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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

As measures being taken to ensure equal development of all regions, economic social infrastructures have emerged

Those from inside and outside being jealous of the progress of the State trying to drive wedge among the national people

All national brethren are to guard against all destructive acts

YANGON, 6 Aug — Mass meeting on “Guarding against the danger posed by destructionists through united strength of people” took place in Myeik, Taninthayi Division on 2 August. Present on the occasion were members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Women’s Affairs Organization, Myanmar War Veterans Organization, Auxiliary Fire Brigade, Red Cross Society, nurses, workers, departmental personnel and local people totalling over 1,280.

First, Secretary of Taninthayi Division USDA U Kyaw Kyaw Htay presided over the meeting together with Secretary of Division WVO Supervisory

Committee Maj Tin Aung (Retd), WAO Chairperson Daw Tin Tin Ohn, MCWA Supervisory Committee member Dr Daw Aye Aye Thein, U Aung Nu Kyi of Red Cross Society and U Ba Kywe of township Fire Brigade and townselder U Aw. Member of Myeik Township USDA Daw Win Yu Yu Phyto acted

as master of ceremonies and Daw Ni Lar Myint as co-MC.

Next, the meeting chairman, members of panel of chairmen and those present saluted the State Flag.

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While the government and all national people are marching towards their goal, some destructionist groups being incited by big nations of the west bloc are attempting to form a parallel government and committing destructive acts in the country. How can they rule the nation with only a handful of persons?



Members of the panel of chairmen chanting slogans at the mass meeting. — MNA



Those present chant slogans at the mass meeting on guarding against the dangers of internal and external destructionists through united strength of the people in Myeik. —MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Beware of danger of poisoning

Development of health sector plays a pivotal role in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Only when the health sector is advanced and improved could complex health problems be addressed.

Developing nations have to deal with communicable and non-communicable diseases. Out of them, poisoning is a non-communicable disease.

There are two varieties of poisoning—acute poisoning and chronic poisoning. Both are harmful to health of mankind and may even cause death. According to the WHO's data in year 2000, there had been an increasing use of chemicals and pharmaceutical drugs across the world. There were about 500,000 people who were poisoned due to the use of agricultural and industrial chemicals.

Myanmar is likely to face a growing health problems caused by poisoning due to the improper use of household medicines. Increasing use of pesticides, chemical fertilizers and chemicals used in agriculture can lead to frequent incidence of poisoning.

With the aim of controlling the danger of poisoning, the government established the National Poison Control Centre of the Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar), spending a large amount of funds.

The NPCC is now taking systematic steps for prevention and control of poisoning, dissemination of knowledge on health and medical treatment in the public health care services.

With the emergence of the health facility, extended efforts are to be made for controlling the danger of poisoning to keep pace with changes and developments. In the meantime, health staff are to strive for wider dissemination of knowledge on the danger of poisoning to the public.

Moreover, possible incidence of poisoning is to be kept under constant surveillance. In the event of poisoning, urgent measures are to be taken to keep it under control.

According to tests, there are harmful chemicals, in monosodium glutamate (seasoning powder). The Ministry of Health has cautioned the public that there has occurred asthma, heart disease, hypertension and oedema owing to the consumption of the seasoning powder.

Therefore, the entire national people are to do their bit in enhancing public health care services being carried out by the government for uplift of health and fitness of the entire nation, realizing the dangers of chemicals and poisons.

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

Tasks to upgrade Yangon City inspected

YANGON, 6 Aug—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected measures for the upgrading of Yangon City this morning.

The commander and the mayor viewed the laying of concrete slabs on pavements and the unblocking of drains on Maha Bandoola Street (between 39th and 40th Streets) in Kyauktada Township.

They inspected the laying of between on Anawrahta Street between Maha Bandoola Park Street and 35th Street in Kyauktada Township, dredg-

ing of drains along Anawrahta Street in Latha Township, laying of concrete slabs, clearing the drains and weeding of wild plants along U Wisara Street in Dagon Township, dredging of drains near the embankment of Inya Lake in Bahan Township, and dredging of Eiksitan Creek on Waizayanda Street in South Okkalapa Township.

During the inspection tour, they instructed officials concerned to use the designs that do not compromise the beauty of Yangon City in constructing buildings, and to carry out tasks collectively for sprucing up the city and ensuring proper drainage.

MNA

Home Affairs Minister receives Korean Ambassador

YANGON, 6 Aug — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo received Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Lee Ju-Heum and party at the ministry at the corner of Industry-1 Road and Saya San Road yesterday evening.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Director-General of General Administration Department U Myat Ko, Director-General of Bureau of Special



Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo receives ROK Ambassador Mr Lee Ju-Heum. — HOME AFFAIRS

Investigation U Aung Saw Win, Deputy Director-General U Maung Win of GAD, Head of Transnational Criminal Department Police Col Sit Aye and head of office U Kyaw San.

MNA

ASEAN Foodstuff Festival held

YANGON, 6 Aug — Hailing the 38th Anniversary of ASEAN which falls on 8 August, the Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association observed ASEAN Foodstuff Festival at Mahawthada Hall of the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs this morning. Present on the occasion were members of the panel of patrons of Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association wife of the foreign minister Daw Myint Myint Soe,

wives of ministers, wives of deputy ministers, CEC members, the Philippines Ambassador to Myanmar and wives of ASEAN Ambassadors, wives of diplomats, families of agencies under the UN and members of association. Mem-

ber of the panel of patrons of the association Daw Myint Myint Soe formally opened the festival. Next, those present enjoyed food stuff. —MNA



Daw Myint Myint Soe, wife of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and party visit ASEAN Foodstuff Festival. — MNA

National policy and State's seven-point Road Map lectured

YANGON, 6 Aug — USDA CEC Member Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein gave a lecture on national policy and the State's seven-point Road Map yesterday evening, to 100 trainees of the basic organization course opened at South Okkalapa Township USDA Office.

MNA

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Thai students read books at Information and Communication Technology Ministry's learning corner in Bangkok, Thailand, on 4 Aug, 2005.

INTERNET

Singapore minister stresses cooperation for regional security

SINGAPORE, 5 Aug — Multilateral cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region is necessary for enhancing regional security, Singapore Defence Minister Teo Chee Hean said here on Thursday.

"Most governments recognize that cooperation with other countries is no longer just good to have but necessary. This is true whether the adversary is a terrorist or a

virus, or we are just trying to face the forces of nature," Teo noted. To respond more effectively to the global terrorist threat, according to Teo, countries need to take

concrete cooperative measures with the exchange of intelligence in particular.

He noted that the geopolitical landscape in the Asia-Pacific Region has changed greatly and quickly in the past few years as the United States continues to exert its military and political influence in the region.

He added that the region could gain energy and strength from the well-managed and dynamic interactions among the United States, China, India and Japan.

He pointed out that initiatives such as the East Asia Summit, the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the Five Power Defence Arrangements would serve to enhance mutual understanding and cooperation among governments and Armed Forces in the region.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

Al-Qaeda's Zawahri warns Britons of more attacks

DUBAI, 5 Aug — Al-Qaeda's second-in-command Ayman al-Zawahri warned Britons of more attacks in a video aired on Thursday, saying Prime Minister Tony Blair's policies would bring them more destruction. He also told the United States that al-Qaeda would continue to launch deadly attacks until US troops quit Iraq and all other Muslim countries.

"Blair's policies brought you destruction in central London and will bring you more destruction," Zawahri, Osama bin Laden's deputy, said in the tape aired by Al Jazeera television. He stopped short of directly claiming responsibility for last month's bomb attacks against London's transport system, which killed more than 50 people. At least two groups linked to al-Qaeda have claimed responsibility for the London attacks.

Zawahri said the United States was lying about its losses in Iraq as it had in Vietnam and called on Washington to immediately withdraw its troops. "What you have seen in New York, Washington and Afghanistan, are only the initial losses," he said, referring to the 11 September, 2001 attacks on the United States for which al-Qaeda claimed responsibility.

MNA/Xinhua



ASEAN members sign pact on minerals cooperation

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Aug — ASEAN ministers and representatives on Thursday signed a Ministerial Understanding (MU) on ASEAN Cooperation in Minerals.

The pact aims to build the minerals sector into an engine for greater economic growth and social progress in the member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and enhance trade and investment in the mineral sector in the region, according to local media reports.

ASEAN representatives reached agreement at the first ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals, which was held at Kuching, capital city of Malaysia's eastern state of Sarawak.

The pact also aims to promote environmental-

friendly and socially responsible mineral development practices in the sustainable management and optimum utilization of mineral resources.

Meanwhile, the ASEAN Minerals Cooperation Action Plan 2005-2010 was adopted at the meeting. It contained 19 concrete and strategic actions, which can help realize policy agenda under the Vientiane Action Programme and MU on ASEAN Cooperation in Minerals. To effectively implement the action plan, the meeting endorsed the formation of four working groups to collectively han-

dle specific cooperation issues in minerals-related fields.

Delegates at the meeting also agreed to foster closer cooperation with ASEAN dialogue partner countries and relevant international and regional organizations in mineral resource development, geoscience and technology transfer programmes.

For this purpose, the meeting welcomed Malaysia's proposal to invite representatives of China, Japan and South Korea to attend the ASEAN+3 Consultative meeting on Mineral Cooperation next year.

MNA/Xinhua

China extends increasing influence on global economy

SINGAPORE, 5 August — With rapid internal economic growth, China is exerting greater influence on the global economy, a Singapore minister said here on Thursday.

Addressing the Singapore International Foundation (SIF) International Student Symposium, Minister of State for Finance and Transport Lim Hwee Hua said that China and India have become the twin engines of regional and global growth. "China's contribution to global GDP (gross domestic product) growth since 2000 has been almost twice as large as that of the next three biggest emerging economies, India, Brazil and Russia, combined," Lim noted.

She added that China's strong economic growth has also significantly increased the exports from regional economies to the country since 2000.

