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## Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Singaporean President

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## Prime Minister sends felicitations to Singaporean counterpart

YANGON, 9 Aug— On the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of Singapore which falls on 9 August 2005, General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore. —MNA



### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

Members of the panel of chairmen chanting slogans at the mass meeting held at the City Hall in Magway.

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## Stamp out dangers of internal and external destructive elements who are attacking Myanmar in the interest of a handful of people

### Actively take part in successful realization of seven-point Road Map

YANGON, 8 Aug—The mass meeting focusing “Guard against the danger posed by destructionists through united strength of the people” was held at the City Hall in Magway, Magway Division, on 5 August morning.

It was attended by executives of Magway Division Union Solidarity and Development Association, members of the District and Township USDAs, the Division, District and Township Women’s Affairs Organizations, the Mater-

nal and Child Welfare Association, the War Veterans Organization and the Red Cross Society, Auxiliary Fire Brigade, townselders and local people.

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

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### For emergence of ASEAN Community

The Union of Myanmar has always practised the active and independent foreign policy in its relations with international community, especially her neighbours and fellow member-nations of ASEAN. Myanmar became a full-fledged member in 1997 and since then she has cooperated with other ASEAN nations for economic and socio-cultural development of the region.

Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, sent a message on the occasion of the 38th Anniversary of the ASEAN Day that fell on 8 August. In his message, the Head of State urged the fellow citizens to strive in unison for the emergence of ASEAN Community in accordance with the theme of this year's ASEAN Day, ASEAN Community Building for ASEAN People, as 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.

It was on 8 August 1967, that the Association of South-East Asian Nations was founded and it now encompasses all ten countries in the Southeast Asian region. The association has become one of the most progressive and cohesive regional organizations and plays an important role in the United Nations and such regional fora as ARF and ASEM.

With the adoption of the ASEAN vision 2020, the ASEAN is 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).

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 ASEAN Community, ASEAN Socio-Cultural Development (ASCC), represents ASEAN's aspirations to lift the quality of life of its peoples and strengthen its cultural identity towards a people-centred ASEAN.

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. Therefore, we would like to call on our fellow citizens of ASEAN nations to strive in unison for the emergence of ASEAN Community.

### Greening tasks inspected

YANGON, 8 Aug— Director-General U Tun Tun of Arid Zones Greening Department under the Ministry of Forestry on 4 and 5 August inspected forest plantations in Chauk Township, Magway Division. The director-general also inspected 150-acre village firewood plantation in Seikphyu Township, forest plantations in Tantkyi mountain range in Pakokku Township, greening tasks carried out on Tetma mountain in Pauk Township.

The director-general also made a tour of ChaungU Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division and inspected forest plantations. He also met with officials and gave instructions on nurturing of forest plantations. —MNA

## 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

### Junior Engineer-3 Course of Public Works commences

YANGON, 8 Aug — The opening ceremony of Junior Engineer-3 Course of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction took place at the Central Training School (Thuwunna) of the ministry this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Deputy Ministers U Tint Swe and Brig-Gen Myint Thein, the directors-general and the managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry, the principal of the school, instructors and the trainees.

Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun delivered a speech and cordially greeted the trainees. A total of 33 trainees are attending the 12-week course.—MNA

### Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Singaporean counterpart

YANGON, 9 Aug— On the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of Singapore which falls on 9 August 2005, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr George Yong-Boon Yeo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore.

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### Jailer Course No 4 and Quarrying Officer Refresher Course No 2 opened



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo addresses opening of Jailer Course No 4 and Quarrying Officer Refresher No 2 Course. — HOME AFFAIRS

YANGON, 8 Aug — A ceremony to open Jailer Course No 4 and Quarrying Officer Refresher Course No 2 of the Prison Department took place at the department in Insein Township this afternoon with an address by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen

Maung Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe, the Director-General of Myanmar Police Force, officials and others. Altogether 40 trainees are attending the courses.—MNA

### L&F Minister attends course to preserve the original layer and broiler

YANGON, 8 Aug — The opening ceremony of a course to preserve the original layer and broiler species of Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Products Enterprise of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries was held at Head Office of the enterprise this morning with an address by Minister for Livestock

and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein.

Also present on the occasion were Directors-General and Managing-Directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry and others.

Altogether 20 trainees are attending the 2-week course.—MNA



Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein speaks at opening ceremony of a course to preserve the original layer and broiler species. — L&F

# Bangladesh, India discuss tackling terrorism

**DHAKA, 7 Aug—India and Bangladesh held talks on Saturday on mutual cooperation in tackling cross-border terrorism and illegal migration — two key irritants that often strain their usually friendly ties.**

The issues came up at a meeting between the foreign ministers of India and Bangladesh, Natwar Singh and M Morshed Khan, shortly after Singh arrived in Dhaka on a three-day official visit.

"We discussed all mutual issues including border management and illegal movement of people," Singh said after the talks, reading from a joint statement.

"We also discussed trade... We are interested in investment and cooperation," he said, standing with his host Khan. Yashwant Sinha was the last Indian foreign minister to visit Bangladesh, in 2003, while attending a meeting of the Joint Economic Commission of the two countries.

The two sides discussed cross-border terrorism and extradition of crimi-

nals during Saturday's talks, Indian Foreign Secretary Shaym Saran said.

"The issues of terrorism came up in the discussion. We consider terrorism to be a global scourge and this should be fought by the collectivity of nations," Saran said.

Both India and Bangladesh accuse each other of harbouring terrorists and criminals. But Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Hemayetuddin said his country believed there were no Bangladeshis staying illegally in India. "If any Bangladeshis (are) there, they should be identified for legal proceedings," he said.

Singh will meet Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman and leader of the opposition Sheikh Hasina during his visit.— *MNA/Reuters*



*A 32-day-old giant panda cub is seen at a care room for panda cubs at the China Giant Panda Protection and Research Centre in Wolong, southwest China's Sichuan Province, in this picture taken on 4 August, 2005. The cub was one of the twins born on 3 July. —INTERNET*

## Vietnam temporarily suspends pork imports from disease-hit countries

**HANOI, 7 Aug—** Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Van Khai has instructed a temporary suspension of the import of pigs and related products from countries where a mysterious new pig disease has been detected, according to *Vietnamese News Agency* Saturday.

The instruction was issued in an urgent message on 5 August in response to the threat posed by the new pig disease in a number of regional countries, which has claimed several fatalities. However, the message did not elaborate which countries they are.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Iran says EU offers to back oil pipeline from Central Asia

**TEHERAN, 7 Aug—** Iran said on Friday the European Union had offered to back it as the main oil transit route from Central Asia to tempt Teheran to freeze its nuclear fuel work, but a summary of the EU's proposals contained no such offer.

Iran, home to the world's second-largest oil and gas reserves, has long promoted itself as an alternative route for delivering land-locked Caspian oil to world markets, but has met opposition from the United States, its political rival.

"In the proposal, they have supported the idea of Iran being the main energy transit route to Europe from Central Asia," a senior Iranian close to the EU negotiations told Reuters. But a summary of the package delivered to Iran by Britain, France and Germany

made no mention of supporting an Iranian oil pipeline. "The summary contains all the substance of the full proposals," an EU diplomat said in Brussels.

In reference to energy, the proposal says the EU is prepared to declare Iran a long-term source of oil and gas. Asked later if the EU was ready to support such an oil transit pipeline from Central Asia to Europe, a senior French official told Reuters: "There are a lot of ideas. Here, we haven't gone into a lot of detail."

*MNA/Reuters*

## Indonesian court begins to try top leader of Newmont Indonesia

**JAKARTA, 7 Aug—**An Indonesian court Friday began to try the president director of the PT Newmont Minahasa Raya, the local subsidiary of the world's largest gold producer, on criminal charges of dumping toxins into a bay, the *Tempointeractive* news service reported. President Director of the Denver-based company, Richard Ness of 55, an American citizen, denied that the company negligently engaged in acts that resulted in the bay pollution.

The company began operations in North Sulawesi Province in 1996, and stopped mining two years ago after extracting all the gold it could. But it continued processing ore until August last year, when the mine was permanently shut.— *MNA/Xinhua*

## 1,828 US soldiers killed in Iraq

**WASHINGTON, 7 Aug—**As of Sunday, 7 Aug, 2005, at least 1,828 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,411 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

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

The British military has reported 93 deaths; Italy, 26; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; El Salvador, Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each. Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,689 US military members have died, according to *AP's* count. That includes at least 1,302 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.— *Internet*



*Children walk past a destroyed house that local residents say was demolished by US troops, on 6 August, 2005, in the Al-Khadra neighbourhood of Baghdad, Iraq. —INTERNET*

## Singapore's aerospace industry holds positive prospects for growth

**SINGAPORE, 7 Aug—** The growth prospects for the aerospace industry in Singapore remain positive, said Senior Minister of State for Information, Communications and the Arts and Health Balaji Sadasivan on Friday.

Addressing an industry event celebrating Singapore's 40th National Day, the minister attributed the bright forecast to "the emergence of budget airlines and the trend towards outsourcing" in the region.

"Budget airlines offering cheap airfares will continue to boost travel within the region," said Balaji, noting that the increasing demand for air travel will create more jobs in the industry.

He added that the practice of outsourcing maintenance, repair and overhaul services (MRO) will not only help low cost carriers and regular airlines reduce their cost, but also encourage more companies to set up MRO operations overseas.

"To ensure that Singapore retains its competitive edge, companies ... must continue to improve their service offerings and develop cost effective solutions for customers," Balaji stressed, pointing out that the rapid growth of other regional airports and the emergence of long haul aircraft have posed threats to Singapore's status as Asia's fourth biggest air hub.

Being an important part of the city state's economy, the aerospace industry registered a record output of 4.5 billion Singapore dollars (about 2.7 billion US dollars) in 2004, up 16.3 per cent from a year ago.— *MNA/Xinhua*



Chinese soldiers on a speed boat try to rescue two men on a flooded area in Leqing town, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 6 August, 2005. —INTERNET

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## China succeeds in artificial lightning diversion

**JINAN, 7 Aug—** Chinese scientists succeeded in using weather rockets to guide lightning to a specific spot on the ground in a recent experiment carried out in east China's Shandong Province.

The experiment, conducted by scientists from the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Meteorological Sciences (CAMS), would help lightning control in the region, according to Zhang Yijun, a research fellow with CAMS.

