise in figure and as it is. Thanks to water supply projects, Kale region can extend its sown acreage. The region has enjoyed the fruitful results of Zee Creek hydel-power project. And Yazagyo Dam hydel-power project is also being implemented. The developing Kale Industrial Zone is manufacturing Jeeps much useful to Kale region as well as the regions in Chin State.

Likewise, the regions in States and Divisions are enjoying development momentum gained through the government's correct leadership and self-reliant en-

deavours. With perpetuation of stability across the nation, the development as well as construction projects can be implemented steadfastly. Even the border regions, which lagged behind in development in the past are now remarkably developing, he said.

In making collective endeavours for the development of the nation upholding the guidance of the Head of State, preparations are to be made in advance to avoid possible mistakes and weak points. The officials are to avoid activities which can cause burdens on the people, he noted. It is important to discharge duties with goodwill, he said.

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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## Towards emergence of highly-qualified human resources

Human resources being the key to the progress of a nation, the State Peace and Development Council, in its drive for the advent of the Union of Myanmar as a modern and developed nation, has been giving top priority to development of highly-qualified human resources. Accordingly, the Government has been opening new universities and colleges — the birthplace of intellectuals and intelligentsia — wherever necessary in all states and divisions, including special regions for development.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Khin Nyunt, also Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee, on 27 July, observed the tasks being carried out in Meiktila for human resource development. In his meeting with the responsible personnel at Meiktila College, the Secretary-1 said that the opening of new universities and colleges was for the emergence of highly-qualified human resources in accordance with the national education promotion programme and the 30-year long-term education plan.

In Shan State, as regional development tasks are being carried out not only in Taunggyi, Lashio and Kengtung, but also in Loilem, one of the special development regions. Loilem District is made up of 11 townships and one of them is Panglong Township, the cradle of the Union of Myanmar. Therefore, a university, a technological college and a computer college were opened in Panglong.

Similarly, new universities, degree colleges and colleges were opened in Bhamo region of Kachin State, Maubin region of Ayeyawady Division and Myeik region of Taninthayi Division. Degree colleges and Government Technical Institutes are under construction in Mohnyin of Kachin State and Myingyan of Mandalay Division, though they are not included in the special development regions. As Magway and Meiktila are strategic regions in the central part of Myanmar, an institute of medicine, a university of community health, an institute of economics, a technological college, a computer college, an education college and Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University were opened there.

At a time when the Government has been constantly attending to all the requirements to open opportunities to youths they will be able to pursue education without difficulty, we would like to call upon all the teachers to try their level best to realize the education goal of the State by turning out highly-qualified human resources more and more.

## Do not be frightened whenever intimidated



Executive U Hla Maung and officials of the UMFCFI left for Thailand by air on 29 July to attend the 'Workshop on AFTA and AISP' to be held at Chaing Rai, Thailand from 29 to 31 July 2003. They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by UMFCFI President U Win Myint, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and officials.—H



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects the Government Computer College in Kale. — MNA (News page-1)

## Leading Committee for Nutrition Week meets

YANGON, 29 July — Chairman of the Leading Committee for Nutrition Week Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint delivered an address at the meeting of Leading Committee for Nutrition Week being held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health on Pyidaungsu Yeiktha street, Dagon Township this after-

noon. Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein, President of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, directors-general, managing directors, deputy directors-general, directors of departments and

officials of social organizations. At first, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint made a speech on the occasion.

Next, Secretary of the Leading Committee for Nutrition Week Director-General of Department of Health Dr Wan Maung reported on work plan for nutrition week and Joint-Secretary Director of De-

partment of Health (Public Health) Dr San Shwe Win reported on progress of work. Afterwards, those present took part in the discussion and passed resolutions.

After that, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint made a concluding speech and the meeting came to a close.

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## Management Committee of F&amp;R Ministry meets

YANGON, 29 July — The meeting of Management Committee, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, was held at the ministry this afternoon, attended by Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

Also present were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Tun, the governor and the vice-governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, directors-general and managing directors under the ministry and officials.

At the ceremony, Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivered a speech.

MNA



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun addresses the meeting of the management committee of the ministry. — F & R

## Special trains for Taungbyone festival

YANGON, 29 July — Special trains will run between Yangon and Mandalay during the Taungbyone festival beginning 31 July.

The Up train leaving Yangon at 1.45 pm and arriving Mandalay at 5 am the next day will run from 1 to 11 August on odd days, and the Down train leaving Mandalay at 1.15 pm and arriving at Yangon 4.15 am the next day will run from 31 July to 12 August. The Down train will run on even days in August.

The special trains will stop at Bago, Nyaunglebin, Pyu, Toungoo, Pyinmana, Pyawbwe and Thazi stations. Tickets will be available at the respective stations for two first coaches and eight ordinary coaches.

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## Attorney-General meets law officers

YANGON, 29 July — The attorney-general and state, division and district law officers held the 23rd work coordination meeting at the meeting hall-2 of the attorney general's office this morning.

Present on the occa-

sion were Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Attorney-Generals Dr Tun Shin, U Han Shein and U Myint Naing, Director-General of the Attorney-General's Office U Mya Nyein, Deputy Director-General of the Attorney-General's Of-

fice (Mandalay Branch) U Tin Myint and officials. The law officers and directors presented their respective reports. Next, the deputy attorney-generals and the director-general made speeches. Later, the attorney-general gave concluding remarks. — MNA



The Construction and Engineering Co of the National Development Company Group launched its special sales of its housing estates at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street on 26 July and attracted a lot of people. On that day, over 200 apartments were sold out. — NLM



# Athens lawyers to file suit against Blair over Iraq

**ATHENS, 29 July**—The Athens Bar Association was scheduled to lodge a complaint with the International Criminal Court against Prime Minister Tony Blair government for what it said were crimes against humanity in Iraq.

The President of the association, Dimitris Paxinos, said in a radio interview Monday that he did not expect the court to summon Blair to testify but added that this was a decision to be taken by the tribunal in The Hague.

The 20,000-member bar association alleges that US and British military forces in Iraq breached international treaties such as the UN charter, the Geneva Conventions and the statutes of the International Criminal Court.

The action also cites Jack Straw, the British foreign secretary, Geoff Hoon, the secretary of defence and Adam Ingram, the minister of state for the armed forces.

It is now up to the prosecutor of the court, Luis Moreno Ocampo, to decide if there is any substance to the 47-page

complaint, and whether it should be prosecuted. Blair would have to appear before the court if there is "indication of guilt", said Paxinos.

"I don't think that's very probable, but that does not concern me. I think that is my duty (to bring the action)," he said.

The court, which was inaugurated on March 12, was set up last year to conduct investigations and prosecutions of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. However, the court is only able to act when national courts are unable or unwilling to investigate or prosecute.

The Greek public and all the main political parties overwhelmingly opposed the US-led war in Iraq.

However, the United States has challenged the court's jurisdiction over

Americans and has put pressure on other nations not to extradite US troops and other Americans charged with human rights and war crimes.

Paxinos said the bar association had not brought a similar case against US President George W Bush because the United States had not ratified the treaty setting up the International Criminal Court and is therefore outside its jurisdiction.

If the case is heard, the bar association said it would summon a number of high-level personalities as witnesses, including UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, former UN weapons inspector Hans Blix, the president of the European Commission, Romano Prodi and the EU's foreign and security policy chief, Javier Solana.—*Internet*

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## Arab foreign ministers to discuss Iraq next month

**CAIRO, 29 July**—A group of Arab foreign ministers will meet in Cairo on August 5 to discuss the future of fellow Arab state Iraq and Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts, Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa said on Sunday.

Moussa said the League had invited ministers who are following up recommendations of an Arab summit held in March to attend the talks at the headquarters of the 22-member pan-Arab body in Cairo.

An official said the foreign ministers of Egypt, Jordan, Bahrain and Libya had already agreed to attend. The League was still awaiting a response from Tunisia, Syria, Lebanon, the Palestinians, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Morocco.

MNA/Reuters

## ICC looks at allegations against UK troops in Iraq

**AMSTERDAM, 29 July**—The prosecutor of the world's first permanent war crimes court will review a dossier containing allegations of human rights abuses by British troops in Iraq, the court said on Monday.

Members of the Athens Bar Association have called on International Criminal Court (ICC) Chief Prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo to investigate 22 alleged incidents involving British forces in the war, the court said in a statement.

The Greek lawyers handed a dossier containing 74 press reports and 13 video tapes of news reports from the war in Iraq to the prosecutor.

"The Office of the Prosecutor handed a written letter acknowledging receipt of this communication to the members of the Association and will review the content of the communication and the dossier," The Hague based court said.

"Experts of the Athens Bar Association prepared 22 charges referring to specific incidents and requested the Office of the Prosecutor to exercise the jurisdiction of the Court in crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide," the ICC said.

A British Foreign Ministry spokesman said London was aware of the reports but had "nothing to add by way of comment, except to say the British government has

acted in accordance with international law throughout the conflict."

The ICC has received around 500 complaints from 66 countries since the global court came into force in July 2002. It has not yet initiated a full investigation. Britain and Greece are among 91 countries that recognize and support the court.

More than 100 complaints so far have concerned the US-led war in Iraq, most of those protests against the war itself. The United States does not back the court.

The ICC, set up to tackle war crimes and crimes against humanity, can act only if national courts cannot or will not, and has jurisdiction solely where crimes were committed by nationals of a state party to the court or on such a state's territory.

The prosecutor said earlier this month he was focusing on the Democratic Republic of Congo for what could lead to his maiden formal investigation. His examination of complaints of atrocities in Congo's northeastern province of Ituri could produce the court's first case.

*Internet*



A US soldier orders an Iraqi man leaning on a walking stick to leave the scene of a weapons raid. The US said that 30 nations have thus far agreed to participate with in an international stabilization force for Iraq.—*INTERNET*

## Indian PM urges farmers to boost grain exports

**NEW DELHI, 29 July**—In a bid to accelerate foodgrain exports, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sunday called upon farmers to reduce cost of production and become more competitive in the world market.

"Many countries in the world are experiencing food

shortages but they want to buy at low prices. Now that I am meeting you personally, I advise you to reduce cost of production to become more competitive," Vajpayee told farmers who gathered at his residence to thank him for reducing interest on agricultural loans.

He said that the govern-

ment will arrange remunerative prices for the farmers in the international grain market but input costs then must be reduced.

Vajpayee said, "The world is surprised that from a grain importing country, India has now become an exporter. It sends grains to a number of countries."

MNA/Xinhua

## 1,020 criminals arrested in joint operation in Bangladesh

**DHAKA, 29 July**—Bangladeshi Home Secretary Muhammad Omar Faruque Sunday announced that 1,020 criminals including 71 listed ones were arrested so far in a joint operation in southwest Bangladesh, reported the official *Bangladesh News Agency*. Muham-mad Omar Faruque dismissed any possibility of winding up the ongoing operation "Spider Web" in southwestern districts jointly carried out by the police, Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and ansars (militia), adding the operation will continue until its goal is achieved.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi boy stands in front of an Italian "tent hospital" in Baghdad on 26 July, 2003. The hospital, set up by the Italian Red Cross two months ago, treats more than 100 Iraqi patients on average each day and can conduct five operations.—*XINHUA*

## Thailand's Hall of Opium to be officially opened in October

**BANGKOK, 29 July**—Thailand's Mae Fah Luang Foundation will officially open its Hall of Opium in October to spotlight the drug's 5,000-year history and the dangers of using it, the *Bangkok Post* reported Monday.

