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**Nation-building tasks being carried out through special projects to ensure cent-per-cent, equitable development of all regions of the country  
Strive in harmony for emergence of modern nation**

**Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects development tasks in Pauk**



*Prime Minister General Soe Win meets officials, social organizations and entrepreneurs. — MNA*

YANGON, 15 Aug — Prime Minister General Soe Win, accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, the ministers and deputy ministers, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials, on 13 August morning inspected Myakantha Garden in Pakokku and instructed the officials to upgrade the garden.

The garden has 25.20 acres and it is being upgraded. The shady trees, crops and herbal plants are planted in the garden.

Director-General of the Development Affairs Department of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Myo Myint reported on up-

grading tasks and PBANRDA Minister Col Thein Nyunt gave a supplementary report.

Afterwards, the prime minister and party went to Pakokku University and inspected construction of the main building of the university. Rector U Soe Myint and professors welcomed them.

At the meeting with

the rector, professors and faculty members of the university, Rector U Soe Myint reported on brief history of the university, the area, construction of buildings in the university, the number of students and staff strength.

After the meeting, Prime Minister General Soe Win fulfilled the requirements and greeted

frankly professors, lecturers, demonstrator and tutors. Later, the prime minister and party went to Pauk Township 16-bed hospital by helicopter. At

the hospital, Prime Minister General Soe Win and party inspected the wards, laboratory, medical store and X-ray room together with Medical

Superintendent Dr Than Than Aye and officials. The prime minister greeted doctors and fulfilled the requirements.

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**187 villages out of the 273 in Pauk Township have been supplied with safe drinking water. There are 14 villages that have not been supplied with drinking water.**



*The main building of Pakokku University nearing completion. — MNA*

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

# PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 16 August, 2005

## Work in concert for the sake of departmental and regional interests

The government is fulfilling the requirements of each and every sector by building infrastructures for the equitable development of all the regions in the Union and for higher living standard of the people. And due to the active and enthusiastic efforts of regional authorities, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and people, development endeavours have now begun to bear fruits.

Prime Minister General Soe Win, accompanied by responsible personnel, visited Pakokku, Yesagyo and Myaing Townships in Magway Division and inspected construction projects, manufacturing industries and development work there on 12 August.

During the trip, the Prime Minister met with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and townsenders. At the meeting, the Prime Minister said that, as the government was fulfilling all the requirements for the implementation of development plans with goodwill, it was necessary for department personnel at different levels and members of ward and village-tract peace and development councils to carry out their duties with patience and diligence in the interests of their respective departments and regions.

There are vast areas of arable land in Magway Division and therefore dams and river water pumping stations are being built to supply water for agricultural purpose.

The already-completed river water pumping stations in Pakokku, Yesagyo and Pauk Townships will supply water to about 20,000 acres of farmland. The Kyeeywa river water pumping station under construction in Pakokku Township will be capable of irrigating 5,000 acres of farmland and the Minywa river water pumping station in Yesagyo Township, on its completion, will be able to supply water to 3,000 acres of farmland all the year round.

In Pakkoku District, Irrigation Department and local authorities are building 71 small dams and lakes for cultivation of crops and for greening of the region and some are already completed.

The government is spending a lot on water supply projects, big and small, in Magway Division and local authorities and people are lending themselves to these projects.

Therefore, we would like to call on department personnel at different levels and ward and village-tract peace and development councils to carry out their work efficiently for the sake of departmental and regional interests.

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## 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

### Industry-1 Minister receives Chinese guests

YANGON, 15 Aug— Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang received Chairman of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd (CAMCE) Ms Luo Yan and party this afternoon at the ministry.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun and directors-general and managing directors under the ministry. —MNA

### Sermons to be delivered

YANGON, 15 Aug—Bahunahitadhara Shwemann U Thuriya Sayadaw and Secretary of Ayeyawady Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Nyaungwaing Dhammadipa Kyaungtaik of Maubin, Ayeyawady Division, will deliver sermons at Budhahu Dhammayon of Shwedagon Pagoda at 1 pm on 19 August 2005 (Fullmoon Day of Wagaung 1367 ME).

MNA

### Foreign Minister signs Book of Condolences for late Sri Lankan Foreign Minister

YANGON, 15 Aug— Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win signed the Book of Condolences opened for the late Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Hon Lakshman Kadirgamar, at the Embassy of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka at No 34 Tawwin Road, Dagon Township, today.

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### Vice-Mayor inspects tax-free markets

YANGON, 15 Aug— Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials this morning inspected tax-free markets run by YCDC and maintenance of roads in the city.

Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and party inspected tax-free markets in Tarmway Township, Yankin Township and Kamayut Township and urged officials

to supervise the shops in the markets for the convenience of customers.

Col Maung Pa also inspected maintenance of Hanthawady road in Kamayut Township, Baho Road in Sangyoung Township, Strand Road in Kamayut Township and Maha Bandola Road in Lanmadaw Township and gave instructions to officials. —MNA

### Sales promotion prizes awarded

YANGON, 15 Aug— A ceremony to present sales promotion prizes of Beauty World Trading Co Ltd which produces and sells different kinds of ball-point pens took place at Excel Treasure Hotel on Kaba Aye Pa-

goda Road here at 7 pm yesterday.

Managing Director of Beauty World Trading Co Ltd U Khin Maung Oo extended greetings on the occasion and Marketing Manager U Naing Aung Tun briefed on

matters related to boosting quality of the stationery. Afterwards, prizes were presented to owners of stationery shops that sold ball-point pens most and those who purchased the stationery most.—MNA



Sales promotion prize distribution of Beauty World Trading Co in progress at the Excel Treasure Hotel. — MNA

### Dokyeywa Journal in circulation

YANGON, 15 Aug—To inculcate rural people including farmers with a wide range of knowledge on farming undertakings, No 16, Vol 2 of Dokyeywa Journal has been put in circulation.

Included in the journal are informative and educative works of doyen writers including the ending of MoeUkya Story, cartoons, poems, humours and pieces of news.

Contact is to be made to No 30-32, 10th Street, Lamadaw Township (Tel 371342 or 252452 or 379768) for manuscripts and advertisements. —MNA

# Gunfire after US patrol attack kills 15

**RAMADI (Iraq), 14 Aug—An attack on a US military patrol followed by heavy US gunfire left 15 Iraqis dead and 17 wounded in a town west of Baghdad, residents said on Saturday.**

Residents of Nasaf, a town just outside Ramadi, west of Baghdad, said a roadside bomb exploded next to a US armoured patrol as it passed near the Ibn al-Jawzi mosque shortly after prayers on Friday.

Following the explosion, US troops opened fire, the residents said, shooting towards those emerging from the mosque.

Munem Aftan, the director of Ramadi General Hospital, said 15 people were killed, including eight children, and 17 wounded.

The US military denied troops had opened fire indiscriminately. "Indiscriminate US fire on civilians? No, nothing even resembling this occurred,"

Captain Jeffrey Pool, a Marines spokesman in Ramadi, said in an e-mailed reply to questions.

He did not say whether an attack on a US patrol had occurred or whether any US troops were wounded.

The death toll was initially reported as two dead, but doctors said it had risen sharply overnight, with several of the severely wounded succumbing to their injuries.

Iraqi civilians frequently complain that US troops open fire indiscriminately after they are attacked. The US military says it does everything possible to avoid civilian casualties and is careful to respond to attacks in a measured fashion. —MNA/Reuters



Workers stitch garments at a factory in Ningbo. China's industrial output rose 16.1 percent from a year earlier to 581.1 billion yuan (71.6 billion US) in July, slowing fractionally from the previous month, official data showed.—INTERNET

## At least 125 dead from disease after Mumbai floods

**MUMBAI, 14 Aug—The death toll from water-borne diseases following floods in Mumbai and surrounding areas two weeks ago had risen to at least 125 by Saturday, officials said.**

Manu Srivastav, additional commissioner of the Mumbai Municipality, told a news conference that more than 1,000 people had been admitted to city hospitals in the last day, taking the total number hospitalized to 4,301. Hospitals shown in television and newspaper pictures appeared to be overflowing, with patients seen lying on mattresses on floors of wards and corridors.

Of 89 dead in Mumbai, India's largest city, 19 were suspected to have succumbed to leptospirosis, a bacterial disease which spreads through exposure to water contaminated with the urine of infected animals, Srivastav said. Three were cases of malaria and one person died of gastroenteritis.

"In 66 cases the symptoms very closely mimic those of leptospirosis, but since the test reports are not available we are not in a position to say with certainty that these are leptospirosis cases," he told Reuters. He said about 2 per cent of those admitted to hospital had died. Doctors say people who waded through dirty water during the floods could have contracted leptospirosis, which takes at least 10-12 days to manifest. Health officials said the incubation period for the disease is nearly over, and that hospital admissions for it could start to fall in one or two days.— MNA/Reuters



A wounded woman lies in a hospital bed in Baghdad after being injured in a mortar attack recently. — INTERNET

## 1,853 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

**WASHINGTON, 14 Aug—As of Sunday, 14 August, 2005, at least 1,853 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 1,431 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.**

The AP count is seven 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, 1,714 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,322 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet

## Vietnamese party leader urges Press to promote nat'l strength

**HANOI, 14 Aug—The Press must promote the strength of the entire nation by positively and effectively influencing the formation of Vietnamese character in spirit, intellect, mind and sense of uprightness as well as healthy public opinion in the new stage, a Vietnamese party leader said.**

Nong Duc Manh, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, made the call while

delivering a speech at the eighth congress of the Vietnam Journalists Association in Hanoi, the capital, on Saturday, *Vietnam News Agency* reported.

Manh urged local journalists to focus on raising the Press quality and effectiveness to society, ensuring the development of the Press in quantity, content quality, technology and genres so as to better satisfy the people's demand and enthusiastically serve the execution of the guidelines and internal and external policies of the party and state. He stressed that journalists must resolutely stamp out information that negatively affects the country's economic, political and cultural life in order to make the Press rise

as a broad forum for the people of all walks of life.