Thousands of people are killed or wounded by lightning every year and the economic loss caused by lightning exceeds one billion yuan (120.48 million US dollars), according to sta-

tistics from China Meteorological Administration indicate.

Shandong is frequently hit by thunder and lightning, Zhang said, and the lightning-diverting technology can largely reduce the casualty rate they cause in the future. Zhang said when thunder storms came, lightning could strike any place at anytime, but by shooting the guiding rocket into the air, scientists can make it strike immediately to an assigned area.—MNA/Xinhua

## China launches anti-corruption education among kids

**HANGZHOU, 7 Aug—** China has launched an anti-corruption education among kids aiming at fostering a noble-minded probity of its new generation.

"To help students bear anti-corruption in mind and fight against corruption, the new education programme will take various forms of seminars, lectures, fieldwork, reading and online study," said Xu Subin, deputy director with the Discipline Inspection Committee of Hangzhou, the capital city of east China's Zhejiang Province.

In Hangzhou, such education has already been carried out in all primary and elementary schools in a major urban district for a year, and is to be promoted to all schools beginning this September.

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has launched the campaign in some big cities and provinces like Beijing, Tianjin, Zhejiang, Hubei, Shaanxi, Guangzhou and Shenzhen, in the second half of this year.

The Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Youth League also issued a circular to kick off a nationwide drive of same kind two weeks ago.

Designers of the new lessons have focused on four major areas, including basic ethics, traditional

Chinese virtue, ideals and belief, as well as legal education, according to Xu.

However, some challenge the idea of "vaccinating" the kids against corruption, saying it is just like "making children take pills for the adult's disease".

In a survey conducted in 2003 among more than 200 first-grade middle school students in Hangzhou, the students were asked "What is the major temptation around you." "Money" and "position promotion" ranked the two most popular answers, with many consider being a class monitor as "superior" and can "get the whip hand over other classmates".

"We hope anti-corruption education may improve youth's immunity against bad influences from the adult world and prevent them from growing up with the bud of corruption," said Ye Ming, head of the city's Discipline Inspection Committee, when explaining why Hangzhou has begun a trial education in eight schools as early as 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

## Heavy rain to slam Beijing as typhoon "Matsa" moves north

**BEIJING, 8 Aug—** Beijingers will seemingly enjoy the coolness of fall weeks in advance as the ninth typhoon of the year is moving northward and will bring heavy rain to the national capital starting on Sunday night. "Affected by typhoon Matsa, most parts of the capital will report heavy rain on Sunday night and Monday," said Guo Hu, director of the Beijing Meteorological Station, in an interview with Xinhua on Sunday.

Latest nephograms show that the rainy and overcast weather will last until Tuesday night, he added.

Sunday marks the "beginning of the autumn", the 13th of all the 24 solar terms in the traditional Chinese calendar. But according to meteorological standards, autumn starts only when the average temperature is below 22 degrees Celsius for five days in a row, said Guo.

"The coolness won't last long. The spell of sweltering hot weather will continue later this week," he said.—MNA/Xinhua

## HK Customs smashes transitional drugs syndicate

**HONG KONG, 7 Aug—** Hong Kong Customs has smashed a West Africa based transitional drug trafficking syndicate and seized 4.4 kilos of high-graded heroin, worth about 1.7 million HK dollars (218,959 US dollars) in the past two days.

A Liberian man and two Filipino women, aged between 23 and 46, were arrested, according to a government Press release Friday.

They will be charged with "trafficking in a dangerous drugs" and will appear in Tsuen Wan Magistrates' Courts for mention on Saturday.

On 3 August at Chek Lap Kok Airport, Customs officers intercepted a 42-year-old Filipino woman arriving from Bangkok. In a false compartment of her suitcase they found 2.2 kilos of high-grade heroin.

In a controlled delivery operation, Customs officers intercepted another Filipino woman, aged 46, at a hotel in Tsim Sha Tsui and found another 2.2 kilos of high-grade heroin in her suitcase.

Investigation showed that this woman, who had also arrived from Bangkok, intended to meet with the first woman for drugs delivery.

Customs officers on Thursday arrested a 23-year-old Liberian man in the same hotel when he collected the two pieces of luggage containing the drugs from the two women.

MNA/Xinhua



Children place candles outside the Atomic Bomb Dome at the 60th anniversary of the atomic bombing in Hiroshima, western Japan, on 6 August, 2005.

INTERNET

## Australia's Peter Cosgrove wants troops withdrawn from Iraq

**CANBERRA, 8 Aug—** Former Australian Defence Force Chief Peter Cosgrove would like to see coalition forces withdrawn from Iraq by the end of 2006 to help stop terrorism.

"When there is an adequate Iraqi security force, foreign troops should leave Iraq," Cosgrove, who retired as defence chief in June, said in an interview on Australian Broadcasting Corp's Enough Rope programme to be broadcast tonight. "If we could get that done by the end of 2006, that would be really good."—Internet

## Iranian President's swearing-in ceremony starts

**TEHERAN, 7 Aug—** The swearing-in ceremony of Iran's new President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad started in the Majlis (Parliament) hall here Saturday morning.

Hundreds of high-ranking Iranian political and military officials took part in the inauguration ceremony, including former president Mohammad Khatami, Majlis Speaker Gholam-Ali Haddad-Adel.

Chairman of Expediency Council Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Chairman of the Guardian Council Ahmad Jannati, Chairman of the Assembly of Experts Ayatollah Ali Meshkini and Judiciary Chief Mahmoud Hashemi Shahroudi were also present.—MNA/Xinhua

## China, EU increase cultural exchanges between youth

**BEIJING, 7 Aug** — A total of 50 young students from China and 22 member states of the European Union gathered here Friday evening, offering performance to remark their two-week-long China-EU arts summer school.

During the summer school, these students with major of art mainly exchanged their experiences and accepting training in singing and dance, with a purpose to increase understanding of each other's culture.

Chen Haosu, president of the China-EU Association, said at the closing reception that such a summerschool provide an opportunity for the youth from China and the European Union member countries to establish and promote their friendship, and would be conducive for

the two sides to strengthen culture and art exchanges and people-to-people exchanges.

Franz Jessen, deputy head of the EU delegation to China said the European Union and China now enjoy rapid development in political and economic ties, and meanwhile, increasing people-to-people exchanges, such as the arts summer school, would also promote the development of EU-China relations.

"The arts summer school is a good example to bring the European

Union and China closer to each other in education and art," said Michael Joseph O'Sullivan, Cultural Counsellor of the British Embassy to China.

The summer school, jointly hosted by the China-EU Association and the Cultural and Education Section of the British Embassy to China and sponsored by the EU-China Small Projects Facility Programme, was held to celebrate the 30th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations between China and the European Union. —MNA/Xinhua

## Shanghai lifts typhoon warning as "Matsa" moves northwest

**SHANGHAI, 7 Aug**— Shanghai lifted its typhoon warning early Sunday as Matsa trailed off into a tropical storm and moved northwest out of Shanghai in the wee hours.

Shanghai meteorological reported early Sunday that Typhoon Matsa, the name of a fish in Laos, trailed off into a tropical storm at 2:00 am and its centre moved into the neighbouring Anhui Province.

The station lifted typhoon warning at 4:00 am.

Typhoon Matsa brought six hours of heavy rains and high winds to most parts of the city. Putuo District in the city centre alone received 215 millimeters of rainfall, the biggest volume among all urban districts.

The torrential rain has flooded 84 urban streets as the city's drainage capacity is only 27 to

36 millimeters per hour. In some areas, rain water has even flooded houses and ground floor apartments. Local fire brigade sent 200 fire engines overnight to help residents drain water out of their homes.

Water level in the swelling Huangpu River also exceeded the warning line. At 3:35 am Sunday, the water level at Mishidu, a major monitoring site, was a record 4.38 metres, 0.88 metre above alarm.

Suburban areas worst ravaged by the typhoon, including Jinshan, Fengxian and Nanhui districts, reported power failures.

Sources with the mu-

nicipal government said that the typhoon has already affected the vegetable and fruit supplies on the urban market since the typhoon and heavy rain has damaged a large acreage of farmland in the rural areas.

The typhoon has caused one death and evacuated more than 1.2 million residents since it pounded eastern China, causing flooding and disrupting road and air transport.

On Friday night, one worker at a construction site in Shanghai died and two others were injured when a shed tumbled in rainstorms that heralded Matsa's coming.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman takes shelter in a makeshift bamboo shop on a highway in Gauhati, India, on 6 August, 2005. Flooding and landslides that started after Western India was hammered by monsoon rains last week have killed 1,039 people, a senior Indian official said on Friday.

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## 14 dead, 15 missing in Tunisian plane crash off Sicily

**ROME, 7 Aug** — At least 14 people were killed on Saturday when a small passenger plane on its way from Bari to Tunisia crashed into the sea north of Sicily, according to Italian news agency ANSA.

Official sources in Palermo said that 20 of the 39 people aboard the Tunisian Tunintair flight had survived the crash and been fished out of the water by emergency services.

Two and a half hours after the crash, which happened at about 16:00 local time, five people were still missing.

Almost all the victims were believed to be Italians. The ATR 72 turboprop aircraft was carrying four Tunisian crew members and 35 passengers, all of them Italians. At least one crew member was believed to have survived.

The plane took off from Bari in southern Italy bound for the Tunisian

resort of Djerba at 14:40 and appears to have encountered difficulties about an hour later.

The pilot requested an emergency landing at Punta Raisa Airport near Palermo but then apparently realized he was unable to reach the landing strip. He radioed at 15:37 to say he was attempting a sea landing.

The plane came down in the sea 13 kilometres north of Palermo and remained afloat. Many passengers managed to leave the aircraft and climb onto the wings as they waited for emergency services.

MNA/Xinhua

## Two US soldiers drowned in Afghan accident

**KABUL, 7 Aug** — Two US servicemen were drowned and two escaped when their Humvee slid into a flood-swollen river while on patrol in eastern Afghanistan, the military said on Saturday.

A statement said the accident happened on Thursday — the same day a US soldier was killed when his convoy was ambushed in the south of the country.

The latest deaths raise the toll of US servicemen in Afghanistan to at least 40 this year — the bloodiest period for Washington since they helped overthrow the Taleban in 2001.

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

MNA/Reuters

## Police probe London triple murder

**LONDON, 7 Aug** — British police launched a triple murder investigation on Saturday after finding the bodies of three people believed to have been shot dead in a north London apartment.

