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ASEAN becomes one of the most progressive and cohesive regional organizations Myanmar fosters closer cooperation and mutual understanding with other members of ASEAN

YANGON, 8 Aug— The following is the message from Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 38th Anniversary of the ASEAN Day.

It gives me great pleasure in extending my warmest congratulations to the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) for its success during the past 38 years on 38th anniversary of the founding of the Association. Since its inception on the 8 August 1967, ASEAN has succeeded in enlarging its membership to encompass all ten countries in the Southeast Asia region and in making efforts to establish an ASEAN Community based on the three pillars of ASEAN Security Community (ASC), ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC).

ASEAN today is a community of 540 million people on a land mass of 4.5 million square

kilometers with a combined GDP of 723 billion dollars and total trade value of 720 billion US dollars per year. It becomes one of the most progressive and cohesive regional organizations and play an important role in the United Nations and such regional fora as ARF and ASEM.

ASEAN has firmly laid down a code of conduct for the relations among nations in its Treaty of Amity and Cooperation, which is based on the principles of mutual respect for independence, sovereignty, equality, territorial integrity and the right of every State to lead its national existence free from external interference, non-interference in the internal affairs of one another, settlement of differences or disputes by peaceful means, renunciation of the threat or use of force, and effective cooperation among themselves.

ASEAN has made a milestone in adopting the Bali Concord II in 2003 gearing towards closer in-

tegration. The Bali Concord II has started the process of ASEAN integration establishing the ASEAN Community based on three pillars of its foundation. The first pillar of ASEAN Community, ASEAN Security Community (ASC), subscribes to the principle of comprehensive security and interdependence of the political, economic and social life of the region.

The second pillar of ASEAN Community, ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), embodies the realization of a stable, prosperous and highly competitive region, functioning as a single market and production base. The third pillar of the ASEAN Community, the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC), represents ASEAN's aspirations to lift the quality of life of its peoples and strengthen its cultural identity towards a people-centered ASEAN.

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There are internal, external destructionists at home and abroad harming interest of State and people Some western nations are instigating them

YANGON, 7 Aug — The mass meeting focusing "Guard against the danger posed by destructionists through united strength of the people" was held at the National Theatre in Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay yesterday.

Present were the National Convention delegates,

members of Division, District and Township Union Solidarity and Development Associations, Division Women's Affairs Organization, Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, Division War Veterans Organization, Red Cross Society, Fire Brigade, Division Writers and Journalists

Association, members of Music, Motion Picture, Thabin and Traditional Artists and Artisans Associations, Mandalay Division Chambers of Commerce and Industry and other social organizations totalling 1,500.

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Meeting Chairman Mandalay Division USDA Executive U Thein Tun speaking at the mass meeting in Mandalay.—MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Ward off destructive elements through united strength of the people

The State Peace and Development Council has been making relentless efforts in all aspects for the nation to keep abreast of the global community.

Unprecedented progress has been made in various sectors owing to integrated and well-coordinated efforts of the Government, the Tatmadaw and the people.

After consolidating national solidarity, the Government is placing emphasis on regional development, emergence of sound economic infrastructures and enhancing the living standard of the entire national people.

The entire national people are convinced of the fact that the Government is doing so for the emergence of a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

At a time when projects for strengthening the national economic life have been laid down and are being implemented there has emerged sinister schemes of internal and external destructive elements who are resorting to various ways and means to destroy the national interest and undermine the national unity.

It is known to all that the entire national people are opposing and denouncing the atrocities of destructionists and expatriates such as FTUB, NCGUB and ABSDF that are perpetrating inhuman acts to undermine the national development and disintegrate the Union by holding mass meetings in the states and divisions.

In accord with the saying "The strength of the nation lies within", warding off the dangers of internal and external destructive elements through the united strength of the people amounts to showing the strength of the people who are endowed with patriotism and nationalistic spirit.

In today's world, it is regrettable that some nations, where there has been disintegration of national solidarity, are engaged in bloody conflicts and their peoples are in trouble and misery.

When the Union disintegrates the nation will disintegrate. Likewise, when the national solidarity disintegrates the Union will disintegrate and sovereignty will be lost. Therefore, the united strength of the people is to be shown.

All in all, the entire national people, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, are to continue stamping out the dangers of these destructive elements, who are making attempts to disintegrate the Union.

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

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In order to realize the ASEAN Community, ASEAN is currently implementing the Vientiane Action Programme (VAP). In addition to implementing the VAP, ASEAN is paying more attention to narrowing the development gap within ASEAN. In trying to narrowing the income gap, it also strives to narrow the gap in social development through accelerating technical and development cooperation.

I truly believe that through the process of ASEAN integration, ASEAN will surely become a concert of Southeast Asian Nations, bonded together in partnership, in dynamic development and in a community of caring societies by the year 2020.

As the objectives and vision of ASEAN are in tandem with the political, economic and social objectives of the Union of Myanmar, Myanmar has actively participated in ASEAN since 1997 as a full-fledged member. In so doing, Myanmar has

contributed to the maintenance of peace and security, economic and socio-cultural development in Southeast Asian region. It also in some way contributed to the endeavour of Myanmar in establishing a modern, developed, and peaceful nation.

We have also been able to foster closer cooperation and mutual understanding with other members of ASEAN based on the spirit of ASEAN solidarity and contributing positively to regional peace, stability and prosperity in our region.

The emergence of an ASEAN Community will benefit people of Myanmar along with other ASEAN citizens in sharing the fruit of peace and stability, development and prosperity, and socio-cultural development. I would like to take this opportunity to urge our fellow citizens to strive in unison for the emergence of ASEAN Community in accordance with this year ASEAN Day's theme of "ASEAN Community Building for ASEAN People".—MNA

Minister receives Ambassador of Norway

YANGON, 7 Aug—

Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo received Ambassador of Norway to the Union of Myanmar Mrs Ragne Birte Lund at his office at 5 pm on 5 August.

Also present at the call were, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Director-General U Myat Ko of General Administration Department, Director-General of Bureau of Special Investigation U Aung Saw Win, Director-General of Prisons Department U Zaw Win, Deputy Director-Gen-



Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo receives Ambassador of Norway Mrs Ragne Birte Lund.—HOME AFFAIRS
 eral of GAD U Maung Win, Head of Trans- national Crime Department Police Col Sit Aye and Head of Office U Kyaw San.—MNA

Development undertakings inspected in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 7 Aug— Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs yesterday arrived at Pyapon in Ayeyawady Division and inspected tasks being carried out for smooth transportation, drainage system and beautifying tasks.

In meeting with officials of Dedaye, Bogale, Kyaiklat and Pyapon Township DADs, the director-general gave instructions to them on work to be done for proper drainage system and greening and beautifying tasks.

Officials reported

the director-general on beautifying roads and town, and water supply tasks.

This morning, the

director-general arrived in Kyaiklat and inspected Htingwin bridge built by Township DAD.

He also oversaw

beautifying tasks, laying of tar on Lammadaw street in the town and gave instructions.

MNA



Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department inspects development tasks in Pyapon.—DAD

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Mekong basin countries agree to promote development of subregion

SIEM REAP (Cambodia), 6 Aug — Foreign Ministers from five Mekong River basin countries on Friday determined to strengthen cooperation so as to promote the development of the subregion.

In a joint ministerial statement issued at the end of the one-day ACMECS (Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy) Foreign Minister's Meeting and the ACMECS Minister's Meeting with Development Partners held in the temple town of Siem Reap, the ministers maintained that "there is still more room to improve ACMECS cooperation and accelerate project implementation", though significant progress has been made in the areas of trade and investment facilitation, and in transport linkages.

Foreign Ministers from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam attended the meeting, and also present were their development partners of the Asian Development Bank, the European Union, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan and Singapore.

As a way forward, the ministers stressed the need to take concrete steps

to ensure that the main objectives of achieving good-neighbourliness between the five countries and transforming border areas into a zone of peace and prosperity are realized.

In order to promote tourism, the ministers discussed the proposals raised by Cambodia to promote tourism cooperation. A gradual approach for ACMECS Single Visa was also formulated, which could be started between two countries, then expanded to other countries when ready.

During the meeting, the ministers also stressed the importance on energy security and cooperation, including exploring new alternative sources of energy in order to reduce dependence on external energy supply.

The ministers welcomed Thailand's proposal to develop a comprehensive plan for energy security among ACMECS members.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman watches a fireworks display entitled 'Romantic and Sentimental' during the opening of the Fireworks Festival, on 6 August, 2005 in Singapore. The nation is celebrating its 9 August, 40th year anniversary of independence with a week of festivities and performances.—INTERNET

Thaksin urges new Cabinet to work hard

BANGKOK, 6 Aug — Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra has called for his new Cabinet members to work diligently and coordinate closely to make good performance on their new posts, local Press reported on Friday.

At a special Cabinet meeting to hand down guidelines to the new Cabinet, Thaksin urged them to follow the King's advice and observe their pledges made before the monarch during the swearing-in ceremony.

He asked the new ministers to coordinate closely and demonstrate their leadership skill especially during the first 90 days in office.

Cabinet members are expected to push strategies of their ministries, implement policies addressed in Parliament and alleviate people's hardships, the Prime Minister was quoted by *Bangkok Post* as saying.

Thaksin emphasized the importance of communication with the public, saying it could help prevent misunderstanding, especially about gov-

ernment policies.

The sweeping Cabinet reshuffle was formally announced on Tuesday evening and the newly appointed Cabinet members were sworn in on Wednesday.

On Thursday, Prime Minister's Office Minister Newin Chidchob was assigned to oversee development projects for three southern border provinces. Former Deputy Prime Minister Chaturon Chaisaeng remained in charge of relief and rehabilitation work in the South despite new appointment as Education Minister in the new Cabinet.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis beat the remains of a British military vehicle after it was hit by a roadside bomb in the southern city of Basra on 6 August, 2005. —INTERNET

Kuwait stops work on Iraq border barrier

KUWAIT, 6 Aug — Kuwait has temporarily halted building a security barrier along its border with Iraq after protests by Iraqis that the barrier was damaging their property, a security official said on Saturday.

"Work on the security barrier has stopped for the time being until the problem between the two countries is solved," the official told *Reuters*, adding the construction had affected an Iraqi water well and some farmland.

A delegation of Iraqi government officials are visiting Kuwait to inspect the shared border and hold talks with their counterparts after scuffles last month between Kuwaiti border guards and hundreds of Iraqis protesting the steel barrier. Sheikh Khalid al-Attiya, personal representative for Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, said one Iraqi water well had fallen a few metres within Kuwaiti land and hoped the issue would be solved "diplomatically", the state's *KUNA* agency said.