The party leader urged journalists to increase the quality of expression in the Press so that they can help the public fully understand the nature of big events inside and outside the country, while enhancing the Press combative spirit against reactionary tongues and sabotage plots of hostile forces. According to the association, there are now more than 550 Press organizations issuing over 700 publications nationwide. The number of newspapers, magazines, and radio and television programmes in Vietnamese and ethnic languages for ethnic minority groups living in remote and isolated areas has continuously increased.— MNA/Xinhua

## Flood traps 10,000 tourists in S-W China

**LIJIANG (Yunnan), 14 Aug—An estimated 10,000 domestic and foreign tourists have been trapped since Thursday after rain-triggered flood cut off traffic in a scenic spot in southwest China.**

Continuous downpours triggered floods in the Jinsha River, which began submerging the nearby key road linking Shangri-La, a mythical and enchanting wonderland in Yunnan Province, to the city of Lijiang, a renowned local cultural heritage for sight-seeing, as of Thursday noon.—MNA/Xinhua

## Car bomb hits US patrol in western Baghdad

**BAGHDAD, 15 Aug — A car bomb struck a US military patrol on a main road in western Baghdad on Sunday, killing at least a civilian, police said.**

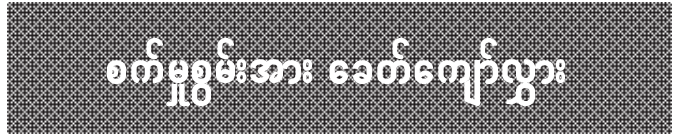
"A car bomb parked on the side of the road in Khadraa District detonated as a US military patrol was passing by, killing a civilian and wounding few others, according to initial reports," an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The blast also damaged at least two US Humvees and three civilian cars, the source said.

MNA/Xinhua



Aerial view of the Quai bridge at the lake of Zurich, right, and the River Limmat, left, on which participants of the annual Street Parade celebrate on 13 August, 2005. Around one million people took to the streets to enjoy the biggest party in Switzerland. —INTERNET



## China, Russia to join hands in improving bilateral trade order

**BEIJING, 14 Aug — China and Russia will join hands in improving bilateral trade order and creating a good environment for investors, said Chinese Minister of Commerce Bo Xilai here on Friday.**

Bo said this after attending the eighth session of the Sino-Russian economic and trade cooperation in the framework of the regular meeting mechanism of premiers of the two countries, which was held here Friday. Bo said that the Sino-Russian trade and economic relations enjoyed rapid growth in the past years. In 2004, bilateral trade reached 21.2 billion US dollars. The figure is expected to

reach 60 billion to 80 billion US dollars by 2010. To fulfil the target, Bo said that the two sides had decided to improve trade structure, put bilateral trade in order, and actively develop border trade.

German Gref, Russian Minister of Economic Development and Trade, said that Russia attaches great importance to developing Sino-Russian economic trade relations.

MNA/Xinhua

## Imperial Ancestral Temple in Beijing better protected

**BEIJING, 14 Aug— The 600-year-old Imperial Ancestral Temple, the only existing temple of its kind in China, is being armed with modern equipment to guard against fire, floods and lightning.**

The project will root out 21 safety hazards such as outdated fire alarms and aging electrical wiring at the ancient wooden compound, located to the east of the Forbidden City in the heart of Beijing, according to the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Cultural Heritage.

The three-million-yuan (370,000 US dollars) project, scheduled to be finished in November, will equip the temple with advanced fire alarm system, fire hydrants and hoses, and lightning conductors, Yu Ping, deputy director of the bureau, was quoted as saying by the English-language newspaper *China Daily* on Saturday.

Yu said nine other ancient buildings in Beijing would receive similar safety renovations this year, including the Jietai Temple, the Bell and Drum Towers, and the Altar of the God of Agriculture — all of which are jewels in the city's crown of 3,500 heritage sites.

The cost of the 10 projects will reach 17.5 million yuan (2.2 million US dollars), according to *China Daily*.

Yu said his bureau will earmark at least 15 million yuan (two million US dollars) annually in equipping other heritage sites with similar protection in the Chinese capital.

More than 60 per cent of the city's heritage sites are occupied by residents and institutions that do not pay enough attention to maintenance and protection of the ancient buildings, a survey carried out by the bureau last year shows.

Rapid rise in the use of electricity and gas in ancient wooden structures has imposed great threats to the safety of the heritage sites, Mei Ninghua, director with the bureau, pointed out, promising that his bureau will work along with other agencies to solve the safety problems.

MNA/Xinhua

## Six US soldiers killed in Iraq bombings

**BAGHDAD, 14 Aug— Six US soldiers died in roadside bombings and a shooting, the military said on Sunday, as lawmakers rushed to persuade Sunni Arabs to accept federalism provisions in the draft constitution that is due in one day.**

With intense negotiations continuing just hours before parliament was to ratify the charter, one Shiite legislator, Jawad al-Maliki, told *The Associated Press* that the deadline might have to be extended.

"If we don't reach an agreement today, we might amend the interim constitution and extend the deadline by a minimum of two weeks," he said.

Elsewhere, the US military said three soldiers were killed and one other wounded in a roadside bombing late Saturday near Tuz Khormato, 95 miles north of Baghdad.

One soldier on a patrol was killed Sunday and three others wounded in a blast east of Rutbah, 250 miles west of Baghdad, the military said. In another roadside bombing, one soldier was killed Saturday and another wounded in western Baghdad.

The military said in a brief statement from Baghdad that one soldier was found dead on Friday of a gunshot wound. The military said an investigation was underway and did not say where the soldier was found or if an attack was suspected.

Internet

## Central Bank manager kidnapped in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 14 Aug — Gunmen Saturday kidnapped the general manager of the Central Bank of Iraq in front of his home in eastern Baghdad, state-owned television said.**

Iraq Television quoted an interior ministry official as saying that "armed terrorists" abducted Haseeb Kazem Jaweed shortly after he left his home in al-Mustansariya in the capital and took him to an unknown destination.

No one claimed responsibility for the kidnapping of the bank official, but neighbours expected that a ransom will be demanded for his release.

Internet

## Japanese encephalitis claimed 367 lives in India last year

**NEW DELHI, 14 Aug — Brain fever due to Japanese encephalitis (Je) is suspected to have claimed 367 lives in India last year, India's Health Minister Anbumani Ramadoss said in Parliament on Friday.**

Ramadoss also said a total of 1,695 cases of the endemic were reported from 12 states during this period.

Uttar Pradesh reported highest number of the cases of Je with 1,030 cases, of which 228 proved fatal during 2004.

According to the Health Minister, this year, Assam has reported 18 cases and four deaths due to Je while Karnataka has reported nine cases, West Bengal

six and Tamil Nadu four.

Je is caused by a virus which is transmitted through mosquitoes.

While there is no specific treatment for it, early symptomatic management is important, the minister said.

The main hosts of Je virus are pigs and water birds and the outbreaks occurred where there was close interaction between these animals and human beings. — MNA/Xinhua

## Crude oil prices rise to another record

**NEW YORK, 14 Aug— Crude oil futures rose to a record for a fifth straight session on Friday, hitting 67 dollars a barrel on speculation that increased fuel demand might outpace production.**

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, light, sweet crude oil futures for September delivery climbed 1.06 dollars to end at 66.86 dollars. Prices hit 67.10 dollars per barrel in early trading, the highest level since 1983 when the contract began trading.

Meanwhile, on London's International Petroleum Exchange, the September Brent crude-oil futures contract rose 1.07 dollars to finish at 66.45 dollars a barrel. Intraday Brent oil prices touched 66.77 dollars a barrel, the highest since the contract was introduced in

1988. Oil prices soared because there had been a widespread concern over supply disruptions. At least 14 disruptions at US refineries were reported since 20 July.

While US refineries were operating at 95 per cent of capacity last week, traders still worried fuel supplies would not be sufficient to meet surging demand during the summer peak time. Many analysts said there were profound supply-demand imbalances in the world and there was no sign of the imbalances being corrected anytime soon.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi policeman picks up the license plate from a vehicle used as a suicide car bomb in Baghdad on 14 August, 2005.

INTERNET

## Philippines keeps typhoon warning in northernmost islands

MANILA, 14 Aug—The Philippine authorities on Saturday put the highest typhoon warning, Storm Signal No 1, in effect over the province of Batanes and its neighbouring islands in the northernmost part of the country, while typhoon "Huaning" intensified and headed toward Hong Kong of China.

The state weather bureau PAGASA said packing maximum sustained winds of 95 kilometres per hour and gusts up to 120 kilometres per hour, Huaning's centre was 410 kilometres north and northwest of Laoag City in northern Philippines at 04:00 am local time (20:00 GMT Friday) Saturday.

The typhoon was moving northwest at 19

kilometres per hour and is expected to be 240 kilometres north and northeast of Hong Kong by Sunday morning.

The weather bureau said the rain will fall over Luzon and the Visayas, particularly the western sections, with Huaning inducing the southwest monsoon. The surge of strong winds associated with the southwest monsoon would affect the

western seaboard of Luzon and the Visayas, it added. Sea areas west of Luzon and Western Visayas will have occasional rains with winds of 30 to 50 kilometres per hour. PAGASA advised fishing boats and other small seacrafts not to venture out into the sea over the western areas of Luzon and the Visayas, which will have moderate to high waves. —MNA/Xinhua

## Police save six fishermen trapped by tropical storm "Sanvu" in S China

SHANTOU (Guangdong), 14 Aug—Six fishermen were saved by police on Saturday after being trapped by tropical storm Sanvu for about 12 hours at the sea water off the southern coastal Province of Guangdong.

The six fishermen from the province's Haifeng County tried to sail into the Xiaomo Port to avoid Sanvu around 6 pm Friday, but got stranded at the sea

water nearby the port due to strong wind and huge waves caused by the tropical storm, said Miao Jiazhen, head of the port.

The public security department of Shanwei City sent rescuers with salvage motorboat to the site shortly after receiving the

call for help and it took them more than 10 hours to save the desperate fishermen from the fishing boat, whose stern had sunk in the sea. The fishermen were receiving treatment local hospital, according to local government.

MNA/Xinhua

## Earthquake topples houses in southwest China

BEIJING, 14 Aug—An earthquake hit southwest China on Saturday, bringing down several houses and causing injuries, Xinhua news agency said.