The bodies of a 62-year-old man and two women, aged 27 and 34, were found by a family member at the house in Wembley on Friday, police said.

A nine-month-old baby was also in the apartment. The baby boy, said by detectives to be related to the two women, was taken to hospital but was said to be unharmed.

Officers said the victims appeared to have suffered gun shot wounds and the deaths were being treated as murder. They said they had an open mind as to the motive.

MNA/Reuters

## Three Turkish truck drivers kidnapped in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 7 Aug**—An Arab television station aired a video Sunday of what it said were three Turkish truck drivers kidnapped in Iraq. The three were said to work for a company that transports supplies to US forces.

The video, telecast by Al-Jazeera, showed the three men, but an announcer spoke over as they talked. The three were being held by a previously unknown group al-Fursan, or the Knights, Al-Jazeera said.

It was unclear when and where they were seized. "This will be the last warning for companies that cooperate with occupation forces and therefore they will receive the fair punishment," the announcer said, reading from the kidnappers' statement.

Internet



A US Marine exits after searching a school where fellow Marines used explosives to blow open the door, shattering the windows, in Parwana, near Haditha, Iraq, on 6 August, 2005.

INTERNET

## Iran terms EU nuclear proposal as unacceptable

TEHRAN, 7 Aug — Iran on Saturday termed as “unacceptable” a package of incentives offered by the European Union on Iran’s nuclear file, state radio reported.

“The European proposal is unacceptable to Iran, for the proposal provides us no guarantees for our interests and are inconsistent to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and the Paris agreement,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid-Reza Asefi was quoted as saying.

Asefi referred to an agreement reached by Teheran and the European trio of Britain,

France and Germany in Paris last October.

Under the agreement, Iran suspended all activities related to uranium enrichment one month later and opened way to negotiations with the EU.

“The Europeans have not fulfilled their commitments,” he said. Asefi added that Iran would provide its official reply to the proposal Saturday or Sunday.

The proposal was de-

livered by ambassadors of Britain, France and Germany to Teheran. The EU trio has acted as the broker of Iran’s nuclear issue for nearly two years.

Soon after the delivery of the 34-page document, the EU and the United States urged Teheran to accept the proposal and retreat from its way to the threatened resumption of sensitive nuclear activities, saying a

rejection will trigger the procedure to refer Iran’s nuclear case to the UN Security Council.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has also announced that its Board of Governors would hold an emergency meeting on Tuesday under a call of the European trio to discuss Iran’s planned resumption of uranium conversion activities.

MNA/Xinhua

## Programme launched to aid girl students from Chinese poor families

BELING, 7 Aug — The China Women Development Fund and the China Women’s News have jointly launched a “Sunshine Student-Aid” action programme to help girl students from poor families finish their schooling in universities this year.

The annual cost of living for a college student is about 6,600 yuan (about 800 US dollars), making it unaffordable to poor families. Donators will be published in local media. In a letter published by the fund and the newspaper, girl students are urged not to give up their studies.

In recent years, the government has implemented a series of policies to help needy students, granting loans for tuition, which has enabled a large number of students to enter university. — MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesian Supreme Court rejects Bashir’s appeal

JAKARTA, 7 Aug — Indonesia’s Supreme Court has rejected an appeal by Abu Bakar Bashir, the Muslim cleric serving to 30 months in jail for his role in the 2002 Bali nightclub bombing that killed 202 people, his lawyer said on Saturday.

Bashir was convicted in March and given a 30-month jail sentence. His lawyers have argued that the court decision was based on false evidence and a fabricated police dossier.

“It’s true that the Supreme Court has rejected Abu Bakar Bashir’s appeal, but we have not received an official notification,” said the cleric’s lawyer Muhammad Assegaf. Authorities in Indonesia, the world’s most populous Muslim nation, and some foreign governments say the 66-year-old cleric is the head of the al-Qaeda-linked Jemaah Islamiyah network operating in Southeast Asia.

“He (Bashir) feels it is an act of injustice since the very beginning. It was

clearly an intervention by foreign countries,” Assegaf said.

Bashir was acquitted of charges that he led Jemaah Islamiyah, ordered the Bali bombings or was involved in a 2003 blast at Jakarta’s JW Marriott Hotel that killed 12 people.

The verdict prompted the United States and key ally Australia to call for a review on the grounds the sentence was too lenient. The Bali nightclub blasts killed 88 Australians.

“He will continue to fight this injustice, and he rather fight in silence than having to admit that the allegations were true,” said Assegaf.

MNA/Reuters



A Chinese girl looks into the mirror as she tries on a hat with a logo of the 2008 Summer Olympics at a store selling souvenirs for the 2008 Olympic Games in Nanjing, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 7 August, 2005. China will host the 2008 Summer Olympics, scheduled to begin on 8 August, 2008.—INTERNET

## China’s private aviation set to take off in big way

BEIJING, 7 Aug — Whether for business or pleasure, manufacturers reckon private aviation in China is set to take off in a big way, according to Saturday’s China Daily.

Diamond Aircraft Industries, an Austrian-based plane manufacturer, is one of the foreign jet manufacturers eyeing the lucrative market.

Diamond established a joint venture with the Binzhou Dagao General Aviation Co Ltd in East China’s Shandong Province in June.

The first 4-seat DA40 light plane is expected to leave the assemble line in October with a list price of around 200,000 US dollars, sources from the joint venture said.

The number of millionaires in China is growing, and more and more Chinese will have a chance to own their own planes, said Michael Feinig, Diamond’s managing director.

“It is not far from a reality for wealthy Chinese people to be able to treat the private jet as a practical means of transport, creating an attractive market for

us,” Feinig was quoted by the 21st Business Herald as saying. Insiders forecast China’s business jet market will be worth over 9 billion US dollars within 10 years, with the number of private jets expected to rise from 20-plus to more than 600.

“There are more private jets in the greater Los Angeles area than in the whole of China at the moment, but we expect it to be fast-growing,” said David Dixon, Asia Pacific vice-president for regional jet maker Bombardier Aerospace.

Canada’s Bombardier is also vying with traditional rivals Embraer SA of Brazil and Gulfstream, a unit of General Dynamics, for a slice of the private jet market in China — where the economy has been growing at nearly 9 per cent every year for almost a decade. — MNA/Xinhua

## Poll shows Bush’s approval rating on Iraq issue hits new low

WASHINGTON, 7 Aug — US President George W Bush’s approval rating on how he handles the Iraq problem dropped further to 38 per cent, the lowest point in recent months, according to a latest survey.

The poll of 1,000 US adults nationwide, conducted by international polling agency Ipsos between 1 and 3 August, also found fewer than half of those interviewed trust the President’s honesty. Approval rating of Bush’s handling of the Iraq problem had been hovering between 40 and 45 per cent in most of the year and now dropped further to a 38-per-cent new low.

The latest poll also

showed that the percentage of people who trust Bush’s honesty has dropped from 53 per cent last month to 48 per cent.

Poll experts said the honesty dip is partly caused by his diminishing credibility on the Iraq issue, even though he on Thursday pledged to complete the “job in Iraq” at his ranch in Crawford, Texas.

Bush’s overall job approval remained at 42 per cent, unchanged in

recent months, the poll suggested.

The survey also found 60 per cent of those interviewed said they think the country is going down the wrong track.

Analysts said aside from dragging down Bush’s approval rating, the Iraq problem will also have a major impact on the results of the mid-term congressional election next year.

MNA/Xinhua

## Nine injured in S-W China earthquake

HUIZE (Yunnan), 7 Aug — The earthquake which jolted the county of Huize in southwest China’s Yunnan Province Friday left nine injured as of 7:00 pm Saturday.

Xiao Liang, vice-magistrate of the county, said the quake, measuring 5.3 on the Richter Scale, toppled down 3,700 houses and affected more than 25,000 households. We have never experienced a disastrous earthquake like this. We were terrified when it happened,” said 50-year-old villager Zhang Yingyu.

The source with the county’s disaster relief headquarters said they have mobilized 173 medical workers and 11 ambulances with medicines worth 270,000 yuan (about 32,600 US dollars) to the quake-hit areas.

The government put up tents to form a 30,000-square-metre temporary living area and distributed 30,000 kilos of rice and 350 quilts to the disaster-hit people. — MNA/Xinhua

## Malaysia to conduct urine tests in public universities

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 Aug — Malaysia will conduct urine tests on students in public higher education institutions beginning next month, Malaysia’s official news agency Bernama said on Saturday.

Malaysia’s Higher Education Ministry will cooperate with the Youth and Sports Ministry to do this, Malaysian Higher Education Minister Shafie Salleh was quoted as saying by Bernama.

The tests are aimed at identifying students involved in drug abuse, he said

after opening an anti-drug programme near Kuala Lumpur.

The tests would be done randomly as an awareness programme, and students testing positive would be given further treatment, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

# Turtle conservation of Myanmar

*Sein Sein Thein (Dagon University)*



*Olive ridley is returning to her home.*

Our research group travelled to Bogale Township in June 2005, to conduct preliminary survey on reptilian fauna of this township. It was my second trip. Last October, we visited Mainmahla Island, Gayetgyi Island and Kadonkalay Island. These islands were formed with silt deposited by Bogale River and Gulf of Mottama. Bredid turtles lay eggs on Gayetgyi Island from September to March yearly. Female turtles made their nests to lay the eggs on the sandbank. We have chosen three stations for experiment as lower slope, upper slope and dune on nesting area. Each nest is fixed with pillars for date of laying eggs and serial number for identification. We have taken data such as egg laying date, time, pillar number, sector number, approximate hatching date, number of death, number of unhatched eggs, number of undeveloped eggs, number of total eggs, etc:

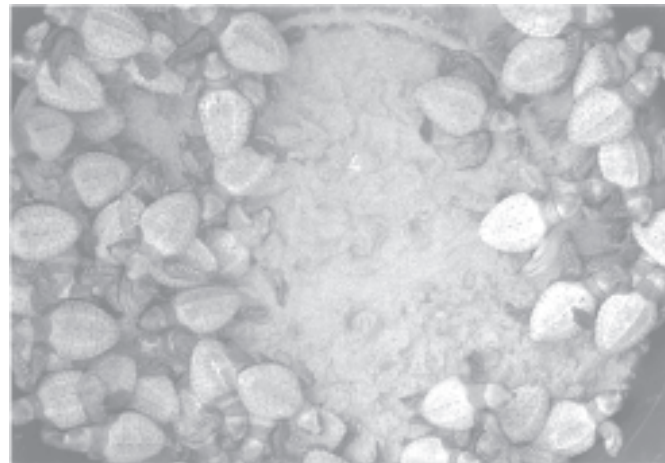
During our sur-

vey period the only species of Sea turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) come up Gayetgyi Island. Its common name is olive ridley. Silicious sand of this island is the most suitable condition for sea turtles. We observed the waterway and migratory routes of olive ridley in Gayetgyi Island.