"Because of its scale, China's influ-

ence extends far beyond trade and GDP. Global inflation rates, interest rates, bond yields, property prices, wages, profits and commodity prices are also increasingly being driven by China," Lim said.

In addition, China is changing its role in the international economic landscape from a magnet for foreign direct investment (FDI) to the 6th largest outward investor among the developing countries, according to Lim.

Acknowledging that China can compete not only in the manufacturing industry but also in the highest-end research and design work, Lim said that other countries must adapt to the emergence of China. — MNA/Xinhua

1,827 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 5 Aug — As of Friday, 5 Aug, 2005, at least 1,827 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,411 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is four higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT on Friday.

The British military has reported 93 deaths; Italy, 26; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; El Salvador, Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,688 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,302 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Internet



An Iraqi woman is taken to hospital after being wounded by a suicide car bomb attack in Baghdad on 6 August, 2005. —INTERNET

India eyes oil, gas exploration in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 5 Aug — An Indian state-owned energy company has expressed interest in carrying out oil and gas exploration in Bangladesh's exclusive economic zone in the Bay of Bengal.

The Financial Express on Thursday quoted official sources as saying that the Indian Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), in a letter to Bangladesh's Energy Adviser under the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources (MPEMR) Mahmudur Rahman, has conveyed its intention officially a couple of weeks ago.

The Indian energy giant also intended to work with state-owned Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Company Ltd. (BAPEX) under a joint venture to conduct

gas exploration in the offshore gas blocks.

"Since ONGC has extensive experience in offshore exploration in the Indian Ocean and Bay of Bengal, we are also in a position to extend our hands of cooperation to BAPEX in their offshore exploration projects in the Bay of Bengal," the daily quoted the ONGC letter as saying.

The ONGC also proposed to establish a joint laboratory services with the BAPEX whereby, the company said, the dependency of BAPEX on foreign assistance will be greatly re-

duced.

Both the companies may jointly undertake risk or crisis management in the hydrocarbon operation in Bangladesh, ONGC proposed in the letter.

ONGC can assist BAPEX to manage such eventuality during drilling or production operations, it said. A senior MPEMR official said that the ONGC proposal came at a time when the Bangladesh Government was taking preparations for the third round bidding for its offshore gas fields.

MNA/Xinhua



Vietnam's handicraft export surges in first seven months

HANOI, 5 Aug — Vietnam exported 316 million US dollars' worth of handicrafts in the first seven months of this year, soaring 43.6 per cent over the same period last year.

To boost the products' export, the country is focusing on diversifying models, surveying markets, and intensifying trade promotion abroad, especially in markets with strict quality requirements such as the European Union (EU) and the United States, according to the Vietnamese Trade Ministry on Thursday.

The weakest point of Vietnamese handicrafts is poor design which makes

them less competitive than Chinese or Thai products, the ministry said, noting that Vietnam has targeted to export 500 million dollars' worth of handicrafts in 2005, rising 21.9 per cent over 2004.

The country shipped the products valued at 410 million dollars to 37 foreign markets, including the EU, the United States, Japan, South Africa and Australia, last year, up 11.9 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua



A couple look at the departure schedule at Changi Airport in Singapore. The city state's status as one of Asia's main air hubs is threatened by the emergence of larger long-range aircraft and the upgrading of rival airports in Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok and Dubai. — INTERNET

More lethal bombs pose new problems to US soldiers in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 5 Aug — In recent months, roadside bombs used by Iraqi militants have become more sophisticated and more deadly, posing a growing challenge to US soldiers, *The New York Times* reported on Thursday.

The explosion that killed 14 US Marines in western Iraq Wednesday was powerful enough to flip the 25-ton amphibious assault vehicle they were riding in, US military officers told the newspaper.

In fact, the new problem facing the US military in Iraq emerged over a week earlier, on 23 July, when a huge bomb buried on a road southwest of Baghdad Airport detonated underneath a Humvee carrying four American soldiers, killing all of them instantly. The explosive device was con-

structed from a bomb weighing 500 pounds or more and the blast left a crater six feet deep and nearly 17 feet wide.

What happened soon after the 23 July attack further frustrated the US military. A British explosives expert, part of a special squad formed to investigate major guerilla bomb attacks, stepped on a second, smaller bomb buried near the first and was badly wounded.

He later had an arm and a leg amputated. A third device, hidden a few yards away,

was found and defused. To counter the growing threat from roadside bombs, the Pentagon has dispatched 24,000 armoured Humvees to Iraq since late 2003.

But the militants have responded by building bombs powerful enough to penetrate the vehicles' steel plating. US experts said there are plenty of evidence that Iraqi militants are increasingly carrying out the so-called "shaped" charges, which concentrate the blast and give it a better chance of penetrating armored vehicles, causing higher casualties. They admitted that the roadside bomb attacks can not be stopped and what the US military can do is to reduce the number of attacks, which average around 65 a day against US and Iraqi troops at present. — MNA/Xinhua

Aide of Iraqi Deputy PM killed in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 5 Aug — An aide to Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Ahmed Chalabi was killed by gunmen on Thursday, an Interior Ministry source said.

Haidar Mohammed Ali al-Dujaili, the head of Public Affairs Department of the Iraqi National Congress, was killed by gunmen at his home in southeastern Baghdad at around 5:00 am (0100 GMT), the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi National Congress is a political party led by Chalabi. Gunmen

opened fire at a convoy of Chalabi's officials south of the capital four days ago, killing one of his bodyguards.

Chalabi, once a Pentagon ally, who fell out with Washington later, came back to Iraq in April last year. He was once considered a potential Iraqi leader after the toppling of Saddam Hussein.

MNA/Xinhua

Heavy rainstorm kills two in S-W China

CHONGQING, 5 Aug — Heavy rainstorm struck Bishan County of southwest China's Chongqing Municipality on Wednesday, killing two and affecting some 200,000 local residents, said the county government's disaster-relief office. By 1 pm Wednesday, the precipitation in Bishan had reached 197.7 millimetre.

The disaster caused damage to 4,750 houses and affected 10,000 hectares of farmland. The local government has organized immediate and effective rescue and relief work, and have succeeded in rescuing 1,325 locals stranded by the flood.

MNA/Xinhua

Northern California man killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 Aug — A 20-year-old Northern California man has been killed in Iraq.

Lance Cpl Adam J Strain died Wednesday as result of enemy fire while conducting combat operations in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, according to Defence De-

partment officials.

Strain was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force out of

Camp Pendleton. During the war, his unit was attached to 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force.

Internet



A US Army soldier

searches for

explosive devices

on the side of a

road in Baghdad

on 5 August, 2005.

INTERNET

Cambodian King to visit China

BEIJING, 5 Aug — Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, will pay a state visit to China from 10 to 14 August, at the invitation of Chinese President Hu Jintao, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said on Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua

Mekong basin countries to strengthen eco cooperation

SIEM REAP (Cambodia), 5 Aug — Foreign ministers from five Mekong River basin countries are meeting here in the Cambodian temple town of Siem Reap on Friday to discuss cooperation in the development of the subregion.

The one-day ACMECS (Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy) foreign ministers' meeting will focus on cooperation on trade, tourism, energy, agriculture and infrastructure of the five countries.

Foreign ministers from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam are attending the meeting, aimed at enhancing the cooperation to pro-

mote the development of the subregion, said Hem Heng, director of Press in the Foreign Ministry.

They will renew the commitment to the goals and objectives set out in the Bagan Declaration to increase competitiveness, narrow economic disparity and promote socio-economic development in the subregion so as to transform the subregion, in the first half of the 21st Century, into the zone of en-

during peace, sustained economic growth, progress and prosperity.

The ministers will also have an open discussion with representatives of their development partners including the Asian Development Bank, the European Union, Japan and Singapore to seek the partners' assistance to implement the goals and objectives of ACMECS.

MNA/Xinhua



Officials view the wreckage of the Air France Airbus A340 at Toronto's Pearson International Airport on 3 August, an Air France plane that crashed with 309 aboard may have landed too fast or too far down the runway to stop before its fiery wreck, the lead investigator said.

INTERNET

Malaysia urges ASEAN to tap local mineral resources

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Aug — ASEAN countries still have untapped mineral rich areas and these areas need to be rejuvenated and tapped for their common benefit, a senior Malaysian official said on Thursday.

Many areas of the member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) remained unexploited for valuable minerals, as they lacked of capacity, including technical capacity, Malaysia's Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak said.

The joint cooperation and capacity building among the ASEAN member countries were critical for the growth of the ASEAN mineral sector,

Najib told the First ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals which opened in Kuching, capital of Malaysia's eastern state of Sarawak, on Thursday.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

ASEAN countries must stand ready to help each other in technology transfers and other forms of capacity building and

cooperation to fully release the potential of the mineral industry in the region, Najib said.

He stressed that ASEAN countries need to combine their technological know-how and the commercial impetus, saying the multifaceted mineral industry in the region can be instrumental in helping bind the region known as ASEAN, he said.

However, Najib cautioned that the natural resources in the region are

not unlimited and could not be extracted without restrictions. He urged ASEAN countries to take into account environmental sustainability and find ways to maximize the potential of their resources.

He said he hoped that the ongoing first ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals could formulate collective policies and guidelines on the acceptable method in sourcing for minerals.

MNA/Xinhua

Rainfall below average in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 5 Aug — As the month of June saw a very low amount of rainfall with most parts of Nepal having precipitation well below the average for the month, farmers are worried that the yield of crops may be low this year, a meteorologist said.

The monsoon came about two weeks late this year and the rainfall has also been less, Mandira Rajbahak, senior meteorologist at the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology told reporters here Thursday.

Eastern part of Nepal, which has so far got only half the average rainfall, will have to wait for three days until it receives full-fledged torrential rains, she said.

"The southern part of the country needs to have low pressure zone so that winds from the Bay of Bengal can accumulate there and thus bring rain to Nepal. But the active low pressure zone has been formed near Indian states and in plains of Bangladesh, because of which Nepal witnessed very little rainfall in the month of July," the meteorologist noted.

This condition has affected the agriculture sector as well as other sectors, the meteorologist said.