Disnadda Diskul, secretary-general of the foundation, said that the museum, located in the famous Golden Triangle in the Chiang Saen District of Chiang Rai Province 900 kilometres north of Bangkok, would become an international information centre and serve as an effective tool in turning farmers away from opium cultivation.

MNA/Xinhua

## Iraqi killed as shooting erupts at anti-US protest

**KERBALA (Iraq), 29 July**—An Iraqi man was killed and three wounded in the Shiite holy city of Kerbala on Sunday when protesters clashed with US troops and Iraqi police, witnesses and hospital workers said.

Marines said two *Kalashnikov* rifle shots were fired during the protest and they returned fire. *Reuters* journalists saw troops fire in the air to try to disperse stone-throwers angry at the killing of another man by US troops on Saturday.

Doctors at a hospital in the city, home to one of Shiite Islam's holiest shrines, said the man killed in Sunday's protest had been shot and showed the wound to a *Reuters* correspondent. One of the wounded, Shaer Abbas, said he had been hit with an electric cattle prod.

"During the protest, two rounds were fired from a building," a Marine officer

told *Reuters*. "They were fired from an AK-47. We're investigating to make sure the firing has stopped."

Residents said unrest began on Saturday when locals accused US troops of encroaching on the grounds of the revered Imam Hussein Mosque. In resulting clashes, they said, an Iraqi died.

The Marine officer said the Iraqi killed on Saturday had been shot by troops because he was armed and posed a threat.

The death sparked Sunday's protest, with hundreds of men marching from the famed, gold-domed mosque

waving banners and shouting anti-American slogans. As gunshots rang out, Marines dived for cover behind walls and many Iraqi police fled.

Soldiers arrested several protesters. At least one of the detained Iraqis was carrying a *Kalashnikov* AK-47 assault rifle. In angry confrontations, Marines threw several protesters to the ground and pointed their weapons at the crowd.

The funeral of the Iraqi killed on Sunday was due to take place at 5 p.m. (1300 GMT) on Sunday afternoon, and was expected to be another potential flashpoint in the tense city.

MNA/Reuters

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## Bahraini Co told to stop Iraq operation

**DUBAI (United Arab Emirates), 29 July**—The Bahraini telephone company that set up a cellular network in Baghdad without permission from the US-led authority in Iraq has been ordered to cut off the service.

Bahrain Telecommunication Co., known as Batelco, had begun service July 22, carrying calls for people with phones on the GSM network standard common in the Middle East and Europe. Batelco said it had spent nearly \$5 million setting up the network and planned to give free phones to police, fire and emergency crews in Baghdad whose communications have been hampered by the devastation of the city's landline phone networks.

"It's a pity that we had to stop. We really put in an effort and felt a cheer coming toward us from all over the world," Rashid al-Snan, Batelco's regional operations manager, told *The Associated Press* by telephone Monday from Bahrain.

Al-Snan said Batelco received a letter from US authorities two days after the service started, saying the company needed a license to operate in Iraq. Batelco responded with a request for a license, but was told to stop the service and that provisional authorities were still working out a licensing regime. Al-Snan said Batelco had not thought it needed a license to get started and had planned to apply once licensing began.

US authorities formally began seeking bids for three mobile phone licenses in Iraq on Sunday, telling prospective licensees they will be required to begin installation within 20 days of being hired.

"We are more than willing to work within the regulations available and will apply for a tender," al-Snan said.

A spokesman for the provisional authority, speaking on condition of anonymity, told reporters in Baghdad on Sunday that two companies that had been providing service without authorization in Iraq had been asked to stop because their operations interfered with the signal of MCI, the US company that provides mobile service to officials from the authority, the United Nations and some government departments.

Internet

## Vietnam's seafood exports in first seven months rise

**HANOI, 29 July**—Vietnam is estimated to make seafood export revenues of 1.17 billion US dollars in the first seven months of 2003, a year-on-year rise of 11.6 per cent, according to the Ministry of Fisheries on Monday.

In July alone, the country shipped abroad 251,000 tons, of seafood worth 210 million dollars, recording lower growth than previous months. The Ministry of Fisheries said the catfish dispute between Vietnam and the United States has negatively affected the exports.

MNA/Xinhua



US Army 1st Armoured Division soldiers stand guard as residents of a Baghdad University housing complex stage a sit-in on 28 July, 2003, in Baghdad, Iraq. The 1st Division soldiers want a residential wing of Baghdad University to be evacuated for security reasons because it overlooks the US soldiers' camp. —INTERNET

## Rights report criticizes US, allies on Afghanistan

**KABUL, 29 July**—Human Rights Watch has sharply criticized the United States and other foreign power-brokers in Afghanistan for failing to stem right abuses in the country, which it says could derail elections due next June.

Violence, political intimidation and attacks on women and girls were discouraging political participation and endangering gains in women's rights since the fall of the Taleban in late 2001, the New York-based group said in a report on Tuesday.

Serious abuses were being committed by gunmen and faction leaders propelled to power by the United States and its coalition partners after the fall of the Taleban, a statement quoted Brad Adams, Human

Rights Watch executive director for Asia, as saying.

"With less than a year to go before national elections, Afghanistan's human rights situation appears to be worsening."

The report, which covered Kabul and the most populous southeastern parts of Afghanistan, said the atmosphere of violence and a resurgent religious fundamentalism in some parts were endangering most rights improvements since the Taleban fell.

MNA/Reuters

## India urges Pakistan to react substantively to peace initiative

**NEW DELHI, 29 July**—India on Monday urged Pakistan to react substantively to Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's peace initiative and show "sincerity" in creating the right atmosphere for dialogue to enable them to move ahead.

"We have repeatedly said the doors to dialogue are open if Pakistan ends its support to terrorism," an External Affairs Ministry spokesman told reporters when asked about Pakistan expressing its readiness for foreign secretary level talks.

"In the recent days, we have seen a spurt in terrorist violence and what is required is for Pakistan to react substantively to Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's peace initiative by taking effective steps which result in tangible movement in ending terrorism," he said. Pakistan should not seek to avoid this responsibility by only

talking about dialogue and the level at which it should commence, he spokesman said.

"If there is sincerity in creating the right conditions, then we can move ahead," he said. There is still no word from the Pakistani side on dates for discussions of the technical level teams for resumption of civil aviation links between the two countries, which were stopped in the wake of the December 13 terror strike on Indian Parliament last year.

The spokesman made it clear that India was following a "step-by-step" approach in normalizing ties with Pakistan. MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam to increase cigarette taxes

**HANOI, 29 July**—The Vietnamese Government will impose higher taxes on cigarettes from January 1, 2004 in a bid to reduce the number of smokers.

All kinds of cigarettes will carry a value-added tax of 10 per cent in addition to the existing special consumption tax, a *Vietnam News* report said on Monday.

Taxes on a pack of cigarettes will make up two-thirds of its retail price, the proportion seen in most other countries, said Bach Thi Minh Huyen, Deputy Director of the Financing Policy Department under the Ministry of Finance. When taxes increase by 10 per cent for a pack of cigarettes, market demand will drop by 8 per cent in developed countries, and by 4 per cent in developing nations, according to the World Bank. "Vietnam plans to apply only one special con-

sumption tax on all cigarettes, regardless of whether they are filter or non-filter ones, or made from domestic or imported materials," Huyen said. The country now imposes special consumption taxes of 65 per cent, 45 per cent and 25 per cent on filter cigarettes made mainly from imported materials, filter ones made mainly from domestic materials, and non-filter cigarettes respectively. Recently, the government banned cigarette logos on promotional items such as clothes, hats, lighters and handbags, and posters featuring logos at entertainment events, bars and karaoke rooms. It also decided to cut all scenes from local films that incite smoking. MNA/Xinhua



Mexicans hold posters during a demonstration in front of the United States Embassy in Mexico City on July 26, 2003, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Cuba's Moncada attack. The demonstrators protested against the US for its longtime blockade of Cuba. —XINHUA



# 200 protest Bush's appearance

PITTSBURG, 29 July—"Bush lied, people died," shouted some of the 200 protesters who gathered Downtown yesterday morning at Tenth Street and Penn Avenue to demonstrate against President Bush's appearance at the National Urban League Annual Conference.

"We are not picketing against the Urban League," said Yvonne Brown, 57, of the Hill District. "We are protesting against George Bush because he is the cause of what is happening in Iraq. The moment he said the war was over, they started killing our soldiers one by one. This is still war."

The protesters, young and old alike, men and women representing a variety of races, shouted slogans, banged on drums and carried signs:

"We want an elected president." "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbours' oil fields." "Thou shalt not bear false witness." "Stop supporting dictators in Africa."

"Bring my dad home," said 13-year-old Robin Ponton of Perry Hilltop.

Her father is Staff Sgt Charles Pollard, 43, also of Perry Hilltop. Ponton said her father, who serves in the 307th Military Police Company, has been in Iraq for almost a year.

Robin's mother, Deshauna Ponton, said that every time the news announces another soldier has been killed in Iraq, Robin fears she will hear her father's name.

"It's sad whenever we are reading letters from [Charles] and they sound like they are the last letter he'll ever write. We want him to come home," Deshauna said.

The Pontons were not alone in their desire to see all the US soldiers return home.

Cathy Troiani, of Zelenople, Butler County, wife of Army Staff Sgt Phillip Troiani with the 44th Personnel Services Battalion currently in Kuwait, was holding a placard that read: "Bring home Gabriella's daddy."

"My husband wants to come home," she said. "I support my husband. I don't support the war. I don't support the president. It's dangerous. It's gotten more dangerous since the president declared victory."

Many conference attendees who made their way out of the David L Lawrence Convention Center were unaware that a protest was taking place.

"I'm shocked," said Lillian Haydel, a convention delegate from New Orleans. "I didn't know it was going on. You can't tell from inside the convention. I think it's freedom of speech and everyone is entitled to it."

The protest was organized by the Thomas Merton Center and included other organizations. There were no arrests.

Across the street, a handful of counter-protesters supported Bush's appearance. —Internet

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## Central Iraq still 'war zone'

BAGHDAD, 29 July — Central Iraq, from Baghdad to Tikrit, was still a war zone, the top US military commander said today during a stop in India.

"Eighty per cent of the security incidents are happening there," General Richard B Myers told a news conference at the US Embassy in New Delhi, as he referred to attacks on US troops in central Iraq.

"It's fair to say it's still a war zone in that area," Myers said. "It's still a very challenging environment, a very hard environment." Myers said he was not contradicting US President George Bush, who had declared that major conflict operations were over in Iraq.

Myers said Bush had used "specific language" to refer to "major conflicts" and the general said that was true.

"Militarily we won't be defeated in Iraq," Myers said. "We will stay until the job is done."

He said US analysts believe that most of the resistance to US troops came from remnants of the ousted regime of Saddam Hussein, members of his Ba'ath Party, the Republican Guard, plus criminals he had released from prison.

"Foreign fighters are also perhaps coming in," Myers said, but did not elaborate. —Internet



A resident of a Baghdad University student building waits with his belongings outside the building as a US Army 1st Armoured Division soldier stands guard Monday, on 28 July, 2003, in Baghdad, Iraq. The soldiers wanted a residence hall of Baghdad University to be evacuated for security reasons because it overlooks the US soldiers' camp. — INTERNET

## US soldier killed, three hurt in Baghdad attack

BAGHDAD, 29 July - A US soldier was killed in a bomb attack in broad daylight in Baghdad on Monday, bringing to 50 the number of U.S. troops to die from hostile fire since Washington declared major combat over on 1 May.

The US military said three other troops were wounded when an "improvised explosive device" was dropped from a bridge onto a US convoy in the capital's Rashid district, the latest in an increasingly bold and deadly guerrilla campaign.