Research activities on turtle biology and population are virtually important to provide knowledge and information upon which to base successful management. In the past the research works on Sea turtles had been limited except two scholars of certain universities. They are Daw Saw Mya Kay Thi and U Maung Myint. Currently there is an increasing interest in the topic among Universities, NGOs and private sector. This is a positive sign in improving data base on sea turtle management and conservation in Myanmar.

We will continue the on-going research activities on bio-ecology and monitoring including survey of stocks and identification of major nesting sites and foraging

area, identification of migratory routes and geographical ranges of population, conservation practices on nesting beach and determination of impact of coastal fisheries on the sea turtle population. The data and information on the two last points are entirely not available but we must try. To realize all of the above activities and achieve good results on



*She gave us valuable treasures.*

Sea Turtle programme in Myanmar, collaboration with experts of Livestock Fisheries Department and human resources of universities are needed. Our research programme on sea turtle, using tags and telemetry satellite was done only in a short time on several occasions. Sea turtles are tagged to ensure the recognition of individuals for searching their migratory route. Tagging is most often conducted to obtain information on reproductive biology movements, stranding, residency and growth rates. Sea turtles have been tagged usually on the flippers of a metal or plastic tag inscribed with numbers and words. We have recorded that ol-

ive ridley is relatively small Sea turtle six to eight inches in size and occasionally five or nine pairs of lateral scutes. The carapace is uniform olive in colour. Olive ridleys are carnivores and migratory animals. Female olive ridley came alone in Gayetgyi island when we reached there. We also assume that conservation efforts throughout the world are now directed at

requires trained personnel and public support. Department of Fisheries trained their officials and Department of Education produced the researchers for Sea turtle conservation. We conserve our treasures under the guidance of Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and Ministry of Education.

U Cho Hla Aung (DoF) and U Myint Maung (Professor and

emphasized that the time may be very short for survival of these animals unless effective conservation action is taken as soon as possible. Some countries in Asia have lost unique and potentially very important resources. The migration of key species was studied by a tagging programme in developing countries. Thus we are conducting the conservation-biological research works on Sea turtles. Most turtles are recaptured within one or two kilometres of their released locations, but all of these turtle species showed some ability to migrate significant distances. Relative migratory behaviour thus varied between the key species. It is very urgent to work out to know the turtles' migratory routes in Myanmar.

We are working together with necessary aid especially from NGOs of these rural Island in Bogale Township. We appreciated them for their conservation-minded spirit.

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head of Department of Zoology, Dagon University) are steering committee members of our research group.

Environmental Education programmes started at Department of Education. But it must be



*Hatchings have been cared by a scholar*

# Patriotism, Union Spirit and national solidarity play an important role in building a new, modern and developed nation

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Executive of Magway Division USDA U Maung Maung Htay presided over the meeting together with Chairperson of the Division WAO Daw Yi Yi Lwin, Joint Secretary of the Division MCWA Daw Tin Tin Htwe, Capt Cho Tun (Retd) of the Division War Veterans Supervisory Committee, Com-

Next, Executive of the Division USDA U Maung Maung Htay made a speech. He said that the government is at present making all-out efforts for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation after laying down the 12 objectives, the four-point people's desire and the seven-point Road Map. At such a time like this,

At a time when national solidarity disintegrated and the strength of politics, economy and defence degenerated, the nation was fallen under alien subjugation and sovereignty was lost. The Myanmar people with Union Spirit and nationalistic spirit brilliantly and unitedly fought against the colonialists and finally, the independence was regained.

The discussions and statements of the War Veterans Organization's Conference held on 26 June 2005 and the ceremony to mark the Myanmar Women's Day held on 3 July 2005 called for exposing and guarding against inhuman acts of internal and external destructive elements and safeguarding the nation with nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit.

*U Maung Maung Htay of Magway Division USDA delivers address at the mass meeting.*  
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*The mass meeting to guard against the dangers posed by internal and external destructive elements through the united strength of the people in progress in Magway.—MNA*

mander of the Division Fire Brigade U Than Swe, Head of the Division Red Cross Brigade U Kyaw Naing Oo and Chairman of the Division Rice Merchants

some alien nations in collusion with internal and external organizations are intensifying their destructive acts with every intention of putting the State and the

A glance at the Myanmar history will reveal that at a time when the entire national people have been able to harmoniously establish the nation, the nation is making progress

Hence, the national people under the leadership of the government are to stamp out the dangers of internal and external destructive elements who are attacking Myanmar in

USDA U Aung Naing Win took part in the discussion. He said that the ILO accepted fabricated complaints made by culprit Pyithit Nyunt Way (a) Maung Maung of FTUB. Pyithit Nyunt

holding negative views, are putting pressure on and imposing economic sanctions against Myanmar. Their inhuman acts have led to the closure of some factories and mills in the



*Yenangyoung Township USDA Secretary U Aung Naing Win discusses at the mass meeting.*  
MNA

## Expose and guard against inhuman acts of internal and external destructive elements

Association U Than Gyaung as members of the panel of chairmen.

Member of the USDA Daw Thazin Aung acted as master of ceremonies and Executive of the USDA Daw Ei Shwe Sin Tun acted as Co-master of ceremonies and those present saluted the State flag.

people into trouble. As their sinister acts are detrimental to sovereignty, it is time for the entire national people to collectively ward off the dangers with the national outlooks.

In the course of Myanmar history, the national races have been living in the Union through weal and woe.

and developing, and at a time when national solidarity disintegrated, the nation was encroached upon and enslaved.

Therefore, patriotism, Union Spirit and national solidarity play an important role in building a new, modern and developed nation. There are 2,272,957 members in Magway Division USDA which was formed with people from all walks of life including students. The association members are to strive together with the people for successful realization of the national objective.

the interest of a handful of people.

In conclusion, he called on the national people to actively take part in successful realization of the seven-point Road Map by doing their bit with Union Spirit, while warding off the wicked acts of the destructive elements who are undermining national unity.

Next, Secretary of Yenangyoung Township

Way (a) Maung Maung of FTUB, against whom action was taken according to law by the government, was allowed to attend the ILO Conference as a representative of ICFTU. He has been making a series of fabrications to the effect that there are forced labourers in the nation.

In the meantime, some big nations, based on fabricated news of expatriates and those

nation and ten of thousands of workers become jobless. At the same time, those big nations in synchronization with internal and external destructive elements are attempting to delay the momentum of national development.

There emerged accusations that there is forced labour in the nation and designating of Myanmar as tier-3 by a big nation under its human trafficking control law. Those problems and objections are being created to the liking of the western powers. Those sinister acts are harmful to the momentum of national development. Since the assumption of the State responsibilities by the Tatmadaw government, there have emerged the destructive acts committed by those holding negative views.

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**Some alien nations in collusion with internal and external organizations are intensifying their destructive acts with every intention of putting the State and the people into trouble. As their sinister acts are detrimental to sovereignty, it is time for the entire national people to collectively ward off the dangers with the national outlooks.**



*Daw Khin Maw Maw Chit of Magway Division OWA.*  
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Members of the panel of chairmen seen at the mass meeting in Magway. — MNA

Daw Hta Hta Win of Magway Township MCWA said that since assumption of the State duties, the government has been implementing the 12 political, economic and social objectives with the aim of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation according to the wish of the entire people. The nation has been witnessing sound economic foundations and results thanks to the five rural development tasks and 24 special-development zone project.

gration of the Union; non-disintegration of the national solidarity; and perpetuation of the sovereignty — as the national policy and has always placed it in the fore; that the Government is marching to reach the goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, with the four political objectives, the four economic objectives and the four social objectives as the work guideline. All should take the lessons of the past and strive in unity to reach

Veterans Supervisory Committee Lt-Col Nyo Win Myint (Retd) said the government with the aim of restoration of discipline-flourishing democracy made preparations for the National Convention beginning 1992. The National Convention was held from 1993 to 1996. However, representatives from a political party walked out from the National Convention, a path to democracy. The present government is the Tatmadaw government

## National people need to ward off any destructive acts through the united strength of the people

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In conclusion, he disclosed that the national people need to ward off any destructive acts through the united strength of the people and expose destructive elements who are destroying the national interest.

Afterwards, Daw Khin Maw Maw Chit of Magway Division Women's Affairs Organization said that King Bayintnaung Kyawhtin Nawrahta

Organization, Union Solidarity and Development Association, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, War Veterans Organization, Red Cross Society and Auxiliary Fire Brigade, and the people. All national people are to crush the destructive elements who have encroached upon perpetuation of the sovereignty.

She quoted the speech of the Head of State Senior General

to prevent the acts of destructive elements within and without.

In conclusion, she pledged to guard against the danger posed by destructionists through united strength of the people and to safeguard the people's interests.

Executive of Magway District USDA U Zaw Myint seconded the motions tabled by Yenangyoung Township USDA U Aung



Member of Magway Township MCWA Daw Hta Hta Win. — MNA



Magway District USDA executive U Zaw Myint. — MNA



Lt-Col Nyo Win Myint (Retd) of Division WVO Supervisory Committee.—MNA



Salin Township USDA executive Daw Tin May Tun.—MNA

founded the Second Myanmar and King Alaungmintaya U Aung Zeya the Third Myanmar. At present, the State Peace and Development Council is making efforts for implementation of the nation-building tasks in cooperation with the people and have made progress in building modern and developed nation.

We must guard against the danger posed by destructionists through combined strength of NGOs such as Women's Affairs

Than Shwe delivered at USDA Annual Meeting for 1994, and said that some countries and their minions within the State have encroached upon the sovereignty and territory of the State and have made false accusations against the government in an attempt to marginalize the State from international community. In addition, they have occasionally provoked political unrest by making use of their minions within the State. Hence, the people are

Naing Win and Daw Khin Maw Maw Chit of Division OWA.