Asheshwor Jha, spokesman of the Ministry for Agriculture, said that the ministry was on alert because the present conditions were pushing the paddy cultivation towards abnormal production this year.

Due to insufficient rainfall, farmers have not planted rice in the normal amount, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Three US soldiers killed in car bomb attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 5 Aug — Three US soldiers were killed on Wednesday in a car bomb attack targeted a US military vehicle in southwestern Baghdad, the US military said on Friday.

The attack took place at about 8:00 pm (1600 GMT) on Wednesday, the military said in a statement.

The names of the killed soldiers were being withheld pending notification of next of kin, it added.

Earlier, the US military said another marine was killed by small arms fire in the volatile city of Ramadi, some 110 kilometres west of Baghdad.

Fourteen US marines and an interpreter were

killed in a roadside bomb attack in western Iraq on Wednesday, the US military said. The marines, assigned to Regimental Combat Team 2, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, were killed when an improvised explosive device hit their armoured vehicle near the town of Haditha, some 250 kilo-

metres northwest of Baghdad, the military said. About 1,815 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to media tally.

MNA/Reuters

Fighting roadside bombs is full-time job in Iraq

ABU GHRAIB, 5 Aug — US troops slowly shovel through garbage for the deadliest weapon they face. It's tedious work in blistering heat but they can't rest. Searching for roadside bombs in Iraq has become a 24-hour-a-day job.

"We have two 12-hour shifts a day, every day. We find that if we don't monitor all of our positions constantly it's a problem," said Captain Ryan Keys, from Lisbon, Maine. "If we leave one area for two to three hours then come back, an IED (improvised explosive device) could be waiting for us." American and Iraqi troops have been attacked with suicide bombs, car bombs, mortars and assault rifles. But the roadside bombs, which troops call IEDs, have been especially deadly.

Hidden in traffic cones, cans and even dead animals, they are the leading killer of U.S. troops, accounting for more than 35

percent of total deaths.

One of the devices tore into an amphibious assault vehicle and killed 14 Marines this week, reminding American commanders the makeshift device defies the world's most powerful military.

US troops have embarked on a new strategy for fighting the bombs in Abu Ghraib, a rebel stronghold just west of Baghdad. Instead of standard patrols, they try to pressure insurgents by maintaining a 24-hour presence in one area. It's designed to give guerrillas less time to hide bombs and force them to leave them on roads, where they are easier to spot. —Internet



US soldiers view the scene of a suicide car bomb attack in Baghdad on 6 August, 2005. —INTERNET



A man rides his bike past the Sunbeam Theatre in an old quarter of Hong Kong recently. The theater has been saved from closure after a sympathetic move from the landlord who agreed not to raise rents until 2009.—INTERNET

Heavy rainstorm kills four in E China province

HEFEI, 5 Aug— A heavy rainstorm has ravaged the northern part of east China's Anhui Province claiming four lives and affecting a population of 1.87 million, said the provincial civil affairs department on Thursday.

Heavy rainstorms struck 13 counties in four cities including Suzhou, Bengbu, Huaibei and Fuyang in the province since Tuesday morning, with rainfall reaching 200mm in the worst-hit areas.

The disaster afflicted 166,666 hectares of farmland and completely destroyed croplands of 24,666 hectares, the source said, adding that the direct economic loss caused by the accident was

estimated at 500 million yuan (60.2 million US dollars). Suzhou City was worst-hit by the heavy rainstorm, which flooded more than 600 villages and stranded a population of 600,000, the source said.

The provincial government has organized immediate and forceful rescue and relief work and was trying its best to restore normal production and life as soon as possible. *MNA/Xinhua*

Irish housewife wins over \$133m lottery

LONDON, 15 Aug— A woman from Ireland's city of Limerick landed Thursday the biggest prize of 77 million pounds (about 136.29 million US dollars) in European lottery history.

Dolores McNamara won the money after picking the right numbers in last Friday's EuroMillions draw, according to the *Sky News*.

The Euromillions jackpot had not been won since the middle of May and had rolled over nine times.

EuroMillions is played in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Portugal, Switzerland, France, Spain, Austria, Belgium and Luxembourg. Europe's previous largest jackpot was the 72-million-pound "match six" top prize won on the Italian Superenalotto in May.

MNA/Xinhua

India offers help in drafting new Iraqi constitution

NEW DELHI, 5 Aug— India has offered help in drafting Iraq's Constitution, Minister of State for External Affairs E Ahamed said in New Delhi on Thursday.

"India has offered to help by arranging interactions with Indian constitutional experts here and provision of literature and expert advice, which has been appreciated by the Iraqi Government," Ahamed said.

Speaking to a group of foreign journalists recently, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had stated that his government was committed to the Parliament's decision, taken in 2003, not to send troops to war-ravaged Iraq, but was ready to extend every possible support to reconstruct Iraq. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Indonesia confirms Sumatra's forest fire toward Malaysia

JAKARTA, 5 Aug— Indonesia confirmed on Thursday that forest fire in Sumatra Island, which started on Sunday, has blanketed part of neighbouring Malaysia.

Arbaini, head of Environmental Conservation of the Regional Environmental Impact Management Agency of Riau Province, said Thursday that the wind had carried haze resulted from hot spots in Riau and North Sumatra provinces toward Malaysia.

"From our monitor on the satellite picture, the fire starting from 31 July was sometimes up and sometimes down," she told *Xinhua* by telephone.

However, she said that the fire had not yet caused serious impact on the provinces, adding, "We do not know the situation in Malaysia because the wind blows toward there, from southeast to east."

Arbaini attributed the fire cause to a seasonality of the dry season that lasts longer than previous ones.

To prevent further spread of the fire, Arbaini said that the authorities already have deployed teams to stop the fire. The haze slightly covered North Sumatra Provincial Airport but did not hamper the flight schedule, according to an official of the airport.

Forest fires frequently break out in Sumatra in dry season because of the spread of illegal land-clearing fires or carelessly discarded cigarettes.

MNA/Xinhua

Road side bomb kills US soldier in Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 Aug— An American soldier was killed by a road side bomb in Afghanistan, where militants have increased their attacks ahead of next month's parliamentary polls, the US military said on Friday.

One other member of the military and an Afghan national Army soldier were wounded after the bomb hit their vehicle on Thursday in southeastern Paktika.

At least 37 US soldiers have died in Afghanistan this year — the bloodiest period for Washington since

they helped overthrow the Taleban in 2001.

Hundreds of other people, mostly militants have also died in the Taleban-inspired insurgency that has gripped parts of southern and eastern Afghanistan too.

MNA/Reuters



Japanese girls belonging to a choir group look closely at photographs of people suffering after the dropping of atomic bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, in Hiroshima, on 4 August, 2005.—INTERNET

Almost one million Sri Lankan people evading income tax

COLOMBO, 5 August— Legislation must be introduced to force people to pay income tax amid nearly one million Sri Lankan people who are evading the income tax net, the *Daily News* reported on Thursday.

"Only less than 200,000 people are paying income tax and if this trend continues, the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) will fall far short of their projected revenue target of 203 billion rupee (2,030 million US dollars) this year," said Joint Secretary of Inland Revenue Service Union H A L Udayasiri.

Loopholes in the law to nab tax offenders "are widening and new legislation must be introduced soon", he noted.

The IRD is still governed by the income tax legislation, which was introduced in 1974 and it is high time to introduce new laws according to the present developed economy, he said.

In addition, he said, the lack of technology and trained staff is a major problem the IRD is facing. — *MNA/Xinhua*

British police charge two women in London bomb probe

LONDON, 5 Aug— British police charged two women under anti-terrorism laws on Thursday for failing to give police information after the botched 21 July attempts to bomb London.

Police said Yeshshiemebet Girma, 28, and Muluemebet Girma, 21, of London, will appear at the capital's Bow Street Magistrates' Court on Friday charged under the Terrorism Act 2000.

They were arrested on 27 July in an armed raid on a public housing estate in the Stockwell area of south London.

Police accused them of failing to give information to detectives which could help convict someone "for an offence involving the commission, preparation or instigation of an act of terrorism".

The failed bombings on 21 July came two weeks after four suicide bombers killed 52 people in three underground trains and a bus. Police have linked the suicide bombers to al-Qaeda.

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Myanmar village

Tekkatho Tin Kha

The Myanmar village is the foundation of Myanmar Naing-ngan. The rural area is the base of every nation in the world. However grand, crowded and busy the major towns are, their progress is based on the rural economy. The urban areas will enjoy prosperity only if the agro-based economy of the rural areas is strong. The world has now become a global village due to advancement in the information and communication technology, the base of the modern economy. So, I have written the article "Myanmar village" to present the developments in the education and human resources of Myanmar.

Myanmar's development and modernization drive is based on the rural areas as it is an agro-based nation. Rural areas will achieve progress only if we can effectively promote the rural agriculture. The five rural development work programmes of the third short-term five-year economic plan are:

To upgrade rural roads to 30-foot wide smooth laterite and then to gravel facilities,

To supply potable water to villages,

To improve the level of rural schools and furniture and to ensure school enrollment for all school age children and to place emphasis on adult literacy campaign,

To upgrade rural health care activities, and

To develop the rural economy.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Information, the Education Ministry launched the electronic data broadcasting system on 1 January 2001.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe in his message sent in honour of the day on which e-Education is introduced in the Union of Myanmar on 1 January 2001 stated as follows:

"The education is a human resource development undertaking which invariably goes along with the national character and as such the Government has been implementing the Special Four-Year Plan for the Promotion of National Education in all seriousness. At present, it has entered the third four-month period of the first year of implementation. I am delighted and honoured that the Electronic Data Broadcasting System is launched today for the education sector of Myanmar within such a short period."

Electronic education is the main artery of the nation's education system. Electronic education system ensures every student the opportunity to apply the ICT and overcome geographical and time limits.

The education is a human resource development undertaking which invariably goes along with the national character. Thus, the government has paid a serious attention to the four-year national education promotion project, and success has been achieved to a certain degree in implementing the project.