Fueling a cycle of fear and resentment between American occupiers and ordinary Iraqis, people in Baghdad accused jumpy US troops of killing five passers-by on Sunday in what looked like a botched raid in the hunt for Saddam Hussein.

US spokesmen declined all comment on Sunday's incident, adding to an air of mystery over precisely what occurred.

The US commander in Iraq, Lieutenant General Ricardo Sanchez, warned the country was becoming a "terrorist magnet" and said attacks on his forces were becoming more sophisticated.

A previously unknown group, apparently

Iraqi Muslim militants, said in a video tape aired on Arab television it would fight a "holy war" against President Bush.

A masked gunman from the Salafist Jihad Group said: "America, you have declared war on God's soldiers... You will have no security or peace of mind as long as you are an infidel and fighting a war against Islam."

About a third of the US deaths since May 1 have occurred in the past 10 days alone, although US officers say the number of attacks is constant at an average of about a dozen a day.

Those behind the attacks remain unseen and US commanders have been playing down the possibility Saddam may be orchestrating them or that the killing of his once powerful sons a week ago should slow the attrition rate. Saddam, they say, has little room for maneuver as troops hunt him down.

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## Another Pakistani child undergoes heart operation in India

NEW DELHI, 29 July — Close on the heels of the surgery on Noor Fatima which generated much interest on both sides of the Indo-Pakistani border, eight-year-old Pakistani boy Junaid Khalid Monday underwent a complex open heart surgery to plug a hole in his heart at a superspecialty hospital in Bangalore.

Junaid, the second child passenger who travelled on the restarted Lahore-Delhi bus service for surgery after the two-and-a-half-year-old Noor, was operated upon for seven hours at Narayana Hrudayalaya, where Noor is now recuperating and is set to walk home this week, according to local media.

MNA/Xinhua

## Development projects to create jobs in Zimbabwe

HARARE, 29 July — An estimated 6,000 new jobs will be created after the Zimbabwean Government floated about 2.43 million US dollars to rural district councils for development projects linked to the land reform programme, according to the *Herald* on Monday. This is another effort by the government to ensure that the agrarian reform programme successfully ushers in a new era in the country's social, economic and political landscape.

Most of the councils have applied for projects, which give priority to employment creation in rural and resettlement areas while boosting agricultural development.

Among the projects lined up by the councils are small-scale irrigation schemes, fishing cooperatives and conservancy operations.

The money is being disbursed on a first-come-first-served basis and according to the needs and projected

future opportunities of each proposed project. The application period ended last week with the 57 rural dis-

trict councils having applied for projects, most of them linked to strategic land use plans. —MNA/Xinhua



Italian doctors conduct an operation on a patient in an Italian "tent hospital" in Baghdad, Iraq, on 26 July, 2003. The hospital, set by the Italian Red Cross two months ago, treats more than 100 Iraqi patients on average each day and can conduct five operations.

The treatment is free of charge. — XINHUA

## Photo exhibition on HIV/AIDS held in Tanzanian capital

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 29 July — A photo exhibition on HIV/AIDS opened in Dar-es-Salaam, capital of Tanzania, on Monday with the aim of increasing the public awareness of the deadly epidemic.

The exhibition will also challenge the negative prejudices and fear surrounding HIV/AIDS and highlight the global response to the disease, according to sources from the Action Aid-Tanzania, organizer of the photo exhibition at the National Museum.

The photos and text documents are intended to reflect the daily lives of people infected with the virus that could lead to AIDS from around the world, they said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Southern Iraq provisional coordinator leaves post

COPENHAGEN, 29 July— The Danish coordinator for the US-led provisional authority in southern Iraq said on Monday he has ended his term in office and will be replaced by a British diplomat.

Ole Woehlers Olsen, who has been critical about the lack of support for his reconstruction efforts, told a news conference it was an "appropriate time" for him to step down as Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) coordinator for the Basra region, one of four such administrative zones set up in postwar Iraq.

Olsen held the CPA post in the southern Basra region for two-and-a-half months with a contract for a maximum of six. He will be replaced by British diplomat Hillary Synnott, the Danish Foreign Ministry said.

The three other administrative zones in Iraq under the CPA are led by Americans.

The ministry said that as focus on tangible reconstruction tasks increases, the administration of Iraq will become decentralized. So-called governorates will be established in Iraq's 18 provinces, led by an international governor of American, British

or Australian nationality.

"The attrition of south Iraq was far worse than I had expected," Olsen told reporters on Monday.

One month ago, the Danish Muslim told Danish radio that the Baghdad headquarters of the CPA were not providing him with enough resources.

"My people in the administration office have no security guards with them as they move around either — and I'm not happy about that," Olsen said.

He said on Monday that providing electricity in the region was considered one of the most difficult tasks due to sabotage.

Denmark participated in the US-led war in Iraq with a submarine and a ship and has offered around 400 military personnel and police officers to provide security during its reconstruction.

MNA/Reuters



A US soldier from the 1st Armoured Division, centre, carries two unexploded rocket propelled grenades and one hand grenade after recovering them from the backyard of a house in central Baghdad, Iraq, on 28 July, 2003. —INTERNET

## Chinese Govt web site to rate intermediary agencies

BEIJING, 29 July— The Ministry of Education has set up a web site to publicize both excellent and substandard intermediary agencies that help students go abroad to study.

The web site, will list Chinese intermediary agencies that are officially authorized by provincial and municipal-level education departments and also list qualified foreign schools that receive Chinese students, said a ministry spokesman, who did not give a specific timetable for when this would happen.

Any illegal or misleading activities by intermediary agencies will be disclosed

through the web site and the media, Monday's *China Daily* quoted the spokesman as saying.

China now has 270 authorized intermediary agencies, which employ nearly 10,000 staff. Most of the agencies provide good service but some, driven by profits, have violated the rules, such as by issuing misleading advertisements and forging documents. — MNA/Xinhua

## Chongqing city taps tourism around Three Gorges

CHONGQING, 29 July— Chongqing City on the upper reaches of the Yangtze River plans to build the Three Gorges Reservoir area into one of China's most popular tourist destinations.

The reservoir, which began to fill with water on June 1, is part of the Three Gorges Project, now has a water level of 135 metres.

An official from the municipal government said that tourism development would be carried out step by step to make the most of the new dam.

In accordance with the requirements such as sustainable development, the municipal government has compiled a development plan regarding tourism development around the Three Gorges Reservoir, said the official.

He said that they would step up construction of infrastructure for tourism, especially building of major tourism works so that the Three Gorges area would have a new appeal for tourists.

The city hopes to host 20.6 million tourists, including 600,000 overseas tourists, and rake in 15 billion yuan (about 1.81 billion US dollars) in total tourism revenue in 2007. The figures are expected to further rise to 23.8 million tourists and 20 billion yuan (about 2.41 billion US dollars) in total revenue in 2010. — MNA/Xinhua

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## Lieberman criticizes fellow Democrats on Iraq

WASHINGTON, 29 July— Senator Joseph Lieberman on Monday criticized fellow Democratic presidential contenders who do not recognize the war to oust Iraq's Saddam Hussein was justified and make Democrats appear weak on defence.

Lieberman, who strongly supported the war, said, "Some in my party threaten to send a message that they don't know a just war when they see it, and, more broadly, are not prepared to use our military strength to protect our security and the cause of freedom."

Seeking to emerge from

the pack of nine Democratic contenders, Lieberman of Connecticut said he felt he represented his party's "mainstream position," saying "being strong on defence is part of what it means to be a Democrat."

In a speech at the Capitol, Lieberman also slammed President George W Bush

for post-war bungling and not taking responsibility for a dubious claim on Iraq's pursuit of nuclear weapons in his January State of the Union address.

"By its actions, the Bush Administration threatens to give a bad name to a just war," Lieberman said.

MNA/Reuters

## China's mall alliance issues product pledge

BEIJING, 29 July— One hundred shopping malls Sunday announced they would refuse to sell products that do not obtain the required compulsory certification after August 1.

A joint declaration by the malls said, "Starting from August 1, we will not trade in products on the government's list that do not carry the China Compulsory Certification (CCC) mark", according to Monday's *China Daily*. They said the declaration, released at a ceremony organized on Sunday in Wangfujing, Beijing, is aimed at ensuring product quality and safety and at protecting the interests of consumers.

In December 2001, China's product certification watchdog announced plans to introduce the mandatory scheme for 132 products and it originally set a starting date of

May 1 this year, but the deadline was held back until August because of the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).

Chen Fang, deputy director of the Certification and Accreditation Administration of China, highly praised the malls for their active role in helping enforce the compulsory certification.

"I expect all commercial enterprises to follow their example in ensuring the full implementation of the system," Chen said.

Chen also urged Chinese and foreign enterprises that have not yet applied for certification to do so. — MNA/Xinhua

## Russia concerned about situation in Iraq

Moscow, 29 July— Russia is concerned about the situation in Iraq, which destabilizes the stability in the entire Middle East region, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Fedotov said on Monday.

"The lack of due order and the reign of crime in Iraq fuel extremist moods of different kind and also serve as nutrient medium for continuous terrorist acts," Fedotov said in an interview with *ITAR-TASS*.

"All that destabilizes the situation in the entire region," he noted.

Meanwhile, Fedotov reiterated Russia's support to

the recommendations put forward by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan at a Security Council opening session on July 22.

The recommendation would boost "efforts by the international community under the UN aegis to help the Iraqi people overcome that crisis and form their own legitimate government as soon as possible," he said.

Fedotov called upon the UN Security Council to approve the recommendations at an early date. He also urged the early creation of a UN mission in Iraq.

Russia, a main opponent to the US-led war against Iraq without the UN backing, has been calling for a bigger UN role in Iraq's postwar reconstruction.

MNA/Xinhua



The photo taken on 27 July, 2003 shows part of a bamboo curtain drawn with characters of the "Dream of the Red Mansions", a great classical Chinese novel. Based on the three great classical Chinese novels of "Dream of the Red Mansions", "Romance of the Three Kingdoms" and "The Water Margins", the craftwork which is more than 300 meters long and 0.8 meter wide was shown at the 10th Bamboo Culture Festival in Wangjianglou Park in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province. — XINHUA



## Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann...

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The personnel are to avoid carrying out tasks only when assigned duties. They are to be not only dutiful but also capable of handling emergency cases. Furthermore, they are to make concerted efforts consciously for regional and national interests.

He said they were born and have grown up in the nation and they have to spend the rest of their lives in the nation as well. So, all of their efforts ought to be in the interests of the nation and the people, he noted. The accomplishments already gained are the fruitful results of the cooperation of the State and the people exerting own strength and technologies. Facing various challenges, the government and the people have managed to achieve such accomplishments, he said. Next, the Secretary-2 presented exercise books to the basic education schools in the district, and cash assistance for construction of a ward for the members of the Sangha at Kalay District People's Hospital and township maternal and child welfare association and township work committee for women's affairs through respective officials.

The Secretary-2 and party inspected construction of two-storey operation theatre and delivery building of Kale District People's Hospital, and spoke words of encouragement to the patients. At the briefing hall of the project, officials reported on progress in constructing the building, strength of the medical staff, arrival of hospital equipment, medical treatments, making field tours right down to the villages and needs. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye of Kale Station gave supplementary reports.

The Secretary-2 gave necessary instructions and cordially greeted the staff.

On 26 July, Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party inspected construction of Myittha Bridge (Kalaywa) in Kalaywa. Superintending Engineer (Project) of Public Works U San Nyein reported on progress of work. Deputy Minister for Construction

Brig-Gen Myint Thein gave a supplementary report.

Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing reported on paving of 115-mile Monywa-Kalaywa road, progress of work and construction of small bridges on the road. Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann and Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Soe Win gave instructions. Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Brig-Gen Than Tun and Lt-Col Zaw Win reported on construction of 38-mile Kalaywa-Mawleik Road. Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann then gave instructions on early completion of the road. Chairman of Kalaywa Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Mon Latt reported on requirements for development of the township. Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann and Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Soe Win fulfilled the requirements.

Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Soe Win called on departmental officials, education staff and members of social organizations to work hard in unity for regional development. Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party inspected construction of Myittha Bridge (Kalaywa) in Kalaywa. The 1,320 feet long and 28 feet wide suspension bridge linking Kalaywa and Shantat Village on the other side of the river is on Monywa-Ahlon-Yagyi-Myoma-Kalaywa Road. The bridge links Kalaywa-Kalay-Tamu Road and Kalaywa-Monywa Road and it will contribute to wards better transport to Chin State. Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann met officers, Tatmadawmen and families at Kyigon Station. Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann and party inspected poultry farming of the station. Brig-Gen Mya Win of the Station reported on poultry farming. Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann gave instructions. He went to Kalaywa Station and met officers, Tatmadawmen and families of the station.

The Secretary-2 inspected Government Computer College in Kalay and met school in-charge Daw Aye Aye Thein and teachers. The Secretary-2 and party went to Pariyatti Missionary Nursery and presented offertories and cash assistance to Nun Sumanasari.

The Secretary-2 proceeded to the Government Computer College where Principal U Thein Win reported on opening of the college, strength of faculty members, academic matters, courses conducted and requirements. The Secretary-2 gave instructions. The Secretary-2 and party inspected lecture halls and workshops and met students.

The Secretary-2 and party arrived at Kalay University where they were welcomed by Pro-rector U Kyaw Ye Tun and professors. The Secretary-2 met the pro-rector, professors and faculty members at multimedia lecture theatre. Pro-rector U Kyaw Ye Tun reported on upgrading of college to university, lecture halls, courses, strength of administration and teaching department staff and welfare for the service personnel.

Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Soe Win said as today is a knowledge age the role of faculty members is important. They are learning to gain knowledge for themselves as well as shaping the students to become educated and brilliant ones. Only when there are plenty of intellectuals and intelligentsia can a modern nation be built with the strength of brilliant human resources. This is why universities, colleges and basic education schools are opened in states and divisions and other major regions.

He said Kalay region is economically and socially important one for not only Tamu and Mawlaik region in Sagaing Division but also regions in Chin State (North). Many students from Chin State (North) are attending Kalay University and colleges in Kalay. Over 200

patients from Chin State are receiving treatment at 200-bed district hospital. Kalay region is economically, socially and geographically in a central point. He urged the teachers to nurture the students to be educated ones on whom the State relies and to be good citizens with Union Spirit whom the State is proud of. The Secretary-2 and party went to local battalion and inspected Maung Myanmar Super Jeep manufactured in Kalay industrial zone. They also inspected invention of off-set press and practical printing work.

They also inspected turbines, dynamos, small-scale hydel power generators, hand pumps, spare parts of weaving machines, farm implements and met industrialists. Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, Lt-Gen Soe Win and Lt-Gen Ye Myint arrived back here in the evening.

On 25 July, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspected wall bulleting, TV room and library at Kalay District Information and Public Relations Department. The minister met district head and deputy heads of Kalay, Minkin, Phaung-pyin and Milwaukee IPRDs, officials of TV relay station and sub-printing house and service personnel. The minister went to the sub-printing house and inspected printing press, Internet room, photolitho room. Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Thein inspected raising of layers at the Kyigon Station on 26 July. He met service personnel of Fisheries Department and livestock breeding entrepreneurs. He also inspected the fingerling camp, poultry farm and piggery of Fisheries Department and Kalay Station.—MNA



Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party offer provisions to Sayadaws at the Dhammayon of Shwebontha Pagoda in Kale. —MNA



Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann gave instructions to officials at the briefing hall of Myittha Bridge (Kalaywa) construction project. —MNA



Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann hears reports presented by Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein at the briefing hall of Myittha bridge (Kalaywa) construction project. MNA



## No way or destination in sight — 2

*Nga Khin Nyo*

It is a common knowledge that the whole 1988 unrest was noisy with the demands for democracy. The demands for democracy weren't a wrongdoing. But there were a lot of interferences during the unrest.

Slogans such as "...Give us democracy at once." and "...Democracy or fight." were unusual. As is known to all, all the leftist and rightist groups placed democracy in the fore in launching the movement, with the slogans, saying that the people wanted democracy. The leftist and rightist groups even did not accept the Burma Socialist Programme Party government's assurance to hold the election within three months; instead they demanded the formation of an interim government that would introduce democracy to the nation. The demand was not free from external interferences. The leading persons themselves who made the demand had already prepared to form the interim government.

The situation then can be said the most violent power struggle in Myanmar history after the restoration of independence. The opportunists were happy as the whole situation was burning with unrest and those who upheld the policy of racism were placing the Federal Policy in the fore. Some corrupt politicians even recklessly used the method of political blackmail and tried to push the people into an abyss for the anarchy to reign in the entire nation through a civil commotion. Could such acts lead to democracy?

In reality, the materialization of democracy will have to be based on the objective condition of the nation concerned. There are a lot of basic requirements. Those who do not believe this may study the formation of democracy in the Asian countries. How can the situation in all countries be the same? The formation of democracy in the western countries are much different from that of the oriental countries.

When we study the forms of democracy in Asian countries including Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, the Republic of Korea and the Philippines, we will find that there is much difference between one country and another. Each country has its own style of democracy. If the democracy can solve every problem, it is sure that these Asian nations will be enjoying cent per cent peace and stability and all-round progress at present. However, they all have their own political, economic and social problems that are the consequences of the past and have not ended yet. Even the countries which are called the grandfathers of democracy also have their internal problems. They are not free from flaws and weaknesses.

We can take Thailand as an example. The country does not have to worry about the problem of unity of ethnic races, and there are almost no leftist extremists. But how much time has it taken for the flourishing of democracy? For about a century, the country had to make strenuous efforts to reach that end. However, it hasn't had the cent per cent democracy yet. What I mean here is that for the Tatmadaw government, which has taken the duties of the State during the period of transformation in Myanmar, the transition for flourishing of democracy cannot be completed overnight.

If I will have to recount the history, the Tatmadaw, that is implementing the transition task at present, always understood the wishes and aspirations of the people and accordingly tried to realize as national objectives throughout the successive eras in the past. Thus, we cannot deny the fact that the Tatmadaw has set out to formulate democracy that will ensure national peace, prosperity and progress.

It has established the multi-party system to set up a disciplined democracy State. It has introduced the law to enable political parties to be formed. But an enduring constitution that assures the socio-political order based on the multi-party system is still needed.

But there is one thing, and it is about the election. In my knowledge, the holding of the election was not for calling the Hluttaw or to transfer power. How can we bring a Hluttaw into being in the absence of a Constitution. Where are the rules and principles to form the Hluttaw?

As for me, it is so amazing to see the so-called politicians of our nation's failure to realize the fact that formation of a Hluttaw can be possible only after the emergence of the Constitution.

There always are the major national tasks in building a new nation. Because of the events of the past, in our

country also, there are different stages of tasks at present. The words "the democracy cause is the first priority", "the democracy cause is the second priority", and "the democracy cause is the third priority" are just the popular slogans. Nothing comes out from nonentity. Considering the lessons of the past, we should implement the following work programmes:

— To give the first priority to consolidating the task of ensuring non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty;

— To give the second priority to stability and modernization to lay down good foundations for the market-oriented economy;

— To give the third priority to harmonious materialization of democracy, that will ensure flourishing of discipline and serving the national interest, by the Tatmadaw, the people and all the political parties.

We will have to make coordinated and harmonious efforts to implement the work programmes stage by stage.

There is one thing to be pointed out here. Most of the so-called politicians of our nation have no tendency to do politics in accord with the correct methods and principles. They are inclined towards making confrontations, creating problems and tricking the people to incite unrest. In this regard, we will have to review from the start to find out which of the forces have acted responsibly and which irresponsibly. The extent of losses suffered during the 1988 unrest was alarmingly as the incidents occurred not only in Yangon, but also in other townships in the country. The situation in some towns was so grave that even a dusk-to-dawn curfew had to be imposed there.

Concerning the incidents that had occurred and were occurring in Yangon and other places, on 10 August 1988, the Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee asked the government and the entire mass of the people including monks to refrain from committing acts of violence as it might cause harm to peace and stability of the State. The Islamic, the Hindu and the Christian organizations had also made similar requests to the public.

As the number of disturbances, strikes, interferences and terrorist acts was on the rise in the whole nation then, the people's lives were in danger. Thus, the then Prime Minister of the nation and the then Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services had announced that the Tatmadaw was responsible for the restoration of peace and security and the rule of law in the nation; that, it would have to carry out the duty; urging the people to peacefully make their demands within the framework of law and to refrain from committing anarchic acts.

When the situation in the country was in confusion, the Burma Socialist Programme Party Central Committee held its 11th meeting on 19 August 1988, followed by the fourth emergency meeting of the Pyithu Hluttaw in the afternoon. At the emergency meeting, the directives of the State economic policy, reforms and long-term and short-term work programmes were laid down as follows:

"...The good social conditions may emerge while the political problem of the current unrest is being solved through political means and the economic problem through economic means. The entire people are required to render collective assistance in carrying out the long-term and short-term tasks. In doing so, only the public wishes and demands that are presented within the framework of law will be accepted and considered. Although some of the public submissions concerning the matter have already been received at present, the Pyithu Hluttaw will form a commission for ascertaining the desires and aspirations of the people to study the people's opinions more swiftly and comprehensively. The finds and presentations will be studied to serve the public interest."

If we study the finds and presentations, we will obviously see the then existing government's efforts to correctly assess the objective conditions with the aim of striving for the national development with might and main.

Sadly, the unrest never lost steam. Thus, the commission for ascertaining the desires and aspirations of the people had to be dissolved, and another plan was made to hold the referendum. However, the plan was not accepted. The demands had moved a step forward with the slogan "Formation of the interim government". But there were signs of national disintegration, and some big foreign countries' attempts to make Myanmar their minion by using the

### 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

### Efficient use of electricity

- \* Use daylight as the main source of light
- \* Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- \* Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- \* Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp every day by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

### Efficient use of fuel

- \* Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
- \* Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US\$ 5.5 million in a year
- \* The amount, US \$ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River

### Coord meeting of Monitoring Committee for CCDAC working groups held

YANGON, 29 July — The work coordination meeting of the Monitoring Committee for Working Groups of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control took place at Headquarters of Myanmar Police Force here this afternoon.

At the meeting, Chairman of the monitoring committee Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung briefed those present on matters relating to New Destiny Project including fund allotments and demands by Progress of Border Areas and National Races Development Work Committee

during 2003-2004 fiscal year and providing of rice and salt bags to the farmers who gave up poppy cultivation in Lashio and Laukkai regions in Shan State (North).

Director of CCDAC Office Police Col Tin Maung Htay reported on progress in implementation of resolutions passed in the meeting held on 10 January. Next, the chairmen of the working groups and those present also reported on tasks being undertaken and future tasks.

The deputy minister made concluding remarks.— MNA

power craze (the so-called leader during the unrest) through the method of interferences and coercion. Thus, the BSPP Extraordinary Party Congress was held on 10 September instead of its original date. The Party Congress made the decision to hold a multi-party general election without conducting a referendum. It was a final programme that would have ended the unrest.