At a time when the government is striving for all-round development and perpetuation of the nation, the traitors relying on aliens and neo-colonialists are spreading fabrications with the intention of destroying the national development undertakings. At the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Patron of USDA Commander-in-Chief of Armed Forces Senior General Than Shwe said that the Government laid down Our Three Main National Causes — non-disinte-

the goal. All the national people including the members of the USDA, MWAF, MCWA, MWVO, auxiliary fire brigades, and Red Cross brigades should strive in unity with patriotism for the success of the seven-point Road Map, while placing in the fore Our Three Main National Causes and crushing the destructive elements going against the national goal.

In his discussions, Secretary of Magway Division War

in form but it is the one that paves the way to transform one system to another smoothly in accord with the existing laws and regulations.

Moreover, the government has laid down the seven-point Road Map and it continues reconvening of the National Convention that has been adjourned since 1996. The seven-point Road Map is the most peaceful path to national reconsolidation and democratic way.

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Mass Meeting on Guarding Against Internal and External Destructionists through People's United Strength in progress in Magway.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein put fingerlings to rice fields. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents a prize to Hlegu Township that stood first in direct seeding contest. — MNA

## 1,143,354 acres of land have been put under...

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 authorities and departmental officials.  
 Speaking on the occasion, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe said 1,143,354 acres of land have been put under monsoon paddy out of 1.2 million acres that were targeted in the division. Agricultural sector is very important not only for the livelihood of the people but also for the economy

of the State. Paddy is the most valuable product in the agricultural sector. He said for the boosting of agricultural produce, there are four means and ways. They are the use of correct method, use of quality strains, mixed use of natural fertilizers and chemical fertilizers and boosting of monsoon paddy cultivation. As a lot of dams and reservoirs have been built, cultiva-

tion acreage is now on the increase in the division. The commander and party released 231,000 fingerlings into the paddy fields.  
 Next, the commander and party viewed the direct seeding contest and booths of ministries, companies and organizations and display of farm machinery. The commander awarded prize winners of the various contests. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein presents a prize to Yangon South District that stood first in outstanding performance in improvement of GDP and agriculture. — MNA

### New waterways under Chindwin River Bridge

YANGON, 8 Aug — Waterways under Chindwin River Bridge (Monywa) on Chindwin River have been changed as from 9 August.  
 A new waterway between piers No 3 and No 4 is for vessels sailing upstream and between No 7 and No 8 is for those sailing downstream.  
 The clearance of the waterways is 300 ft in width and 40 ft in height. A triangle sign in green colour illuminated with green at night is fixed at the entrance to the waterway. The no-entry sign is a red-coloured cross and will be lighted with red bulbs at night.  
 Priority must be given to the vessels sailing downstream of the bridge. — MNA

### Chindwin Shipyard opens...

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 The minister said in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, Chindwin shipyard was constructed for the transport of a great number of cargoes and passengers according to the motto of the ministry.  
 The commander also said the opening of the shipyard where more ships

can be built and repaired in a short time will serve the interests of the people as well as the State.  
 After that the minister visited the office of the AGM of Inland Water Transport in Monywa where he met officials and gave necessary instructions.  
 On arrival at the Yadanabon shipyard, the

minister heard reports by Deputy Superintending Engineer U Soe Myint on repairs of the ships and water craft at the shipyard for 2005-2006. The minister inspected the shipyard.  
 Later, the minister visited the IWT Ayeyawady branch in Mandalay and met responsible officials. — MNA

### Secretariat Member meets executives...

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 Mandalay Division. On behalf of villagers, Village Organizer U Than Tun of the village presented 1500 USDA applications to the Secretariat Member.  
 Next, the Secretariat Member spoke at length on noble aims of the association and endeavours being made for social welfare tasks. He urged the association members to guard against the destructive acts committed by lackeys of aliens hand in hand with the people. In the afternoon, the Secretariat Member Minister U Aung Thaung inspected a factory of Myanmar Foodstuff Industries in Nganan village. A ceremony to present USDA applications was held in Phetpinaing village.

The Secretariat Member attended the ceremony and accepted 5000 applications presented by village organizers on behalf of villagers. Next, Secretariat Member Minister U Aung Thaung attended the ceremony to open bio-gas fired power generator in Phetpinaing village tract.  
 Executive U Zaw Win of Myingyan Township USDA reported to the minister on efforts made to build the generator.  
 Myingyan Township USDA Secretary U Mya

Aung, Chairman of Phetpinaing village Peace and Development Council U Thaung and Organizer U Tun Myint formally opened the plant.  
 Next, the Secretariat Member Minister U Aung Thaung pressed the button to open the generator. The Secretariat Member also met with secretaries, executives and organizers of Myingyan, Nyaung U, Taungtha, Natogyi, Kyaukpadaung township USDAs and discussed future plans. — MNA



Newly-built Chindwin Shipyard in Monywa, Sagaing Division. — MNA

### Manuscripts for National Motto Literary and Photo Contest 2005 invited

YANGON, 8 Aug — The committee for organizing National Motto Literary and Photo Contest announced that 16th Literary and Photo Contest for 2005 had been held. The contest comprises short story, article, poem contests and secondary, high school and university levels quiz on Tatmadaw as well as colour photo contest. Of the contests, short story, article and poem contests are to reflect the four social objectives.  
 There must be 4,000 to 8,000 words in the short story, 3,000 to 5,000 words in the article and 300 to 900 words in the poem. The title of the colour photo contest is "all-round development of Myanmar".  
 Those wishing to participate in the contest are to send two manuscripts and brief testimonials along with two passport size photos to the secretary of the committee, MRTV on Pyay Road not later than 30 September 2005 and colour photo contestants are to contact the joint-secretary of the committee, IPRD on Pansodan Street not later than 15 October 2005.  
 Handsome prizes will be presented to the winners. — MNA

## Energy Minister inspects oil and gas fields in Magway Division



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects new oil well No 16 of Sabei Oil field in Pauk.

YANGON, 8 Aug — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi together with officials inspected Kyauk Khwat/Lat Pando Oil and Natural Gas field of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise in Myaing Township, Magway Division yesterday morning and heard reports on current oil production, boosting production of oil and gas, and drilling oil wells in central Myanmar by officials. The minister then left instruc-

tions. The minister also looked into preparation for drilling new well No 63 and fulfilled the requirements. The minister and party proceeded to Thakyaung oil field in Pauk Township, Magway Division, and heard reports on drilling new oil wells and production of oil and natural gas and called for more drilling new oil wells in Thakyaung region and undertaking greening tasks.

On arrival at Sabei oil field in Pauk, an official reported matters related to current production of oil and natural gas to the minister who gave necessary instructions and oversaw new oil well No 16.

Kyauk Khwat/Lat Pando and Thakyaung/Sabei Oil and Natural Gas fields produce about 1,400-barrels of crude oil and 20 million cubic feet natural gas per day.

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## USDA CEC member tours Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 8 Aug — Member of Central Executive Committee of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung arrived at the construction site of KanU Village Basic Education Primary School in Ingapu Township yesterday. CEC member Brig-Gen Thein Aung met the headmaster, teachers and townsmen. He attended the ceremony to hand over the extension hall of Mezaligon Basic Education High School. He explained about the government's arrangements for rural development. Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Saw Thein Win handed over the documents to Township Education Officer U Thein Zan. Wellwisher U Yan Myo Naing-Daw Than Than Htay of Panthi Co presented K2 million to Chairman U Saw Thein Win. CEC member Brig-Gen Thein Aung and party inspected the new extension hall.

He also attended prize-presentation for outstanding students of the 2005 Matriculation Examination at the city hall in Htoogyi and delivered a speech.

Ayeyawady Division

Education Officer (Inspection) U Khin Maung Yi reported on academic matters. The CEC member and officials presented prizes to the outstanding students.

Brig-Gen Thein Aung presented gifts to the school heads of BEHSs and 540 dozens of exercise books and 5,760 dozens of pencils for schools in the township.

Next, wellwishers donated computers, printer and copier for Htoogyi BEHS to the headmistress. The CEC member and party visited Htaungpawgon

BEPS. The minister inspected No 116 saw mill in Kyangin.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meets staff of TV retransmission station in Nyaunglaybin.—MNA

## National people need to ward off any...

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The National Convention was held in the interest and development of the entire nation rather than that of a single party or person. Detailed basic principles on legislation, executive and judiciary chapters were laid down. Necessary basic principles for a constitution to shape a democratic State in the future were being discussed at the National Convention with the political forces.

He said the National Convention based on national reconsolidation

leads to the emergence of an enduring State Constitution and it is very important for establishment of an discipline-flourishing democratic State.

He said the people upholding the four-point People's Desire have to ward off those who make attempts to make Myanmar a slave country in collaboration with some western nations.

Patriotism means love of one's country and willingness to defend it. It is based on nationalistic fervour of cherishing, developing and safeguarding the

## Industry-2 Minister inspects factories in Bago Division (West), Magway

YANGON, 8 Aug — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin yesterday arrived at No 1 Agricultural Machinery Factory (Hsinde) in Padaung Township, Bago Division (West), and inspected the power tillers, engines and water pumps produced by the factory.

Next, the minister inspected the generator factory being constructed by the Myanmar Industrial Construction Services.

On 6 August, the minister met with officials of No 2 Agricultural Machinery Factory (Malun) of the Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Industries

in Minhla, Magway Division.

At the meeting, the minister urged them to make efforts to exceed the targeted production and to carry out research and to do inventions. At the factory, the minister also inspected the production process.

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## Information Minister inspects construction of Nyaunglaybin TV retransmission station

YANGON, 8 Aug — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, accompanied by Myanmar Radio and Television Director-General U Khin Maung Htay, Chief Engineer U Tin Wan and officials, arrived at the TV retransmission station in Nyaunglaybin being constructed by MRTV this morning. The minister inspected construction of a tower and installation of machinery. The director general and the chief engineer reported on construction tasks.