Attiya said Kuwait had every right to build the barrier, adding he hoped Kuwait would compensate Iraqis affected by it. "It seems that there is some transgression, as there is an Iraqi water well which falls a few metres inside Kuwaiti land. In my view, this is only a small problem," *KUNA* quoted Attiya as saying.

Kuwait started building the metal barrier several months ago to replace a sand barrier that was constructed to keep Iraqis from illegally entering the Gulf Arab state. The barrier, about one metre (three feet) high, is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The border is also protected with a metal fence and a ditch.

Internet

2-suicide truck bomb kills two policemen in Tikrit

TIKRIT, Iraq, 7 Aug— A suicide truck bomber killed at least two policemen and wounded 12 others in an attack on an Iraqi police headquarters in the northern town of Tikrit on Sunday, hospital officials and police sources said.

Police said earlier that five people were killed in the blast.

Iraqi police who were guarding the station said they fired on a small fuel truck that sped towards the gate of the police station before it crashed into the sand barriers and exploded.

Tikrit is the home town of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and lies in the heartlands of the once dominant Sunni Arab minority, some of whom have risen against the new Shiite led government and US troops. Suicide attacks have been a frequent

tactic against Iraq's police and army recruits, who form a key part of Washington's strategy for withdrawing many of its own troops. — *Internet*

MNA/Xinhua

Roadside bomb kills two US soldiers in central Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 Aug — Two US soldiers were killed and three others wounded when a roadside bomb struck their patrol vehicle in central Iraq, the US military said on Sunday.

The soldiers were assigned to Task Force Liberty and the blast took place at about 6:00 pm (1400 GMT) Saturday in Samarra city, some 120 km north of Baghdad, the military said in a statement.

All the soldiers were evacuated to a coalition medical facility, where two of them were announced dead of their wounds, the statement said.

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

The US Marines suffered a heavy loss on Wednesday when 14 US Marines were killed by an improvised explosive device that hit their armoured vehicle near the town of Haditha, some 250 km northwest of Baghdad. — *Internet*

Philippines launches national campaign to control dengue

MANILA, 6 Aug— President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on Friday ordered a nationwide campaign against the outbreak of dengue in the wake of more than 70 fatal cases.

Presidential Spokesman Ignacio Bunye said in a statement that "the President has ordered the Department of Health to coordinate with local government units and other concerned agencies to prevent the spread and outbreak of dengue in Metro Manila and the rest of the country".

"We call on the public to remain calm and to cooperate with health authorities in addressing this programme," he said.

The government's order was a

response to the appeal by the Department of the Interior and Local Government to help prevent the spread of the highly infectious disease.

The mosquito-borne epidemic disease has killed 73 people and infected 5,323 others in the first six months of this year in the Philippines, 41 per cent higher than the same period last year. Outbreaks of dengue have been reported recently in Bulacan, north of Manila and some other place.

MNA/Xinhua



New chip promises faster cheaper dengue detection

SINGAPORE, 6 Aug— A new biochip developed in Singapore can halve the time and cost of diagnosing the deadly, mosquito-born dengue fever, according to the chip's designer.

Clinical tests showed that the chip, roughly the size of a coin, is able to detect the dengue virus using a process called molecular diagnostics, Attogenix Biosystems said in a statement.

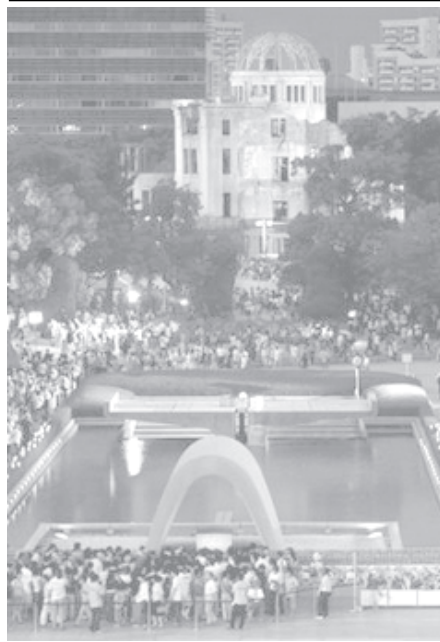
The process takes 2-3 days, down from 6-7 days

using traditional methods of detection, which rely heavily on a doctor's subjective assessment and experience. "The chips will cost hospitals half of what conventional testing equipment cost — which is around 45,000 Singapore dollars (27,190 US

dollars)," Dr Ting Dor Ngi, general manager of Attogenix, told Reuters.

The chip could potentially be used to test for other diseases, the firm said, such as bird-flu, SARS, and sexually transmitted diseases.

MNA/Reuters



People pray in front of the cenotaph dedicated to the victims of atomic bombing at the Peace Memorial Park during the 60th anniversary to mark the world's first atomic bombing on Hiroshima, western Japan, on 6 August, 2005.—INTERNET

Thousands mark Hiroshima A-bomb 60th anniversary

HIROSHIMA (Japan), 6 Aug— Tens of thousands of people from around the world gathered in Hiroshima on Saturday to mark the 60th anniversary of the atomic bombing of the city and to renew calls for the abolition of nuclear arms.

Under a blazing summer sun, survivors and families of victims assembled at the Peace Memorial Park near "ground zero", the spot where the bomb detonated on 6 August, 1945, killing thousands and levelling the city.

Dignitaries including Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi attended the ceremony in Hiroshima, some 690 kilometres (430 miles) southwest of Tokyo.

At 8:15 am, the time when the US B-29 warplane *Enola Gay* dropped the bomb, people at the park and throughout the city observed a minute's

silence in memory of those who perished.

Bells at temples and churches rang and passengers on the streetcars that run throughout the city bowed their heads in remembrance of the dead, including those incinerated by the bomb 60 years ago while riding the streetcars.

"This 6 August... is a time of inheritance, of awakening, and of commitment, in which we inherit the commitment of the bomb victims to the abolition of nuclear weapons and realization of genuine world peace," Hiroshima mayor Tadatashi Akiba told the gathering.

The Hiroshima bomb unleashed a mix of shockwaves, heat rays and radiation that killed thousands instantly. By the end of 1945 the toll had risen to some 140,000 out of an estimated population of 350,000. Thousands more died of illness and injuries later.

On 9 August, 1945, three days after the Hiroshima attack, another atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki.

Japan surrendered on 15 August, bringing to an end the military aggression that had culminated in its entry into World War II.—MNA/Reuters

China recommends 15 "clean" online games for minors

BEIJING, 6 Aug — The Chinese Ministry of Culture (MoC) published 15 online games that are suitable for minors to play here on Friday as part of a recent drive to purify the online environment for minors.

In the past few years, online games have become the favourite pastime of young people. However, it is argued that such social problems as game addiction, juvenile delinquency and the promotion of brutality and perversion among minors by online violence and pornography have stemmed from an inadequately regulated Internet.

In recent years an online games censorship bureau under the MoC has aroused experts to develop cyber games that are suitable for minors.

The 15 cyber games published by the MoC have been selected from about a hundred games recommended by the Chinese public since the beginning of this year.— MNA/Xinhua

Bombs becoming biggest killers in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 Aug — Bombs like the titanic roadside blast that killed 14 Marines last week are becoming the biggest killers of US troops in Iraq, surpassing bullets, rockets and mortars, as guerillas wage an unconventional war that has boosted the American death toll beyond 1,820.

This isn't a conflict like the World Wars or Vietnam, where waves of enemy ground troops backed by artillery attacked American firebases. Gone too are the intense street battles waged last year in cities like Najaf, Karbala and Fallujah, or in Nasiriyah during the 2003 invasion.

Americans still die in mortar strikes and gunfights, like the six Marine snipers killed on 1 August in an ambush.

But surprise blasts — when the road erupts without warning or an explosives-packed car disintegrates into a fireball—have become the hallmarks of the Iraq war.

Since the end of May, more than 65 percent of US military deaths in Iraq have resulted from guerilla bombings, compared to nearly 23 percent in conventional combat and 12 percent in accidents, according to figures compiled by *The Associated Press*.

In recent weeks, guerilla bombs have been responsible for

70 percent to 80 percent of American soldiers killed or wounded, command spokesman Lt Col Steven Boylan said this week.

Internet

Activist justifies attacks on British troops in Iraq

LONDON, 6 Aug— In his most inflammatory outburst yet on the invasion of Iraq, George Galloway, Britain's leading activist against the Iraq war, has sought to justify lethal attacks on British troops on the grounds that the guerillas "are defending all the people of the world from American hegemony".

Galloway described the guerillas as "ragged people, with their sandals, with their *Kalashnikovs*, with the lightest and most basic of weapons" but who were still managing to defeat the world's only superpower, the *Daily Telegraph* reported on Friday.

MNA/Xinhua



US troops prepare to tow away a damaged Humvee from the side of the road after a car bomb attack, on 6 August, 2005, in Baghdad, Iraq. —INTERNET

Asian ministers single out graft in poverty fight

JAKARTA, 6 Aug— Government ministers and officials from around 40 Asia-Pacific countries on Friday pledged to fight corruption saying it was the key to reducing poverty in the world's fastest growing region.

Two thirds of the world's poor live in the Asia-Pacific, which also is home to some of the world's fastest growing economies. The international conference on development called for bold action and strong political will to raise incomes.

"We reiterate our commitment to enhancing good governance, the rule of law and combating corruption, at all levels, and underline these as essential for sustained economic growth, sustainable development and eradication of

poverty and hunger," said a statement, called the Jakarta Declaration.

The three-day conference which wrapped up on Friday was part of efforts to meet UN Millennium Development Goals launched five years ago. One of those is to halve world poverty by 2015.

Indonesian chief Social Welfare Minister Alwi Shihab told reporters that graft was one of the biggest enemies of the poor.

"It is very important for us to eliminate corruption. There is so much aid that

never reaches down. Aid needs to be funnelled according to the programmes and planning of those who help," said Shihab, who oversaw early relief efforts in the Indonesian province of Aceh after the 26 December tsunami.

The tsunami left some 170,000 dead or missing in Aceh and ruined the livelihood of hundreds of thousands more. A study by international aid group Oxfam showed the poor suffered most.

Shihab also said rich donor countries should

consider granting debt waivers for a few years.

"Allow us to not pay our debts for a few years, but to use the earmarked funds for specific programmes that can reduce the poverty rate," said Shihab. He said he was optimistic Indonesia's poverty rate could be halved from around the current level of 17 per cent over the next four years. "This is a humanitarian cause, not a profit-making effort. It's about how to save our brothers and sisters".

MNA/Reuters

Over 30% of China's newspaper ads found exaggerated

BEIJING, 6 Aug — China's industrial and commercial regulator said 31.31 per cent of newspaper ads published in the second quarter of this year had illegal exaggerations.