The quake, measuring 5.3 on the Richter Scale, hit Wenshan County in Yunnan Province just after midday. —MNA/Reuters

## Quake jolts Sumbawa Island, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 14 Aug—An earthquake measuring 5.6 on the Richter Scale shook parts of Indonesia's Sumbawa Island on Saturday, but there were no reports of damage or injuries, an official said.

The quake, which struck at 11:10 am local time, was also felt in the neighbouring islands of Bali and Sumbawa, Antara news agency

quoted Katut Bagus, an official of the meteorological and geophysics agency in the Balinese capital Denpasar as saying.

The quake's epicentre was 40 kilometres northwest of Sumbawa Besar, capital of Sumbawa

Island and 240 kilometres below sea level.

Indonesia is prone to seismic shocks as it sits on the so-called Pacific Rim of Fire, where the meeting of continental plates causes high volcanic and seismic activity.

MNA/Xinhua

## Tropical storm "Sanvu" lands in S China coast

GUANGZHOU, 14 Aug—Severe tropical storm Sanvu landed in the coastal areas of south China's Guangdong Province on Saturday noon, bringing rainstorms, local observatory said.

Sanvu, the 10th tropical storm that visited China this year, slapped the Chenghai area in the city of Shantou at 12:45 pm with powerful gusts, the maximum power of which reached the 12th degree.

The storm will move northwestward at an estimated speed of 20 kilometres per hour and will bring rainstorms to the eastern part of the province, said the observatory.

Guangdong and its neighbouring Province of Fujian, which may also be

## Malaysia lifts haze emergency in two areas

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Aug—The Malaysian Government lifted the haze emergency in two areas of the Selangor State on Saturday after the Air Pollution Index (API) readings dropped below 500.

The withdrawal of the emergency status in Kuala Selangor and Port Klang was declared under the instruction of Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, the National Security Council (NSC) said.

"However, government agencies, the private sector and members of the public involved in dealing with the haze problem should continue to intensify efforts to ensure that

the air quality remains at a satisfactory level," NSC said in a statement released here.

NSC, however, did not provide the current API readings in the two areas.

According to local reports, the API in Kuala Selangor recorded at 5 pm local time (0900 GMT) on Friday fell to 228 while the index for Port Klang dropped to 182.

On Thursday, Badawi

declared the haze emergency in the two areas when the API readings surged above 500, a level that is classified as "hazardous" to health.

API levels above 300 are considered "hazardous", between 201 and 300 as "very unhealthy", between 101 and 200 as "unhealthy", between 51 and 100 as "moderate" and below 50 as "good".

MNA/Xinhua



Petronas Twin Towers (L) and the KL Tower (R) are clearly visible in this photo taken in Kuala Lumpur, on 13 August, 2005. —INTERNET

## Iranian daily says US worried about Iran-Iraq close relations

TEHRAN, 14 Aug — IRNA—A morning paper said on Sunday that establishment of close relations between Iran and Iraq has worried the US as it can no longer blame Teheran for creating tension in Iraq.

The English-language paper 'Iran Daily' referred in its editorial to the recent claims made by the US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld who said weapons confiscated in Iraq were "clearly, unambiguously from Iran" and admonished Teheran for allowing the explosives to cross the border.

The paper added that Rumsfeld made the claim while commander of British-led forces in southeastern Iraq, Major General Jim Dutton, officially said "there exists no evidence about Iran smuggling weapons in the region."

Referring to the US Secretary of Defence as one of the American statesmen "known for making irresponsible remarks," the paper added that even American journalists "have had problems reflecting his comments that are more opinionated than factual."

The paper further noted that Rumsfeld's remarks showed once again "to what low levels Americans are willing to stoop for scoring points against rivals, including the use of lies, deception and slander.

"Today Iraqi officials and people have fully grasped that Iran is a reliable neighbour which can play an important role in promoting political stability, reconstruction and economic recovery," Iran Daily said.

Noting that Teheran and Baghdad "can establish meaningful bonds" by putting the dark era of Saddam Hussein's anti-Iran policies behind them, the paper said in conclusion "Rumsfeld is worried that stable, constructive ties between Iraq and Iran will prevent him from blaming Iran for the deteriorating Iraqi situation." — Internet



Office workers head to their work places armed with umbrellas as overnight rain continued through the morning in Beijing, on 12 August, 2005. Severe tropical storm Sanvu has made landfall in the coastal areas of south China's Guangdong Province, lashing local communities with rainstorms, state media reported. —INTERNET

## China's economy to grow steadily despite problems

**BEIJING, 15 Aug—** Despite low consumer price index and industrial profit drop, China's economy is believed to grow steadily for the second half of 2005.

Instead of slowing down as expected, China's economy engine maintained a strong momentum, with a 9.5-per-cent growth in the second quarter, even a little higher than the first quarter.

Along with the fast growth rate, China's economy suffers low consumer price index (CPI), slumping industrial profit and overgrowing foreign exchange reserve, which might affect the stability of the economy.

Overall, the economy is moving for the better, said Xie Fuzhan, deputy director with the Development Research Centre of the State Council. In the first half, the industrial profit rose by 16 per cent, much lower than 40-per cent increase last year. "But there is no signal for any danger as China aimed to cool down its overheated industries," said Xie. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Rockets attacks, bomb blasts rock S-W Pakistan on Independence Day

**ISLAMABAD, 15 Aug—** Rockets attacks and bomb blasts rocked parts in Pakistan's southwestern Baluchistan Province on early Sunday while the nation was celebrating its 58th anniversary of independence from British rule, but there was no casualties.

Some 10 rockets were fired by unidentified assailants near a paramilitary post in Kohlu, 180 kilometres east of Quetta, capital of Baluchistan. The frontier constabulary and paramilitary soldiers returned mortar fire and the assailants fled, witnesses said.

A rocket was fired on a school in Mand area, in district Turbat, 700 kilometres from Quetta, partly damaging one of its walls and smashing some window glasses, principal of the school Rahima Jalal said. The school belongs to Federal Minister for Special Education Begum Zubaida Jalal. The minister's home is located near the school and she was at her home when the rocket was fired.

Rahima Jalal said that a post of paramilitary forces is located close to the school and that they might be the target.

A bomb exploded in a government-run school two hours before a function in the same school to celebrate the independence day. Local government officials and general public were scheduled to attend the function.

Another homemade bomb exploded near the office of Municipal Committee in Quetta one hour before the national day function. There was no casualty but the blast caused damage to windows on the building.

No one has claimed responsibility but the authorities blamed local anti-government tribesmen for such attacks. Rocket attacks on paramilitary posts and government buildings often take place in Baluchistan. Nationalist Baloch tribesmen demand royalty for natural resources in the province and they also oppose government plans to build new military cantonments there. — *MNA/Xinhua*



*World Hotdog Eating Champion Takeru Kobayashi (L) from Japan eats a roasted pork bun while competing in the final of the 'Stomach of the World' eating contest in Hong Kong on 14 August, 2005. Kobayashi ate 100 buns in 12 minutes to win the championship.—INTERNET*

## India rejects Nepal complaint over assault rifle

**KOLKATA (India), 14 Aug—** A state-run Indian arms manufacturer on Saturday rejected a complaint by Nepal that it supplied the kingdom faulty assault rifles which led to heavy losses in a gunbattle with Maoist rebels this month.

An official of the Rifle Factory Ichhapore said the guns may have failed because of poor maintenance by the Nepali Army which lost 42 soldiers in the fighting in the west of the country last weekend. Another 75 soldiers remain missing.

"The rifles are war-tested and widely used by

our forces in counter-insurgency operations," said PK Agarwal, additional general manager of the factory in the eastern Indian State of West Bengal.

The Nepali Army, quoting soldiers who took part in the 10-hour battle with the guerillas, said the INSAS rifle frequently became too hot during the

fighting and soldiers had to wait for it to cool before they could use it again.

The Army casualties were the biggest since Maoist violence escalated after King Gyanendra seized direct power in February by sacking the multiparty government.

*MNA/Reuters*

## Angelina Jolie gets Cambodian citizenship

**PHNOM PENH, 14 Aug—** US Hollywood star Angelina Jolie was granted a Cambodian citizenship recently by King Norodom Sihamoni, an NGO official said on Friday.

King Sihamoni signed a royal decree approving Jolie's citizenship on 31 July, said Suwanna Gantlett, country director of WildAid. The reward is for Jolie's grand environmental work and assistance done to Cambodia, Suwanna Gantlett said, adding that the movie star has provided 1.5 million US dollars to assist wildlife reserves in Cambodia's remote northwestern provinces. She also adopted a Cambodian boy in 2002.

During Jolie's stay here last July, Prime Minister Hun Sen mentioned to offer her citizenship. After meeting with Hun Sen, Jolie said that she was very proud and honoured that Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen would give her a Cambodian citizenship. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Beijing to have seawater pool next year

**BEIJING, 15 Aug—** Beijing citizens, who are willing to pay more will be able to enjoy swimming in real seawater without actually going to the seaside from next June, a report said here on Saturday.

The seawater will be purchased and transported from Dalian, a coastal city in northeast China's Liaoning Province to Beijing every week.

The first seawater swimming pool in the capital is under construction in the Shijingshan Sports Centre. Before the pool welcomes its first batch of swimmers, it needs 2,400 cubic metres of seawater to fill it, which will take two months to transport. After that, 500 cubic metres of seawater will be transported to Beijing each week.

The pool will be 5,000 square metres with an investment of 14.6 million US dollars, and will use around 30 tons of seawater daily.

With a capacity of 2,000 swimmers, the pool is 50-metre long and 25 metres wide.

"Because the investment and transportation is so high, so this swimming pool's ticket will be expensive. The fine details are not yet decided, the report said.

This is the second inland seawater swimming pool in China, with the first in Changchun, capital of Jilin Province in northeast China.

*MNA/PTI*

## No terror mastermind behind London bombers

**LONDON, 14 Aug —** Groups behind the July London bomb attack that killed 52 people and a failed attempt to strike again soon after appear to have been acting independently of an al-Qaeda mastermind abroad, a newspaper reported on Saturday.

*The Independent*, quoting police and intelligence officials, said it was also likely that four 7 July suicide bombers were probably not linked to another group of four who failed to blow up explosives on buses and underground trains two weeks later.