Now, all the states and divisions have good opportunities to pursue education. Nurturing of human resources region-wise has accelerated the nation-wide human resources development undertaking.

In border areas where peace and stability is prevailing, education programmes are being launched for every person. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance on paving the way for widening the scope of formal education and three Rs courses for illiterate persons. The Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races is implementing the tasks.

Thanks to the three-R movement, the adult

literacy rate of the nation reached 93.3 per cent in 2004, up from 92.2 per cent in 2003, 91.8 per cent in 2002, 91.4 per cent in 2001, and 91 per cent in 2000. The three Rs movement will be attended region-wise in border areas to realize the literacy target of 95.5 per cent.

Since 1999-2000, the week before the start of a new academic year, has been designated as the school enrollment week. During the week, school enrollment activities have been carried out township-wise in all states and divisions of the nation. The all-township enrollment programme for all school age children covered 55 townships in 2002-2003 academic year, 144 townships in 2003-2004 academic year, and 233 townships in 2004-2005 academic year. The enrollment rate of children who reached the age of five in 2004-2005 academic year was 96.56 per cent, up from 91 per cent in 1999-2000 academic year.

The opportunity to pursue basic education for youths has opened up together with the prevalence of peace in border areas. Youths of those regions now have the opportunity to pursue higher educa-

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tion. Now I would like to compare the education development of Shan State in the past during which the region lacked peace, with that at present.

After the prevalence of peace in Shan State (East), arts and science degree colleges, technological colleges and computer colleges have emerged in Kengtung. In the past Taunggyi in Shan State (South) had only one degree college. Now it has an arts and science university, a technological college, a computer college and an education college.

Lashio in Shan State (North) which had only one degree college in the past now has a degree college, a technological college and a computer college.

One of the salient points about Shan State's education sector is that Panglong region has a university, a technological college and a computer college that were built under the guidance of Head of State Senior General to acknowledge sheer unity of various national races and flourishing of Union Spirit. And the facilities came into existence due to the prevalence of peace and stability in the region.

The government also established the Nationality Youths Resource Development Degree Colleges (Yangon) and (Mandalay) three years ago with a view to producing human resources for the development of border areas, reflecting the State's goodwill, loving-kindness and compassion.

Youths in states and border areas who have passed matriculation examination can join the colleges, and the initiative to establish these facilities testifies to the State's goodwill, loving-kindness and compassion to national people.

The government provides all the expenses for the students throughout the school terms in order that they can learn specialized subjects on arts, science, engineering and computer studies at the classrooms equipped with electronic teaching and learning aids.

National youths who have obtained degrees from these colleges can serve the interests of their native regions. They will be able to engage in the

fields of administration, education, civil engineering, construction and rural development tasks. They belong to reserve forces of the nation, and the colleges are forerunners of the University for Development of National Races.

There have emerged opportunities for new generation youths in far-flung areas to pursue higher education. More and more universities and colleges are being opened in respective regions, so the number of universities and colleges across the nation has surged to 168, up from only 32 in 1988.

There has been a marked difference between the situations in borders in the past and at present. There were only a small number of schools in border areas in the past. But, so far the government has built 852 basic education primary schools, 90 middle schools, and 92 high schools in these areas. The Education and Training Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was launched on 30 June 1999 so as to promote the education standard of national race youths in border areas.

Since then, the training schools for youths have been opened to effectively nurture the youths in border areas. Up to now, a total of 27 youths training schools and 21 vocational training centres for women have come into being.

Now, altogether 1,908 boys and 341 girls are attending the classes of the schools and centres. The Nationality Youths Resource Development Degree College (Yangon) was opened on 15 June 2000 and the Nationality Youths Resource Development Degree College (Mandalay) on 12 July 2000 for the youths of the training schools who have passed matriculation exam to continue their education.

The two colleges were established with six objectives — for national race youths to become ones fully equipped with Union Spirit, while promoting friendship among them in pursuit of education, to become ones who are convinced of and uphold Our Three Main National Causes: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty, to value and preserve cultures and traditions of national races, to inspire the youths with the spirit of taking responsibilities for ensuring border areas development and higher living standard of national races, to inculcate the youths with the sense of participation with might and main in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, and to enable the youths to do their bit actively in their own regional development tasks after completing their education.

The two degree colleges conduct diploma courses in arts and science, AGTI (Civil), mechanical, electrical, and electronics. In 2005-2006 academic year, over 160 students are attending courses on arts and science, engineering (AGTI) for entrance to MA course, MA and MSc.

Now, human resources are on the threshold of development in border areas. The government has been nurturing local youths through the education sector to become ones capable of fulfilling requirements of their native regions. In consequence, the number of reliable youth human resources is on the remarkable increase. The government has been taking all possible measures for establishment of Myanmar village by raising the education standard of the entire nation including border areas.

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Meeting Chairman U Kyaw Kyaw Htay delivering a speech at the mass meeting. — MNA

People are to guard against the danger posed by internal and external destructive elements through united strength of the entire national people

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Addressing the meeting, Chairman U Kyaw Kyaw Htay said due to strenuous efforts of the Tatmadaw government, the State has enjoyed significant development in all aspects. In addition, with the improvement of State defence and organizational measures, 17 national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold and are participating in the nation-building tasks. The government and the people are now on their way to a discipline-flourishing democratic nation upholding the three main national causes and 12 political, economic and social objectives after adopting the seven-point

Road Map of the State. He said social organizations such as USDA, MWVO, MWF and MMCWA have been formed for their participation in the nation-building tasks. While the government and all national people are marching towards their goal, some destructionist groups being incited by big nations of the west bloc are attempting to form a parallel government and committing destructive acts in the country. How can they rule the nation with only a handful of persons? He said it is an inhuman act that those saboteurs blasted three bombs in public places on 7 May this year. Their acts are due to the instigation of some

western big nations that are meddling in the affairs of the nation. All the people made their unanimous decisions how to respond to the internal and external destructive elements who are disturbing the nation in various ways at the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference and the ceremonies at Myanmar Women's Day. Western nations are inciting to cause political unrest in the country by funding such unlawful associations as ABSDF, FTUB, NCGUB and renegade Sao Hkam Hpa-led

group. Due to the instigation, those groups are committing destructive acts to destroy the buildings, roads and bridges in the nation. Even the ILO that was formed to serve the interests of workers was used as political forum.

U Kyaw Kyaw Htay said people are urged to guard against the danger posed by internal and external destructive elements through the united strength of the entire national people in order not to cause the disintegration of the Union and national solidarity.

Executive of Myeik District USDA U Kyaw Htay Win holds discussions at the mass meeting.
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Next, U Kyaw Htay Win, executive of Myeik District USDA made a discussion. He said the most important thing is that all national people are to be equipped with Union Spirit. They are to strive for the development of the State while safeguarding their own nation. The present government is paying emphasis on the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. As measures are being taken to ensure the equal develop-

ment of all regions in the nation, economic and social infrastructures have emerged one after another. Now the 17 national race armed groups, after returning to the legal fold, are actively participating in the nation-building tasks.

However, those from inside and outside being jealous of the progress of the State achieved due to the united efforts of all national brethren are trying to drive a wedge among the national people. Particularly, Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maug-led group is acting in all seriousness to cause instability of the State, economic recession and destruction of lives and property of the nation. He went on to say that Patron of the USDA Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that those who are armed with noble and high political sense can only build a developed nation. Those who are narrow-minded and want to live under alien subjugation can never create the development of the State.

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Myeik District Women's Affairs Organization Member Daw Thin Thin Aye deals with matters on guarding against dangers of destructionists.
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Mass Meeting on Guarding Against Internal and External Destructionists through People's United Strength in progress in Myeik.—MNA

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The aims of those narrow-minded are contrary to the interests of the State and its people. There is evidence in Myanmar history that all national people have never believed the colonialists. It is necessary for the people to prevent the acts of sectarianism who are harming the interests of the State. So, the people are to guard against all destructive acts by risking their lives in times of

internal elements.

In conclusion, she said it is the duty of the people to prevent any acts which hinder the already-achieved peace and progress. She urged them to defend the danger of external and internal destructive elements.

Next, Joint secretary of Myeik Township USDA U Soe Naing seconded the motion tabled at the mass meeting by executive U Kyaw Htay Win of Myeik District



Member of the panel of chairmen preside over the mass meeting. — MNA

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emergency and to go towards the goal of development. All in all, he said all national brethren are urged to guard against all destructive acts.

In her discussion, member of Myeik District WAO Daw Thin Thin Aye said since the duty assumption of the State, the Tatmadaw government has been taking all necessary measures to ensure the rule of law, peace and stability and socio-economic progress

USDA member of Myeik District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Thin Thin Aye.

Next, Joint Secretary of Taninthayi Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr San San Thi reported on participation in nation-building tasks and successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

She said the State Peace and Development

100 national races. This is why non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty were laid down as the national policies.

The government is marching towards a modern developed nation after laying down the twelve political, economic and social objectives in accord with the national policies. It is also important to emerge an enduring State constitution which bring



Joint-Secretary Dr San San Thi of Taninthayi Division MCWA. — MNA



Myeik Township USDA Joint-Secretary U Soe Naing. — MNA

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of the nation. That is why basic infrastructures have emerged in the nation. For the equitable development of the nation, border region development projects and 24 special development region projects are being implemented. While the State is striving its utmost to develop the nation, some big nations are putting pressure on the country by inciting internal and external destructive elements.

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Taninthayi Division USDA Executive Daw Hla Yee. — MNA



Myeik Township WVO Secretary Capt Myo Thant (Retd). — MNA

Council is making endeavours for emergence of a peaceful modern developed nation with the objective of enabling the Union of Myanmar to keep abreast of the international community, developing national economic life and raising of living standard of the people. National solidarity and non-disintegration of the Union are prime factors in the Union of Myanmar made up of over

about political, economic and social opportunities of national races in the establishment of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Therefore, the government is implementing the seven-point Road Map based on historical backgrounds and traditional customs for emergence of a peaceful modern democratic nation in accord with political, economic and social conditions.