At the guest house of the station, Director-General U Khin Maung Htay reported that the aim of construction of Nyaunglaybin TV retransmission station was to enable the people of Bago District and Taungoo Dis-

trict to enjoy TV programmes. Senior Engineer U Tun Ngwe reported on installation of machinery. In response to the report, the minister stressed the need for earlier completion of the station, minimizing loss and wastage, and systematic installation of machinery. Upon completion, the people of villages in Nyaunglaybin, DaikU, Shwegyin, Kyaukkyi and Kyaukdaga townships will enjoy Myanmar TV programmes. Officials of the Information and Public Relation departments in Bago District reported to the minister on their respective tasks. Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said in striving for the opening of self-reliant libraries in every village, the IPRD is to cooperate with local authorities and social organizations. Coop-

eration is also necessary to get adequate funds for the libraries, he said.

Afterwards, the minister looked into installation of machinery at the retransmission station. The minister and party proceeded to Nyaunglaybin Township IPRD office where he viewed keeping of books and journals and reading of library visitors and gave necessary instructions to officials. On arrival at the DaikU, the minister inspected the site chosen for construction of new office of DaikU Township IPRD. Next the minister visited the DaikU IPRD in Ward-1. After inspecting keeping of books at the Knowledge Bank, the minister urged officials to organize the people to read at the library for the improvement of knowledge.—MNA

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the motions tabled by member of Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Hta Hta Win and Secretary of Magway Division War Veterans Supervisory Committee Lt-Col Nyo Win Myint (Retd) and sought approval of their motions from the mass meeting.

Afterwards, the meeting chairman sought the approval from the mass meeting and declared that the resolutions were passed. The meeting ended with the chanting of the slogans.

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**Russia lowers forecast of oil supplies to China in 2005**

Moscow, 7 Aug—Russia reduced its forecast Friday for its oil shipment via railway to China to seven million tons for 2005 from the earlier estimate of 10 million tons. "We plan to transport about seven million tons in 2005 due to limitations in loading capacity," an official of Russian Railways, the country's railway monopoly, told the

*Interfax* news agency. Russia's largest oil producer, Lukoil, stopped transporting oil to China in May due to the limitation, the unidentified official said. State-owned oil company Rosneft has applied to transport 508,000 tons of oil and YUKOS 200,000 tons to China in August. Sibneft has not applied to transport oil to

China through Kazakhstan, the official said. Rosneft plans to transport about 8.8 million tons of oil to China in 2006. "After the launch of an oil loading platform at the Uyar station, we will be able to transport about 10-15 million tons of oil to China every year," he said. *MNA/Xinhua*

**Robin Cook dies of heart attack**

LONDON, 7 Aug—Britain's former foreign secretary Robin Cook died on Saturday aged 59 after suffering a heart attack. The Labour Member of Parliament (MP) was walking with friends along Mt Ben Stack in the Scottish Highlands when he collapsed, the Sky news reported. Cook was taken by air ambulance from the mountain, near Thurso, to a hospital in Inverness at around 2.30 pm. He was with his second wife, Gaynor, when he suffered the heart attack near the summit of the mountain. They reportedly had to ask other walkers to dial 999 for help as they had

no means of communication themselves. Cook, MP for Livingston since 1983, is reportedly to have been conscious when he was taken to Raigmore Hospital in Inverness, but was pronounced dead at 4.05 pm. "Robin was the greatest parliamentarian of his generation. He also made an enormous contribution to British politics in opposition and in government. He will be sorely missed," said Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott. Cook resigned from the government in March 2003 after disagreeing strongly with Prime Minister Tony Blair on bringing Britain to the war on Iraq.—*MNA/Xinhua*

**94% of drivers admit to speeding in Britain**

LONDON, 7 Aug—Ninety-four per cent of British motorists admit to breaking the speed limit, while almost a quarter do so because they think the limit is too low, according to a survey published on Friday. A third of young driv-

ers aged 18 to 29 said they regularly broke the speed limit, while almost 60 per cent of drivers think it is acceptable to speed on empty roads, the survey by Direct Line found. The Department of Transport estimates that one in three road deaths

are caused by speeding. The survey found that motorists thought it was acceptable to speed when there was an emergency (33 per cent), if the limit was considered to be too low (24 per cent) or if there was less traffic about (21 per cent).—*MNA/Reuters*

**LA countries to hold drills for protecting Panama Canal**

PANAMA CITY, 7 Aug—Some 3,500 troops from 10 Latin American countries are to take part in drills on 9-16 August designed to test ways to ensure the continued operation of the Panama Canal in the face of a hypothetical terrorist attack, local Press said on Friday. The drills, dubbed

Panamax 2005, will involve Argentina, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Peru and the United States. Costa Rica, El Salvador, France, Uruguay and Panama will take part as observers. Panamax 2005, which has a larger scale

than Panamax 2004, will be commanded by US Rear Admiral Vinson Smith. Operation Panamax started in 2003 under the auspices of the United States and Chile in order to improve the capability to respond to any threat facing the Canal. *MNA/Xinhua*

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**EI Baradei says scrapping nukes vital for human survival**

VIENNA, 7 Aug—The carnage wrought by the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki 60 years ago demonstrates the need to eliminate nuclear weapons for the sake of human survival, the head of the UN nuclear watchdog said on Friday. Speaking at an event in Vienna to mark the anniversaries of the bombings, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Mohamed ElBaradei said the passage of time should not let the world forget how devastating nuclear weapons are. "It has always been hoped that the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki stand as constant reminders of why preventing the further use and proliferation of such weapons—and why nuclear disarmament leading to a nuclear weapon-free world—is of utmost importance for the survival of humankind and planet Earth," he said.

The United States dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese port of Hiroshima on 6 August, 1945. It was the world's first atomic bombing and killed about 78,000 people instantly. By the end of 1945, the number of dead had reached about 140,000 out of the city's estimated population of 350,000. Three days later, a second bomb hit Nagasaki. Japan surrendered on 15 August, ending World War II. "We should remain humbled by what we have learned from the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki," said ElBaradei, whose agency polices the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), the global pact against the spread of nuclear weapons. *MNA/Reuters*

**More Norwegian funds allocated for Sudan**

STOCKHOLM, 7 Aug—The Norwegian Department of Foreign Affairs has allocated another 3.6 million US dollars in aid to Sudan, Norwegian Broadcasting reported on Friday. The funds will be channelled through the Norwegian Church Aid (KN). The money will be used to strengthen the work for peace and reconciliation, as well as for creating opportunity for better education, the KN said in a Press release. "In the light of Sudan's Vice-President John Garang's tragic death, it is more important than ever that the world society deliver and fulfil the promises given to Sudan," said Kari Oeyen, coordinator of the Norwegian Church Aid's programme for East Africa. —*MNA/Xinhua*

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**Paris subway train caught on fire, over 10 people treated for fumes**

PARIS, 7 Aug — A subway train was caught on fire on Saturday in northern Paris, resulting in over 10 people receiving treatment for inhaling smoke.

According to local officials, the fire was caused by a short-circuit in a car of the subway train, and it had been put out. However, part of the lines linking north and south of the city were still closed. All the passengers have been evacuated and the injured have been taken to hospitals, said a spokesman for the Paris transit authority, RATP. *MNA/Xinhua*

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Nearly 30% of Niger's children suffering from malnutrition

LOME, 7 Aug—The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on Thursday increased its appeal for aid to 14 million US dollars to help children in desperate need for food in Niger and said nearly 30 per cent of children in the West African nation are suffering from malnutrition.

The UNICEF's Deputy Director Rima Salah visited Niger for a first-hand look at the famine. She told reporters that UNICEF must take actions to tackle the humanitarian crisis and save more children's lives, according to reports from Niamey, Niger's capital.

She said that 24 to 30 per cent of children in the famine-stricken country are suffering from severe and moderate malnutrition.

UNICEF will do everything it can to save lives in Niger, Salah said, adding that the organization has increased its appeal for humanitarian aid to 14 million US dollars, but until now only nine million has been collected to help the hungry children.

Aboutou Karim Adibadji, UNICEF's representative in Niger, called on the international society to increase its efforts in dealing with the severe famine.

He said UNICEF has distributed food to some 32,000 children suffering malnutrition.

Two weeks ago, UN humanitarian chief Jan Egeland said Niger was facing "an acute humanitarian crisis" in which children were dying because the world community ignored UN appeals for urgent aid.

He said 2.5 million people desperately need food, including 800,000 malnourished children. Some 150,000 of those children will die soon "unless we really get to step up our operation", he warned.

On Thursday, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) also renewed its appeal for four million US dollars emergency agriculture assistance to respond to the famine crisis in Niger.

The FAO said in statement that funds are urgently needed to provide veterinary services and feed for livestock that play a key role in the livelihood and food security of many of the country's most vulnerable households.

"Without the assistance, the crises can worsen and more food aid would be needed," the statement said.

The United States announced on Thursday it would provide high-energy food to more than 34,000 of Niger's children in school feeding programmes.

Neighbouring Nigeria has donated 1,000 tons of grain and set up a committee to coordinate its Niger relief effort, according to Nigerian Press.

MNA/Xinhua

Crude oil futures close above \$ 62 a barrel in New York

NEW YORK, 7 Aug — Crude oil prices settled above 62 dollars per barrel on Friday as traders worried that refiners in the United States might not be able to meet summer fuel demand.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, light, sweet crude oil futures for September delivery climbed 93 cents to end at 62.31 dollars a barrel. Prices touched 62.45 dollars a barrel in earlier trading.

Analysts said a breach of the record high of 62.50 dollars per barrel that reached on Wednesday was just a matter of time.

Meanwhile, on London's International Petroleum Exchange, the September Brent crude oil futures rose 95 cents to close at 61.07 dollars per barrel. Friday's rally strengthened late in the session, as

fresh news headlines and market rumours about trouble at several US refineries added to worried about refiners ability to meet summer fuel demand. The exact extend of the refinery troubles was not known. But analysts estimated that some 3 per cent of US refining capacity might be affected.

The release of a positive US jobs report, which indicated the nation's economy was still growing rapidly, also overshadowed the energy markets. Growing economy would consume more crude oil.

MNA/Xinhua

Study helps New York to improve response to gas attack

NEW YORK, 7 Aug—A federally-funded anti-terror project is underway to determine the best way for New York City to respond to the effects of a bioterror attack, local media reported on Friday.

Scientists will start the second of the study's three phases on Saturday, hoping to better understand how an airborne attack would effect the area.

Researchers will release a harmless tracer gas in Midtown Manhattan, then trace the air currents with the help of sensors set up all over the place.

The study is expected to help determine how much gas is liable to seep into the subway system and get into nearby office buildings.