But some of the report's conclusions were questioned by a terror

analyst, who said it would be difficult for Islamic militants in Britain to prepare and set off explosive devices without some training in Pakistan, Afghanistan or elsewhere.

The newspaper said police and intelligence sources felt the fact there was no leader from abroad showed how other "self-sufficient" units could be hiding in

Britain.

"All the talk about 'Mr Bigs' and al-Qaeda masterminds looks like something from a film script at the moment," the newspaper quoted a police source as saying.

"Of course, things could change if new intelligence comes through, but it looks increasingly as if these people were largely

working on their own. It is not something we expected."

Four young British Muslims blew themselves up on three London underground trains and a bus on 7 July, killing 52 people. An apparent bid to repeat the attacks on 21 July failed and police have arrested four people they say were behind it.

*MNA/Reuters*



*A rickshaw puller takes his customer through a flooded street after rains in Kolkata, India, on 14 August, 2005.—INTERNET*

## Construction Minister inspects...

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 morning. Senior Engineer Daw Si Than reported on matters related to its construction and future tasks to the minister who also oversaw the tasks being undertaken on either side of the river and fulfilled the requirements.

The main bridge is 540 feet long and it is a suspension one, and the approaching bridges on both sides of the river are 360 feet long each.



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspects construction of Panmawady Bridge (Myintkaseik) in Ayeyawady Division. — CONSTRUCTION

The rest of its construction continues.

MNA

## Workshop on Myanmar ICT Development Master Plan Project commences

YANGON, 15 Aug — The workshop on The Myanmar ICT Development Master Plan Project took place at MICT Park in Hline Township this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of e-National Task Force, member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Aung Myint and members, the Resident Representative of Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), the Myanmar experts and those from Korea Information Strategy Development Institute (KISDI).

The project has been implemented by e-National Task Force in cooperation with KOICA since 2004. It includes a wide range of ICT sectors. The workshop continues tomorrow.

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Workshop on Myanmar ICT Development Master Plan Project in progress at MICT Park in Hline Township. — Communication

## Papers on tourism promotion to be read

YANGON, 15 Aug — With the aim of promoting tourism industry and human resource development, Union of Myanmar Travellers' Association (UMTA) organized paper reading sessions yearly. This year's paper reading session will be held this month.

Papers on Adventure Based Tourism arranged by UMTA and Development of Tourist Souvenir Market by the Ministry of Cooperatives will be read at the session.—MNA

## Meeting on pilgrimage to India, Nepal held

YANGON, 15 Aug — A coordination meeting on organizing pilgrimage to India and Nepal took place at the Ministry of Religious Affairs this afternoon, with an opening address by Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung.

It was attended Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and directors-general and officials of the departments under the ministry and guests. At the meeting the deputy minister explained the pilgrimage and Director General Dr Myo Myint of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung speaking at the meeting on pilgrimage to India and Nepal. — MNA

reported on arrangements being made for organizing the pilgrimage to In-

dia and Nepal. Then those present took part in the discussions and the meet-

ing ended with concluding remarks by the minister. — MNA

## Deputy Minister inspects Shwe Pyi Tha Oil Field

YANGON, 15 Aug — Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay on 13 August arrived Shwe Pyi Tha Oil Field in Myanaung, Bago Division (West), and inspected pumping of oil from well No 56 and preparation for drilling of well No 57.

At the meeting with the deputy minister at the briefing hall of the oil field, general manager and engineers of the oil field re-

ported on exploration and production of natural gas and arrangements for drilling of new oil wells. The deputy minister urged the staff personnel to strive for meeting with more success in oil and natural gas exploration. He also briefed on arrangements for supply of machinery and spare parts to be used in the exploration. On 13 August, Central Executive of the Union Solidarity and De-

velopment Association Brig-Gen Than Htay, accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hla Min, attended a ceremony to donate exercise books and pencils to nine monastic education schools held at Hmoke Shay Village-tract in Pyay and handed over exercise books and pencils. The ceremony was organized by Bago Division (West) USDA.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay also donated exercise books and pencils to schools and libraries in villages in Myanaung Township and Parahita school in Kyangin Township on 13 and 14 August. — MNA



Finace and Revenue Team plays against Tagon Team in Myanmar premier league soccer tournament Monday. The match ended with 1-1 draw.—NLM

# People and the Tatmadaw to cooperate in building a peaceful and modern developed nation

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the 273 in Pauk Township have been supplied with safe drinking water. There are 14 villages that have not been supplied with drinking water, 10 villages that have not enough water and 23 villages where water is scarce. Development Affairs Department is undertaking rural water supply projects. The chairman reported to the Prime Minister on per capita income, agricultural, livestock breeding and health matters, opening of rural libraries and requirements for regional development. After that, the commander, the minister, deputy ministers and officials reported on matters relating to education, health, transport and communication.

Townselders presented reports on condition of Hsinzar creek bridge and requirements for construction of a new bridge and Col Phone Maw Shwe on supply of irrigation water in Pauk Township and completion of 12 water supply projects out of the 16 for the regional greening.

In response to the reports, General Soe Win said to ensure the equal development of all the regions of the country, the government is implementing the border region development project, 24 special development regions project and five rural development tasks. As Pauk township has the scarcity of irrigation water and

drinking water, priority has been given to the supply of water. The State has built irrigation facilities to benefit a great number of acres of farmland in other regions. However, on Pakokku plains including this region, only small-scale dams could be built due to their geographical conditions for the supply of water. The Prime Minister said all possible measures will be taken for the greening of Pauk region and for socio-economic development of local people. In addition, the people and the Tatmadaw are to cooperate in building a peaceful and modern developed nation. Then the Prime Minister greeted those present.

The Prime Minister and party visited Pauk basic education high school. Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, the headmaster and teachers reported on condition of school buildings and construction of a new school building. Next, the Prime Minister viewed the students' learning at the multi-media classrooms. Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party greeted local people. At noon, the Prime Minister and party helicoptered to Innbat Dam being constructed by Magway Division Irrigation Department in Innbat Village in Pakokku township. At the briefing hall, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo re-



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects Pauk Township's 16-bed hospital. — MNA

ported on matters pertaining to the dam.

Chairman of Division Peace and Development Council and officials reported on the projects being implemented in Pakokku District. The Prime Minister then gave instructions and inspected the main dam of Innbat Dam and construction of spillways.

The Prime Minister and party met local people and discussed water supply, greening and development of agriculture.

The small-scale Innbat earth dam is 3,650 feet long and 43 feet high and its capacity is 1,140 acre feet and it can supply water to 200 acres of land. The Prime Minister and party inspected Nonpoh Dam under construction.

The Prime Minister met Chairmen of Pakokku

District and Township Peace and Development Councils from five townships and members, officials, members of social organizations, entrepreneurs, industrialists, members of Ward and Village Peace and Development Councils and townselders at Pyithaya Hall in Pakokku.

Chairman of Pakokku District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col

Htay Oo reported on areas, population, land resources, rainfall, cultivation of paddy, rice sufficiency, GDP and per capita income in the region, water supply and drinking water supply project, matters on education, health and transport and opening of rural libraries.

Next, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Coun-

ciency, export of surplus and boosting of crops cultivation.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung reported on benefits and good climate due to growing trees, arrangements for growing of trees in catchment area of dams and reservoirs and plans to build finished wood factory in Pakokku.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and Na-

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Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects multi-media classroom of Basic Education High School in Pauk. — MNA

cil Col Phone Maw Shwe reported on development of the district and greening activities.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha reported on implementation of short-term economic projects for economic growth, the ratio of Magway Division in national economic development and the need to make efforts for economic development of Pakokku District.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on the ministry's assistance for the development of agriculture of farmers, the majority of the population in Myanmar, rice suffi-

ciential Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt reported on the ministry's efforts for transport and supply of drinking water in the rural regions. He said pure and clean water is now available in 7,900 villages in Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway Divisions.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that Pakokku is a dry region that produced the least amount of rice in Magway Division.

The majority of people living in the rural areas, were facing hardships because of the lack of progress. In addition to transport and livelihood difficulties, the people (See page 9)



## All possible measures will be taken for greening of Pauk region and for socio-economic development of local people

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were facing shortage of water for drinking and irrigation purposes.

Since its assumption of the State duties, the Tatmadaw government has been building necessary infrastructures to make Pakokku the largest town on the west bank of Ayeyawady River, to develop the whole Pakokku region, to supply adequate amount of water for various purposes, and to develop the areas in southern Chin State. It has been building new railroads, motor roads, bridges across rivers and creeks, and airports. It also designated the Pakokku region as a development zone, setting up necessary institutions of higher learning for progress of health, education and human resources. Moreover, it has been tapping all the available water resources in the region for irrigation. Thus, new dams and water pumping stations do emerge in the region. As the geographical situation demands setting up of small scale dams to the most possible degree, priority has been given to building these facilities in cooperation with the locals.

Only when land and marine resources in the



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects construction of the main building of Pakokku University. —MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townselders at Pauk Township Peace and Development Council Office. — MNA

region are effectively utilized will the local people be able to engage in double cropping and their income increase. The harder we work the higher the living standard will be, he said.

As the government has been creating necessary infrastructures for national development the local people are to participate in the task, realizing the goodwill of the government.

It is incumbent upon the local people to deal with food security in the region, conservation of forest, greening of the region, extended cultivation of cash crops, breeding that is suitable to the region. Only then, will the living standard of the people improve and will poverty alleviate.

At present, unprecedented progress has been made in Pakokku and plans for availability of potable water in the region has already been carried out to a certain extent. Work is well under way for the whole Pakokku District to have potable water.

At the same time, the private industrial zone has been set up in the region and Pakokku jeep and trucks are popular among customers. This contributes to boosting the income of the people.

With the development of agricultural sector, livestock breeding sector and industrial sector in

the region, Pakokku region will see more development in the very near future.

With the active participation of local people in the region, the government is to make continued efforts for national development.

In particular, the participation of social organizations in nation-building tasks is encouraging and the prospects for the participation of the people in building a future nation can be easily assessed.

Integrated and well-coordinated efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw are indispensable for the building of a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

The Prime Minister and party met members of Pakokku District and Township Agricultural Supervisory Committee and farmers from river water pumping areas. The Prime Minister gave instructions on implementation of water pumping projects. He cordially greeted the farmers. The Prime Minister and party inspected Government Technological College and Government Computer College. They also greeted faculty members and principals.

Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min inspected Pakokku Education College on 13 August. The deputy minister met Division Education Officer, the vice-principal, teachers and students. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo inspected 200-bed hospital and nursing and midwifery training school.—MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win meeting with local people in Innbat Village in Pakokku. — MNA

## Gems course for women opened

YANGON, 15 Aug — The opening ceremony of Gems course, co-sponsored by Working Group for promotion of women's life and Genuine Gems Associates-GGA Co Ltd took place at the office of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council on Bank Road in Kyauktada Township this afternoon with an address by Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin

Thet Htay. Course instructor U Aung Ko explained matters related to the course. The 50 women trainees are attending the three-week course. *MNA*



Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Khin Thet Htay speaking at the opening ceremony of Gems course.—MNA

## Medical and educational equipment presented

YANGON, 15 Aug — A ceremony to donate medical and educational equipment, provided by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Associa-

tion to Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee took place at the Yangon Division Health Department this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and executives, Chairperson of YMCWSC Daw Khin Thet Htay and members, Head of Department of YHD Dr Hla Myint and officials.

Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint explained the matters related to the donation.

Next, Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint presented the equipment to Daw Khin Thet Htay who expressed thanks for the donation and the ceremony ended.

After the ceremony, Chairperson of YMCWSC Daw Khin Thet Htay handed over the equipment to chairpersons of District MCWSCs.

*MNA*

## MRTV-4 covers live football matches of EPL

YANGON, 15 Aug — The channels of MRTV-4 — 5-Movies and 5-Cartoons will air the football series of English Premier League and the FA cup.

The matches can be watched through Family Digital Receiver in the area of Yangon City.—MNA

## Int'l experts start investigation work in Uganda on air mishap

KAMPALA, 15 Aug — The international team of technical experts investigating the Ugandan presidential *MI-172* helicopter crash on 30 July that killed Sudan's former first vice-president John Garang and 12 other people has started work in Uganda, local Press reported on Saturday.

Ugandan Minister of Works John Nasasira was quoted by *The New Vision* as saying "We have more than 10 technical investigators from the United States, Russia, Kenya, Sudan and of course Uganda. They arrived in the country a couple of days ago. They are based in Entebbe. We are considering whether the United Nations should be part of this

investigation. But we have started and are doing very well."

The ill-fated VIP version helicopter flew from President Yoweri Museveni's hometown of Rwakitura in southern Uganda via Entebbe before heading to Garang's New Site headquarters in southern Sudan. It crashed on 30 July at night.

Nasasira told the newspaper on Friday that the government has also appointed a leadership panel to oversee the investigations.

The panel is composed of several honourable ministers including Beatrice Wabudeya, minister of the office of the president; Ruhakana Rugunda, minister of in-

ternal affairs and himself.

"We are waiting for Sudan to put in place their leadership panel. Meanwhile, we are working. The technical team is investigating several leads.

Among other things their task is to take the black boxes to Russia for opening to trace the cause of the crash," Nasasira said.

He declined to name these investigators. "We shall name them in a couple of days. Let them do their work first," he said.

A black box is a device that records information about an aircraft while in-flight and is a vital part in investigating causes of mishaps or accidents involving aircraft.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Ugandan Govt plans AIDS strategy for north

KAMPALA, 15 Aug — The Ugandan Government is drafting a special AIDS strategic plan to address the spread of HIV/AIDS in northern Uganda, local Press reported on Saturday.

The AIDS Control Programme executive director, Dr Elizabeth Madra was quoted as saying the strategy would involve the Ministry of Health, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and donors.

She said the strategy would include coordination of activities carried out by organizations involved in the fight against the scourge.

"The multi-sectoral programme will involve the Prime Minister's Office, youth groups, NGOs, the Uganda AIDS Commission and district leaders who will be charged with monitoring resources and delivery of drugs," Madra said. She said the AIDS programme in the north was failing because the parties involved were not coordinated, adding "all programmes aimed at addressing AIDS in internally displaced persons' camps and the entire region should be well coordinated."

She urged the government and donors to develop a special psychosocial programme to sexually transmitted diseases and stress.—MNA/Xinhua

## US professor shot dead in Brazil's Amazon

BRASILIA, 15 Aug — A US anthropology professor on a research trip to Brazil was shot and killed on Saturday in an Amazon rainforest town, a US Embassy spokesman said on Sunday.

James Petersen, 51, of the University of Vermont, was shot while he was being robbed in a restaurant in the town of Iranduba, about 14 miles (22 kilometres) west of Amazonas state capital Manaus, the spokesman, John Wilcock, said.

Three suspects were taken into custody on Sunday morning in connection with Petersen's murder, Brazil's CBN radio reported. Wilcock could not confirm the information. Federal police in Manaus were not immediately available for comment.

Petersen, chairman of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Vermont, was on a research field trip with colleagues in the Manaus area, located around 1,200 miles (1,900 kilometres) northwest of the capital Brasilia. He was working with the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, on a joint research study known as the Central Amazon Project. Petersen was with a Brazilian anthropologist from the University of Sao Paulo when he was robbed and shot on Saturday night while eating dinner at a roadside restaurant, CBN reported. Petersen died shortly afterward, Wilcock said.

*MNA/Reuters*

## Smugglers of Egyptian antiquities sentenced

CAIRO, 14 Aug — A gang who smuggled ancient Egyptian artefacts worth about 55 million US dollars out of Egypt were sentenced on Saturday to between 15 and 55 years in prison.

Some of antiquities were seized at Cairo Airport, but many of the more than 57,000 articles were smuggled out. Some have been returned, including artefacts sent back in July from Australia, where they were found for sale on the Internet.

Three men who were

in custody received between 15 and 42 years in jail, a Cairo court ruling said. One of the three was an official from the state's Supreme Council of Antiquities.

Four other men, fugitives who were tried in absentia, were sentenced to between 15 to 55 years in prison, the ruling said. They included a Swiss citizen and a German of Egyptian origin.

Three of the original 10 defendants were acquitted, it said.

Tens of thousands of

pieces, including human and animal mummies and wooden sarcophagi, were smuggled over the years, judicial sources previously said. Some of the men financed illegal excavations at some of Egypt's best known archaeological sites — Saqqara, Tell el-Amarna, Dahshour and Tel Basta, the sources had said. Saqqara is the necropolis for the ancient city of Memphis and Tell el-Amarna was the shortlived capital under heterodox pharaoh Akhenaten.

*MNA/Reuters*

## Thirteen killed, eight injured in Kenya bus crash

NAIVASHI (Kenya), 15 Aug — At least 13 people, including two children, died and eight were seriously injured on Saturday when a bus and a cement truck collided on Kenya's busy Nairobi-Nakuru Highway, witnesses said.

The accident occurred near the town of Naivasha and police said the force of the collision was so great that most of the dead were cut into pieces.

"It seems the lorry had no brakes, it ripped through the bus and then landed under a bridge. It is a terrible thing," Naivasha police boss Simon Kiragu told *Reuters*.

Police said six men, five women and two children travelling in the bus died and five people were admitted to a nearby hospital in critical condition.

*MNA/Reuters*

# Let's grow special high yield Hsinshweli paddy

*Ahtet Minhla Nyunt Aung*

The State Peace and Development Council is giving priority to development of an agro-based economy that suits geographical and weather conditions of the nation.

At the same time, it has been taking systematic steps for food security of the growing population and for export of the surplus.

To ensure development of the agricultural sector it is necessary to extend the sown acreage, boost the per acre yield, apply double and mixed cropping, and use quality strains and modern techniques.

The majority of the nation's population are rural people who are mainly engaged in agriculture. Agricultural infrastructures such as dams and reservoirs are being built for development of socio-economic

development projects being carried out in various parts of the nation. In this connection, emphasis is being placed on mechanized agriculture.

In the meantime, constant efforts are being made to enable farmers to use quality strain paddy and apply advanced agricultural techniques. Only then will per capita income of farmers increase and economy in the region develop.

Of the ten major crops, three new crops and three perennial crops, those that are suitable to the region concerned are to be grown extensively. The government is building more irrigation facilities for development of agriculture, while making efforts for acquisition of quality strain crops and new crops for boosting the per acre yield. At the same time, extended cultivation of coffee, tea, pepper and

salient points of Hsinshweli paddy, our news crew of the Ministry of Information left for Lashio on 12 June 2005. In the evening, our news crew met Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace



*Secretary of Muse District PDC Col Tin Yu explains matters on cultivation of special high yield Hsinshweli paddy.*

and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing.

At the meeting, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing said that Head of State Senior Gen-

eral Than Shwe tended the harvesting ceremony of special high yield Hsinshweli paddy in Phaingkyau Village, Muse Township. At the ceremony, Township Manager of Myanma Agriculture Service U Myint

Aung explained the completion of harvesting in model plots of summer paddy yielding over 200 baskets per acre and plans for cultivation of monsoon paddy for 2005-2006. The per care yield

success with the result of about 203 baskets to 217.4 baskets per acre yield. Then, 80 per cent of local farmers are now engaged in growing the high-yield strain, a species of meedon rice group, on a commer-

cial scale. The manager of the township Myanma Agriculture Service explained effective agricultural methods, systematic use of natural and chemical fertilizers, pesticides, and water for cultivation of Hsinshweli strain paddy in Muse Township. The per acre yield has reached 267 baskets.

Staff Officer of Muse Township Settlements and Land Records Department U Than Myint said the township put 23,319 acres under monsoon paddy and 2,604 acres under summer paddy in 2004-2005. This year, the region designated a 10-acre model plot and a 300-acre field. A ten-acre field of Naungsai Village-tract was harvested first with the use of combined-harvesters in the presence of local farmers and guests. The one-acre sample plot of farmer U Sai Kham Hswe harvested on 9 June 2005 achieved per acre yield of 218.85 baskets. According to the survey

conducted by the Settlements and Land Records Department, per acre of the model plot of Phaingkyau Village-tract was expected to be 267.20 baskets.