China's State Administration for Industry and Commerce launched a national survey of newspapers and TV commercials published or broadcast by major-circulation newspapers or the most influential TV stations, which are based in major Chinese cities, mostly provincial capitals.

Out of 3,497 pieces of newspaper ads inspected by the regulator, 1,095 were found illegitimate, said the administration in a bulletin. Out of 5,267 TV commercials, 447, or 8.49 per cent, were illegal, it said.

The survey involves the most important TV channels or the No 1 mass circulation newspapers at the level of provincial capital cities or higher, according to the report.— MNA/Xinhua

French FM says be firm if Iran triggers "int'l crisis"

PARIS, 6 Aug— French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy said on Friday the international community must be "very firm" towards Teheran if it resumes sensitive nuclear activities at the risk of triggering a "major international crisis".

"If they decided in the end to resume their nuclear activities, we'll ask an extraordinary meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'s board of governors to ask the whole of the international community to tell Iran one last time that it has to choose the path of reason," Douste-Blazy told France 2 television, "We must be very firm over this issue."

The statement was made after the European tro — France, Germany and Britain — handed over to Teheran the cooperation proposals earlier the day to dissuade Iran to resume uranium conversion work.

An extraordinary meeting of the IAEA's board of governors is scheduled for next Tuesday to discuss Iran's threats to resume uranium ore conversion in

violation of an agreement signed last year to suspend all nuclear activities in exchange for the offers made Friday.

"If Iran ends up not accepting (the proposals) then the matter will have to go to the (United Nations) Security Council and that could effectively be the start of a major international crisis," he added.

According to the French Foreign Ministry's spokeswoman Cecile Pozzo di Borgo, the propositions offered by the

Europeans were made "so as to take into account the points raised by the Iranians during the negotiations".

She said they covered the areas of politics and security, the Iranian civilian nuclear programme, and economic and technological cooperation.

"A high-level committee will be tasked" with following the issues of cooperation in non-proliferation, regional security, terrorism and combating drug-trafficking, she said.

MNA/Xinhua



Sunset with smoky white haze covers the city of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 6 August, 2005. —INTERNET

UN nuclear watchdog to hold special session on Iran

UNITED NATIONS, 6 Aug — The Board of Governors of the UN agency entrusted with curbing the spread of nuclear weapons will meet on Tuesday at the request of European countries to discuss latest developments following Iran's announcement that it will resume activities at a uranium conversion plant, it was announced on Friday.

Enriched uranium can be used for peaceful purposes such as generating energy or for making nuclear weapons.

The meeting of the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was requested by France, Germany and Britain to discuss implementation of IAEA Safeguards in Iran and related Board resolutions, the agency said in a news release, distributed here Friday.

The so-called European Three have been seeking a diplomatic solution to issues arising from the disclosure two years ago that Iran had for almost two decades concealed its nuclear activities in breach of its obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Several countries, including the United States, insist that Iran is seeking nuclear weapons but Iran denies this, insisting its pro-

gramme is purely for energy production, and last year it suspended all enrichment-related and reprocessing activities as a good-will gesture while the European Three negotiated a solution.

MNA/Xinhua

Sergeant with Rochester-based division dies in Iraq

ROCHESTER, 6 Aug — An Army sergeant who served with the Rochester-based 98th Division and had long ties to western New York was killed on Friday in Iraq in an apparent vehicular accident.

Sgt First Class Robert Derenda, 42, who lived for many years in Cheektowaga, Erie County, was killed when the armoured Humvee he was driving overturned and exploded. Derenda had been trying to avoid a civilian fuel truck that pulled out in front of him on a highway in northern Iraq, 98th Division spokesman Maj James Lincoln said.

Lincoln said there is no indication hostile fire or explosive devices played a role in Derenda's death.

Derenda is the fifth member of the Army Reserve division to die in Iraq, Lincoln said. Derenda was based at a large training facility at Al Kasik, near the scene of the highway incident.—Internet



Iraqi day labourers sit in the heat waiting for a chance to work at a construction site, on 6 August, 2005, in Najaf, 165 kms (100 miles) south of Baghdad, Iraq.—INTERNET

Heavy rains hit Bulgaria, 1,500 people evacuated

SOFIA, 6 Aug — At least 1,500 people in western Bulgaria were forced to evacuate their homes on Friday as heavy rains and floods continued to sweep the country, officials said. The Bulgarian Government said Thursday the summer storms that have caused floods since May have killed 17 people and caused 200 million euros (247 million US dollars) in damage in Bulgaria.

The rains destroyed roads, bridges and rail tracks, and damaged crops, with some 2 million people in 131 communities across this Balkan country of 7.8 million affected over the last two months. — MNA/Xinhua

Boost production of quality products for industrial development

Hein Htut

Man tries to be able to lead a healthy and peaceful life and enjoy a better living standard by means of boosting production of quality products at reasonable prices for their basic needs with the use of advanced technologies. To achieve the aim, man needs to manufacture quality products undergoing the processes that do not compromise the environment, while taking steps for the development of the industrial sector.

Among the respective subcommittees on technology is the subcommittee on standardization and quality promotion, and the purpose of the subcommittee is to put into reality one of the five objectives of the Myanma Industrial Development Committee — to improve industrial products in quality and quantity. As the market-oriented economic system has been introduced in the Union of Myanmar, only when the nation is capable of manufacturing products that meet the standards set, will it be able to compete with others in the markets at home and abroad.

The functions of the standardization deal with manufacturing quality products at least expenses, gaining a firm foothold in the world market, and processes in importing raw materials and finished goods and obtaining high quality goods that are commensurate with the prevailing prices.

Standardization can be divided into two categories — technology standard and instrument standard. And standardization is classified as follows:

- (1) company standardization
- (2) national standardization
- (3) regional standardization
- (4) Global ISO - International Organization for Standardization.

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Every nation has to draw and prescribe standards that are harmonious with health care services for their peoples, safety measures, and environmental conservation. However, being incompatible with the standards of other nations and variation in specifying standards cause technical barriers to trade (TBT). So, the International Organization for Standardization had to be formed so as to overcome such barriers.

The International Organization for Standardization was established on 14 October 1946 with 64 representatives from 25 nations. A general conference was also held the same day and laid down principles for its constitution. Now, it stands as an international standardization federation with national standardization bodies form 148 countries — 97 ISO members bodies, 36 correspondent members and 15 subscribes members. Consisting of 229 technical committees (IC) and sub committees (SC), the ISO has set up more than 19,000 ISO standards up to now.

To set up an international standard through una-

nimity, the ISO members have to pass various phases to complete a committee draft (CD). At first, the committee draft has to be distributed to the members of the technical committee. After the technical committee and subcommittees have amended the committee draft through coordination, they have to submit the amended draft to the secretariat to reach a draft international standard (DIS). A number of amendments to the draft international standard reaches the final draft international standard (FDIS). To reach an international standard, it needs to win 75 per cent votes of members bodies. The 229 technical committees and subcommittees of the ISO whose workforce is over 400 full-time employees, and over 100,000 voluntary experts from world nations set up international standards in respective members bodies after drawing meeting calendars.

The activities of the ISO makes remarkable contribution towards international relations in economic, science and technological spheres, and helps expand the horizon of important matters such as environmental conservation, work site safety and protection of consumers. The establishment of ISO Net (ISO -information network) has broadened the scope of the ISO.

The ISO membership fee has been fixed in Subscription Unit and one subscription unit is equivalent to US\$ 4096.6. Subscriber members are those from underdeveloped nations with a yearly membership fee of US\$ 2048.3 half the amount of Subscription Unit. Those subscriber members are not eligible to attend meetings of the ISO Technical Bodies and have no right to vote. However, they have the right to attend the General Assembly as observer members. The countries which have not yet been able to fully draw the national standard may apply for corresponding members and the yearly membership fee is US\$ 8193.3, double the amount of Subscription Unit. The corresponding members have the right to hold discussions and present their views at the meetings of ISO Technical Bodies and the General Assembly as observer members although they are not eligible to vote. The National Organizations for Standardization may apply for member body and the membership fee is fixed up to 252 times the amount of Subscription Unit according to status and conditions of the nations. However, the yearly membership fee for underdeveloped nations is set US\$ 20500, five times the amount of Subscription Unit. Those member bodies have the right to attend the meetings of the General Assembly as permanent members and they are eligible to vote, to stand for election of Council Member and to take part in the activities of the Technical Bodies.

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Standards on the Internet as there is no longer the standards in the form of Hard Copy. The ISO members are to keep the ISO Standards at the National Reference Library free of charge and to use the standards for only developing the new ISO Standards by the standard experts.

The ISO member nations may copy the ISO Standards in order to sell them to the latest users in the bound of their nations. According to instructions of the Copyright Law, they may copy documents on ISO Standards and the unchangeable electronic files sent by the ISO Central Secretariat for sale. The ISO members are to issue announcements for the public to learn how they are engaged in the service of ISO Standards. The developing countries with a five-year term of subscriber membership are to apply for corresponding membership or member bodies. The countries or organizations that

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apply for member bodies are to follow rules and regulations in application forms set by the ISO and to disclose how their organizations were established and activities on standards since the period their organizations had been established.

A standardization division was established in Myanmar on 11 July 1956 under the resolution of the meeting on implementation of research works of the Union of Myanmar Applied Research Institute (UMARI). In 1957 after one year of the forming of UMARI, Myanmar became a member body of ISO. Since 1957, the library of the standardization division obtained about 50,000 standardization copies from India, Japan, France, Australia, Germany, Malaysia, Britain and USA under the agreement on free exchange of standards among the ISO member nations.

At that time, Myanmar formed the standardization committees on respective engineering subjects and drew standards, quoting those standards and it had been able to complete 65 standardization books. However, it resigned from the membership of the ISO in 1965 for various reasons.

With a view to ensuring development of the standardization in the country, Myanmar rejoined the ISO as a corresponding member on 1 July 2005. Myanmar, which is practising the market-oriented system, will be able to learn and adopt the standardization used among the countries and after five years, it will become a member body. Being a corresponding member, Myanmar will be able to issue certificates to laboratories of respective departments after forming the national standardization committees for development of small and medium-scale industries of private sector at the industrial zones.

At a time when efforts are being made for development of the industrial sector of the State through uplift of private industries so that the nation can stand tall among the global nations, Myanmar will have to carry out tasks for standardization and quality control in the industrial zones through cooperation with the ISO. Therefore, officials concerned are urged to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts to be able to produce quality goods and items.