At that time, I didn't believe even my own ears after hearing the news. It was not an ordinary concession. The decision to transform the single party system, that was standing on its own Constitution, into multi-party system within a day at a meeting was better than winning a lucky draw for the multi-party advocates.

But the politicians were very impatient. They insisted on the formation of an interim government. It was clear that they wanted to grab power in a very short time. However, if they would accept and follow the plan in accord with the time and circumstances, all the situation at present would not be like this.

(To be continued)  
(Translation: TMT)





Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party receive the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sirinda at the rice, edible oil and salt offering ceremony at the Dhammayon of Shwëbontha Pagoda in Kale. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects ...

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Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected No 2 Water Pumping Plant of Ywathit river water pumping project, water pumping to the main canal and maintenance of the main canal. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party at 1.30 pm arrived at Simikhon Section-2 river water pumping project in Myingyan Township, and inspected pumping of water from Ayeyawady river to the main canal, and pumping of water from the main canal to the second-level main canal.

At the briefing hall, Assistant Director of Myingyan District Water Resources Utilization Department reported on progress in implementation of Simikhon Section-2 and Simikhon Section-1 river water pumping projects, and future tasks. Next, the Chairman of Myingyan District Peace and Development Council gave a supplementary report. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party looked into the Simikhon Section-2 extended main canal. Officials reported on condition of pumping of water to the main canal and work to be carried out to Lt-Gen Ye Myint who gave necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to Myingyan river water pumping project and inspected the project. The river water pumping project will benefit 4223 acres of farmland in the region. Owing to the river project, 148 acres of land are now being put under monsoon paddy.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party at 4 pm arrived at the Government Technological Institute construction project site in Myingyan. At the briefing hall, Project Manager of Eden Group Construction Co U Yu Tin reported on work being carried out and arrival of construction materials to Lt-Gen Ye Myint who gave necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected construction tasks and stopped over the night in Myingyan. — MNA

## West-East Economic Corridor Development on 11-12 Aug

YANGON, 29 July — The Ninth Working Group Meeting on the West-East Economic Corridor Development, co-organized by the Ministry of Rail Transportation and AMEICC (AEM-METI Economic and Industrial Cooperation Committee) will be held at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road on 11 and 12 August. Representatives of ASEAN Secretariat, ADB, METI, UNIDO, UNESCAP, FAO, Cambodia, Vietnam, Lao PDR, Singapore, Thailand and Myanmar will attend the meeting. — MNA

## Transport Minister inspects construction works of MPA, IWT

YANGON, 29 July — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, together with Deputy Minister U Pe Than, this morning arrived at Botahtaung Jetty No 5 and 6 of Myanmar Port Authority and inspected tasks being undertaken for beautifying of the jetty and gave

necessary instructions. They next went to Pansodan (Dalla) Jetty and also inspected construction work. Managing Director of the Inland Water Transport U Soe Tint and officials reported on progress of work.

Next, the minister and party proceeded to Ahlon

Shipyard of IWT and saw over renovations to the Shipyard. Officials concerned reported on repairing ships, strength of staff upgrading of docks and use of electricity and fuel.

Afterwards, they arrived at Asia World Wharf in Ahlon Township. At the

meeting hall, responsible officials briefed them on mooring of ships and progress of construction work with the use of charts. The minister attended to the needs and inspected construction site at Ahlon Jetty No 3.

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Minister for Transport inspects the major repair work at Ahlon Shipyard. — TRANSPORT



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects Super Jeeps manufactured at Kale Industrial Zone. — MNA

## Minister inspects factories in Yangon

YANGON, 29 July — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang, accompanied by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Tun and officials concerned arrived at Diamond Soft Drinks Factory of Myanmar Foodstuff Enterprise here this morning and inspected production process of soft drinks, factory and its environs, condition of roads and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the minister and party proceeded to Win Thuza shop on Wadan street, Lamadaw Township and inspected sales of goods from the Ministry of Industry-1.

Afterwards, the minister arrived at Candy Factory of

the MFE in Tamway Township and inspected the factory and its environs, condition of roads, production process of candy and gave instructions on functional matters.

Next, at the briefing hall, he met with officials and gave instructions on production, measures to be taken for production to exceed the target and distribution of candy through Win Thuza shops. After that, the minister proceeded to Win Thuza shop on Thumgala street, Ward-7 South Okkalapa Township and inspected sales of goods and left necessary instructions.

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## Industry-2 Minister inspects MIDB (Mandalay Branch)

YANGON, 29 July — President of Myanmar Industrial Development Bank Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin yesterday arrived at MIDB (Mandalay Branch) in Chanayethazan Township in Mandalay and inspected banking services.

Next, he proceeded to

Industrial Training School (Mandalay) in Aungmyayethazan Township and inspected arrangements for opening of welding training course. He also urged officials to test jeep cars assembled by Mandalay Industrial Zone in accord with the standard set. — MNA



Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Lee Kyun-woo and officials attend the Myanmar-Korea Economic Seminar at the Traders' Hotel. — MNA

## Myanmar, ROK hold business talks

YANGON, 29 July — The Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Korea held a seminar on business, under the arrangements of the Korean Embassy, at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here this morning.

At the seminar, Korean officials and Myanmar pri-

vate entrepreneurs discussed the products manufactured by nine companies in Daegu, ROK. Mr Lee Kyun-woo, Korean Ambassador to Myanmar, Korean Commercial Attache Mr Choi Yoon-Tae and embassy staff observed the discussions.

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**Do not be softened  
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# Enchanting land in progress

Tin Maung Than

In the north-west sector of the nation lies the mountainous region, where Chin brethren live with their fine traditions and culture, and where the landscape is decorated with flowers of the Taungzalat (*Rhododendron arboreum*), beautiful gorges, pristine forests, raging streams and rivers and the Reed Lake, a famous natural water body whose shape is likened to a human heart. Once, the region of our kinfolk, which is called China State, lagged behind in development, as it is located in the far corners of the nation and its poor transport, a result of its rough terrain, and the heavy monsoon rains also made the region less accessible.

But thanks to the nation-building endeavours of the State Peace and Development Council government, the Chin State now is on the correct path to progress and prosperity like other states and divisions in the whole nation.

In the transport sector of the region, four major roads — Kale-Falam-Haka Road, Gangaw-Haka Road, Haka-Matupi Road and Mindat-Matupi Road — and 17 other roads have been built or upgraded and extended.

Kale-Falam-Haka road is over 115 miles long. Till now 82 miles and two fur-longs of the road has been tarred and the remaining sections will be tarred stage by



Microwave Station seen in Falam, Chin State.— MNA



Kattel suspension bridge across Manipur river in Tiddim Township, Chin State. It is 480 feet long and 10 feet 9 inches wide. The bridge is located on Tiddim-Kattel-Rei Lake motor road. The clearance under the bridge is 350 feet wide and 20 feet high. It can bear 10 tons of loads. The Kattel bridge was opened on 25-4-2002. — MNA

stage. The 70-mile Gangaw-Haka Road is a gravel one, and will be tarred in accord with the year-wise plans. An earthen facility, the Haka-Matupi Road is over 172 miles in length. Plans are under way to upgrade it into a metallic road. Of the 102 miles of the Mindat-Matupi Road, the 71-mile section is a gravel road, and the remaining part of 28 miles is an earth road. The entire road will be upgraded into the gravel facility.

In addition, a number of bridges have been built on its wild rivers and streams.

As it is a mountainous region, a massive land reclamation programme is under way to set up 42,000 acres of highland farms in Chin State. Another mammoth agriculture programme is the tea plantation plan to turn Chin State into a major tea producing

region of the nation. With the assistance of the government, over 2,450 acres of land were put under tea during the period from 1998-99 to 2002-2003. The plan covers putting of another 10,000 acres of land under tea. Chin State also sees the increase in the number of basic education high schools in the region from 17 in the past to 25 at present, the middle schools from 76 to 83, the elementary schools from 988 to 1,059, and the post primary schools from nil to 193.

The state is also experiencing progress in all sectors including the health, communication, livestock breeding and social sectors.

Now, the enchanting Chin State does not lack progress any more, but is on the right track to catch up with other states and divisions of the nation in all sectors.

## Bridges on Kalay-Gangaw Road serving interests of Yaw Region

(Article-Kalay Win Thu; Photos- Kalay Win Thu & Kyaw Than Sae)



Saidu Bridge on a road to Chin State crossing Myittha River.

Yaw longyi is a popular product of this region. The government has built new roads and bridges aiming to develop Yaw Region where Yaw longyis are produced. Those who had never seen trains before are now travelling by train. Those who were filled with anger when railroads were built in their region are now smiling with the sense of gratitude towards the government.

Kalay and Gangaw regions are in Yaw Region. They are located on the plains between Pondaung and Ponnya mountain ranges in the east and Chin mountain range in the west. Therefore, the population is sparse. Moreover, situated between

the two mountain ranges, it is difficult of access to Yangon and Mandalay. Let alone Yangon and Mandalay, transport link between the towns of Gangaw and Kalay is poor because Myittha River and Manipur River pose as barriers to them. In waterways, one could travel by boat. In summer, only bullock carts could be used. Therefore, transportation was very difficult in the past. The Tatmadaw Government took responsibilities of the State in 1988. Since then, the government has constructed major roads and bridges, and dams for all-round development of the State. Yaw Region has rapidly developed. For devel-

opment of the region, new roads and bridges have been built and Taung-khinyan Dam has also been constructed. Now, Minywa Dam, and Myaungchaung Dam and Razajo Dam are under construction in Kalay Township and Gangaw Township. Electricity will be generated using hydel power from Minywa Dam and Razajo Dam for Kalay and Gangaw regions. The two bridges have also been constructed across Myittha River and Manipur River which obstruct the way between Kalay and Gangaw. Saidu Bridge has been built across Myittha River which flows between Chin Mountain Range and Yaw Region.

Myittha Bridge over Myittha River was opened on 21 April 1995. It is significant that Yaw Sayadaw drove a stake for the bridge construction. It is a rail-cum-road bridge and 680 feet long and 14 feet and seven inches wide. The construction work started on 23 March in 1994 and was completed on 17 April 1995. Kambarni Bridge crossing Manipur River near Kyawya Hsetaw in Kalay Township was also inaugurated on 16 June 1995. It is also a rail-cum-road bridge and is 595 feet in length. On that day, Saidu Bridge cross-

ing Myittha River was also opened next to the opening of Kambarni Bridge. Due to the construction of three new bridges, Kalay-Gangaw and Gangaw-Chin Mountain Range are easily accessible now. Now, a train shuttles between Kalay and Yemyetni passing over these three bridges. Therefore, local people in Kalay and Gangaw regions can travel easily across the country. After completion of the railroad tunnel being constructed through Pondaung and Ponnya mountain ranges near Yemyetni Village in Htilin Township, local peo-

ple in Kalay and Gangaw regions will reach Mandalay and Yangon within a day. Laungkat Bridge across Laungkat Creek in Gangaw Region and Panmonchaung Bridge crossing Panmon Creek near Natchaung Village in Kalay Township are also being constructed by the State. Panmonchaung Bridge has the length of 220 feet and efforts are being made to complete it this year. Being a local of Yaw Region, I must forever express my thanks for the construction of roads and bridges which will help develop the State. (Translation AMS)



Myittha Bridge crossing Myittha River near Kan Village in Yaw Region.