In an interview, farmer U Sai Aik of Kaunglar Village of Phaingkyau Village-tract said that he cultivated four acres of Hsinshweli summer paddy this year. Mobilizing the assistance of members of the township agricultural supervisory committee, he applied the agricultural methods effectively to meet the per acre yield target of over 200 baskets. Previous year, he grew paddy for production of paddy seeds and gained a healthy profit. So he could buy a power-tiller worth K 800,000. On average, local paddy strains yield about 40 baskets an acre, and Hsinshweli strain, about 200 baskets. The prevailing price of paddy was K 3,000 a basket. He made a profit of K 400,000 per acre. Now, local farmers grow Hsinshweli high-yield strain paddy both in the rainy season and in summer, and are enjoying higher living standard.

The motto of local farmers is "Grow Hsinshweli high-yield strain paddy across Shan State to double the standard of living of farmers". By using Hsinshweli high-yield strain paddy, local farmers in Shan State (North) have enjoyed fruitful results of development with higher living standard.

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life of rural people.

Only when the agricultural sector develops will the national economy make progress. Hence, the government provides all necessary assistance to farmers to engage in double and mixed cropping. The government is doing so with the aim of bringing about equitable development across the nation and enhancing the socio-economic life of rural dwellers.

A project being implemented for marching towards an agro-based industrialized nation is one of the devel-

rubber is being carried out in the nation.

As paddy is the staple food as well as the foreign exchange earner, cultivation and production of paddy is a national duty. In paddy production, target is to be set to ensure self-sufficiency in food and export the surplus.

To be able to do so, special high yield Hsinshweli paddy is grown in Shan State (North) and it is thriving there. Hsinshweli paddy will be beneficial to farmers in Shan State (North) as its yield is over 200 baskets per acre.

To learn about the


eral Than Shwe during his tour of Shan State (North) from 14 to 16 April 2002 gave guidance on making every effort to ensure sufficiency in rice in Shan State (North). In accord with the guidance, various ways and means are being applied for rice sufficiency in the region. The high yield Hsinshweli strain is now ensuring rice sufficiency and the surplus. The commander called upon our news crew members to cover the success of special high yield Hsinshweli paddy for public information.

Our news crew members on 17 June at-

of the five sample plots of Hsinshweli strain paddy was 241.37 baskets. Officials presented model farmer prize for 2004-2005 to the winner, and gifts to those who contributed their services to the project.

We interviewed the officials. Muse District PDC Secretary Maj Tin Yu said that on average per acre yield of Hsinshweli strain paddy was 160 to 250 baskets. Under the instructions of the commander, 25 acres were put under Hsinshweli strain paddy in Namhkam Township in 2003-2004. The pilot project showed

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**Ugandan President meets Congo's Vice-President**

KAMPALA, 15 Aug — Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni has held talks with Vice-President Azarias Ruberwa of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) on situation in the DRC's eastern war-torn region of Ituri, according to a report from *The New Vision* newspaper on Saturday.  
 The state-owned newspaper reported that the two leaders discussed regional issues with particular emphasis on the Ituri region in the DRC and the promotion of trade between the two countries.  
 Museveni said it was important for stakeholders in the region to cooperate for the sake of peace. He said it was chiefly the countries in the region that could effectively solve the issue of insecurity.  
 Vice-President Ruberwa, who arrived

here on Thursday, briefed President Museveni on the political development in the DRC, saying that in March next year, there would hold elections that would be a strong foundation for peace.  
 Meanwhile, reports available here said that at the meeting Uganda agreed to clamp down on Congolese rebels using its territory in their campaign against the peace and disarmament process in the vast Central African country.  
 The DRC, formerly Zaire, has seen some of the worst violence in Africa during a civil war that began in 1998. An estimated 4 million people have died, most from disease and hunger. Despite a peace deal, armed bands still wreak havoc in the east, killing civilians, looting and calling elections into question.  
 MNA/Xinhua

**China, US cooperate to fight AIDS**

NANNING, 15 Aug — China and the United States have jointly launched here an HIV/AIDS prevention programme to fight the deadly disease in central and southwest China's provinces.

The international programme in its initial phase will input a total of 7 million US dollars to help non-governmental organizations prevent AIDS in 10 provinces and regions in China, local health officials said.

Yunnan Province, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in southwest China, and Henan Province in central China and other provinces will benefit from this programme, which is organized by the US Agency for Interna-

tional Development in cooperation with China's Ministry of Health.  
 The programme will in the next five years offer 15 million US dollars and other assistance such as training and technical support to help improve the capability of AIDS control in the provinces, said Li Huojia, director of the Disease Control Section with the Guangxi Regional Health Department.  
 In Guangxi, the programme will target Pingxiang City and Ningming County, located at the border of China and Vietnam, with the view of improving the personal hygiene of HIV carriers, AIDS patients and their family members and meanwhile providing supportive clinic services and

advice.  
 Aside from the China-US programme, China in July received a total of 98 million US dollars for the AIDS prevention programme sponsored by the Global Fund, which were allocated to help control HIV/AIDS in seven western Chinese provinces, including Guangxi, Li said.  
 So far, more than 20 international programmes for AIDS prevention have been carried out in China.  
 China has an estimated 840,000 people infected with the AIDS virus. The UN AIDS agency has warned that China could have as many as 10 million people infected by 2010 if it does not take urgent action.  
 MNA/Xinhua

**Dhaka to ensure foolproof security for 13th SAARC Summit**

DHAKA, 15 Aug — The Home Ministry of Bangladesh directed the law-enforcing agencies to ensure foolproof security in the capital for hosting the 13th Summit of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) scheduled for 12-13 November.

State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfozzaman Babar gave the directives at the eighth meeting of the SAARC Security Committee, formed for the 13th SAARC Summit, at the Home Ministry, reported the *United*

*News of Bangladesh*, a private news agency in the country.  
 A foolproof security reportedly will be ensured for the SAARC leaders, with special attention to Indian and Pakistani prime ministers.

To ensure a smooth holding of the summit, various steps would be taken to further improve the law and order situation and the border and ports would be tightened to prevent any infiltration.  
 MNA/Xinhua

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### Google pauses on book search after copyright flap

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 Aug — Google Inc, responding to an outcry by publishers, has temporarily scaled back plans to make the full text of copyrighted books in five of the world's great libraries searchable via the Internet.

Google, the world's most popular way of searching the Internet, will allow copyright holders who contact the company to withhold books from the project, said Adam Smith, programme manager of the Google Print programme.

For three months, Google will stop scanning copyrighted books to allow owners to inform the company of objections.

"Any and all copyright holders... can tell us which books they'd prefer that we not scan if we find them in a library," Adam Smith, the product manager of Google Print, said in a statement on Google's corporate web site.

Nonetheless, Google is moving ahead with its ambitious project to work with publishers and librarians to scan books in the public domain that are not covered by copyright, he said. Libraries participating in the programme include Oxford University, Harvard University, the New York Public Library, Stanford University and the University of Michigan.

The Google spokesman declined to

comment on how many book titles are now searchable on the Google Print site, which works by typing the name of an author, a book title or a word or phrase into a web search box at <http://print.google.com/>. Google is working with publishers large and small to encourage them to make their books searchable. In exchange, Google can create distinct pages for each book with advertising and links to retailers. As a further inducement, publishers can create a direct sales link to consumers for their titles.

"We are really excited about the scope of this programme and the good it will do for the world," Smith said in a telephone interview. Google said that virtually all major US and British publishers are participating, at least in part, in Google Print. Critics of the programme said that Google's plan to allow copyright holders to indicate whether they wish to opt out of the Google Print project switches the burden of upholding copyright from infringers to the copyright holders.—MNA/Reuters

### Bangladesh inquiry blames Canada firm for gas fire

DHAKA, 14 Aug — A Bangladesh inquiry has blamed Canadian firm Niko Resources Ltd for a major gas field and the company will be asked to pay compensation, a government official said on Saturday.

The fire, started by a blowout in late June, is still raging at the north-eastern Tengratila gas field. The blaze forced hundreds of families to flee their homes and sparked protests demanding that the government scrap its agreement with Niko. "The inquiry committee, formed immediately after the well caught fire in June, has submitted the final report today," government energy ad-

viser Mahmudur Rahman told reporters.

"The report said Niko was solely responsible for the gas field fire, because they did not have sufficient equipment and preparation for drilling," Rahman said. "The drilling design was also faulty."

Company officials could not be reached for comment. Niko is the joint operator of the gas field with Bangladesh's state-owned BAPEX, the explo-

ration wing of the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources. Rahman said Niko would be asked to compensate for the losses caused by the fire when a separate assessment committee submits its report by the end of the month.

Experts fear the entire 115 billion cubic feet (BCF) of gas reserves in the field will be lost unless the fire is stopped and leaks are plugged.

MNA/Reuters

### French FM explains Paris' Africa policy

PARIS, 14 Aug — French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy on Friday explained France's Africa policy, stressing the importance of African affairs to the international community.

In an interview with *Le Parisien* daily, Douste-Blazy said France's Africa policy "relies first on a major conviction: security and development are inseparable".

"In the 21st Century, nothing goes without the African continent. There will not be security nor growth for the West and in particular for the European continent without Africa's development," said Douste-Blazy.

He called for the international community to help develop the African continent as it boasts a large potential market as well as rich natural resources, and help solve the problems haunting Africa, such as terrorism, illegal immigration, sanitary and environmental problems.—MNA/Xinhua

### Polar bear makes huge 74-kilometre one-day Arctic swim

OSLO, 14 Aug — Scientists have tracked a tagged polar bear swimming at least 74 kilometres in just one day — and maybe up to 100 kilometres — providing the first conclusive proof the bears can cover such giant distances in the water.

Bears often roam thousands of kilometres in a year in search of prey such as seals and there has often been anecdotal evidence of prodigious ursine swims, with bears turning up on remote islands or across wide bays.

However, previously there had been doubts about whether the bears had walked over ice part of the way or hitched a ride on an iceberg.

"What's new this time is that we have data showing how long the bear was in the water," Jon Aars, a researcher at the Norwegian Polar Institute, said on Friday. "This is the first time that such a long swim has been documented by satellite telemetry for polar bears," the institute added.