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Workers casting iron at No 2 Foundry Plant of Modern Foundry Plant Project at Mandalay Industrial Zone.— MNA

Re-ordination ceremony of Kyun Nantha Ashin Nanda Siri of France held

YANGON, 7 Aug— Re-ordination ceremony of Maha Kamma thana cariya Kyun Nantha Ashin Nanda Siri of France was held at Maha Santisukha Buddha Missionary Monastery in Natchaung Ward in Tamway Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Abbidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abbidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Magway Sayadaw Bhadanta Kumara and members of the Sangha, Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Minister for Education U Than Aung, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw



The Magway Sayadaw delivering a sermon at the re-ordination ceremony of Maha Kamma thana cariya Kyun Nantha Ashin Nanda Siri of France. — MNA

Hsan, Minister for Prime Minister's office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, wife of Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Daw Khin Nyunt Myaing, wife of Vice-Mayor Col

Maung Pa, Director-General Dr Myo Myint of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana and officials, donors U Soe Soe and Daw Theingi Win (Trinity System and Supplies Pte Ltd and Win Theingi Pte Ltd) and others.

Nayaka Committee who presented certificates of honour to them.

The congregation then shared merits gained and the ceremony ended.

Kyun Nantha Ashin Nanda Siri of

Ministry of Religious Affairs in Paris, France.

Those wishing to donate cash may contact Daw Aung Kyi Deputy Director of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana of the

Ministry of Religious Affairs (Tel:665360) and Head Office of committee for construction of the monastery No 49/51 in Bahan Township (Tel:09-90-42343).

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Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung presents offertories to Sayadaw Ashin Nanda Siri at the re-ordination ceremony. — MNA

The chairman Sayadaw of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee administered the Five Precepts to the congregation. Next, Daw Khin Than Nwe and wellwishers donated offertories to the chairman Sayadaw of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and members of the Sangha.

The wellwishers donated cash for religious buildings in Pyin Oo Lwin Township to conduct the missionary work in France to the chairman Sayadaw of State Sangha Maha



Daw Khin Than Nwe offers alms to Maha Kamma thana cariya Kyun Nantha Ashin Nanda Siri of France. — MNA

France conducts the tasks for construction of Therevada Buddha Mis-

Cash donated for Buddha Pujaniya of Çintamuni Pagoda in Singu

YANGON, 7 Aug — Organized by 9,900 Lights Offering Association of Insein, the first Buddha Pujaniya of Çintamuni Paboda in Singu, Nyaung U Township, will be held at the pagoda on 10 September.

The cash donation ceremony for offering rice to 270 members of the Sangha from Singu and villages was held at the office of the association in Insein this afternoon.

Teachers and students of Insein BEHS No 2 donated K 153,000, U Aung Win-Daw Khin Pyone Win and family of Insein Market K 117,000, U Sai Phone Htoo-Daw Phyu Phyu Nyunt of Sai Phone Htoo Video-Photo Studio of Botahtaung Township K 117,000, and Daw Khin San Shein and sons of Insein Myothit K 54,000 to the association. — NLM



Wellwishers make cash donations for Buddha Pujaniya of Çintamuni Pagoda in Singu. — H

Bo tree planted in the precinct of Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 7 Aug — A ceremony to plant a Bo tree and flowery plants donated by India was held at Shwedagon Pagoda, here, this afternoon.

Present were Sayadaws, Chairman of the Leading Committee for All-round Perpetual Renovation of Shwedagon Pagoda Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Chairman of the Work Committee Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin and members, members of Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees, wellwishers and guests.

Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees Ovadaçariya Sayadaw Nyaungdon Monastery Abbidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Sobhana administered the Five Precepts.

Deputy Minister Thura U Thaug Lwin offered Bo saplings to the Sayadaws.

Members of the Sangha and officials carried Bo saplings, shade and flowery plants to the designated places.

The Leading Committee Chairman, the Work Committee Chairman and Deputy Minister Thura U Thaug Lwin planted the saplings and sprinkled scented water on them.

Next, they planted shade and flowery plants. After the ceremony, they paid homage to Shin Upagutta Statue.

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Deputy Minister Thura U Thaug Lwin plants a Bo tree donated by India in the precinct of Shwedagon Pagoda. — MNA



Members of the panel of chairmen seen at the mass meeting in Mandalay. — MNA

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.

External and internal elements and traitors will surely fall into ruin



U Aung Kyi Soe, Joint-secretary of Mandalay Division Chamber of Commerce and Industry. MNA

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Executive of Mandalay Division USDA U Thein Tun presided over the meeting with member of Division WAO Dr Daw Khin Aung Ngwe, Daw Khin Pyone Yin of Chanayethazan Township MCWA, Secretary of Mandalay Division WVO Lt-Col Kyaw Win (Retd), chief instructor of Mandalay Division Red Cross Society Dr Myat Soe, U Tin Win of Division Fire Brigade and Chairman of Board of Trustees of Zegyo U Mya Win as members of the panel of chairmen.

Executive of Pyigyidagun Township USDA Daw Sanda Win acted as master of ceremonies with Daw Ni Ni Aung as co-MC and those present saluted the State Flag.

Chairman U Thein Tun delivered an address. He said there are internal and external destructionists who harm the interest of the State and the people of Myanmar. They are undermining the stability and security of the State and development, attempting break to up the national solidarity and disrupt the building of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation the pretext of democracy and human rights. Some western nations, the destructionists, the enemies of the people, are instigating them.

Half a century after regaining independence, the government was not able to undertake the nation-building tasks and the country lagged behind in development. National recon-solidation can be

made under the Tatmadaw government. With the prevalence of stability and security, of construction tasks were undertaken nationwide.

In 1993, the USDA came into existence and associations at different levels were also formed. Now there are 21.6 million members in the association— over seven million are farmers, over five million workers, over seven million stu-

dents are manufacturing false news on Myanmar. Innocent people were killed in the bomb explosions which took place at the crowded places in Yangon on 7 May. A bomb also exploded in Zegyo Market. The destructive elements from terrorist group are committing destructive acts and tarnishing the image of Myanmar to the liking of neo-colonialists.

He quoted the UNGA

resolution (36/103) passed on 9 December 1981 that no State or group of States has the right to intervene or interfere in any form or for any reason whatsoever in the internal and external affairs of other States and the duty of a State to refrain from the exploitation and the distortion of human rights issues as a means of interference in the internal affairs of States, of exerting pressure on other States or creating distrust and disorder within and among States or groups of States.

He said UN Agencies such as UNDP, UNICEF and others are providing assistance to education, health, socio-economic and rural development tasks. He said the Tatmadaw is the one that safeguards the interest of the national people at the risk of their life. In the end truth will triumph. External and internal el-

ements and traitors will surely fall into ruin, he said.

Joint Secretary of Mandalay Division Chamber of Commerce and Industry U Aung Kyi Soe said that Myanmar gained independence in 1940 and became a member of the International Labour Organization (ILO) the same year. ILO had established rights of labour as a prestigious organization in the past. However, since 1990, it has not followed its rules.

ILO was swayed by expatriate groups and destructionists. They used ILO as a stooge and made false accusations against the Tatmadaw Government.

It is ILO that stands for the benefit of labour all over the world. Nonetheless, it is regrettable that actions of ILO left over 100,000 employees jobless in Myanmar.

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U Khin Maung Htay of Mandalay Zegyo Market. MNA

ments, over two million all strata of life. All the members are making efforts in the interest of the people and the development of the nation. Honest people with goodwill are very eager to participate in political development of Myanmar.

Above and underground destructionists relying on external ele-



The mass meeting to gurad against the dangers posed by internal and external destructive elements through the united strength of the people in progress in Mandalay.—MNA

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As it is formed to serve the interests of labour, ILO has no rights to meddle in political affairs of our country.

ILO should follow its rules and regulations so that it could not be a stooge of destructive elements within and without, U Aung Kyi Soe urged. He also urged ILO to obey the rules and regulations of the organization and to feel sympathy for Myanmar's labour.

In conclusion, he said that he supports any decision of the govern-

I would like you to realize that they were destructionist groups and terrorists abetted by some big nations. That was why these destructionist groups were declared as the unlawful associations and should be punished. I would like to discuss about SSA Ywetsit. He was not only a member of MTA which unconditionally exchanged arms for peace 10 years ago but also an opium trafficker. He was really a terrorist. He collected extortion money and made new recruitment on the pretext of rac-

food sufficiency is 143 percent in the economic sector. Now, the per acre yield of monsoon and summer paddy is over 69 baskets and altogether over 1,195 million baskets of paddy were produced this year. Similarly, over 8 million acres of land have been put under pulses and beans.

In the livestock breeding sector, fish breeding task is being carried out at 170,000 acres of fish ponds. Likewise, production of natural gas increased up to 370,000 million cubic-feet.



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

Destructionist groups were declared as the unlawful associations and should be punished



Chanayethazan Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Lin Lin Kywe speaks at the mass meeting. MNA

ment which can safeguard the labour's interests, and will cooperate with the government.

Next, Joint-Secretary of Zegyo Market board of trustees U Khin Maung Htay reported on matters relating to unanimous opposing of terrorist bombers. It has been known that the persons who committed terrorist bombing acts in the country were expatriates and drug traffickers and minions of some big nations. It meant some big nations which were fighting terrorism. These big nations considered that terrorist bombers who committed atrocities in the country were the political forces.

ism and all national races in Shan State hated to him. All in all, we all should guard against internal and external destructive elements regarding them as the common enemy.

Daw Lin Lin Kywe, member of Chanayethazan Township WAO, said that the Tatmadaw Government strived for reconstruction of the nation day and night. Now, remarkable progress has been made within 17 years. Due to the concerted efforts of the Tatmadaw and the people, the people enjoy fruitful results in all sectors. As a result of successful implementation of the four economic objectives of the State, local

The Tatmadaw Government has built 42 bridges over 1,000 feet long in the entire nation. Of them, Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) is over 10,000 feet long. In addition, 32,000 bridges under 180 feet long have been constructed.

With regard to the education sector, about eight million children have the opportunities to learn basic education and

known to all the government has been striving its utmost for the development of the country. In the past, national character was lost and there were bitter experiences as Myanmar fell under the subjugation of colonialists. After Myanmar's declaration of the independence, there had been multi-coloured insurgencies and parliamentary democratic system broke

government is implementing various work programmes and projects for the development of the nation. It is trying to ensure the peace and stability of the State. It opens the way to introduce a multi-party system after the single party system had been abolished. Socialist economic system was put an end and market-oriented economic system was introduced. Measures are being taken for the development of border regions and national races and emergence of basic infrastructures in the country. The government is also carrying out the 24 special region development project and five rural development tasks. It creates opportunities for education, health and social improvements. Despite the government's efforts, there emerged hindrances and disturbances in the country.

ments, tried to freeze the foreign investments that have already been made in the nation and dissuaded the international community to provide international aid and loans and tourists from visiting the country. In addition, destructive elements blasted bombs in the country. Indeed, they are violating the rights of Myanmar on the pretext of democracy. Again, she said, renegade Sao Kham Hpa is trying to secede Shan State from the Union. Daw Toe Toe Win said she praised the members of armed national race groups from Shan State (North-East) for their unconditional exchange of arms for peace.