The National Convention which is important for the nation was held between 1993 and 1996 and 104 basic principles were approved. Every nation in the world usually draw its constitution in conformity

Shwe Thaike, declared independence of Shan State and formed the Shan State provisional government on 17 April. Those present at the mass meeting know that it was the subsequent acts of those who rely on external elements.

She said the people cannot accept secession of any states and divisions from the Union and they strongly condemn the formation of Shan State provisional government by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa.

Secretary of Myeik Township WVO Captain Myo Thant (Retd) said that war veterans are participating in the regional development tasks after taking retirements from the Tatmadaw. Myanmar War Veterans Organiza-

tion had adopted policies that war veterans are to take part in the respective sectors to serve the interests of the nation and the people, joining hands with the social organizations and local people.

The national people in their nature warmly welcome the friends, and but ward off the enemies with aggressive attitude. At present, some western countries interfere in internal affairs of Myanmar. Relying on them, various political parties and terrorist groups are committing destructive acts and explosions. As the parallel government formed by NCGUB led by expatriate Sein Win, the parallel government led by

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Daw Win Yu Yu Phyo and Daw Nilar Myint of Myeik USDA act as MC and co-MC. — MNA

Talks on breastfeeding given

YANGON, 6 Aug—The working group of health (branch) of the working group social affairs and culture under the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized health education talks to mark World Breastfeeding Week at MWAFF on Thanlwin Street in Bahan Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, members of MWAFF panel of patrons and president Daw Than Than Nwe, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association President Daw Khin Khin



MWAFF President Daw Than Than Nwe speaks at the ceremony. — MNA

Win, MWAFF Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint, officials, resident representatives of UN agencies, officials from WHO and

guests. The minister and the MWAFF president delivered speeches. Next, physicians of the working group of health (branch)

and medical experts gave talks on systematic breastfeeding and giving nourishing food to under-three children. — MNA

Commander, Minister inspect progress of Mandalay Industrial Zone Upgrading Project

YANGON, 6 Aug — Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Nay Win heard reports on completion of the foundry shop, installation of machinery and test-running by Mandalay Tawwin Industrial Co Ltd Chairman U Aung Win Khaing at Foundry Shop & Heat Treatment Building at Industrial Zones Upgrading Project Site in Pyigyidagun Township yesterday.

The commander, the minister and party viewed round sections of the foundry shop and heat treatment building.

They inspected parts of dynamo and tractors,

installation of 400-ton printing presses, heating furnace and one-ton drop hammer at machine moulding section. Next, they oversaw functions of No 2 machine shop. At the briefing hall, Mandalay Tawwin Industrial Co Ltd Chairman U Aung Win Khaing and officials briefed them on construction of machine shop-1 and shop-2, forging shop & heat treatment and foundry shop, arrival of machinery from abroad, installation of machines and test-running.

After hearing the reports, Minister U Aung Thuang gave necessary instructions. Secretariat Member of USDA Minister U Aung Thuang met with secretaries, executives and organizers of seven townships from Mandalay District and Madaya Township USDAs at Mandalay Division USDA Office. He urged those present to carry out public welfare tasks and ward off destructive elements. — MNA

Boxing trials and Myanmar traditional boxing tournament held



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa watch a match. — NLM

YANGON, 6 Aug — The trials of Men's and Women's International Boxing Event and Amateur Traditional Boxing Event and Myanmar Traditional Boxing Tournament were held at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna this afternoon.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and Deputy Minister U Maung Aung, Director-General U Thuang Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, Chairperson of Leading Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye and officials.

Naw Mu Chay of Kayin State defeated Nilar

Kyaw of Mandalay Division in 48-kilo women's international boxing event, Nyein Aung of YCDC beat Poe Zar of Defence in the 51-kilo men's event.

Shwe Kyi Hsan (Myaingale) defeated Daw Na Aung (Taungale) in the 50-kilo amateur boxing event; and Nine One Lay (YCDC) beat Bilatmyay Maung Maung (Myaingale) in the 57-kilo event.

In the four-round and five-round matches of Myanmar Traditional Boxing event, One Star (Hpa-an) knocked out Aung Thura (Twantay); Shwe Zwe Lay (North Okkalapa) beat Maik The Lay (Twantay); Hlyet Si (KLN) beat Win Naing Tun (Twantay); and Shan Thway Lay (Twantay) knocked out Paing Thit Moe (Hpa-an). Officials presented prizes to the winners. The second-day matches continue at the same venue. — NLM

Knot the closest tie through Breast-Feeding

- * All expectant and new mothers-
Be proud to breast-feed your babies and toddlers
Because it's believed to be the way-best
To ensure their life-long health.
- * Some scientists said breast-fed kids
Get more insulin from their mothers' milk
With a lesser chance to get "diabetes"
Or any other related disease.
- * A new born baby is an addition to the family
For mothers to bring it up properly
Childhood molding is utterly necessary
Through a lasting relationship gained from breast-feeding.
- * Holding the baby in both arms
Cuddled and being fed in her bosom
With its secured and warm feelings running high
A mother creates the closest tie with her beloved child.
- * For the babies growing on breast-feeding
Those precious moments have a special meaning
Forever to cherish and treasure
Full of tender love, fondling and pleasures.
- * A period of nine months, a little less or more
Many favorite things a pregnant mother has to forgo
For the tiny one inside, looking after herself with great care
- * Daily praying for the arrival of a baby proper and well.
To the pregnancy-care and sacrifice willingly made
Add a new extension she can take;
To breast-feed and get the advantage
Of a mother-child relationship so great.
Aye Aye



Education Work Committee Chairman U Sein Win Hlaing presents certificate to a trainee at the concluding ceremony of Myanmar Rice Marketing Course organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on 5-8-2005.—UMFCCI

Objectives of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

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

Minister U Soe Tha arrives back

YANGON, 6 Aug — Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha arrived back here by air this evening after attending the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Millennium Development Goals held in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The minister was welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Finance

and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and departmental officials.

Myanmar delegation members Director-General of Foreign Economic Relations Department Daw Myo Nwe and Deputy Director-General of Health Planning Department U Aung Kyaing also arrived back. — MNA

Foreign Minister arrives back

YANGON, 6 Aug — Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back here by air this evening after attending the Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in Siem Reap, Cambodia from 3 to 5 August.

The minister was welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, directors-general, the Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar and officials. At the meeting, the ministers reviewed the progress made since

the inception of ACMECS in November 2003. They took note progress of the cooperation activities in the fields of trade and investment, agriculture and industrial cooperation, transport linkages, tourism cooperation and human resource development.

The ACMECS ministers held discussions with the development partners to find ways and means for cooperation to realize the ACMECS Action Plan, particularly common programmes that require large sum and fund and knowhow.

In addition to the five areas of cooperation, the ministers agreed to cooperate in energy security and public health. — MNA

Secretariat Member oversees sanitation tasks of Hlinethaya Township USDA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan makes cash donations for the development of Hlinethaya Township USDA. — MNA

YANGON, 6 Aug — Secretariat member of USDA Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspected sanitation tasks of social organization members and workers of Township Development Affairs Committee, totalling over 1,000 along Nyaungdon Road in Hlinethaya Township under the leadership of

Hlinethaya Township USDA this morning. Next, the Secretariat Member met USDA members at the hall of the township association. Secretary of the Township USDA U Nyan Win reported on strength of the township association, and their participation in rural development tasks. Ward organ-

izers also briefed him on progress of their tasks.

Speaking on the occasion, Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that USDA members are to carry out public welfare tasks, and to strive with utmost efforts for achieving success in implementation of the objectives of the association. He spoke of the need



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects Kawa Township People's Hospital. — MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on...

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restoration of stability and peace, prevalence of law and order, strong national economy, and development of human resources, which are fundamental factors for transition to a modern developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline. It has also been 24-region development project, border areas development project and five rural development tasks for equitable development of all parts of the nation. The officials and local people are to make

efforts to see to the projects in response to the goodwill of the State.

Bago Division stands second in producing rice in the nation. It has set the target of 2.8 million acres of monsoon paddy and 400,000 acres of summer paddy for 2005-2006. Responsible persons are to supervise the tasks to achieve the goals. He called for extended breeding of domestic species of chicken, ducks and fish for boosting the economy of the region.

He called on personnel to make endeavours

with might and main in the tasks of respective committees in addition to their major work. He also urged all to strive for upgrading Kawa to one possessing characters of a town.

They inspected Kawa Township People's Hospital and Ohnhe model village station hospital and provided assistance for the facilities.

Afterwards, they viewed thriving monsoon paddy fields along the road linking Kawa and Thanatpin townships.

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renegade Sao Hkam Hpa, FTUB led by Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung, ABSDF led by Than Ge and other related terrorist groups are making attempts to disintegrate the nation and disturb the interests of the people. Therefore, preventive measures against the danger posed by internal and external destructionists are to be

to fulfil basic requirements of the local people. In cooperation with other social organizations and local people, the USDA members are to undertake sanitation tasks and proper flow of water at drains in the township for preventive measures dengue hemorrhagic fever and other diseases during the rainy season. He urged the members to perform regional development with goodwill. Afterwards, the Secretariat Member donated cash and exercise books to Township USDA Secretary U Nyan Win and Shwelinban Village Organizer U Aye Tint.

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taken for carrying out development tasks of the nation.

In the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference (2005) held recently, Head of State Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance that the members are to adhere to Our Three Main National Causes with patriotic fervour under the correct leadership of the Tatmadaw whatever period it is. The conference adopted five future tasks. They were:

- to keep patriotism alive and dynamic and strengthen Union Spirit by upholding Our Three Main National Causes;
- to join hands with the people to implement the seven-point Road Map of the State for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation until it meets with success;
- MWVO to participate in State defence and security duties under the leadership of the Tatmadaw;
- to give priority to

welfare services of war veterans and reserve members; and — to cooperate with congenial organizations in undertaking five rural development tasks.