The researchers said they already have computer models that suggest how the gas would spread, but that real-world

tests are necessary to corroborate their theories.

"This is really a method of validating whether we know how air currents move around New York City, or whether we need to correct our models and make them better so the first responders have a better idea of what areas to evacuate and what areas to avoid," said John Heiser of the Brookhaven National Laboratory.

The first phase of testing took place in March, and a third and final round is scheduled for next spring. The current round of testing will last until 26 August.

MNA/Xinhua



South Korean employees of Asiana Airline work at a ticketing office at Kimpo airport in Seoul, South Korea, on 8 August, 2005.

INTERNET

Africa needs 7% economic growth to meet MDGs

JOHANNESBURG, 7 Aug—Africa needs to achieve an economic growth rate of at least 7 per cent to meet the millennium development goals, new African Development Bank (ADB) chief Donald Kaberuka said on Friday.

Kaberuka said in Pretoria that in order to meet the millennium development goals, Africa must "attain a real increase in GDP (gross domestic product) of seven percent at a minimum on a sustainable basis".

The goals, adopted by the United Nations five years ago, include halving poverty and hunger, improving access to education, and halting the spread of diseases like HIV/AIDS and Malaria—all by 2015. "Clearly, economic growth on its own is not enough,

but it is an essential condition," said Kaberuka, who is on a courtesy visit to South Africa. Currently, the continent's overall economic growth rate was just over 4 per cent. Also required was investment in human development and infrastructure, Kaberuka said.

He promised major reforms to make the ADB more effective. The Bank, tasked with financing the continent's economic development, he said, clearly needed "a scaling up of the quality of operations".

MNA/Xinhua

US backs Iran's civilian nuke programme for first time

WASHINGTON, 7 Aug — The United States on Friday for the first time accepted that Iran can develop civilian nuclear programmes, backing an EU proposal that would allow Teheran to pursue atomic power in exchange for giving up fuel work.

In a compromise that completed a gradual shift in US policy, Washington acquiesced because it believes the European Union offer has enough safeguards to prevent Iran diverting its civilian work into making nuclear bombs.

"We support the (Europeans') effort and the proposal they have put forward to find a diplomatic solution to this problem and to seek an end to Iran's nuclear weapons programme," State Department spokesman Tom Casey told reporters.

MNA/Reuters

Nigeria burns 11.5 tons of hard drugs

LAGOS, 7 Aug — The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) of Nigeria has destroyed 11,469 kilos of hard drugs intercepted at the Lagos International Airport, an NDLEA official said here on Friday.

NDLEA Chairman Alhaji Bello Lafiaji told reporters that the agency "set ablaze almost 11.5 tons (11,469 kilos) Thursday in a public glare".

Among the drugs destroyed, he said, there were 138.673 kilos of cocaine, 77.5 kilos of heroin and 9.151 kilos of cannabis sativa.

Lafiaji noted that Thursday's burning was the single-largest public destruction or seizures in the past 15 months.

According to him, the NDLEA has seized and destroyed 95.5 tons of illicit substances in the past five years across the country. — MNA/Xinhua

African migrants drown off Morocco

RABAT, 7 Aug—Nineteen African illegal migrants drowned on Friday when their rickety boat capsized off Morocco's southern Atlantic coast on its way to Spanish Canary Islands, state news agency MAP reported. Their bodies washed up off the Atlantic-coast city of Tarfaya, located at 710 miles south of the capital Rabat, it added. Two migrants survived the capsizing, it added. MAP gave no details on the nationalities of the victims, saying only they were from sub-Saharan African countries.

MNA/Reuters

# S P O R T S

## Bayer Leverkusen win 4-1 at promoted Frankfurt

BERLIN, 8 Aug— Bayer Leverkusen crushed Eintracht Frankfurt 4-1 away on Sunday to put themselves second to Werder Bremen after the opening weekend of Bundesliga action.

Promoted Frankfurt went ahead in the seventh minute through Macedonian Aleksandar Vasoski but Bayer never looked back after drawing level through a Dimitar Berbatov header on 24 minutes.

Three goals in 12 minutes in the second half from Andriy Voronin, Bernd Schneider and Jacek Krzynowek settled the issue.

Voronin nodded in the first back off the bar, before setting up Schneider and Krzynowek.

Coach Klaus Augenthaler said the result set Bayer up to meet champions Bayern next Saturday. "We're leaving

with a 4-1 result...and we're meeting them at home. Bayern are not unbeatable," he said.

Schalke, playing at home, dominated Kaiserslautern but struggled to match a Halil Altintop goal in the 33rd minute, despite the visitors later losing Altintop and Carsten Jancker through injury.

A 79th minute left foot tap-in from new signing Soren Larsen on his Bundesliga debut, four minutes after coming on to replace Zlatan Bajramovic, saved the League Cup holders from embarrassment.

Mladen Krstajic grabbed the Schalke win-

ner three minutes later.

"We had six chances in the first half an hour and should have gone ahead," said Schalke manager Ralf Rangnick. "But we showed we could work hard and I think the victory was well deserved."

Werder, one of six teams on three points, top the standings after one round of matches thanks to their 5-2 defeat of Arminia Bielefeld on Saturday. Bayern Munich beat Borussia Moenchengladbach 3-0 on Friday.

MNA/Reuters

## Nantes crush Rennes to go top

PARIS, 8 Aug— Nantes captured the lead in Ligue 1 with an impressive 3-0 away win over Stades Rennes in a western derby on Sunday.

Rennes join Paris St Germain and Bordeaux on maximum points after two games and go top on goal difference.

Nantes, who had started with a 2-0 home win over Racing Lens last weekend, opened the scoring on 14 minutes courtesy of Ivory Coast midfielder Emere Fae.

Substitute striker Mamadou Diallo doubled the advantage with a header in the 79th minute.

Rennes were reduced to 10 men three minutes later when defender Cyril Jeunechamp was sent off for elbowing Frederic Da Rocha.—MNA/Reuters

## Charleroi round off Belgian weekend action with victory

BRUSSELS, 8 Aug— Charleroi rounded off the opening weekend's action in the Belgian First Division with a 2-0 home win against Germinal Beershot on Sunday.

Two second half goals from Grgory Christ and Loris Reina secured the points against last season's cup winners.

Club Brugge kicked off the defence of their title and the weekend's action with a 2-0 home win over Excelsior Mouscron on Friday night. On Saturday, goals from all three of Anderlecht's new signings helped them crush La Louviere 6-0 on Saturday.

Belgium's big two are poised for Champions League qualifying action in the coming week as Club Brugge take on Valerenga in Norway and Anderlecht host Slavia Prague.

In the UEFA Cup, Racing Genk are at Latvia club Metalurgs on Thursday and the Belgians warmed up with a 1-1 draw at Lokeren. Standard Liege, who just missed on a UEFA Cup spot last season, enjoyed a convincing 3-1 win over Lierse.

Newly promoted Zulte Waregem scored a terrific 3-1 derby victory at Ghent. The other promoted side, SV Roeselare, went down 1-0 at St Truiden.—MNA/Reuters



Arsenal's French forward Thierry Henry attempts a shot while challenged by Chelsea's French defender William Gallas during the FA Community Shield soccer match at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, Wales, UK, on 7 Aug, 2005. The final score was 2-1, with both Chelsea goals scored by Drogba.—INTERNET

## Drogba double hands Chelsea win over Arsenal

CARDIFF, 8 Aug— Two goals from Didier Drogba gave champions Chelsea the best possible start to the new season with a 2-1 victory over likely title rivals Arsenal in the Community Shield match on Sunday.

The Ivory Coast striker, considered a disappointment by many last season after his arrival from Marseille for 24 million pounds (42.7 million US dollars), opened the scoring from close range in the eighth minute before adding the second with a superb solo effort 12 minutes into the second period.

Young Spanish midfielder Francesc Fabregas got one back seven minutes later to give FA Cup winners Arsenal hope but a myriad of second-half substitutions affected the cohesion of what had been a cagey contest at the Millennium Stadium.

It was the third time Chelsea had won English football's traditional season-opener and a first victory over their London rivals in a domestic match since November 1998.

Despite starting with two wingers in Damien Duff and Arjen Robben, Chelsea failed to get much width and their early attacks came through long balls launched towards Drogba and Eidur Gudjohnsen up front. The tactic, though crude, proved effective after eight minutes when new signing Asier Del Horno lofted a pass from left midfield towards Drogba, who had got in front of Swiss defender Philippe Senderos on the edge of the box.

The Ivory Coast striker took the ball on his chest before clipping a half-vol-



Chelsea's Didier Drogba holds the FA Community Shield after Chelsea beat Arsenal at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.—INTERNET

ley over Arsenal goalkeeper Jens Lehmann with his left foot to send the blue half of the 58,040 crowd wild with delight.

Arsenal pressed forward but for all the skill of their talented forwards, they spent most of their time skirmishing around the edge of the box and failed to really trouble the Chelsea goalkeeper until 10 minutes before half time.

Indeed, it was an Arsenal defender who finally forced the save from Petr Cech, Kolo Toure firing in a shot from just outside the box which the Czech pushed past his post at full stretch.

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger made three changes at halftime but it was Chelsea who grabbed the initiative in the second period with Drogba's second goal.

The 27-year-old outmuscled Senderos to get through on goal, put the ball round Lehmann and almost lost it to Toure before turning and lashing the ball into the net.

Chelsea were not allowed to take it easy, however, and Fabregas, expected to fill the huge shoes of the departed Patrick Vieira, got one back for Arsenal with a good run and neat finish after 64 minutes.

Thereafter the game opened up a bit with much more goalmouth incident than in the first hour and, while there was no lack of endeavour, the frequent substitutions inevitably diluted the quality.

Wenger will have been pleased by the fluent performance of his new signing Alexander Hleb in midfield, while Chelsea's 21-million-pound buy from Manchester City Sean Wright-Phillips replaced Robben on the wing for the last 21 minutes.—MNA/Reuters

## Carew presents Lyon with first home win

PARIS, 8 Aug— Norway striker John Carew presented Olympique Lyon with a 1-0 win over Racing Strasbourg in the French champions' first home Ligue 1 match of the season on Sunday.

Lyon, who had started their campaign for an unprecedented fifth successive title with a 2-1 win at promoted Le Mans, did just enough to pick three points in a tight match.

Newcomer Carew scored from a tight angle on 26 minutes to make Lyon one of four teams on maximum points from two games with Nantes, Paris St. Germain and Bordeaux.