Afterwards, Executive of Mandalay Division USDA U Tint Lwin Oo seconded the motions. The meeting chairman sought the approvals from the mass meeting which passed the two resolutions. Then the meeting con-



Pyigyitagun Township mass Maternal and Child Welfare Association Member Daw Toe Toe Win speaks at the mass meeting. MNA

about 800,000 students can pursue higher education. The education sector is facilitated with 156

down in the country. Then a single party system emerged. To put it shortly, she said, none of politi-

Those not wanting to see the development of the country imposed eco-

Guard against internal and external destructive elements as common enemy



Mandalay Division USDA Executive U Tint Lwin Oo seconds the motions on guarding against dangers of destructionists. MNA

universities and colleges. In the health sector, 819 hospitals have been built throughout the nation and over 6,000 doctors appointed.

In conclusion, she urged all to safeguard progress of the nation to be free from the danger of the internal and external destructive elements and participate in carrying out the development tasks.

In her discussion, Daw Toe Toe Win, member of Pyigyitagun Township MCWA, said as it is

cal, economic and social infrastructures could be built during the period of 40 years after the independence.

Eventually, in 1988 the State administrative machinery went to a halt and there reigned a period of anarchy in the nation. In that situation, the Tatmadaw had to build the country to develop in all aspects by crushing all the aboveground and underground destructive elements.

She said today the

conomic sanctions, prevented foreign invest-

cluded with the chanting of slogans. — MNA

Daw Sandar Win and Daw Ni Ni Aung of Pyigyitagun Township USDA emcee the mass meeting. MNA





Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts cash donations for the monasteries and nunneries in Shwepyitha Township donated by families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air).MNA

Tatmadaw families, wellwishers donate cash and kind to monasteries, nunneries...

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Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, the commander, the minister, the deputy minister, the vice-mayor, the Chief of Staff (Navy) and officials accepted donations from wellwishers.

Today's donations in North Okkalapa Township were 526 bags of rice, 215 viss of edible oil, 387 viss of gram, 4,300 viss of iodized salt, 580 tubes of

tooth paste, 10 bags of dried fish, 5,362 bottles and 3,200 packets of traditional medicines, 4,300 cakes of soap and K 10,557,050.

A similar ceremony was held at Aungsan Tawya Pariyatti Monastery in Shwepyitha Township. The Secretary-1 and party offered donations to members of the Sangha.

Commodore Nyan

Tun, Maj-Gen Aung Thein and Col Nay Win presented rice, oil, salt, medicines and gram to the Sayadaws and nuns.

Next, the Secretary-1, the commander, the deputy ministers and the vice-mayor accepted cash donations to the funds of the monasteries from wellwishers. Afterwards, they shared merits gained.

Today's donations for the monasteries and



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein offers alms to a Sayadaw.

MNA

nunneries amounted to 154 bags of rice, 88 viss of edible oil, 535 viss of

tooth paste, 96 viss of gram, 970 bottles and 2,400 packets of traditional medicines, 1,070

cakes of soap, 50 viss of dried fish and K 3,002,050.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe offers alms to a Sayadaw.—MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on inspection...

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families and urged them to take part in nation-building tasks in cooperation with the people, to undertake agricultural tasks on a manageable scale for the welfare of the families of the regiment and he then cordially conversed with them.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived at extension project of Yangon-Mandalay Highway, de-

veloped by Shwe Than Lwin Highway Co, in DaikU Township, heard reports on progress of the tasks by an official of the company and attended to the needs.

Bago-Nyaung-laybin road section being undertaken by Shwe Thanlwin Highway Co Ltd is 48 miles. The remaining work of the road is under way.

They then proceeded to Bago River

Bridge (Kawa) project site near Bago river, the officials reported matters related to the project of the bridge to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and he gave necessary instructions.

The bridge links Kawa Township with Htone Gyi village on west bank of Bago river. It is of Bailey type and its length is 560 feet, width 13 feet and the bridge that is well under way can withstand 60-ton loads.—MNA



Maj-Gen Aung Thein, Commodore Nyan Tun and Col Nay Win offer alms to a Sayadaw.—MNA



Maj-Gen Aung Thein, Commodore Nyan Tun and Col Nay Win offer alms to nuns.—MNA

အရည်အသွေးကောင်းဂုဏ်လျှော် ချဉ်ပေါင်လျှော်ထွက်ရှိရေးနိုးဆော်ချက်

ယခုအခါ ဂုဏ်လျှော်/ချဉ်ပေါင်လျှော် စိုက်ပျိုးပြီးစီး ချိန်မြစ်ပြီး၊ မိုးကြိုဂုဏ်လျှော်များ စတင်ခွတ်သိမ်းနေပြီဖြစ်၍ အရည်အသွေးကောင်းနှင့် အထွက်နှုန်းကောင်းလျှော်များ ရရှိစေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်နိုင်ရန်နိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

၁။ အရည်အသွေးကောင်းပြီး အထွက်နှုန်းမြင့်မားစေရန် သီးကင်းဝင်စ အချိန်တွင် ခွတ်သိမ်းပြီး လျှော်ပင်များကို အရွက်ကြောစေရန် တွင်းထဲတွင် အရိုးပေါ်အရွက်မှထပ်၍ (၃-၄)ရက် အုပ်ထားပါ။

၂။ လျှော်စိမ်းရာတွင် ရေအနည်းဆုံး(၄)ပေရှိပြီး ဖြည့်ညှင်းစွာ စီးဆင်းနေသော ရေတွင် တစ်လှာချင်းဖောင်း၍ ရေစိမ်းပါ။ လျှော်ဖောင်းအောက်ဆုံးအထိကို မြေနှင့် မထိအောင် အပေါ်ဆုံးအထိကို ရေတွင်ပေါ်မနေစေရန် ဂရုပြုပြီး လျှော်အမျိုးအစား ကောင်းရန် ရေကြည်ရေသန့်တွင် ရေစိမ်းပါ။

၃။ လျှော်ဖောင်းဖိရာတွင် စွန့်ထင်ပျက်စီးစေနိုင်သည့် အစေးထွက်သော တုံးများမသုံး စွဲတံ သစ်သားတုံး၊ ဝါး စသည်တို့ဖြင့် ဖိထားပါ။

၄။ ရေစိမ်းရက် မလိုစေရန်နှင့် မလွန်စေရန် ဂရုပြုပါ။ ရေစိမ်းပြီး ရက်သတ္တပတ် (၁)ပတ် ကြာမှစ၍ နေ့စဉ် လျှော်ဖောင်းအား နူး/မနူး စမ်းသပ်၍ လျှော်နူးပါက ချက်ချင်းခွာယူပါ။

၅။ ခွာယူပြီးလျှော်များကို လေသလပ်မခတ် အခွဲအခေါက်နှင့် အမှိုက်သရိုက်များ ကင်းစင်အောင် ရေကြည်တွင် ဆေးကြော၍ တန်းတင်အခြောက်လှန်းပါ။

၆။ ကောင်းစွာခြောက်သွေ့သော လျှော်များကို အတန်းအစားခွဲ စည်းထုံး၍ နီးစပ်ရာ အဝယ် စခန်းများတွင် ရောင်းချပါ။

၇။ နည်းယဉာနှင့် အကူအညီ ရယူလိုပါက နီးစပ်ရာ မြန်မာဂုဏ်လျှော်ပစ္စည်းလုပ်ငန်း၊ ဒေသရုံးများနှင့် ဆက်သွယ် အကူအညီရယူပါ။

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Newly-opened building handed over to No 3 BED in Mingaladon

YANGON, 7 Aug — A ceremony to hand over the newly-opened building of Basic Education Primary School No 24 to Basic Education Department No 3 was held at the school in Ananbin Ward of Mingaladon Township this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Minister for Education U Than Aung.

First, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe and Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt formally opened the school building, and inspected classrooms.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe and Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt formally open the new building of Basic Education Primary School No 24 in Mingaladon Township. — YANGON COMMAND

The commander delivered an address at the opening ceremony.

Next, the commander and the minister accepted K 400,000 for the school building donated by wellwishers.

Director-General U Aung Win of Department

for Human Settlement and Housing Development explained the purpose of the donations. Deputy Director-General U Kyin Maung of DHSHD handed over the documents related to the building to Director-General U Aye Kyu of No 3 De-

partment of Basic Education (Yangon City).

The newly-opened school building is 83 feet long and 30 feet wide. It is three-storey building constructed at a cost of K 64.4362 million by DHSHD.

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Secretariat Member tours Ngazun Tsp, Mandalay Division

YANGON, 7 Aug — Secretariat Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang yesterday met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and USDA members in Ngazun Township.

At the meeting held at the township Peace and Development Council, Minister U Aung Thuang discussed matters relating to organization tasks of the association, public welfare tasks and implementation of five rural area development tasks.

In the afternoon, U Aung Thuang went to Thakyin Village Basic Education High School (Branch) in Ngazun Township and met with the headmistress and teachers. At the meeting, he fulfilled the requirements.

Later, Secretariat Member U Aung Thuang attended the inauguration ceremony of the new school building in Natyi Village in the township and unveiled the signboard of the school building of the post primary school. — MNA

Roads and bridges inspected

YANGON, 7 Aug — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, accompanied by officials of Public Works, went by car along Yangon-Pathien road this morning and inspected construction and maintenance of roads and bridges between Kyonkanaw feeder and Einme-Myaungmya.

At the briefing hall at the top of Einme Bridge, the Myaungmya District senior engineer reported to the minister on construction and maintenance of roads

and bridges. Ayeyawady Division Superintending Engineer U Soe Tint gave a supplementary report.

Next, the minister and party proceeded to Mayan Ngu Bridge that will be opened soon at mile post 70/0 on Myaungmya-Einme Road. He inspected construction tasks.

Later, the minister and party looked into the road section of Einme-Kyaunggon.

MNA

Energy Minister inspects Fertilizer Plants in Salay, Kyunchaung

YANGON, 7 Aug — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected production process of No 1 Fertilizer Plant (Salay) in Salay, Magway Division, yesterday morning.

In the assembly hall, the minister met with employees. Plant Manager U Tin Maung Swe reported on maintenance works at the plant and production works. Managing Director U Kyaw Shein of Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise briefed the minister on arrival of machinery, renovation tasks, production capacities of three fertilizer plants.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that the government spent foreign currency on renovation of the fertilizer plants for their production at full capacity. All employees are to make utmost efforts for meeting the production target. He gave instructions on greening tasks around the plant, safety measures and elimination of malpractices. He presented cash prizes to those who per-



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects production process of No 1 Fertilizer Plant (Salay) in Salay.