Therefore, WVO members upholding Our Three Main National Causes are to actively take part in guarding against the danger posed by internal and external destructionists through the united strength of the people, carry out peace and stability and development tasks of the State and realize the seven-point Road Map with Union Spirit.

Next, Executive of Taninthayi Division USDA Daw Hla Yi seconded the motions tabled by Taninthayi Division MCWSC Joint-Secretary Dr San San Thi and Myeik Township WVO Secretary Captain Myo Thant (Retd).

Afterwards, the meeting chairman sought the approval from the mass meeting that passed the two resolutions.

Later, all the participants chanted the slogans at the completion of the meeting.

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Coal pit fire kills 13 in north China Province

SHIJIAZHUANG, 5 Aug—Thirteen miners were killed when an illegal coal mine in north China's Hebei Province caught fire Wednesday night, mine safety officials said on Friday.

The fire broke out at Taodingshan coal mine in Kangzhuang Village in the city of Handan at 10:30 pm Wednesday, said officials with Hebei provincial workplace safety administration. They said 12 of the victims were from the

northwestern Shaanxi Province and one was native of Handan. Rescuers have found all the dead bodies. A preliminary investigation shows a wood stake in the shaft caught fire first and the blaze soon spread across the

mine, suffocating all the 13 underground. The mine, built in 1984, was suspended operation in June 2004 out of safety considerations. The two owners of the mine, Zhang Weibing and Yang Hongfang, both locals, are under control by police and the account of their mining firm has been frozen. MNA/Xinhua

Philippine former presidential candidate passes away

MANILA, 5 Aug— Philippine former senator, former education secretary and former presidential candidate Raul Roco passed away on Friday morning at the age of 63.

In the 2004 presidential elections, he ran for Alliance of Hope, a campaign coalition of the parties of Democratic Action, Reform and Provincial First Development Initiative. After being listed as the final by the unofficial popularity polling upon elections, Roco surprisingly announced to give up the campaign at the excuse of his need to have medical treatment in the United States.

Roco was the second presidential candidates in the last elections who has passed away following Fernando Poe Jr the major opponent of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Roco was born on 26 October, 1941, in the province of Camarines Sur by farmer Sulpicio Azuela Roco and public school teacher Rosario Orlanda Sagarbarria.—MNA/Xinhua

Typhoon Matsa likely to hit Shanghai hardest

SHANGHAI, 6 Aug — Typhoon Matsa is likely to batter east China's Shanghai since 5-7 August with high winds and torrents, said local meteorological and flood control departments.

Judging from its trajectory, Matsa is expected to move toward Shanghai after it lands in east China's Zhejiang Province and passes through Hangzhou Bay. It will be the most severe typhoon in Shanghai in the last eight years, the municipal meteorological sta-

Hot spring runs dry as Portugal's drought deepens

LISBON, 5 Aug— Forest fires raged in Portugal on Thursday amid the country's worst drought in decades, temperatures soared and a famous thermal spring dried up.

More than 1,500 firefighters fought at least 20 fires across the nation, the civil protection office said. In at least one village fire reached several homes. In the town of Torres Vedras, 37 miles of Lisbon, the thermal baths of Vimeiro were shut. "There isn't enough water to feed the baths," Antonio Macedo, who is in charge of the baths, told Reuters. "It is the first time in our 60 years that we have had to shut."

Other thermal baths across Portugal have also complained about low water levels in recent weeks. Fires worsened in the last two days as hot winds from Spain sent temperatures as high as 45 degrees Celsius (113 Fahrenheit) in the interior, the weather service said. Rescue services asked rural homeowners to clear areas of 50 metres around their houses to keep fires from reaching them. All of Portugal is in

severe or extreme drought this year in the worst dry spell since at least 1945. About 53,000 people are getting water from tank trucks, while in many areas there are water conservation measures in force, the national water agency said. According to the Agriculture Ministry, there have been 4,353 forest fires this year, almost two-thirds more than the average for the previous five years. MNA/Reuters

Study says "prehypertension" triples heart attack risk

WASHINGTON, 5 Aug—People whose blood pressure is slightly elevated — a condition called prehypertension — have triple the risk of a heart attack compared to those with healthy blood pressure, researchers said on Thursday.

The finding, published in the journal *Stroke*, supports a move by federal and academic heart experts last year that defines prehypertension as blood pressure between 120/80 and 139/89. High

blood pressure starts at 140/90. "There is a gray zone, where you are not hypertensive but your blood pressure is not normal either," said Dr Adnan Qureshi of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark, who led the study.

were in the prehypertension range were more than three times more likely to have a heart attack and 1.7 times more likely to have heart disease than a person with normal blood pressure. People with prehypertension did not have a significantly increased risk of stroke.

"If we were to eliminate prehypertension, we could potentially prevent about 47 per cent of all heart attacks," Qureshi added in a statement. The American Heart Association estimates that 59 million people in the United States are prehypertensive. Qureshi and colleagues looked at the records of people taking part in a large health survey called the Framingham Study. They found the volunteers in the study who

tion said, adding that it will bring heavy rainstorms and strong winds to the city between the upcoming Friday night and Sunday. The municipal flood control headquarters have issued an urgent notice Thursday, urging all departments and units to make full preparation for the imminent disaster. MNA/Xinhua

"This is somewhat surprising, but it may be related to the small number of stroke events in the study," Qureshi said. If people have prehypertension they are now advised to try to lower their blood pressure by exercising, avoiding salt and eating a diet rich in whole grains, fruits and vegetables. It may be that medication is also needed to lower blood pressure to below 120/80, Qureshi said. MNA/Reuters



Chinese soldiers help evacuate a villager from his farm in Wenzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 5 August, 2005.—INTERNET

Typhoon batters China, 1.24 million evacuated

BEIJING, 6 Aug — Typhoon Masta battered China's eastern coast with strong winds and heavy rain on Saturday morning, killing one and forcing more than a million people from their homes, state media reported. The domestic airport in the country's financial hub, Shanghai, was shut and most international departures were cancelled. Debris and small floods clogged streets after downpours in the night.

A shed on one of the city's many construction sites collapsed in the rain, killing one person and injuring two, the official Xinhua agency reported. Matsa made landfall before dawn in coastal Zhejiang Province, where officials had evacuated over 1.24 million people. It was heading northwest, threatening the scenic provincial capital of Hangzhou. MNA/Reuters

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Boat capsizes in Nigeria, more than 30 drowned

LAGOS, 5 Aug—More than 30 people were drowned when a wooden boat capsized on the River Niger in southeastern Nigeria, police said on Thursday.

State-run Radio Nigeria said the death toll could rise as high as 135 after the boat, which was carrying 150 people and large quantities of farm produce, hit a submerged object.

"It happened last night. It is feared that more than 30 people must have died in the accident," a police spokesman said by telephone from the Anambra state capital, Awka.

"Our primary concern now is to see how many people can be rescued alive."

The boat was travelling from the Ogidi District of Anambra state to a large market town, Onitsha, located on the banks of the river. — MNA/Reuters

Material folic acid level linked to birth weight

LONDON, 5 Aug—Pregnant women who lack the vitamin folate in their blood are more likely to have a baby with a low birth weight, British scientists said on Friday.

Folate is a B Vitamin found in green leafy vegetables, cereals and liver. It is essential for foetal growth and gene expression, helping produce and maintain new cells.

Women are already advised to take folic acid supplements, a synthetic compound of folate, before conceiving and during the early months of pregnancy, to reduce the risk of defects such as spina bifida, a defect of the spinal column.

Researchers from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne examined

folate levels in red blood cells for nearly 1,000 pregnant women and looked at lifestyle data.

They found higher folate levels in women were associated with increased birth weight for their babies — a marker for good health in infancy and later in life.

"Low folate status in early pregnancy has been linked with low infant birth weight. Mothers with low levels of folate have lighter babies," said Dr Caroline Relton, who headed the research team.

Babies with low birth

weight — 5.5 pounds (2.5 kilos) or less — are more likely to have a low IQ and to suffer from health and developmental problems.

Relton and her team, who reported their findings in the British Journal of Nutrition, also noted that women who smoked tended to have lower levels of folate in their blood, which could explain why they give birth to smaller babies.

The researchers believe their findings strengthen the argument for fortifying foods such

as bread and cereals with folic acid.

The United States started fortifying flour with folic acid several years ago after its role was established in reducing neural tube birth disorders. Other countries included Canada, Australia, Mexico and Chile have followed their example.

These birth defects occur during the early development of the foetus, when the spine does not close properly. Spina bifida is the most common of these.

MNA/Reuters

Norway thieves nab copies in bungled Munich theft

OSLO, 5 Aug — Masked robbers stole three worthless copies of pictures by Norwegian artist Edvard Munch from an Oslo hotel on Wednesday in a bungled raid, almost a year after Munich's 1893 masterpiece "The Scream" was stolen.

Thieves wrenched the copies off the walls of Oslo's Hotel Continental with crowbars, a Reuters reporter at the scene said.

The thieves struck almost a year after armed robbers stole "The Scream" and another work by the pioneer of modern expressionism from an Oslo museum in front of stunned tourists.

Police were searching for three robbers, two who entered the hotel and one who waited in a getaway car that was found abandoned nearby.

MNA/Reuters

AIDS makes 87,000 orphans in Mozambique

MAPUTO, 5 Aug — About 87,000 Mozambican children have become orphans because of AIDS that killed their parents, the country's National Statistics Institute (INE) has said in a report.

The report, available here on Thursday, was presented to a recent meeting, that took place in the central province of Manica. Representatives of Mozambican public and private institutions, NGOs, and other users of statistics data attended the meeting.

According to INE delegate Amelia Nakhare, about 70,000 Mozambicans of different ages, but mostly adults, had died of AIDS by the year 2002, leaving a large number of orphaned children.

Most orphans are found in the central region of

the country, where INE counted about 58,000, compared with 21,000 in the southern region, and 8,000 in the north.

She said that the central region is also leading in terms of deaths by AIDS, with 44,000, followed by the south, with 17,900 and 6,600 in the northern region.