# Implementation of projects for equitable development of regions in the country



*Alaini Dam was built near Kyantkun Village in Bago Division to irrigate 12,000 acres of farmland.*

*Heavy machinery of Myanma Railways at work to construct the 26 miles long Yaymyethi-Kyaw railroad section on Pakkokku-Gangaw-Kalay railroad.*



*The State is building educational infrastructures for human resource development. The photo shows the basic education high school in Kehsi in Shan State (South).*

**The Government has been striving for enabling the nation to keep abreast with the world's nations in terms of development. In the process, it has laid down national development projects and region-wise development plans and work is well under way for bringing about harmonious development in economic, health and education sectors across the nation and narrowing the development gap among all parts of the nation.**



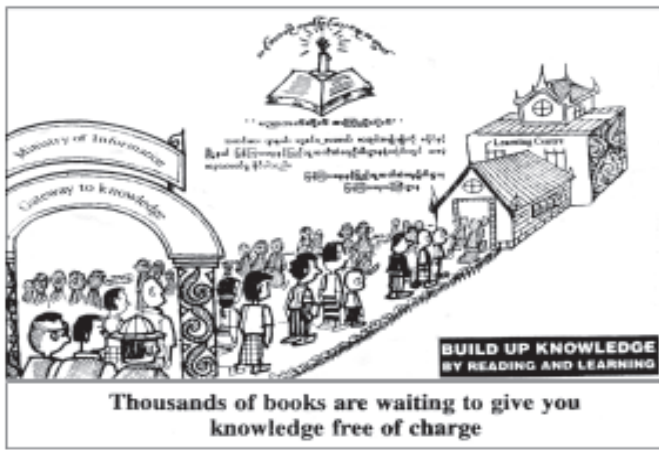
*The 1,900 feet long Shwelaung Bridge on Pantanaw-Shwelaung-Wakema road is a bailey truss suspension one. The bridge was commissioned into service on 21-3-2002.*



*The photo shows a building of lecture rooms in Patheingyi University.*



*The 595 feet long rail-cum-road Kabani Bridge was built across Manipur River between Kalay and Gangaw and it was opened on 16-6-95.*



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### ARRIVAL/CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV "MANDALAY" VOY NO 103/N

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### Megawati to inaugurate Sumatra-Singapore gas pipeline

JAKARTA, 29 July — Indonesian President Megawati Soekarnoputri and Singaporean Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong will inaugurate the 470-kilometre long gas transmission pipeline which connects South Sumatra of Indonesia and Singapore on August 4, an oil executive revealed on Monday.

The inauguration will be held at Panaran, Batam Island, a gas state firm director

WNP Simanjuntak was quoted by Detikcom online news service as saying.

The development of the pipe network which passes South Sumatra and Batam Island of Indonesia before stopping in Singapore is done by a gas state firm and it is now ready to operate.

"This pipeline will be able to supply gas as much as 350-600 million cubic feet

of gas per day (MMSCFD) and will yield the country's foreign exchange of 700 million US dollars annually," said Simanjuntak.

He said the development of the pipeline network would be a historical milestone of the development of the so-called Trans ASEAN (the Association of South-East Asian Nations) Gas Pipeline. —MNA/Xinhua

### Vietnamese police discover 6,800 drug-related crimes

HANOI, 29 July — Vietnamese police discovered 6,800 drug-related cases across the country in the first half of the year.

The police arrested more than 10,000 defendants, seizing 98.4 kilos of heroin, 217 kilos of opium, and 93,000 additive tablets at the same time, according to a local report here on Monday.

The volume of heroin seized in the period is three times higher than the corresponding period last year, reported the newspaper Young.

In Ho Chi Minh City, the country's biggest economic hub, local police discovered 959 cases of drug selling, trafficking and using, arrested 1,736 defendants, and seized 2,626 synthetic drug tablets in the period.

International drug crime organizations have been using Vietnam as a drug consumption area and a drug transit point to a third country, said Hung Vuong, Head of Police Department of Drug Crime Prevention.

In order to reduce the number of drug crimes, Vietnam is coordinating with Cambodia, Laos, China, and Hong Kong SAR in exchanging information about drug crimes, and in cracking down the crimes, said Vuong.

In 2002 alone, drug addicts in Vietnam rose by 30,000, raising the total number to 142,000. As many as 42,000 drug addicts were detoxified. However, the rate of drug relapse was still high, at 80-90 per cent in many localities across the country. —MNA/Xinhua

### Shanghai reports record number of driving licence holders

SHANGHAI, 29 July — An average of 500 residents in this eastern Chinese metropolis have obtained driving licences every day during the

first half of this year, hitting a new high. The Shanghai Municipal Automobile Administration issued a total of 91,000 driving licences in the first half of this year, up 6 per cent on a year-on-year basis.

The number of Shanghai residents holding driving licences is 1.6 million at present, accounting for 10 per cent of the total population.

Men account for 80 per cent of new licence holders.

In the past, it was rare for a Chinese to be able to afford a private car and driving was usually not considered a daily skill but a full-time job.

However, an increasing number of Chinese citizens have purchased or are planning to buy cars for family use. It has become a common practice for Chinese people to learn to drive.

There are 120 driving schools in Shanghai and the number of people learning to drive was 170,000 in 2002.

There are 700,000 cars in Shanghai now. In July, the local car administration issued a total of 6,000 automobile licences, hitting a new monthly record. —MNA/Xinhua

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### Oil prices ease but markets quiet ahead of OPEC meet

SINGAPORE, 29 July — Oil prices dipped below 30 US dollars on Monday as Iraqi crude output slowly increased, but many traders stayed out of the market ahead of an OPEC meeting later this week. US benchmark crude was down 21 cents at 29.96 US dollars per barrel.

Prices are down about 5 per cent from their highs in early July after hedge funds last week took profits from a rally that had pushed up crude nearly 25 per cent since early May, traders said.

Traders were playing it safe ahead of the Organization of the Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC) meeting in Vienna on Thursday, although the producer cartel that controls half of the world's oil exports was not expected to change output levels.

OPEC is likely to main-

tain its current ceiling of 25.4 million barrels per day (BPD) because prices have held in its 22 US dollars-28 US dollars target range, an OPEC Oil Minister said on Sunday.

On Thursday the price of OPEC's basket of crudes was 27.33 US dollars per barrel.

"The likelihood is that the meeting will continue the production ceiling as it is at present," UAE Petroleum & Mineral Resources Minister Obaid bin Saif al-Nasseri was quoted as saying by the United Arab Emirates state news agency WAM. Traders said OPEC was also counting on a return of oil exports from Iraq to keep prices capped. Iraq's oil production has risen to just over one million bpd from steady levels of 800,000 bpd, a senior Oil Ministry official said on Sunday.

"I'd expect that to apply downward pressure on prices,

but it's still a fairly precarious situation. All you need is one good hit on a pipeline and you're back to square one," said David Thurtell, commodities strategist at Commonwealth Bank in Sydney.

Iraq has signed new crude export contracts with foreign oil companies, the second set of such deals since the overthrow of president Saddam Hussein.

An official at the State Oil Marketing Organization (SOMO) said on Sunday the contracts for August 1 to December 31 were sealed with European refiners Shell, BP Plc and TotalFinaElf SA, US majors Chevron Texaco Corp, Conoco Phillips, Valero Energy Corp and Marathon Oil Corp Sinochem of China; and a company from the Mitsubishi group, which is buying for Japanese refineries. —MNA/Reuters



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## Hu Jintao hails success of anti-SARS drive

BEIJING, 29 July— Hu Jintao, General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee on Monday, hailed China's success in fighting SARS saying that the victory further indicated the eminent superiority of socialism and made the people of all ethnicities in the country more confident in taking the socialist road with Chinese characteristics.

While achieving a major victory in the anti-SARS campaign, China had maintained relatively rapid economic growth, said Hu, also state President, attributing the achievements to the staunch leadership of the CPC Central Committee and the State Council, the correct guidance of Deng Xiaoping Theory and the important theory of "Three Represents", and the united efforts of the Party and the people.

Hu made these remarks at a national working conference on the issue of SARS prevention and control, presided over by Premier Wen Jiabao, a member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Central Committee Political Bureau, who also addressed the meeting.

Also present at the meeting were other members of the Standing Committee of the CPC Central Committee Wu Bangguo, Jia Qinglin, Zeng Qinghong, Huang Ju, Wu Guanzheng, Li Changchun and Luo Gan.

In his speech, Hu recalled the arduous course China had experienced in the fight against the disease. On behalf of the CPC Central Committee and the State Council, he extended cordial and lofty

greetings to the country's medical workers, scientists and all those who had devoted themselves to the anti-SARS campaign. Hu also expressed his heart-felt thanks to the overseas Chinese and Chinese nationals residing in other countries, as well as foreign countries, institutions and individuals who had contributed vocal or material support to China's anti-SARS drive.

"At this moment, we want to extend our condolences to

the martyrs who laid down their lives in this battle as well as those compatriots who have been deprived of their lives by SARS," he noted. Hu went on to sum up the experience China had accumulated and obtained in the fight against SARS and emphasized that the leadership of the Party was the key factor for the country to promote its undertakings and overcome difficulties.

MNA/Xinhua



Russian President Vladimir Putin (R) talks with Deng Rong, daughter of Deng Xiaoping, the architect of China's reform and opening during their meeting in Moscow, on 28 July, 2003. Deng Rong arrived in Moscow from Beijing on Sunday to attend the ceremony of releasing her second book about her father in Russian edition. — XINHUA

## Beijing invites bids for bioengineering, medicine industrial base

BEIJING, 29 July — Beijing will invite international designers to submit bids for a key project, a bioengineering and medicine industrial base.

The Beijing Daxing District government announced Monday that the six top selected plans will get 1.25 million yuan (about 150,000 US dollars) each.

The bioengineering and medicine industry is one of the four pillar high-tech industries in Beijing during the 2001-2005 period.

The medicine industrial base, to be located in Daxing industrial development zone, covers 28 square kilometres of land and has already attracted two billion yuan (about 240 million US dollars) of investment.

Sales volume is expected to reach 10 billion yuan (about 1.25 billion US dollars) in the next five years.

The design plan will fo-

cus on developing the bioengineering and medicine industry and improving its ability of technical innovation and industrial competition, so that it will become the country's largest bioengineering and medicine industrial base within 10 years.

An official from the Daxing District government said the appraising committee would be composed of nine renowned urban planners, architects and economists.

The application work has started and the bid results will be available by November 12, 2003.

He said that anyone interested in the bidding can check the web site: www.dida.net.cn.

MNA/Xinhua

## Spain's tourism up 2.8% in first half of 2003

MADRID, 29 July — Tourism in Spain posted a 2.8-per-cent increase in the first half of the year, a senior official told the Press on Monday.

Juan Costa, Secretary of State for Trade and Tourism, highlighted the 4.68-million-euro investment channelled into this sector during the past 11 months, as a result of cooperation among public sectors.

During the inauguration of expansion and renovation works on the Benicarlo Tourism Inn, Costa said 51.7 million tourists visited Spain in 2002. For this summer, the government has forecast a 1.5-per-cent to 3-per-cent increase in the number of tourists over last summer, he added.

Tourism had become the No. 1 sector of Spain's economy, producing 12.1 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP) and contributing 10 per cent of job posts in the country, Costa said.

Meanwhile, Costa announced that 45,000 mem-

bers of security forces will be deployed throughout the country to ensure the safety of tourists.

In order to continuously guarantee the personal security of tourists, Spain has taken a series of security measures, he noted.

Opinion polls among tourists show that Spain "is perceived as a country that offers security and a sensation of freedom", he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Water trading seen key to saving Australian rivers

SYDNEY, 29 July — Farmers and environmentalists have joined forces to launch a 2.5-billion-Australian-dollar (1.7-billion-US-dollar) plan to save Australia's rivers, and a national system of water trading is a key element of the 10-year rescue package.