MOE

formed boosting production of fertilizers.

Next, the minister oversaw running of the plant at the control room and attended to the needs. He also looked into production process.

At No 2 Fertilizer Plant (Kyunchaung), the minister met with all staff. Plant Manager U Sein Win reported to the minister on renovation and production of the plant.

The minister gave

instructions on arrangements for running of the plant at full capacity, boosting production of fertilizer and measure of worksite safety. He gave away rewards to those who contributed to boosting production of fertilizers.

Later, the minister inspected production process of the plant and gave instructions on greening tasks to be carried out around the plant.

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Deputy Minister inspects oil, natural gas exploration in Nyaungdon Oil Field

YANGON, 7 Aug — Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay this afternoon discussed the exploration and supply of oil and natural gas, and drilling of new oil well in Nyaungdon Oil Field with officials concerned at the field.

After the meeting, the deputy minister inspected Oil Well No 27 and preparation for repairing of Well No 10 in the field.

During his tour, Brig-Gen Than Htay also inspected the gas pipelines linking Nyaungdon and Yangon, CNG Filling Station No 009 of Myanmar Oil and Natural Gas Enterprise in Hlaingthaya Township and Filling Station No 0268 of Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise. — MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay inspects preparation for repairing of Well No 10 in the Nyaungdon Oil field. — MOE

Australia looks for ways to end cane toad menace

CANBERRA, 6 Aug—Australian scientists were given 3.6 million Australian dollars (2.7 million US dollars) on Friday to find a biological way to combat the rising population of poisonous cane toads.

The pests have spread across northern Australia since 100 cane toads were imported from Hawaii in 1935 in a bid to fight greyback beetles, which were threatening the country's sugar cane fields.

"The cane toad is a blight on our landscape," Australia's Environment Minister Ian Campbell said.

He said the state-owned Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) will conduct research into ways of manipulating cane toad genes to stop tadpoles from be-

coming adult toads.

"While short-term measures like traps are important to slow the toads down, their capacity to breed means we will not stop them for good unless we find a biological solution," he said in a statement.

Australia has fought the cane toad menace for four decades but has been unable to stop the spread of the toxic creatures, which have highly poisonous sacs behind their heads that quickly kill native animals that prey upon them.

Cane toads now number in their millions

and are so toxic that crocodiles, death adder snakes and wild dingo dogs can die of cardiac arrest within 15 minutes of eating them.

Australia's environment department says cane toads have been expanding their range across tropical northern Australia by up to 31 miles a year, while they are moving south by about one mile a year.

Female cane toads can lay 8,000 to 35,000 eggs at a time and may produce two clutches a year. The toads reach maturity within a year and have a lifespan of at least five years.—MNA/Reuters

Yahoo launches Web audio search service

SAN FRANCISCO, 6 Aug—Web media company Yahoo Inc on Thursday launched a free Web audio search service that helps users find, hear and buy everything from music downloads and podcasts to interviews and newscasts.

Yahoo Audio Search, at <http://audio.search.yahoo.com>, is still in testing and gives users access to more than 50 million audio files as Yahoo beefs up its entertainment offerings.

For example, a search for "Green Day" yields a list of the band's albums, song samples and links to download services, including Yahoo's own music service, Apple Computer Inc's iTunes, Rhapsody from RealNetworks Inc and Napster Inc.

The service also taps independent publishers

and the Web, helping users find such things as music videos, reviews and photographs of the artists.

Yahoo and rivals such as Google Inc. and privately held Blinkx already have launched video search services as the Internet's role in entertainment grows and ad dollars follow.

The company has integrated Yahoo Audio Search with its video search service and has invited people to submit videos and music through Media Really Simple Syndication, so it can be found by the new audio search

engine.

It also integrated tools from its comparison shopping search engine, which helps users find CD prices and make purchases from a variety of retailers.

Companies such as GoFish and Blinkx already offer audio search. Yahoo acquired early audio search providers AltaVista and AllTheWeb through its purchase of Overture Services in October 2003.

Shares of Yahoo were down 46 cents to 34.05 US dollars in afternoon trade on the Nasdaq.

MNA/Reuters

Schroeder says Germany still eyeing UNSC seat

BERLIN, 6 Aug—German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said on Friday that Germany has not given up its hopes for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council.

To a meeting of senior members of his Social Democrat Party in the eastern city of Kassel, Schroeder said that the rejection of some Security Council permanent members against the call by the Group of Four (G-4) nations for permanent seats "was to be regretted".

Their objections were "unjustified", he claimed.

The G-4, referring to Germany, Brazil, India and Japan, has proposed expanding the Security Council from 15 to 25 seats, with six new members as permanent ones. Germany was entitled to a seat because it was the third largest contributor of funding to the world body and was "unhesitatingly" providing

forces for UN peace missions, he said.

After a contentious debate Thursday at an emergency African Union summit on UN reform, 46 of the pan-African body's 53 members reaffirmed a joint position on the continent's Security Council representation adopted in July in Libya. The refusal by African leaders to drop demands for two permanent veto-wielding seats on an enlarged UN Security Council is a major setback for Council aspirants Brazil, Germany, India and Japan.

The 53 African votes are vital for UN reforms as an enlargement resolution requires a two-thirds majority in the 191-member General Assembly for adoption and no

veto from permanent members — Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States.

The German campaign for greater influence in the Security Council has also met setback at home recently as conservative opposition alliance said that they do not see it as a priority.

MNA/Xinhua

Seven stuck in Russian mini-sub in Pacific depths

MOSCOW, 6 Aug—A military mini-submarine and its seven-member crew were stuck about 200 metres down in Russia's Pacific waters on Friday after the vessel's propeller got entangled in fishing nets, the Russian Pacific Fleet said.

The *Priz* mini-submarine, used in rescue operations, ran into trouble on Thursday during a military exercise off the Kamchatka Peninsula and could not



Cambodian villagers affected by drought sit with donations from Cambodia Red Cross in the Kampong Speu Province, 40 km (25 miles) northwest of Phnom Penh on 6 August, 2005.—INTERNET

return to the surface.

"The submersible's propeller caught a fragment of fishing net," chief Navy Alexander Dygalo said, speaking on television. "The net was wrapped around the propeller and the vessel has got caught in the net's anchor wire." Dygalo said about 10 Russian rescue ships were in the area and a Japanese ship was also on its way to help. He said the *Priz* had a five-day supply of air and an adequate amount of food and water on board.

But, in a conflicting report, Interfax news agency quoted the Pacific Fleet commander, Admiral Viktor Dmitriyev, as saying there was only enough air for two days.

MNA/Reuters

All 7 rescued from Russian mini-submarine

PETROPAVLOVSK-KAMCHATSKY, Russia, 7 Aug—Seven people on a Russian mini-submarine trapped for nearly three days on the Pacific floor were rescued on Sunday when a British remote-controlled vehicle cut away undersea cables that snarled their vessel, allowing it to surface.

The seven, whose oxygen supply had been dwindling, appeared to be in satisfactory condition when they emerged, navy spokesman Capt Igor Dygalo said. They were examined in the clinic of a naval ship, then transferred to a larger vessel to return to the mainland.

About five hours after their rescue, six sailors were brought to a hospital on the mainland for examination, waving to relatives as they went in. The seventh was kept aboard a hospital ship for unspecified reasons.

At the edge of the gangplank leading to shore, the minisub's commander, Lt Vyacheslav Mila-shevsky, held a long and solemn salute, then a slight smile crossed his face. Pale, but walking

confidently, he told journalists he was "fine" before climbing into a van for the drive to the hospital.

His wife, Yelena, said earlier that she was overjoyed when she learned the crew had been rescued. "My feelings danced. I was happy, I cried," she told Channel One television.

Another crewman in the van swiveled his head back and forth, gazing at the green trees and gray skies. The red-and-white mini-sub, the AS-28, surfaced at 4:26 pm local time Sunday, some three days after becoming entangled in 600 feet of water Thursday. It was carrying six sailors and a representative of the company that manufactured it.

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Technicians and soldiers unload one of two unmanned submersibles, known as *Super Scorpions*, from a US military transport C-5, at Yelozovo Airport near Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, Russia, on 6 August, 2005, in this image from television. US and British planes carrying robotic undersea vehicles landed in Russia's Far East on Saturday to help rescue seven sailors trapped in a mini-submarine deep in the Pacific Ocean.—INTERNET

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“Discovery” crew packs up for station departure

HOUSTON, 6 Aug — *Discovery* astronauts packed up on Friday and got ready to leave the *International Space Station* as the first shuttle visit to the outpost since 2002 — and likely the last for a while — neared its end.

NASA earlier declared the shuttle safe to return home, clearing the way for what is the first step toward *Discovery*'s planned landing on Monday in Florida.

The *Discovery* crew was to say goodbye to station crew members Sergei Krikalev and John Phillips late on Friday, close the hatch and get ready to undock early on Saturday.

The astronauts busily stowed gear and finished loading the spacecraft and an Italian-built cargo unit packed with tons of trash and other items that have piled up on the station

over the past 2-1/2 years.

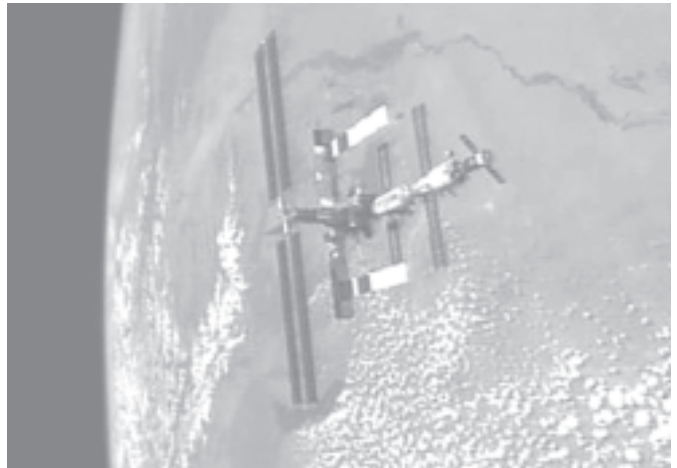
It may be the last shuttle visit to the space station for some time because NASA has grounded the shuttle fleet until it fixes the flying debris problem that destroyed *Columbia* in 2003 and resurfaced at *Discovery*'s launch on 26 July.

Because of safety measures put in place after *Columbia* broke apart over Texas, *Discovery* has been videotaped, photographed, laser-inspected and, in a shuttle programme first, repaired by Steve Robinson on one of his three spacewalks with Soichi Noguchi.

NASA gave serious thought to sending Robinson and Noguchi out again to fix a small tear in an insulating cloth protecting the surface of *Discovery* near the commander's window.

The space agency had feared that the cloth, which weighs less than an ounce (28 grammes), could come off during descent into the atmosphere and seriously damage the 100-ton shuttle.