Nakhare said that those figures can be explained by the respective HIV/AIDS prevalence rates — 16.7 per cent in the central region of Mozambique, 14.8 per cent in the south, and 8.4 in the north. — MNA/Xinhua

Canada's last surviving Victoria Cross winner dies

OTTAWA, 5 Aug — Sergeant Ernest Alvia "Smoky" Smith, Canada's last surviving winner of the Victoria Cross for conspicuous battlefield bravery, died on Wednesday at the age of 91, military officials said.

Smith was a private when he won the Victoria Cross — the British Commonwealth's top military honour — during the battle for the Savio River in Italy on 21 and 22 October, 1944.

When Smith's unit was attacked by three Ger-

man tanks, he destroyed one of the vehicles with an anti-tank weapon and then used his submachine gun to drive off enemy infantry.

"His conspicuous bravery, initiative and leadership in the face of enemy fire during World War II inspired fellow

Canadians everywhere — in action and on the home front," Prime Minister Paul Martin said in a statement.

Smith died in the western Canadian city of Vancouver. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

MNA/Reuters

Scientists say flu pandemic preventable

LOS ANGELES, 5 Aug — Using computer models to simulate an influenza outbreak, two research groups found that it may be possible to contain an outbreak of avian flu in humans with proper strategies.

The scientists said on Wednesday that targeted administration of antivirals, quarantine and pre-vaccination, could potentially contain an outbreak under many circumstances. Their findings are published in Nature and Science, respectively.

The H5N1 strain of the avian flu virus, found in birds throughout Southeast Asia, has infected a number of species including domestic poultry, pigs and people. Scientists fear that a genetic exchange between bird and human flu viruses or the accumulation of H5N1 mutations could soon make efficient person-to-person transmission possible.

In the Nature paper, scientists simulated 85 million people living in Thailand and bordering regions of neighbouring countries.

It tested the effectiveness of giving courses of antiviral treatment to eve-

ryone, socially or geographically targeting who received them, and combining these drug-sparing approaches with other interventions, such as restricting travel.

The results suggest that an international stockpile of three million courses of flu antiviral drugs, combined with other interventions, could contain a pandemic.

Treating infected individuals and everyone in their vicinity, along with closing schools and work places, could have more than a 90-per-cent chance of stopping the spread of a pandemic virus, according to the model.

"To be effective," said Neil Ferguson, lead author of the Nature paper, "you really must use a combination of strategies. No single one would successfully prevent an epidemic".

He noted that successful containment would

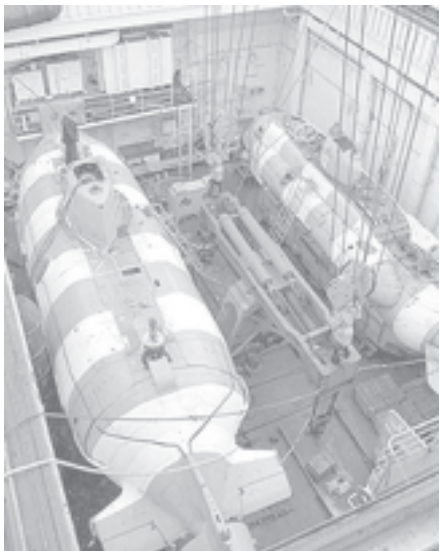
depend on the early detection of the first case and the rapid implementation of public health measures.

The model described in Science simulated 500,000 people living in rural Southeast Asia and relied on information about how those individuals move within their communities.

Containment strategies included giving antiviral medication to people in the same social networks, quarantining the houses or neighbourhoods of the infected people and combinations of these approaches.

The researchers reported that a combination of targeted antiviral treatment and quarantine introduced two weeks after the first case had the potential to successfully contain the spread of the disease, resulting in less than one case per 1,000 people.

MNA/Xinhua



Deep-water rescue submersible vehicles AS-28 Priz (L) and AS-32, are seen here in 2000. Russia is racing to save seven crewmen trapped in a submarine on the Pacific Ocean floor with dwindling oxygen, as the US sent remote-controlled vehicles to join the rescue effort.

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Boukhari inspires Ajax to Super Cup win over PSV

AMSTERDAM, 6 Aug— Ajax Amsterdam midfielder Nourdin Boukhari claimed the lion's share with a goal and an assist in his side's 2-1 Super Cup win over PSV Eindhoven on Friday.

Wilfred Bouma opened the scoring for Dutch champions PSV six minutes after the break but in the final 20 minutes Boukhari equalized with a superb free kick and later set up Ryan Babel for the winner. Double winners PSV began the match with eight starters from last season's successful team, having transferred the midfield trio of Mark van Bommel, Johann Vogel and Park Ji-sung.

PSV replaced them with new signing Timmy Simons, who came over from Club Brugge, Dutch Under-20 international Ibrahim Afellay, filling in on the left flank, and the versatile Theo Lucius, who operated as the most offensive midfielder.

Guus Hiddink's side created their first chance after six minutes when Lucius linked with Peruvian Jefferson Farfan but his cross fell behind striker Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink, who tried with a back-heel but missed the target.

Ajax were missing half a dozen injured players, while coach Danny Blind rested Dutch international Wesley Sneijder for the first leg of their Champions League third qualifying round tie against Danish champions Brøndby in Copenhagen on Wednesday.

The league runners-up faced some problems with their organization in the opening phase but had two good opportunities to open the scoring at the end of the first half.

First, Hedwiges Maduro broke through and beat PSV goalkeeper Gomes but Simons cleared on the line, while Gomes was forced to stretch to lift a fierce 20-metre shot from Boukhari over the crossbar.

Central defender Bouma broke the deadlock early in the second half when he netted from close range after Maduro failed to clear PSV's first corner kick.

In the final 20 minutes, left midfielder Boukhari made the difference for Ajax and handed his team the win and their fourth Super Cup.

After 72 minutes Boukhari curled a free kick into the left corner of the goal to level the score and six minutes later he set up Babel for the victory.

MNA/Reuters

Saha out after knee operation

LONDON, 6 Aug— Because of a knee operation, Louis Saha will miss the start of the season.

"Louis Saha on Thursday had arthroscopic surgery for damage to the medial meniscus in his right knee. Louis will be out for a number of weeks," a club spokeswoman told ManUtd.com.

The French striker, who has made just 21 starts at Old Trafford, has been afflicted by injuries since joining from Fulham in January 2004.—MNA/Xinhua

10-Man Bayern start title defence with 3-0 win

MUNICH (Germany), 6 Aug— Down to 10 men for the entire second half, champions Bayern Munich began their German title defence with a 3-0 victory over Borussia Moenchengladbach on Friday.

Dutchman Roy Makaay settled the tie with two goals in the 86th and 89th minutes of a match which Bayern had dominated in their new stadium.

A turbulent first half had produced a well-taken Owen Hargreaves goal from a Roque Santa Cruz lay-back in the 28th minute and a second yellow card for new signing Valerien Ismael two minutes from halftime.

Ismael, a new arrival from Werder Bremen, was deservedly booked for his first challenge, but the French central defender was unlucky to get his marching orders later after a light pull on Moenchengladbach striker Oliver Neuville's shirt.

Outnumbered Bayern pressed in the second half and Hargreaves found Santa Cruz free, but the Paraguayan struck the post.

The two were among Bayern's best performers on the night against a Moenchengladbach side that had two clear chances to equalize — a goal-mouth scramble in the 59th minute and a run-through on the left and shot against the post from the impressive Marcell Jansen 20 minutes later.

"Until 2-0 the game was open. We needed to defend well. The 10 did very well. If we'd been 11 I think the fans would have had less cause to worry," said Bayern coach Felix Magath.

Horst Koepfel, Moenchengladbach's coach, said he felt his side could have come away with a draw.

"It was on a knife-edge. We had the chance to equalize... the 3-0 rather flattered them."

Makaay made the difference with



Bayern Munich's Valerien Ismael(L) is sent off by referee Manuel Graefe after a foul on a Moenchengladbach player during the first Bundesliga football match of the 2005-2006 season in Munich. Bayern Munich won 3-0.—INTERNET

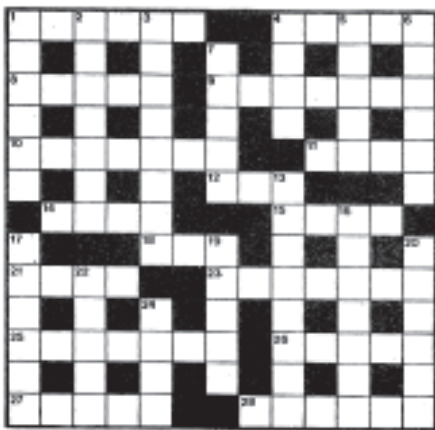
clinical finishing, but he was put clear by fine midfield work—a perfect lobbed pass from Jens Jeremies for his first and a tackle and through-ball from Martin Demichelis for his second.

"I have to thank those behind me," said Makaay.

Some 66,000 packed into Munich's spectacular new stadium, its giant tyre shape glowing red on the outside. The home fans, far closer to the pitch than in the old Olympic stadium with its running track, roared Bayern on throughout the first Bundesliga match.

MNA/Reuters

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- 4 Vertical
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- 9 Roughly mended
- 10 First man-made earth satellite
- 11 French cheese
- 12 Largest deer
- 14 Bill of fare
- 15 Duelling sword
- 18 Rabble
- 21 Part of church
- 23 Lumberjacks
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- 20 Port in Belgium
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- 24 Very small

China, Taipei win in women's volleyball world championship

BEILUN (Zhejiang Province), 6 Aug— Olympic and World Cup champion China withstood a stiff test to defeat Australia in straight sets on Friday in Group A of the women's volleyball world championship Asian qualifying tournament.

China won the hard-earned match in 70 minutes, 25-15, 25-11, 30-28, for its second straight victory in the five-team group.

In the day's other action, Taipei also chalked up its second consecutive victory after crushing inexperienced Jordan 25-3, 25-4, 25-4.