Drought-gripped Australia is the world's highest user of water per person despite being the driest inhabited continent. Environment experts say more than a quarter of its rivers are in danger of drying up because of water now taken for agriculture.

Water usage in Australia grew 65 per cent to 6,355 billion gallons in 1997 from 3,900 billion gallons in 1985, a government report

says.

The volume used for irrigation rose 76 per cent.

Dryland salinity now extends across 15 million acres and more than a third of freshwater fish species in Australia's longest river system, the Murray-Darling basin, are endangered, say green groups.

Farmers, and now environmentalists, said on Monday that to save Australia's river systems, the water which flows across the country must have a realistic value and be better used.

The National Farmers' Federation, made up of state farming groups and commodity councils, says a national trade in water will help achieve this.

"In New South Wales and Victoria water is freely tradeable, but in many other states, Queensland and South Australia for instance, the system doesn't exist, so we are calling for a more uniform system of trading across the country," said Peter Corish, president of the federation, which rep-

resents 110,000 farmers.

The rivers rescue plan, which also demands a decade of environmental targets of sustainable water use, will be presented to state and national government officials in August.

"The Murray-Darling is severely over-allocated," warned Tim Fisher, an Australian Conservation Federation official.

"We've got a river that basically hasn't reached the sea in over two years," Fisher told Reuters.

But farmers and environmentalists say the key-stone to their plan, water trading, still has some stumbling blocks.

One sticking point is whether, and by how much, individual farmers should be compensated for reductions in water rights. Another is who actually owns many billion gallons of water whose usage has often been sanctioned more by long-standing custom and practice than clearly spelt-out rights.

MNA/Reuters

## Pakistani Senate leader donates blood for rain victims

ISLAMABAD, 29 July — Chairman of Pakistan's Senate Muhammad Mian Soomro Sunday visited hospitals in Karachi, capital of the rain-flooded Sindh Province, and donated blood for the rain-affected patients.

According to a report of the Associated Press of Pakistan (APP), the country's top news agency, at least 47 people were killed so far and hundreds reported missing in the downpour started from Friday in all parts of south-eastern Sindh Province.

A report of The Nation newspaper reaching here earlier on Sunday said heavy rainfalls, coupled with thun-

derstorm, continued for more than 40 hours in the province "intermittently".

It said the fatality was mainly caused by the flood water, collapsed house roofs and damaged power cable.

The report quoted official sources as saying that Pakistani Army forces are busy conducting "round-the-clock" rescue operations in the rain-affected areas and so far they have established 19 relief camps for the around 5,000 evacuated people.

Meteorological agencies said the torrential rain will continue in the province for several days.

MNA/Xinhua

## Forest fire rages in Portugal

LISBON, 29 July — More than 200 firefighters struggled to contain a forest fire in central Portugal on Monday after working through the night to tackle the country's second big blaze in a week, state radio reported.

Firefighters struggled against strong winds and steep slopes near the town of

Fundao, 140 miles northeast of Lisbon, and asked for reinforcements from the capital.

"The wind blew hard all night, this way and that, and we did not manage to put the fire out," local fire brigade commander Antonio Antunes told state radio RDP. "We are now fighting

on two fronts."

Last week a fire laid waste to 9,900 acres in central Portugal after burning for two days.

About one-third of Portugal is covered in forest and firefighters are on permanent alert for fires during the country's hot, dry summers. — MNA/Reuters

## SPORTS

**Man Utd score impressive win against Club America**

LOS ANGELES, 29 July — Manchester United's impressive pre-season tour of the United States continued on Sunday with a comfortable 3-1 victory over Mexico's Club America at the Los Angeles Coliseum. United's prolific striker Ruud van Nistelrooy was once again the star, breaking the deadlock in the 46th minute after an evenly-fought first half.

The Dutch striker ran onto a flick from Uruguay's Diego Forlan and held off two defenders before slotting home a right foot shot from the edge of the penalty box.

The goal seemed to stir United into life and three minutes later Forlan himself extended the lead, heading home a cross from Quinton Fortune. Club America appeared to have got back into the game in the 52nd minute when Alvaro Ortiz curled a beautiful free-kick into the top right hand corner of the net but American referee Ali Saheli disallowed the goal for a push.

Forlan capped a lively performance with his second goal in the 79th minute. A long clearance by United goalkeeper Ricardo was flicked on by Ole Gunnar Solskjaer and Forlan fired home from just inside the penalty area. Christian Patino scored a consolation goal for the Mexicans in the 87th minute. — MNA/Reuters



Luis Figo (C), midfielder of Spain's football giant Real Madrid, runs with his teammates during a training session in Kunming, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 28 July, 2003. — XINHUA

**Van Nistelrooy thanks surgeon who saved his career**

LOS ANGELES, 29 July — Manchester United striker Ruud van Nistelrooy, hailed by many as the world's greatest goalscorer, had a chance to thank on Sunday to the man who saved his career, knee surgeon Richard Steadman.

The Dutch striker suffered a career-threatening knee injury when he was with PSV Eindhoven and invited the surgeon who operated on him to the game against Club America in Los Angeles on Sunday.

Van Nistelrooy scored Manchester United's first goal in a 3-1 victory over the Mexican team.

"I was very happy to invite him here

today with his grandchildren and nephews. I was happy to score because he was there too. It was a good day," he told reporters.

"I wanted to show him that I am fit and I saw him after the game in the dressing room and I just thanked him so much. I can't stop thanking him for doing such a great job for me and getting my career back on track," the striker added.

MNA/Reuters

**Nakata blasts "false" transfer rumours**

TOKYO, 29 July — Parma midfielder Hidetoshi Nakata has blasted media reports linking him to Italian rivals Lazio, insisting such stories were "pure rumour".

"You shouldn't believe everything you read in the newspapers or see on TV," the Japan captain told his official web site.

"Most of it is pure rumour. People spin the truth to start rumours all the time. The Press should stick to reporting about the facts."

Nakata has struggled to establish himself at Parma since joining from AS Roma for 26 million US dollars two years ago and has been linked to a number of European clubs, including Chelsea and Liverpool in the English Premier League.

Nakata, the most marketable player in Asia, has recently been linked with Lazio by newspapers in Italy and Japan.

MNA/Reuters

**Carlos says he will share free kicks with Beckham**

KUMING, CHINA, 29 July — Real Madrid free kick specialist Roberto Carlos says he will share the dead ball duties with new arrival David Beckham.

"Beckham is going to take the free kicks closer to the goal and I'm going to take them a little bit farther out," the Brazilian defender told reporters at the team's training camp in southwestern China.

The left back is known worldwide for his fierce free kicks and almost as famous for his failure to turn them into goals. However, he recognizes that it is a problem Beckham does not suffer from.

"He is the most skilful free kick-taker in the world," Carlos said of the England captain.

MNA/Reuters

**Hackett achieves rare world treble in 1500-meter freestyle**

BARCELONA, 29 July — Olympic champion Grant Hackett achieved a rare treble when he won the men's 1500-metre freestyle world title on Sunday for the third time in succession.

Hackett won in 14 minutes 43.14 seconds to match fellow Australian Ian Thorpe, who last Sunday became the first swimmer to win the same event at three consecutive world championships in the 400 freestyle.

"To be in the company of (Alexander) Popov and Ian who also did three in a row is huge," said Hackett.

Russia's Popov won the 100 freestyle for the third time at the world championships on Thursday.

"I don't look at myself as that sort of performer," added the Australian.

Hackett was in a race of his own as he won by an enormous margin of nearly 20 seconds.

He was leading by one-third of the length of the 50-metre Palau Sant Jordi pool at the halfway stage from Ukrainian Igor Chervinskiy, bronze medallist behind Hackett in the 800 freestyle, with the rest

trailing way behind.

American Erik Vendt overhauled Britons Graeme Smith and David Davies by the 1,000-metre mark and came up to Chervinskiy in the adjacent lane for a fierce battle for silver over the final 200 metres.

Chervinskiy hung on to take the silver in 15:01.04 and Vendt took the bronze in 15:01.28, with Davies fourth in 15:05.04 and Smith, bronze medallist at the 1996 Olympics, fading to sixth.

Hackett has won every major championship 1,500 he has entered since he won his first world title in 1998. His haul in Barcelona comprises gold in the 800 and 1,500 freestyle and 4x200 freestyle relay, silver in the 400 freestyle and bronze in the 200 freestyle.

"It has been a really big week and it has taken its toll on my body," Hackett said.

MNA/Reuters

**Baros, Heskey shine as Liverpool thump Hong Kong**

HONG KONG, 29 July — Forwards Milan Baros and Emile Heskey, battling to earn a regular starting berth alongside Michael Owen, each scored twice as Liverpool thrashed the Hong Kong national team 6-0 in an exhibition match on Sunday.

The English Premier League side maintained their unbeaten pre-season form in the last game of their Far East tour, playing before a capacity crowd of about 40,000 in their first appearance in the former British colony in 20 years.

Czech midfielder Vladimir Smicer, under mounting pressure since the signing of Australian Harry Kewell, struck the opening goal after 14 min-

utes but the second did not arrive until 12 minutes after the break.

Heskey, who produced an aggressive display despite the sweltering heat, beat the off-side trap to score in the 57th minute and capped off the game with a booming drive

in injury time. In between, the impressive Czech forward Baros scored in the 76th and 89th minute, while newly-signed 18-year-old French striker Anthony Le Tallec was also on the scoresheet after an hour having replaced Owen.

MNA/Reuters

**PSG bid for Swiss international Yakin**

ZURICH, 29 July — Paris St. Germain have made a bid for FC Basel's Swiss international midfielder Hakan Yakin, the Swiss side said on Sunday. PSG are looking for a replacement for Brazilian Ronaldinho who moved to Barcelona last weekend.

"We received a concrete offer via fax for Hakan Yakin from Paris St. Germain," a Basel spokesman said. "We confirmed that in a telephone call to the PSG president."

"On Monday we will make a decision on the offer. Until then Hakan Yakin will remain a Basel player."

MNA/Reuters

**French keeper Warmuz joins Dortmund from Arsenal**

BERLIN, 29 July — French goalkeeper Guillaume Warmuz has joined Borussia Dortmund from Arsenal, the German First Division club said on Sunday.

Dortmund gave no details about the transfer, which follows German goalkeeper Jens Lehmann's move from Dortmund to Arsenal.

Warmuz, who was a reserve keeper at Arsenal, is expected to become Dortmund's number two. Roman Weidenfeller, 22, should take over from Lehmann as the club's first-choice goalkeeper.

The 33-year-old Lehmann was flying to Austria to meet up with his new teammates at a pre-season training camp.