MNA/Reuters



Discovery departed from the *International Space Station* on 6 August, 2005 and glided off on its own in the first step toward the shuttle's risky return to Earth. In this photo, the *International Space Station* is seen with the Earth as the background in this view from the payload bay cameras of space shuttle *Discovery*, operated by astronaut Soichi Noguchi of Japan, on 6 August, 2005. —INTERNET

Top Iranian cleric says EU not truthful in nuclear talks

TEHRAN, 6 Aug — A powerful senior Iranian mullah said on Friday that the European Union (EU) had never been truthful in the nuclear talks with Iran, the official *IRNA* news agency reported.

"As we had said from the very beginning, Europe has not been truthful in the (nuclear) negotiations," Ahmad Jannati, chairman of Iran's headline top legislation supervisory body Guardian Council, was quoted as saying in a sermon.

Jannati said that Europe had never been frank in dealing with Eastern countries, since "it regarded itself as the master, and the East as its servant."

"It was clear from the very beginning that Iran's negotiations with EU 3 (Britain, France and Germany) would lead nowhere.

If Iran yielded to holding talks with them, it was aimed at not letting them say that Iran does not cooperate and has nothing logical to say," Jannati

stressed. Jannati reiterated that Iran would never give up its right to get peaceful nuclear technology, adding that Teheran had been on the way to securing its legal rights with the preparation for resuming uranium conversion activities.

"If you (EU) and the United States) have intended to bribe Iran by giving whatever concessions you might have in mind to urge us to abandon our natural right, I hereby announce that the Iranian Government and nation would under no circumstances abandon their

natural right," he said.

"Iran has made up its mind and whatever the United States and Europe would do (to take actions against Iran) would be against their own benefits," Jannati added.

Jannati's comments came as the European trio just submitted a comprehensive proposal aimed to solve the Iranian nuclear standoff and urged Iran to accept, which the EU promised to present in two months in late May.

Teheran said it would study the proposal and make decision in two days. Iran has threatened to resume the suspended ura-

anium conversion activities to press the EU to deliver the proposal on time.

The EU, the longtime broker of the Iranian nuclear issue, warned that the unilateral measure would breach the negotiations, which meant that Iran's nuclear case could be referred to the UN Security Council.

The United States has accused Iran of developing nuclear weapons under the disguise of civil usage. But Teheran has rejected the accusation and insisted that its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes.

MNA/Xinhua

Sydney unveils evacuation plan in case of attack

SYDNEY, 6 Aug— Text messages on mobile phones will alert hundreds of wardens to begin evacuating office workers and shoppers from Sydney's central business district in the event of a terrorist attack, according to a plan unveiled on Friday.

Modelled on the strategy used in the aftermath of the recent London bombings, people in Australia's largest city will be told to gather at three open-air evacuation sites in the business district where they will be directed to the best transport route home.

"Our counter terrorism agencies have moved quickly to learn from the recent attacks in London," New South Wales State Premier Morris Iemma said in announcing the evacuation plan. Iemma said publicizing the three evacuation sites risked making the areas, which would be crowded with thousands of people, potential targets.

"It is about managing the risk. People are entitled to get information as to where they go, because we know if an attack does occur, there is confusion, there is fear," said Iemma. Australia, a staunch US ally with troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, has steadily strengthened security and anti-terrorism laws since the 11 September, 2001, attacks on the United States.

MNA/Reuters



A Chinese woman pushes her tricycle in the rain on a road at Wuhu, east China's Anhui Province, on 6 August, 2005. Typhoon Matsa is approaching Anhui after hitting Zhejiang Province on Saturday morning. —INTERNET

Delayed landing may be blamed for Air France jet accident

OTTAWA, 6 Aug — The Air France jet that overshot the runway and erupted in flames at a Toronto airport landed further down the runway from where it should have normally touched down, the lead investigator into the crash said on Friday.

Air France Flight 358 landed "longer than normally, or longer than usual for this type of aircraft," Transportation Safety Board investigator Real Levasseur told a news conference in Toronto.

He said investigators are still trying to determine how long along the runway the jet actually landed.

Witnesses have already suggested the plane carrying 309 passengers and crew was nearly halfway down the runway at Pearson International Airport before it touched down. Everyone on board escaped with their lives with 43 people suffering minor injuries in the accident on Tuesday. — MNA/Xinhua

Copy-protected CDs iPod-incompatible but sell well

LOS ANGELES, 6 Aug — Recent CDs by Foo Fighters and Dave Matthews Band containing new anti-piracy technology are selling well despite a backlash among some fans angry that the discs are incompatible with iPods, experts said on Thursday.

Aiming to curb piracy, labels like Sony BMG, which released both records, are rolling out copy-protected albums in the United States, which let users make three exact duplicates of a CD, and store files on a PC in Microsoft Corp's Windows Media format. But the copy-protection bars users from importing music onto iPods since Apple's Fairplay software is incompatible with Windows.

"This (Foo Fighters) CD has a copy protection scheme that makes it totally useless to 30 million iPod owners," wrote C Anderson of Plano, Texas on Amazon.com's customer review link. "How could a band be so stupid as to alienate such a huge percentage of their fans?" — MNA/Reuters

S P O R T S

Rangers beat Inverness Caledonian Thistle 1-0

GLASGOW, 7 Aug— Champions Rangers edged out Inverness Caledonian Thistle 1-0 in their Scottish Premier League clash in the Highlands on Saturday.

Skipper Barry Ferguson nudged in the second half winner after a header from Croatian striker Dado Prso.

Celtic enjoyed their first league win under new boss Gordon Strachan with a 2-0 home success over Dundee United thanks to goals in each half from John Hartson and Craig Beattie.

The match marked the debut of Japanese midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura who was given a standing ovation when he was substituted in the second half.

Rangers top the league with maximum points from their first two games, two clear of Celtic and Motherwell.

MNA/Reuters

Celtic kickstart season with easy 2-0 SPL win

GLASGOW, 7 Aug— New Celtic manager Gordon Strachan, who has suffered a baptism of fire at the Glasgow club, finally tasted a meaningful victory on Saturday with a 2-0 home win over Dundee United in the Scottish Premier League.

After taking over in the close-season, Strachan's first game in charge was a humiliating 5-0 defeat by Slovakian outsiders Artmeida Petralka in a Champions League qualifier.

Celtic then needed a last-minute equalizer to scrape a 4-4 draw with Motherwell in their open-

ing Scottish Premier League game last week before restoring some pride with a battling, though fruitless, 4-0 win over the Slovak side in their European return leg.

They were totally in charge on Saturday, however, and should have had many more goals than John Hartson's first-half opener and Craig Beattie's late effort.

Midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura became the first Japanese player to feature in the SPL and had an outstanding game, earning a standing ova-

tion from the Celtic fans after being substituted in the second half.

Champions Rangers beat Inverness Caledonian Thistle 1-0 with a second-half goal from skipper Barry Ferguson to make it two wins out of two.

Livingston lost 2-0 at home to new boys Falkirk, who collected the points with goals from Russell Latapy and Darryl Duffy.

Kilmarnock chalked up a surprise 2-1 win at Aberdeen with goals from Allan Johnston and Steve Naismith.

MNA/Reuters



Thailand's Japan-based Den Junlaphan (popularly known as Eagle Kyowa) punches Japanese champion Katsunari Takayama (L) during their bout for the World Boxing Council strawweight title in Tokyo on 6 August, 2005. Junlaphan defeated Takayama by an unanimous decision. —INTERNET

Bremen win 5-2 on high-scoring Bundesliga opening day

BERLIN, 7 Aug— Werder Bremen beat Arminia Bielefeld 5-2 with two goals each from Germany striker Miroslav Klose and Croatian Ivan Klasnic in a high scoring opening round of the Bundesliga on Saturday.

Klose scored in the opening minute of an entertaining match in which Bielefeld equalized twice before late strikes from Klose and Klasnic sent Bremen to the top of the table. VfB Stuttgart's new Italian coach, former Bayern Munich trainer Giovanni Trapattoni, had to be content with a 1-1 draw with MSV Duisburg on his return to the German league.

Hamburg SV beat Nuremberg 3-0 to match champions Bayern who breezed past Borussia Moenchengladbach by the same score on Friday night.

MNA/Reuters

South Korea wins East Asian Cup

SEOUL, 7 Aug — South Korea won the first East Asian Football Federation Women's Cup on Sunday, although it was drawn by Japan 0-0 at Daegu World Cup Stadium.

With the draw, the South Koreans gained seven points, one point over North Korea which finished second.

"I thanked my players who were exhausted by their previous match against North Korea for their determination," An Jong-kwan, the South Korean coach, was quoted by Yonhap news agency as saying.

"The Cup tournament gave us a good opportunity to level up our team, popularity of women football," said An.

Japanese coach Ohashi Hiroshi said that his team will face more challenges in the region and preliminaries for the FIFA Women's World Cup will be more difficult to pass.

Meanwhile, China was defeated by North Korea 1-0 earlier Saturday. It was the second loss for the Chinese team. China only tied with Japan with 0-0 on 3 August. —MNA/Xinhua

New boys inspire Anderlecht to 6-0 opening win

BRUSSELS, 7 Aug— Anderlecht lit up the first weekend of the Belgian soccer season as, helped by goals for all three of their new signings, they crushed La Louviere 6-0 on Saturday.

Their win came a day after Bruges kicked off the defence of their crown with a 2-0 home win over Excelsior Mouscron. Anderlecht were in front after nine minutes through Mbo Mpenza, who latched on to a Nenad Jestrovic cross.

Akin showed why he was top scorer in Turkey last season when he opened his account for his new employers in the 24th minute after a terrific defence-splitting pass from Par Zetterberg.

The striker repaid Zetterberg the compliment on the stroke of halftime by picking him out on the edge of the box and the Anderlecht captain delightfully chipped the flat footed goalkeeper.

Another pre-season signing Bart Goor extended the home side's advantage in the 59th minute, finishing well from a tight angle.

Akin grabbed his second and his team's fifth goal of the game five minutes later before substitute and summer signing Marius Mitu popped up to score in the 84th minute.

New Bruges coach Jan Ceulemans saw his side wrap up the three points by halftime with two goals in

the opening half from Ivan Leko and Bosko Balaban.

Another new coach, Racing Genk's Hugo Broos, will have been glad in the end to have seen his side come away from Lokeren with a 1-1 draw.

Genk, who head for a UEFA Cup tie with Metalurgs in Latvia on Thursday, needed a Kevin Vandenberg penalty seven minutes from time after Anton Bance put the home side in front.

Standard Liege had a convincing 3-1 win over Lierse while promoted Zulte Waregem beat neighbours Ghent by the same score.