Nantes, who scored an impressive 3-0 away win over Stade Rennes in a western derby earlier on Sunday, top the table on goal difference, followed by PSG, Bordeaux and Lyon.

Nantes, who had started with a 2-0 home win over Racing Lens last weekend, opened the scoring on 14 minutes courtesy of Ivory Coast midfielder Emere Fae. Substitute striker Mamadou Diallo doubled the advantage with a header in the 79th minute.

Rennes were reduced to 10 men three minutes later when defender Cyril Jeunechamp was sent off for elbowing Frederic Da Rocha.

Substitute forward Habib Bamogo completed the demolition after a great solo run four minutes from time.—MNA/Reuters



South Korean Lee Dong-gook, right, fights for the ball against Japanese Keisuke Tsuboi during the East Asian Football Championship at the World Cup Stadium in Daegu, south of Seoul, South Korea, on 7 Aug, 2005. Japan defeated South Korea 1-0.—INTERNET

# Trapped Russian mini-sub resurfaces in Pacific

Moscow, 8 Aug — A Russian mini-submarine burst to the surface on Sunday after rescuers hacked away the cables that had snared it deep in Pacific waters and saved the crew before their air supply ran out.

"The mini-sub has surfaced. The seven submariners on board are alive," naval spokesman Igor Dygalo was quoted by *Interfax* as saying.

A naval officer had warned they might only have Sunday left to rescue the men stuck on

board the *AS-28*, which was snarled up in heavy metal debris 190 metres (600 feet) below the surface, because of dwindling oxygen.

The British *Scorpio*, an unmanned undersea rescue vehicle rushed at Moscow's request to

waters off the far east Kamchatka Peninsula, was briefly forced to return to the surface but got back to work to clear remaining debris.

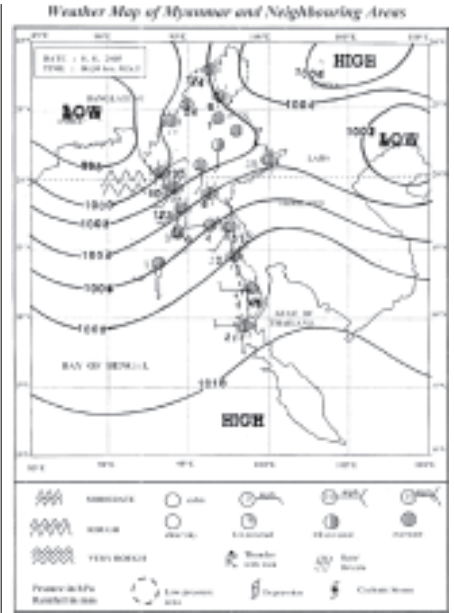
"We are in constant contact with the crew through acoustic signals, and according to them, their health condition is satisfactory," *Interfax* quoted the head of Russia's Pacific Fleet Press Service, Alexander Kosolapov as saying earlier. The *AS-28*, itself a rescue vessel, got its propeller tangled in metal cords from the antenna of an electronic underwater monitoring station — part of Russia's coastal defences — during military exercises.

The accident, which happened on Thursday but only came to light the following day, has stirred up sore memories of a botched attempt to save a Russian nuclear submarine five years ago.


The structure meshing the vessel was itself weighed down on the ocean floor by two heavy anchors. A previous attempt on Saturday to drag the mini-sub to shallow waters failed.

The coastal waters off Russia's far east have highly sensitive installations and there were suggestions the Russian military was far from keen to allow foreign navies to come so close to such a strategic area. "This area is stuffed with secrets," *Interfax* news agency quoted retired Admiral Eduard Baltin, former Black Sea Fleet commander, as saying. "It is home to strategic nuclear submarines."

MNA/Reuters



Wellwishers of No-23, Malikha Road in Mayangon Township recently donate K 100,000 for construction of three-storey hospital for the aged to Joint Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of Administrative Board of Hninzigon Home for the Aged. —H



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**8:20 am**

- ဖောင်းကတော့ ရေလှောင်တစ်

<p><b>8:30 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International news</li> </ol> <p><b>8:45 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Let's Go</li> </ol> <p><b>4:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Martial song</li> </ol> <p><b>4:15 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Songs to uphold National Spirit</li> </ol> <p><b>4:30 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Musical programme</li> </ol> <p><b>4:45 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>အစားအသောက်ကုသရေး ရန်ပုံငွေကြေးသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (သင်ဆရာပြု) (သင်ဆရာ)</li> </ol> <p><b>5:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dance of national races</li> </ol> <p><b>5:05 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>၂၀၀၅ ခု ခုနှစ်၊ တေရသမ အကြိမ်(၁၃ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအတေးအဖွဲ့အစည်း ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အဆင့်မြင့်လှည့်အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)</li> </ol> <p><b>5:15 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ခံစားနားဆင် တေးဂီတဝင်</li> </ol> <p><b>5:30 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>သားငါးဖွံ့ဖြိုး ပြည့်အတိုက်</li> </ol>	<p><b>5:40 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sing and Enjoy</li> </ol> <p><b>6:10 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>နိုင်ငံခြားတက္ကသိုလ်များမှ "ရယ်လွန်းဆရာပြုပုဂ္ဂိုလ်စာပေ" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)</li> </ol> <p><b>6:30 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evening news</li> </ol> <p><b>7:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weather report</li> </ol> <p><b>7:05 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>နိုင်ငံခြားတက္ကသိုလ်များမှ "ရယ်လွန်းဆရာပြုပုဂ္ဂိုလ်စာပေ" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)</li> </ol> <p><b>7:35 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ထာဝစဉ်နုလှမြန်မာဂီတ (အတီးလှည့်ဘာသာသရုပ်ဆွေးနွေးခန်း) (အပိုင်း-၃)</li> </ol> <p><b>7:45 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(၂၃)ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (ဆာဗီဆာ)</li> </ol> <p><b>8:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>News</li> </ol> <p><b>8:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International news</li> </ol> <p><b>8:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weather report</li> </ol> <p><b>8:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>နိုင်ငံခြားတက္ကသိုလ်များမှ "ရယ်လွန်းဆရာပြုပုဂ္ဂိုလ်စာပေ" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)</li> </ol> <p><b>8:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The next day's programme</li> </ol>
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**Tuesday, 9 August**  
Tune in today:

**8.30 am** Brief news

**8.35 am** Music:  
- Ring a Ling

**8.40 am** Perspectives

**8.45 am** Music:  
- Feel so good

**8.55 am** National news/Slogan

**9.00 am** Music:  
- If you had my love

**9.05 am** International news

**9.10 am** Music:  
- That's how love goes

**1.30 pm** News/Slogan

**1.40 pm** Lunch time music  
- Walk on by  
- When I need you

**9.00 pm** English Lesson (Level III) (Unit-7)

**9.15 pm** Article / Music

**9.25 pm** Weekly sports reel

**9.35 pm** Music for your listening pleasure  
- So much in love

**9.45 pm** News/Slogan

**10.00 pm** PEL

**WEATHER**

**Monday, 8 August, 2005**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather have been partly cloudy in Kayah and Chin States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain have been isolated in Shan State and Mandalay Division, scattered in upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and with isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittway (8.98) inches, Thandwe (5.36) inches, Hkamti (5.20) inches, Maungdaw (4.37) inches, Kyauktaw (3.31) inches, Mawlamyine (3.91) inches.

Maximum temperature on 7-8-2005 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 8-8-2005 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 8-8-2005 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 7-8-2005 was (2.5) hours approx. Rainfalls on 8-8-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, 0.15 inch at Kaba-Aye, 0.23 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 58.15 inches at Mingaladon, 57.83 inches at Kaba-Aye and 59.45 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 13 mph from Southwest at (14:10) hours MST on 7-8-2005.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is strong in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of the 9-8-2005:** Rain will be isolated in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States. 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:** Strong monsoon.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-8-2005:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (100%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-8-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 60%.

**Flood Bulletin**  
(Issued at 12:30 hrs MST on 8-8-2005)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1151) cm. It may remain above the danger level (1070) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observations today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is (796) cm. It may remain above the danger level (750) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observations today, the water level of Shwegyin River at Shwegyin is (720) cm. It may fall below the danger level (700) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

# 1,143,354 acres of land have been put under monsoon paddy in Yangon Division Ploughing completes for 2005-2006

YANGON, 8 Aug — A ceremony to complete the ploughing for 2005-2006 in Yangon Division took place in Malit Village, Hlegu Township, this morning.

At the ceremony, skill demonstration of cultivation methods for meeting the targeted production of paddy, direct seeding method, release of fingerlings into rice fields and prize-presentation for outstanding performance in promotion of agricultural sector were also held.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of



Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses ceremony to complete the ploughing for 2005-2006 in Yangon Division.—MNA

Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Livestock and Fisher-

ies Brig-Gen Maung Thein, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-

Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Yangon City Development Committee Vice-

Chairman Vice-Mayoral heads, Yangon

Division PDC Secretary Lt-Col Myint Kyi, local (See page 10)

## Chindwin Shipyards opens

YANGON, 8 Aug —Chindwin Shipyards in Monywa, Sagaing Division, was opened yesterday. The opening ceremony was attended by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North West Command Maj-Gen Tha

Aye and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe. After unveiling the stone plaque of Chindwin Shipyards, the commander and the minister inspected the Shipyards. At the hall, Inland Water Transport Managing Director U Soe Tint reported that IWT is

operating its transport services with the use of 515 vessels for the convenience of 25 million passengers and four million tons of cargoes yearly. The aim of the department is to enable the passengers to travel by water at reasonable prices.

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Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe formally open Chindwin Shipyards. — TRANSPORT

### Noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded

(8-8-2005)

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It is very urgent to work out to know the turtles' migratory routes in Myanmar. We are working together with necessary aid especially from NGOs of these rural islands in Bogale township. We appreciated them for their conservation-minded spirit.

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## Secretariat Member meets executives and organizers

YANGON, 8 Aug — Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung accompanied by Secretary of Mandalay Division USDA U Tin Maung Oo and secretaries and executives of District and Township USDAs yesterday met with departmental officials and members of social organizations in Nganmyayyi village, Myingyan District in (See page 10)



Minister U Aung Thaung formally opens bio-gas power station in Phet-pinaing village in Myingyan District. — INDUSTRY-1