The female bear, equipped with a satellite tracking device, entered the water on the east of the Norwegian Arctic island of Spitsbergen early on 20 July, swam northeast and re-emerged on the island of Edgeoya a day later. A sensor on the bear's collar sent different signals when it was in salty sea water compared to on land or on ice.

"This is an astonishing swim," Aars said, saying it showed that polar bears could in many ways be classified as marine mammals — a group including whales and dolphins. Aars said the bear, dubbed "Skadi" after a Norse goddess of snow, had probably swum closer to 100 kilometres (62 miles) since the bear almost certainly did not swim the 74 kilometres (46 miles) between the two points in an exact straight line.

The bear covered the gap in about 24 hours, giving an average speed of 3-4 kilometres per hour — about as fast as a person walking. The swim probably meant that two cubs, with Skadi when the bear was marked in the spring, had died earlier in the summer. Mortality rates among polar bear cubs are high.—MNA/Reuters



Chinese visitors at the Beijing Jundong Cars Services show room where the latest Ferrari sports car, the F430, is on display in Beijing, on 14 August, 2005. China's appetite for luxury car is expected to boom due to its large population base and the growing number of wealthy benefiting from a robust economy. —INTERNET

### Chavez completes MERCOSUR tour with agreements concluded

CARACAS, 14 Aug — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Friday concluded his working visits to three countries of the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR) aiming at enhancing bilateral relations and promoting Latin American integration.

During the three-day visit to Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil, Chavez signed with his counterparts a series of bilateral political and economic agreements.

Under the agreements signed with his Uruguayan counterpart, Tabare Vazquez, Venezuela is to provide low-price crude oil for refining at Uruguayan refineries for 25 years. The processed oil will be used to meet Uruguay's energy needs with the surplus to be exported to South American countries.

Joint exploitation will take place in one of the reserve blocs Venezuela has in the eastern petroleum strip, where there are proven reserves of 300 billion barrels of crude. In return, Uruguay will export a large amount of agricultural, telecommunications and service products to Venezuela. Other joint efforts in the programme include plans for an alcohol distillation project with Uruguay near its northeastern border with Brazil and a cement plant which will export from Uruguay to Venezuela 10 million US dollars' worth of cement annually.

During his visit on 11 August to Argentina, the second leg of the tour, Chavez signed with his colleague Nestor Kirchner a series of agreements worth over 500 million dollars.—MNA/Xinhua

### UNICEF warns of risk to children in Gaza pullout

GENEVA, 14 Aug — The United Nations agency for children on Friday warned that arms and explosives left behind after Israel's planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip posed an acute danger to the young and urged caution.

UNICEF urged that children be kept out of harm's way to prevent more deaths. In the nearly five years since a Palestinian uprising broke out, 829 children under 18 have died, 713 of those Palestinians, it said.

"There will be weapons, there might be explosives, in this area," said UNICEF spokesman Marc Vergara at a media briefing. "They might find unexploded ordnance. That's the danger." Israel intends to evacuate all of its 21 enclaves in Gaza and four of 120 in the West Bank starting next Wednesday, the first removal of settlements from land Palestinians want for a state.

If Israel's "disengagement plan" does not proceed peacefully, children could be in danger, the agency said.—MNA/Reuters

## SPORTS

## Champions Rangers lose five-goal thriller at Aberdeen

GLASGOW, 15 Aug— Jamie Smith scored a spectacular late winner to give Aberdeen a 3-2 victory over Scottish champions Rangers on Sunday.

Smith's 25-metre drive two minutes from time settled a thrilling encounter in which Rangers battled back from 2-0 down before having Fernando Ricksen sent off. The result left Rangers' city rivals Celtic top of the Premier League table after three matches on seven points, one point clear of Rangers.

Celtic had a 3-1 home win over Falkirk on Saturday. Hearts, also on six points, will go top if they get at least a draw at Dundee United later on Sunday.

In an incident-packed game at Pittodrie referee John Underhill booked four players in the first half-hour. The last, Bob Malcolm of Rangers, conceded the free kick that led to Aberdeen's opener from skipper Russell Anderson.

He headed home after Rangers failed to clear Gary Dempsey's free kick on the left after 30 minutes.

Aberdeen went 2-0 up with a fabu-

lous goal from Steve Lovell seven minutes later. Lovell gathered a ball from Barry Nicholson and cut inside Malcolm to drill a low shot into the bottom right hand corner from the edge of the box.

Within 90 seconds Rangers pulled a goal back when Dado Prso hammered home a header high into the middle of the net following a corner by Ricksen.

Then TV pictures showed Ricksen and teammate Nacho Novo squaring up as they returned to the centre circle and they had to be separated by the referee and Rangers captain Barry Ferguson.

Four minutes into the second period an overhead kick by Peter Lovenkrands hauled Rangers level from substitute Steve Thompson's cross on the left.

Rangers had Ricksen sent off for a second booking after 55 minutes for blocking Aberdeen's Kevin McNaughton. — MNA/Reuters

## Crespo saves Chelsea

LONDON, 15 Aug— Argentine substitute Hernan Crespo scored a stoppage-time winner as champions Chelsea snatched a dramatic 1-0 victory over Wigan Athletic at the JJB Stadium on Sunday.

The promoted underdogs, playing their first game in the top-flight, looked destined for a sensational draw until Crespo — back after a loan spell at AC Milan — hammered home a superb shot in the 93rd minute.

Chelsea, whose owner Roman Abramovich has spent 330 million pounds (599.2 million US dollars) on the club, deployed all their attacking force on a promoted side who suffered the cruellest of fates. — MNA/Reuters



Chelsea's Frank Lampard (C) gets stuck into the Wigan's defence during their Premiership clash at the JJB Stadium, in Wigan. Chelsea won 1-0. — INTERNET

## 10-man Cologne beat Stuttgart 3-2

BERLIN, 15 Aug— Cologne, down to 10 men for the last 19 minutes, beat VfB Stuttgart 3-2 in the Bundesliga on Sunday, while Werder Bremen also won away 2-0 at Mainz.

Stuttgart fought back strongly after going three goals behind to strikes by Markus Feulner and Albert Streit, who scored twice in seven minutes, but were left ruing a missed first-half penalty after Danish striker Jon Dahl Tomasson was brought down.

Two goals in 11 minutes by Marco Streller and Christian Tiffert offered some hope for Stuttgart, especially after Cologne midfielder Andrew Sinkala was sent off in the 71st minute for a second

booking, but they ran out of time.

Werder's strong start to the season continued. The strike pair of Ivan Klasnic and Miroslav Klose each scored and their solid defence was enough to keep out an always-lively Mainz attack.

Cologne and Werder joined champions Bayern Munich, Hamburg SV and Schalke 06 as the only teams with six points from their opening two games.

MNA/Reuters

## Arsenal leave it late to beat 10-man Newcastle

LONDON, 15 Aug— Arsenal needed captain Thierry Henry to score a late penalty and substitute Robin van Persie to seal the points in a laboured 2-0 win over 10-man Newcastle United on Sunday.

Newcastle were spirited throughout but finally paid the price for a 32nd-minute red card shown to England midfielder Jermaine Jenas for a lunging tackle on Gilberto at Highbury.

Graeme Souness' revamped side held out until Fredrik Ljungberg went down under a challenge by substitute Charles N'Zogbia and Henry steered the spot-kick just beyond Shay Given in the 81st minute.

Van Persie put the result beyond doubt six minutes later, side-footing past Given from the narrowest of angles after being picked out by Ljungberg at the near post.

Yet the scoreline flattered Arsenal. They struggled to break down opponents who made light work of being a man down in their first game of the season.

Jenas' exit was also a tactical blow as Newcastle's 4-5-1 formation with Alan Shearer up front had done a good job of muzzling Arsenal's four-man



Arsenal midfielder Fredrik Ljungberg (R) challenges Celestine Babayaro of Newcastle during a Premiership match at Highbury in north London. Arsenal defeated Newcastle 2-0. — INTERNET

midfield, playing its first competitive game since Patrick Vieira left for Juventus.

Arsenal still failed to make much headway, having only Kolo Toure's sizzling shot on the turn and a poor header from Thierry Henry to show for their efforts before the break.

It was one-way traffic throughout the second half but Newcastle, helped by a superb league debut from Scott Parker, stuck to their task, conceding few clearcut chances.

Ljungberg mis-kicked

after Given flapped at a Dennis Bergkamp cross and the Swede was denied minutes later by a superb close-range save by the Newcastle keeper.

Ljungberg made amends in the last 10 minutes, though, winning the penalty and then setting up van Persie after the striker had replaced fellow Dutchman Bergkamp.

Premier League action was continuing on Sunday with champions Chelsea playing at promoted Wigan Athletic.

MNA/Reuters

## Bruges held to draw, Westerlo win again

BRUSSELS, 15 Aug— Champions Club Bruges were held to a surprising 1-1 draw by FC Brussels in the Belgian First Division on Saturday.

Westerlo made it two wins out of two to sit at the top of the table with six points after a 1-0 victory at cup holders Germinal Beerschot.

A last minute strike from Bjorn De Wilde sealed the points for Westerlo.

Bruges looked set to bounce back from their midweek Champions League defeat against an injury-hit Brussels side after Mannaseh Ishiaku put them ahead

after 24 minutes.

However on-loan Genk striker Igor De Camargo equalized for the home team four minutes later.

Two second half goals from Gunther van Handenhoven and Arnar Vidarsson gave Lokeren a 2-0 win at Excelsior Mouscron to add to their draw on the opening day. On Friday La Louviere and Ghent drew 1-1. — MNA/Reuters

## Weah eligible for Liberia's presidential candidate

LAGOS, 15 Aug — George Weah, former African, European and World Player of the Year, has been declared eligible for the candidate for the Liberian presidential election due in October.

Opponents of Weah, who is considered a leading contender in the election, alleged that he should be excluded from the race because he took French citizenship while playing for a French team in 1993. But Liberia's National Election Commission (NEC) declared in a 5-page ruling that evidence adduced by the complainants is not sufficient to prove the dual nationality of Weah to render them ineligible to contest in the election, reports reaching here Saturday said.

The NEC verdict said the commission had sought clarification from the embassies of France near Monrovia.