The other promoted side Roeselare went down by a single goal at St Truiden, FC Brussels shocked Beveren 2-0 away while Westerlo beat Cercle Bruges 2-0. Cup holders Germinal Beerschot travel to Charleroi on Sunday to round off the opening weekend of games.

MNA/Reuters

Japan's Sugiyama, Morigami to clash in San Diego tennis semis

WASHINGTON, 7 Aug— Japan's Ai Sugiyama and Akiko Morigami both winning on Friday at WTA Tour's Acura Classic tournament in Carlsbad, California, setting up a clash in the semifinals.

Unseeded Sugiyama became the first player to move into the semis of the 1.3-million-US-dollar hardcourt event by rolling over 15-year-old Bulgarian Sesil Karatantcheva 6-1, 6-2.

Karatantcheva, who turns 16 on Monday, was looking to advance to her first WTA career semifinal.

Sugiyama will meet on Saturday countrywoman Morigami, who beat Russian teenager Anna Chakvetadze 6-3, 6-4.

Chakvetadze was the lone Russian remaining in the 56-player draw that boasted 11 — including five of the top nine seeds — at the start of the week.

Sixth-seeded Mary Pierce pounded out a 6-4, 6-3 decision over the fifth seed Swiss star Patty Schnyder in the other quarterfinals.

Pierce will face rising star Peng Shuai of China who upset No. 7 Kim Clijsters of Belgium in the quarterfinals. —MNA/Xinhua



South Korea's Jin Sook-hee, right, fights for the ball with Japan's Homare Sawa, centre, and Aya Shimokozuru, left, during the second half of their East Asian Football Federation Women's Cup match at the World Cup Stadium in Daegu, south of Seoul, South Korea, on 6 August, 2005. The match ended in a 0-0 draw. —INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Anti-war protesters march toward Bush ranch

CRAWFORD (Texas), 7 Aug — About 70 anti-war protesters marched toward President George W Bush's ranch on Saturday shouting "bring the troops home now" from Iraq, led by a California mother whose son was killed in combat in Baghdad.

The protest coincided with release of a *Newsweek* poll that said 61 per cent of Americans disapproved of the way Bush was handling the situation in Iraq. The poll came after more than two dozen Americans were killed in the past week in Iraq.

Newsweek said it was Bush's lowest rating on Iraq and the first time it had dropped below 40 per cent in its poll. Pentagon officials have said maintaining public support for the war is key to the troops' morale.

The group of protesters, including US veter-

ans from the Iraq and Vietnam wars, were loud yet peaceful and McClellan County sheriff's deputies, trying to avoid arrests, stopped them on a road about 5 miles (8 kilometres) from Bush's ranch on a hot August day.

The march was led by Cindy Sheehan, 48, of Vacaville, California, who blames Bush for the death of her son, Army Specialist Casey Sheehan, 24, killed on 4 April, 2004, in Sadr City, Baghdad.

"I want to ask the President, why did you kill my son? What did my son die for?" Sheehan, carrying a picture of her son, told reporters.

"W killed her son! W killed her son!" the crowd shouted. They also shouted "Bring the troops home now" and held up signs with slogans such as "Impeach the Chicken-

Hawk-in-Chief."

The protesters, many who came from a peace rally in Dallas, first drove toward the ranch in a school bus painted red, white and blue. It was stopped at a police checkpoint and the protesters got out and walked.

Police allowed the group to walk on the side of the road for about a half mile but then stopped them when some in the group walked on the street itself.

MNA/Reuters

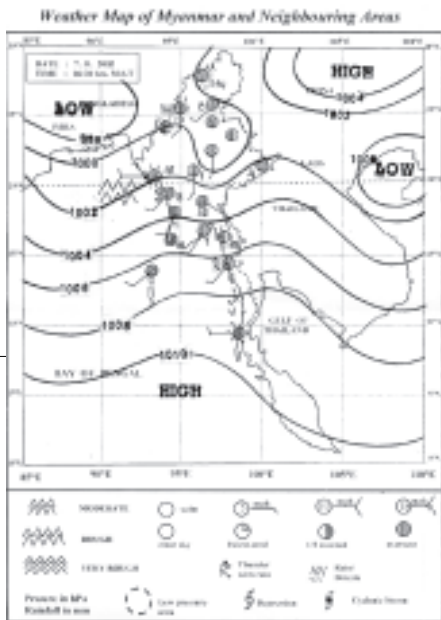


Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board Treasurer U Aung Than accepts K 100,000 donated recently by U Tin Htut-Daw Htay Htay Yi and family of 11 (B), Thitsa Road, Ward 13, Yankin Township, for construction of three-storey hospital for the aged.— H

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hrs MST on 7-8-2005)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observations today, the water levels of Chindwin River at Hkamti and Homalin are (1087) cm and (2641) cm respectively. The water levels may reach their respective danger levels of (1360) cm and (2900)cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.



WEATHER

Sunday, 7 August, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in Kachin State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (10.16) inches, Kyauktaw (5.91) inches Maungdaw (2.20) inches, Sittway and Hpa-an (2.09) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 6-8-2005 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 7-8-2005 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 7-8-2005 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 6-8-2005 was nil. Rainfalls on 7-8-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, 0.04 inch at Kaba-Aye, 0.83 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 58.15 inches at Mingaladon, 57.68 inches at Kaba-Aye and 59.22 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 4 mph from Southwest at (10:30) hours MST on 6-8-2005.

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

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

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with moderate to 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 8-8-2005: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.

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

Monday, 8 August
View on today:

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. ဂျပန်နိုင်ငံတော်နေ့ထူးအထိမ်းအမှတ်အဖြစ် နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာ နာယကအရှေ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၍ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာရဋ္ဌာရဂူ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာသဒ္ဒဋ္ဌဇာတိက တိပိဋကဓရုဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am</p> <p>5. Song of national races</p> <p>8:05 am</p> <p>6. Cute little dancers</p> <p>8:15 am</p> <p>7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:25 am</p> <p>8. ဘိုင်းဒါးတံတား (ပဲခူးတိုင်း)</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>9. International news</p>	<p>8:45 am</p> <p>10. Grammer Made Easy</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. Demonstration Exercises for Correct Pronunciation</p> <p>4:40 pm</p> <p>4. Musical programme</p> <p>4:50 pm</p> <p>5. အစားသင့်တော်စွာပညာရေးရရှိကြောင်းပြောသည့်အထိမ်းအမှတ် (ရုပ်ပုံစာ) (ရုပ်ပုံစာ)</p> <p>5:05 pm</p> <p>6. Dance variety</p> <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>7. ၂၀၀၅ ရန်ကင်း တေရသမ အကြိမ်(၁၃ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအကားအရေ၊ အထိမ်းအမှတ်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန်(မဟာဂီတ) (ဝါသနာရှင်အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>8. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာတေး</p> <p>5:40 pm</p> <p>9. Song and dance of national races.</p>	<p>5:45 pm</p> <p>10. Musical programme. (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>11. Industrial achievement.</p> <p>6:10 pm</p> <p>12. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရယ်လွန်ဆော့ပြောပုဂ္ဂိုလ်စိတ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>13. Evening news.</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>14. Weather report.</p> <p>7:05 pm</p> <p>15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ ရွေးနုမလေးရဲရဲစုံပုံပြင် (အပိုင်း-၁၁)</p> <p>7:55 pm</p> <p>16. ထာဝစဉ်နုလှမြန်မာဂီတ (အထီးပညာဘာသာရပ်များ ဆေးခန်းခန်း) (အပိုင်း-၂)</p> <p>7:45 pm</p> <p>17. Musical programme.</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>18. News</p> <p>19. International news.</p> <p>20. Weather report.</p> <p>21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရယ်လေးမေ့ပြန်ပြန်" (အပိုင်း-၁)</p> <p>22. The next day's programme</p>
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Monday, 8 August
Tune in today:

8.30 am Brief news

8.35 am Music:
- ET (Toybox)

8.40 am Perspectives

8.45 am Music:
- Let me be the one (No Mercy)

8.55 am National news/Slogan

9.00 am Music:
- All together now (Intermission)

9.05 am International news

9.10 am Music:
- You're my number one (S Club 7)

1.30 pm News/Slogan

1.40 pm Lunch time music
- Hello Darling (Tracy Haung)
- No one (Marc Anthony)
- I'm Monday, Fly me (10CC)

9.00 pm Spotlight on the star
- (Tracy Haung)
- Heart so bad
- To sir with love
- I only want to be with you
- Article
- Women's Affairs

9.20 pm Vocal gems
- Lady (Kenny Rogers)
- When will I see you again (Brother beyond)

9.35 pm Can't help falling in love (Coreny Hart)

9.45 pm News/Slogan

10.00 pm PEL

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

Tatmadaw families, wellwishers donate cash and kind to monasteries, nunneries in North Okkalapa, Shwepyitha Townships



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party share merits gained at the provision donation ceremony for monasteries and nunneries in North Okkalapa Township.— MNA

YANGON, 7 Aug — Families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated rice and alms to 18 monasteries and three nunneries in North Okkalapa Township and seven monasteries and one nunnery in Shwepyitha Township today, attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasions were members of the Sangha, nuns, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, Deputy Minister for SWRR Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, senior military officers, officials and wellwishers.

At the Dhammamedani Monastery, the Secretary-1 donated provisions to Zabuaye Monastery Sangha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kheminda.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Commodore Nyan Tun, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence and officials presented provisions to members of the Sangha.

Next, Commodore Nyan Tun, Maj-Gen Aung Thein and Colonel General Staff (Air) Col Nay Win donated rice, oil and grams of Tatmadaw families to Zabuaye Monastery Sayadaw and nuns.

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At a time when efforts are being made for development of the industrial sector of the State through uplift of private industries so that the nation can stand tall among the global nations, Myanmar will have to carry out tasks for standardization and quality control in the industrial zones through cooperation with the ISO.

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

YANGON, 7 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than went on inspection tour of Bago Division to-

gether with Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Brig-Gen Win Myint

and senior military officers of local regiment and division level officials visited Dae Sunpa Pagoda in Wunbe Inn village, Bago Township yesterday

morning. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party offered flowers, lights, fruits and joss sticks at the pagoda.

They next inspected all-round renovation of the precinct of the pagoda and attended at the needs. Lt-Gen Khin

Maung Than heard reports on brief history of the pagoda, progress of all round renovation to it by officials, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko gave a supplementary report and Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than fulfilled the requirements.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than donated K 100,000 for renovation of the pagoda to Chairman of the pagoda board of trustees U Hla Han.

Since 7 April this year, the renovation of the precinct of the pagoda has been under way.

On arrival at the local regiment, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with Tatmadawmen and their
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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects construction of Bago River Bridge (Kawa).— MNA