MNA/Reuters



Brazil's Nilmar (top) battles for the ball with Mexico's defender Omar Briceno during the first half of the final of the 2003 CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer tournament match at the Azteca stadium in Mexico City, on 27 July, 2003. — INTERNET



**MRTV-3**

**30-7-2003 (Wednesday)  
(Programme Schedule)  
Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greetings  
9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights  
"Mingalabar"  
9:06 Historical Shwe Inbin  
Monastery  
**9:10 National News**  
9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Fried  
Fermented Prawn"  
**9:15 National News**  
9:20 Myanmar Movies  
Impact  
**9:30 National News**  
9:35 Nipa Palm Forest  
9:40 Song "Blessed  
Myanmar"  
**9:45 National News**  
9:50 Photo Exhibition of  
Shwedagon Pagoda  
9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and  
See Myanmar"

- 30-7-2003 (Wednesday)  
Regular Programmes for  
Viewers from Abroad  
Evening Transmission  
(15:30 - 17:30)**  
15:30 Signature Tune  
Greetings  
15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
15:36 Historical Shwe Inbin  
Monastery  
**15:40 National News**  
15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Fried  
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**15:45 National News**  
15:50 Myanmar Movie  
Impact  
**16:00 National News**  
16:05 Nipa Palm Forest  
16:10 Song "Blessed  
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**16:15 National News**  
16:20 Photo Exhibition of  
Shwedagon Pagoda  
16:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights  
"Myanmar Panorama &  
Myanmar Sentiment"  
**16:30 National News**  
16:35 Putao Surrounded by

- Natural Scenic  
Beauty  
16:40 Myanmar Cuisine  
"Carrot Pudding"  
**16:45 National News**  
16:50 Shwezawar  
Lacquerware  
16:55 Traditional Pao  
Dance  
**17:00 National News**  
17:05 Myanmar Spirulina  
17:08 Song on Screen  
"Ma Ma Moe"  
17:10 Percussion of "Pan"  
(or) Communal Drum  
**17:15 National News**  
17:20 Interview with an Or-  
namental Fish  
Breeder  
17:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights  
"Come and See  
Myanmar"

- Evening Transmission  
(19:30 - 23:30)**  
19:30 Signature Tune  
Greetings  
19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar  
Panorama &  
Myanmar Sentiment"  
19:36 The Grand Bagaya  
Monastery  
**19:40 National News**  
19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Saute Prawn  
with Asparagus"  
**19:45 National News**  
19:50 Peaceful & Devel-  
oped Dawei  
19:55 Scenic Beauty of  
Tiddim & Cultural  
Dance  
**20:00 National News**  
20:05 The Silk Industry of  
Inlay  
20:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Let my First  
Love Know"  
**20:15 National News**  
20:20 Tour In Myanmar  
(Yangon)  
20:25 Myanmar Modern  
Song  
"Hill Steps Town"  
**20:30 National News**  
20:35 Mazin Industry's  
Wood Products  
20:40 Myanmar Cuisine  
"Traditional Moun  
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**20:45 National News**  
20:50 Myanmar's Ancient  
City Bagan  
20:55 Three Types of  
Dances  
**21:00 National News**  
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**22:00 National News**  
22:05 Nipa Palm Forest  
22:10 Song  
"Blessed Myanmar"  
**22:15 National News**  
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Shwedagon Pagoda  
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Song "Do You Love  
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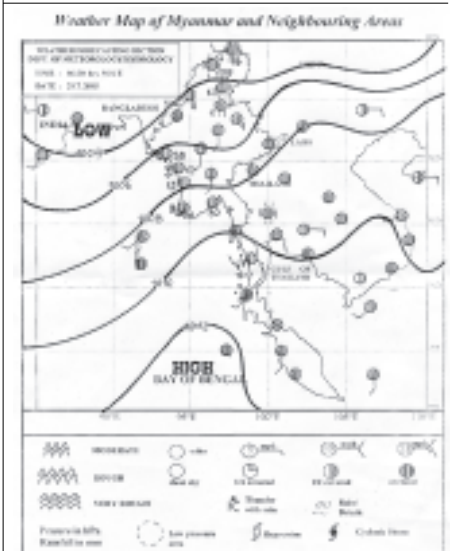
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Greetings  
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**WEATHER**

**Tuesday, 29 July, 2003**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours  
MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly  
cloudy to cloudy in Chin State and lower Sagaing Division  
and rain or thundershowers has been isolated in Kayah State,  
Mandalay and Magway Divisions and scattered to widespread  
in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine  
State, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions. The noteworthy  
amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (5.98) inches, Bago  
(4.88) inches and Maungdaw (3.23) inches.

Maximum temperature on 28-7-2003 was 33.0°C (91°F).  
Minimum temperature on 29-7-2003 was 21.4°C (71°F).  
Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 29-7-2003 was 93%.  
Total sunshine hours on 28-7-2003 was (7.7) hours approx.  
Rainfall on 29-7-2003 was 9 mm at Yangon Airport,  
30 mm at Kaba-Aye and 8 mm at central Yangon. Total  
rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 1253 mm (49.33 inches) at  
Yangon Airport, 1436 mm (56.54) inches at Kaba-Aye and  
1396 mm (54.97 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind  
speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 16 mph from Southwest at  
(16:20) hours MST on 28-7-2003.

**Bay inference:** Moonsoon is weak to moderate in the  
Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 30-7-2003:** Rain or  
thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Shan, Chin,  
Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago,  
Ayeiawady and Yangon Divisions and isolated to scattered  
in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls  
in Kachin, Kayin and Mon States, Bago and upper Sagaing  
Divisions. Degree of certainty is (100%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Moderate monsoon.  
**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for  
30-7-2003:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of  
certainty is (100%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for  
30-7-2003:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers.  
Degree of certainty is (60%).



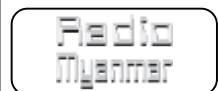
**View today:**

**Sunday, July 27**

- 7:00 am**  
1. Recitation of Parittas by  
Missionary Sayadaw  
U Oattamathara  
**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. မြို့မြို့ကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက  
**8:10 am**  
6. Musical Programme  
**8:20 am**  
7. သမုန်းသိမ်တက်စုံနေ့လှောင်တစ်  
**8:30 am**  
8. International news

- 8:45 am**  
9. Learning English the  
easy and happy way for  
Children and Beginners  
**4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song  
**4:15 pm**  
2. Song to uphold  
National Spirit  
**4:30 pm**  
3. Paractice in Reading  
**4:40 pm**  
4. Musical programme  
**4:55 pm**  
5. အဝေးသံတက္ကသိုလ်တက္ကသိုလ်  
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ  
တတ်ယူခန်း (ခါတုရားအထူးပြု)  
(ခါတုရား)  
**5:10 pm**  
6. "သတိတစ်စုံတစ်ရာအမှား"  
ကျော်မင်းကျော်မင်း ကြည့်လိုလို့ဦး၊  
နန်းလှည့်လို့ဦး  
**5:20 pm**  
7. Musical programme  
**5:35 pm**  
8. Classical song

- 5:50 pm**  
9. Musical programme  
**6:05 pm**  
10. ရွှေယဉ်လှည့်အသံအစီအစဉ်  
**6:15 pm**  
11. Discovery  
**6:30 pm**  
12. Evening news  
**7:00 pm**  
13. Weather report  
**7:05 pm**  
14. နိုင်ငံအနှံ့သစ်တောရွှမ်းမြင့်  
စိမ်းလန်းစေ့စည်  
**7:20 pm**  
15. Musical programme  
**7:35 pm**  
16. ဝင်းဌေးတီးခန်း  
မန္တလေးတီးတီးသံသီးနံ့နံ့ကြန့်နံ့  
**8:00 pm**  
17. News  
18. International news  
19. Weather report  
20. နိုင်ငံခြားတစ်လုံးလုံး  
"သမ္မာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)  
21. The next day's  
programme



**Wednesday, July 30**

**Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am** Brief news  
**8.35 am** Music  
**8.40 am** Perspectives  
**8.45 am** Music  
**8.50 am** National news/  
Slogan  
**9.00 am** Music  
**9.05 am** International news  
**9.10 am** Music  
**1.30 pm** News/Slogan  
**1.40 pm** Lunch time music  
-World of our own  
-Westlife  
-I Wanna Love You  
Forever.. Jessica  
Simpson  
**2.00 pm** Close  
**9.00 pm** Variations on a tune:  
-My Heart Will  
Go On  
**9.15 pm** Article/Music  
**9.25 pm** Music at your request  
-Save Your Love ..  
Great White  
-Just Between You &  
Me .. April  
**9.45 pm** News/Slogan  
**10.00 pm** Portfolio for easy  
listening



*Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects the Ywathit river water pumping project in Ngazun Township. — MNA*

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects river water pumping projects in Myingyan District, Mandalay Division

YANGON, 29 July—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Col Thein Naing of the Central Command, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Construction and the Ministry for

Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, inspected the river water pumping projects in Myingyan District, Mandalay Division this morning.

At 10.30 am, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected cultivation of paddy, transplanting of paddy nurseries, preparations being made for cultivation of paddy on the

1.62 acre-farmland of U Khin Sein in Ywathit Village, Myingyan Township, and Kyauktalon river water pumping project.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party at 11 am proceeded to No 2 Water Pumping Plant of Kyauktalon river water pumping project. Officials of Myingyan District Water Resources Utilization

Department reported on the salient points of the river water pumping project and officials of Mandalay Division Water Resources Utilization Department gave a supplementary report.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint looked into water pumping and maintenance of the main canal of Kyauktalon river water pumping project and gave necessary instructions.

tions.

The river water pumping project will benefit 2,500 acres of farmland in the region.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived at No 2 Water Pumping Plant of Ywathit river water pumping project in Ngazun Township at noon. At the briefing hall, officials reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint

and party on digging of the 8,000 feet long main canal, and progress in cultivation of 951 acres of paddy out of the targeted acres of 2000. Next, officials reported on Ngamya river water pumping project, progress in cultivation of paddy, progress in building of the main canal, second any canal and water tanks.

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## Lt-Gen Tin Aye looks into coal extraction and agricultural undertakings in Lashio District

YANGON, 29 July—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint and departmental officials, on 26 July arrived at the coal extraction site in Hsintaung

region, Lashio Township, where work site in-charge Lt-Col Myo Chit reported on finding and extraction of coal, prospects of production, use of machinery and future tasks.

Next, Lt-Gen Tin Aye gave instructions, saying that efforts are to be made for exploration and effective use of natural resources in the nation, efforts are to be made with goodwill in the interests of the nation and the

region, it is required to extract coal for the factories and mills which use coal-fire and it is needed to pay heed to worksite safety.

Next, Lt-Gen Tin Aye inspected extraction of coal with the use of machinery and attended to the needs.

Next, Lt-Gen Tin Aye and party proceeded to the coal extraction site in Nahlyan region at the exit of Lashio. At the briefing hall, the commander re-

ported on extraction of coal at the respective regions in Shan State (North) and work to be carried out; Worksite in-charge Lt-Col Myo Kyin on extraction of coal in Shan State (North) for energy sector of the State, an official on quality of coal and volume of coal deposit underground, prospects of production.

After attending to the needs, Lt-Gen Tin Aye gave instructions, saying that coal

is to be extracted for factories and mills of the State to ensure national development. He then inspected extraction of coal in Nahlyan region with the use of machinery.

They proceeded to the 1000-acre project site of poppy substitute monsoon crops cultivation zone at the exit of Lashio. At the briefing hall, the commander reported on cultivation of poppy substitute

crops and future tasks, project in-charge Lt-Col Nay Lin Aung on progress in cultivation of poppy substitute crops and future work programmes.

In response to the report, Lt-Gen Tin Aye gave instructions on cultivation of quality crops, set-up of model plantations for ensuring distribution of quality strains, wider use of fertilizer and minimizing of loss and wastage.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tin Aye and party inspected thriving of groundnut and sunflowers, beans, and pulses coffee, and pigeon pea. They then inspected the 1000-acre project site.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye and party went to Hsinshweli paddy pilot-plantations, where the agriculturists reported on the salient points in cultivation of Hsinshweli paddy.

Next, Lt-Gen Tin Aye gave instructions on research work, wider cultivation of the special-high-yield paddy, increasing the per acre yield, cultivation of quality strain paddy, distribution of quality strains and agricultural techniques to farmers and self-sufficiency in rice and edible oil.

Next, Lt-Gen Tin Aye, the commander and party inspected thriving of hybrid paddy plantations and Hsinyadana model paddy plantations.—MNA



*Kale University in Kale, Sagaing Division. (News on page 1)— MNA*