Japan's Akiko Morigami returns a volley to Russia's Anna Chakvetadze during their quarter-final tennis match at the Acura Classic in Carlsbad, California, on 5 August, 2005. Morigami won the match 6-3 6-4.—INTERNET

The Chinese looked anything but the Olympic champions in the opening stage of the first set, succumbing to Australia's fluid attack and efficient defence. After struggling to grab an 11-8 lead, China suddenly found its form that inspired it to last year's Olympic victory in Athens and took the set 25-15.

In front of thousands of boisterous home fans, China took charge from the start of the second set with Chu Jinling and Ma Yunwen providing a standout performance.

The Australians, coached by former Chinese national player Jiang Ying, came back strongly in the third set by opening it with a 4-1 lead and extending to 10-4. After head coach Chen Zhonghe brought on Feng Kun and Yang Hao, China clawed back to 10-7, but Australia pulled away again to 16-9.

Trailing at 20-19, China levelled the score for the first time in the set through a Chu Jinling spike from the left side. The tenacious Australians then stave off match point four times before losing.

Yang Hao was the top scorer with 14 points. Chinese head coach Chen Zhonghe gave thumbs-up to the Australian team, saying they have a promising future.—MNA/Xinhua

Zidane's comeback triggers France tickets sale leap

PARIS, 6 Aug— Zinedine Zidane's return to international football has triggered a tickets sale leap for the Ivory Coast friendly to be played later this month.

On Tuesday, only 280 tickets had been sold for the game to be played on 17 August in Montpellier.

On Thursday, one day after the Real playmaker had announced his return to the French squad, 5,400 tickets had been snapped up.

Zidane announced on Wednesday he would play the Ivory Coast game and the 2006 World Cup qualifiers in a bid to boost France's chances to go to Germany.

Chelsea midfielder Claude Makelele will also return to international duty and Juventus defender Lilian Thuram is expected to do likewise.

MNA/Reuters

US to announce charges in Pentagon probe

WASHINGTON, 6 Aug — US prosecutors plan to announce additional charges on Thursday against a US Defence Department analyst accused of illegally disclosing classified defence information, and to charge two former officials of a pro-Israel lobbying group, government sources said.

The additional charges involve Lawrence Franklin, a Pentagon analyst already accused of giving the information to two former employees of the influential American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the two sources said.

They said prosecutors planned to announce

charges against Steve Rosen, formerly AIPAC's policy director, and Keith Weissman, formerly its senior analyst. In Alexandria, Virginia, where the case has been pending, US Attorney Paul McNulty scheduled a news conference at 2 pm (1800 GMT) for an announcement "related to a major national

security prosecution".

Franklin, who worked on the Iran desk within the Office of the Secretary of Defence at the time the government says he disclosed the information, previously was charged with disclosing top-secret information about potential attacks on US forces in Iraq to the two AIPAC employees. He also has been charged with disclosing to a foreign diplomat classified information about a Middle Eastern country's activities in Iraq. Sources familiar with the investigation have said the diplomat was an Israeli.

Franklin previously has pleaded not guilty. His attorney, Plato Cacheris, said he did not know for

sure what prosecutors planned to announce, but added that they had long threatened to bring charges against the two former AIPAC employees. AIPAC fired the two men in April. A spokesman for lawyer Abbe Lowell, who represents Rosen, declined to comment. Justice Department officials declined to comment on McNulty's announcement.

The Israeli diplomat in Washington who met several times with Franklin has been identified as Naor Gilon, head of the political department at Israel's Embassy in Washington and a specialist on proliferation issues.

MNA/Reuters



Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board Secretary Maj Aung Than (Retd) accepts K 100,000 donated recently by Dr Kyaw Kyaw Shein-Daw Aye Aye Cho and family at Building B/1, Golden Flower Housing Estate, Thuwunna, in memory of the late parents U Ba Thi-Daw Nyunt Nyunt Hlaing, for construction of three-storey hospital for the aged. — H

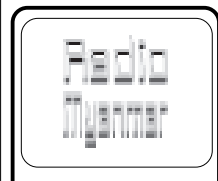


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 - Round-up of the week's international news

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 - Song of national races
 - ၂၀၀၅ ရန်ကင်း တေရသမ အကြိမ်(၁၃ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ

- ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအကားအရေ၊ အထီးမြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင် ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (ဝါသနာရှင် အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:25 pm
- လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းအဖွဲ့
 - Musical programme
 - Sing and Enjoy
 - Evening news
 - Weather report
 - နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ခြင်းစေရာ" (အပိုင်း-၄၆)
 - Agricultural Source Myanmar Development
 - ကလေးသူငယ် အာဟာရ အမှတ်အထွက် အုတ်မြစ်ချ
 - ကျွန်းမြေအရေတောင် အရ အာကားမြိုင်ပွဲဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစား အဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ(ဂျူဒို)
 - News
 - International news
 - Weather report
 - နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "အရမ်းသံသရာ" (အပိုင်း-၆၇)
 - The next day's programme



Sunday, 7 August
Tune in today:

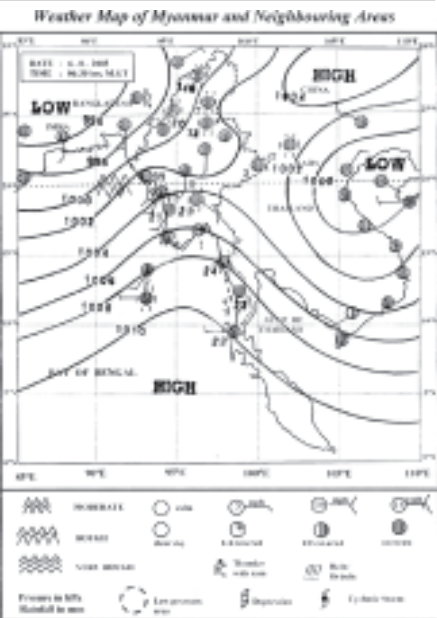
- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
- Make it good
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
- Girls & boys
- 8:55 am National news/Slogan
- 9:05 am Music:
- Fame
- 9:10 am International news
- 9:15 am Cultural Images of Myanmar -Myanmar & Ivory sculpture
- 1:30 pm News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm Story for Children
- The wild boar of Tagaung
- 1:50 pm Songs for Children
- 9:00 pm Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music
- Dream of you
- Sweet dream
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hrs MST on 6-8-2005)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Shwegyin River at Shwegyin is (701) cm. The water level may remain above its danger level (700) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpan is (760) cm. The water level may remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.



WEATHER

Saturday, 6 August, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division and rain has been isolated in Kayah State, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Shan, Chin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfall in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Hkamti (6.14) inches, An (5.59) inches, Sittway (3.94) inches, Kyauktaw (3.74) inches and Shwegyin (3.27) inches.

Maximum temperature on 5-8-2005 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 6-8-2005 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 6-8-2005 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 5-8-2005 was nil. Rainfalls on 6-8-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, 0.04 inch at Kaba-Aye, 0.04 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 58.15 inches at Mingaladon, 57.64 inches at Kaba-Aye and 58.39 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 6 mph from Southwest at (17:45) hours MST on 5-8-2005.

Bay inference: Monsoon is generally strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 7-8-2005: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan, Chin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas are likely off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally strong monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-8-2005: Some rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-8-2005: Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 40%.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on inspection tour of Bago Division



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets departmental officials, social organization members and local people in Kawa.—MNA

YANGON, 6 Aug—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division PDC Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Brig-Gen Win Myint of local station, senior military officers and departmental officials, attended the ceremony to mark completion of ploughing for early monsoon paddy cultivation

for 2005-2006 and direct seeding skill contest yesterday morning in Bago Division.

Next, they visited the Hsandawshin Kyaikmatkaw Pagoda in Phalay Village, Kawa Township. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than donated K 100,000 for all-round renovation of the pagoda.

They held a meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsenders in

Kawa. The chairman of the Township PDC gave an account of facts about the region, education, health, social and economic sectors; and officials concerned, on work progress sector-wise. Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko gave a supplementary report.

In response, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that the government has been taking measures for
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School buildings of BEPSs in South Okkalapa, Dagon Myothis (North) handed over



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Ministers Maj-Gen Saw Tun and U Than Aung formally open the building of South Okkalapa BEPS No 26.—YANGON COMMAND

YANGON, 6 Aug — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Minister for Education U Than Aung attended the ceremony to open school buildings at South Okkalapa BEPS

No 31 and No 26, and Dagon Myothis (North) BEPS No 24 at the respective schools this morning.

At BEPS No 31 in Ward 14 of South Okkalapa Township, the commander and the minister formally opened the building. They viewed round classrooms of the school.

Next, they cut the ribbon to open the building of South Okkalapa BEPS No 26.

In Dagon Myothis (North) Township, they formally opened the building of BEPS No 24.

The ceremony to hand over documents related to the school buildings of three schools was held at Dagon Myothis (North) BEPS No 24. Deputy Director-General U Kyin Maung of Department for Human Settlement and Housing De-

velopment handed over the documents to Director-General U Aye Kyu of Department of Basic Education No 3 (Yangon City).

The cash donation ceremony followed. The commander, the ministers and deputy ministers accepted K 3,650,000 for the school buildings donated by wellwishers.

The building of South Okkalapa BEPS No 31 measuring 120 feet by 30 feet is built at a cost of K 77.645 mil-

lion by Sakura Company. The 195 feet long and 30 feet wide two-storey building of South Okkalapa BEPS No 26 was built at a cost of K 104.919 million by AM and Myanmar Myint Construction companies. At Dagon Myothis (North) BEPS No 24, AM Construction Company spent K 165.509 million on construction of the three-storey school building measuring 264 feet by 30 feet.

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The opening ceremony of South Okkalapa BEPS No 26 in progress.—YANGON COMMAND

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The government also established the Nationality Youths Resource Development Degree Colleges (Yangon) and (Mandalay) three years ago with a view to producing human resources for the development of border areas, reflecting the State's goodwill, loving-kindness and compassion.