"The French Consulate (in Abidjan) do not have and never had any French citizen by name of George Weah registered as a French citizen residing in Liberia. Further more, the office of the Consular Attache in Monrovia never

handled or even saw a French passport under the name George Weah, since it opened in December 2003."

However, the office of the Consular Attache came across documents belonging to Weah on two occasions, both of them pertaining to a visa request in order to enable him to travel to France this year, it said.

The commission therefore ruled that the request suggests that Weah is not a French citizen as one does not need a visa to travel to a country of which he is a citizen. Weah has had an extraordinary international soccer career, most notably with the prestigious Italian club AC Milan, with whom he won the European Player of the Year award in 1995. In the same year, he also won the African and World Player of the Year awards.

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To mark the birthday anniversary of U Soe Lwin currently staying in the US, his family donates K 100,000 to the funds of the Hninzigon Home for the Aged. — H

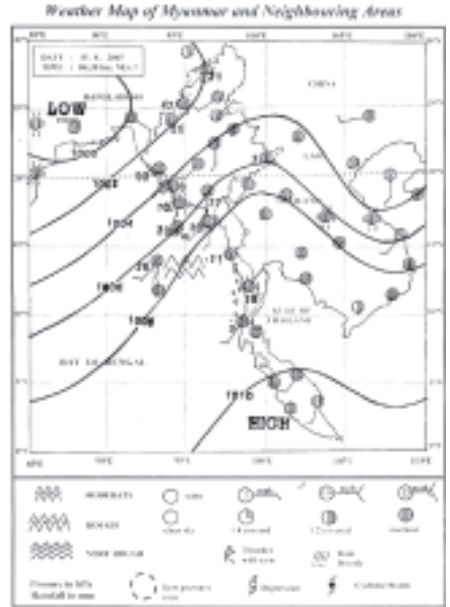
### Egypt arrests three Red Sea bomb suspects

CAIRO, 15 Aug — Egyptian security forces have arrested three suspected members of cell involved in the July bombings in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh that killed at least 64 people, the *Al-Ahram* daily said on Sunday.

The semi-official newspaper said security forces were searching for others who assisted or helped plan the three attacks on 23 July. "Police

raided some of the hide-outs and they found, in a farm in el Arish (north Sinai), about a ton of high explosives and are comparing it to the substances used in the three attacks," the newspaper reported without giving a source. Authorities suspect the Sharm el-Sheikh attacks and bombings last October in and around Taba, another Sinai resort town, were all the work of a group of Bedouin based in northern Sinai. Hundreds of people were detained for questioning in the el Arish area after the Taba attack. *Al-Ahram* said one of three arrested was working as a guard in a farm owned by a Palestinian living in el Arish. His arrest led to the other two being detained. Security officials traced what the newspaper described as the "terrorist cell" by following tracks of two vehicles carrying explosives from central Sinai to Sharm el-Sheikh, the daily said.

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### WEATHER

Monday, 15 August, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State, rain has been isolated in Kachin State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Magway Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Bago Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe (3.23) inches, Zaungtu (3.15) inches, Mawlamyine (2.76) inches and Thaton (2.60) inches.

Maximum temperature on 14-8-2005 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 15-8-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 15-8-2005 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 14-8-2005 was nil.

Rainfalls on 15-8-2005 were 1.26 inches at Mingaladon, 1.22 inches at Kaba-Aye, 1.18 inches at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 63.70 inches at Mingaladon, 64.92 inches at Kaba-Aye and 67.56 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 15 mph from South-west at (13:43) hours MST on 14-8-2005.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 16-8-2005:** Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Shan, Chin States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 80%.

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Decrease of rain are likely in the southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-8-2005:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is 80%. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-8-2005:** Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 60%.

### Flood Warning

(Issued at 12:30 hrs MST on 15-8-2005)  
According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Taungoo is (589) cm. It may reach the danger level (600) cm during the next (24) hours commencing noon today.

### Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hrs MST on 15-8-2005)  
According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is (826) cm. It is rising slightly and may remain above the danger level (750) cm during the next (4) days commencing noon today.

### သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်

၁။ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေး ကောင်စီသည် ရန်ကုန်ဆိပ်ကမ်း တစ်လျှောက် သန့်ရှင်းသာယာ လှပစေရေးအတွက် မြန်မာ့ဆိပ်ကမ်းအာဏာပိုင်အဖွဲ့ အစည်းများနှင့်ပူးပေါင်း၍ ဝိုင်းဝန်းကူညီဆောင်ရွက်လျက် ရှိရာတွင် ရန်ကုန်မြစ်အတွင်း စုန်ဆန်မျှောပါနေသည့် အမှိုက်များကြောင့် ဆိပ်ကမ်းတစ်လျှောက် သန့်ရှင်းသပ်ယပ် ရေးကို ထိခိုက်စေလျက်ရှိကြောင်း တွေ့ရှိရပါသည်။

၂။ ထို့အပြင် ဖော်ပြပါ ခိုက်၊ အမှိုက်များကြောင့် ရန်ကုန်မြစ်အတွင်း သွားလာနေကြသည့် ကူးတိုစက်လှေများတွင် ပန်ကာ၊ ဒလက်များ၌ ခိုက်၊ အမှိုက်များ ရစ်ပတ်မှုကြောင့် စက်လှေများ မျောပါကာ သင်္ဘောကြီးများနှင့် တိုက်ခိုက်မိပြီး ခရီးသည်များ အသက် အန္တရာယ်ဆုံးရှုံးမှုဖြစ်စဉ်များ ဖြစ်ပွားခဲ့ပါသည်။

၃။ သို့ပါ၍ ၁၉၅၈ ခုနှစ် မြန်မာ့ဆိပ်ကမ်းအက်ဥပဒေပုဒ်မ ၆၅ ဖြင့်လည်း မြစ်အတွင်း ပစ္စည်းများ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းကို တားမြစ်ထုတ်ပြန်ထားရှိပါ၍ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအတွင်းရှိ မြစ်ချောင်း များအတွင်း အမှိုက်၊ ခိုက်များ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းမပြုရန် သတိပေးတားမြစ်ပါသည်။ တားမြစ် ချက်အားဖောက်ဖျက်ပါက ဥပဒေနှင့်အညီ ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူသွားမည်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ



### Tuesday, 16 August

- Tune in today:**
- 8.30 am Brief news
  - 8.35 am Music: -Shooting Star
  - 8.40 am Perspectives
  - 8.45 am Music: -Reflection
  - 8.50 am National news/Slogan
  - 9.00 am Music: -Someday
  - 9.05 am International news
  - 9.10 am Music - You've got a friend in me
  - 1.30 pm News/Slogan
  - 1.40 pm Lunch time music -Mandy -Love hurts
  - 9.00 pm English Lesson Look Ahead -Level III, Unit (8)
  - 9.15 pm Article/Music
  - 9.25 pm Weekly Sport Reel
  - 9.35 pm Music for your listening pleasure -You're my baby
  - 9.45 pm News/Slogan
  - 10.00 pm PEL



### Tuesday, 16 August

- View on today:**
- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
  - 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
  - 7:30 am 3. Morning news
  - 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
  - 7:50 am 5. တရားဝန်ဥယျာဉ်
  - 8:00 am 6. Song of yesteryears
  - 8:10 am 7. အတဖြင့်ပွဲ
  - 8:20 am 8. ဘိုင်းဒါးရေလှောင်တံခွန်
  - 8:30 am 9. International news
  - 8:45 am 10. Let's Go

- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ခါတုပေးအထူးပြု) (ခါတုပေး)
- 5:00 pm 5. Dance of national races
- 5:15 pm 6. ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်၊ တေရသမအကြိမ် (သုကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အတ၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ဓမ္မပူဇော်တော်) (ဝါသနာရှင်အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)
- 5:25 pm 7. အတီးဖြင့်ပွဲ
- 5:30 pm 8. ခံစားနားဆင် တေးစာတံဝင်
- 5:40 pm 9. သားငါးဖွံ့ဖြိုး ပြည်အကျိုး
- 5:50 pm 10. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:15 pm 11. နိုင်ငံခြားကတန်းစာတံလမ်းတွဲ "ရယ်ရယ်ဆော့ပြေး ပုဂ္ဂိုလ် ဆိတ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
- 6:30 pm 12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတံလမ်းတွဲ "ရွေးနိမလေးရဲ့ချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
- 7:35 pm 15. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 7:45 pm 16. (၂၃) ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (ကျွမ်းသား)
- 8:00 pm 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတံလမ်းတွဲ "ရစ်သော့ချည်း" (အပိုင်း-၄)
- 21. The next day's programme

**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

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Afterwards, Prime Minister General Soe Win inspected the sinking of four-inch tube-well near the hospital by Pauk Township Development Affairs Department.

Next, the Prime Minister met departmental staff, social organizations and townsenders at the township PDC office. The township chairman reported on area and location of Pauk Township, cultivation acreage, annual rainfalls, thriving plantations of paddy and other crops and sufficiency of rice. He also reported that in the township 187 villages out of

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Prime Minister General Soe Win views sinking of a tube-well in Pauk. — MNA

**Only when land and marine resources in the region are effectively utilized will the local people be able to engage in double cropping and their income increase**



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects construction of the spillway of Innbat Dam. — MNA

**Minister calls for early completion of Yeywa hydel power project**

YANGON, 15 Aug — Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut urged the officials of the Yeywa hydel power project to make efforts for early completion of the project to meet the demand for power supply.

In his remarks at the work coordination

meeting held at the briefing hall of the project on 13 August, the minister also emphasized the early completion of the project meeting the set standard.

After hearing reports presented by Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Myo Myint and director-general of the

Hydro-electric Power Department, the minister gave necessary instructions.

After the meeting, he inspected the construction of intake structure, the main dam and power station. The minister and party also inspected construction site. — MNA

**Construction Minister inspects roads and bridges in Ayeyawaddy Division**

YANGON, 15 Aug — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun together with officials of Public Works inspected the maintenance of Yangon-Pathein motor road section and gave necessary instructions to the officials yesterday.

The minister and

party proceeded to the construction site of the Panmawady Bridge

(Myinkaseik) over Panmawady river this (See page 7)

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*In the meantime, constant efforts are being made to enable farmers to use quality strain paddy and apply advanced agricultural techniques. Only then will per capita income of farmers increase and economy in the region develop.*