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## Four political objectives

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

## Four economic objectives

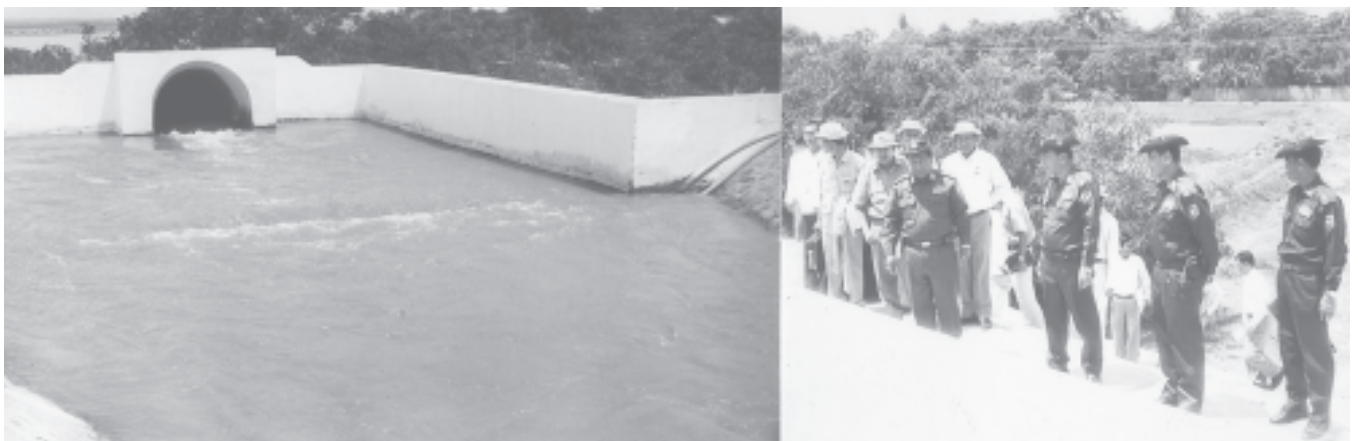
- \* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- \* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- \* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country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

## Four social objectives

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

Arrangements being made to put 5,000 acres of land under monsoon paddy in NyaungU Township  
Officials urged to plant trees in 3,000 acres in Chauk Township

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects River Water Pumping Projects in Mandalay, Magway Divisions



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Umin Koepauk river water pumping project site in Chauk Township.— MNA

YANGON, 3 Sept.— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of

Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments left NyaungU for Lawkanda River Water Pumping Project on 1 September.

Assistant Director of NyaungU District Water Resources Utilization Department U Maung Maung Lwin reported on arrangements for cultivation of 5,000 acres of monsoon paddy.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected pumping of water into the No 1 main canal, Manawthukha

paddy fields of farmer U Thauung Kyi, flow of water in No 3 canal, land preparation, cultivation of paddy and irrigation.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected flow of water in the canals, construction of lake for drinking water.

They went to the neem plantation of Shwebontaung Greening Project of Arid Zone Greening Department in Chauk. Staff Officer U Khin Maung Lwin reported on neem plantations and irrigation. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on full cultivation of trees on 3,000 acres.

Director of Magway

Division Greening Department U Maung Maung Htwe reported on greening projects in the division. Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected neem plantations.

They proceeded to Umin Koepauk River Water Pumping Project site where Head of Magway Division Water Resources Utilization De-

partment U Tin Maung Aye Htoo reported on cultivation of monsoon paddy through the water supply from the project.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to ancient Sale Yokeson Kyaung where U Zaw Min Htwe reported on artistic works, Buddha images and sculptures.

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- Altogether 993 acres of land have been put under monsoon paddy out of the targeted 1,511 acres using water from Umin Koepauk river water pumping station in Chauk Township, Magway Division.
- Using water from Tanyaung river water pumping station, 2,122 acres of land have been put under monsoon paddy out of the targeted 4,000 acres in Salin Township, Minbu District in Magway Division.

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The Government is also promoting learning programmes and creating a sound learning environment to raise the education qualification of the people, developing the education management and information data systems and conducting management proficiency seminars and courses for dynamism of the management sector.

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

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Strive for development of electric power sector

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance that the electric power sector is an engine for development of the State; that the development of the electric power sector and the growth of the national economy are interrelated; and that it is necessary to carry out the tasks step by step relying on own resources and other prevailing favourable conditions.

In accordance with the guidance, the Ministry of Electric Power is implementing ten hydel power projects throughout the nation and Yeywa Hydel Power Project is the biggest among them. Yeywa Hydel Power Project is being implemented on Myitnge River, 31 miles southeast of Mandalay. The 790-megawatt capacity turbine will be installed at the plant in order to generate 3,550 million units of electricity annually. The notes of contract related to Yeywa Hydel Power Project being implemented by Hydroelectric Power Department were inked in Yangon on 2 September.

Under the contract, China is to supply 230 KV cables and other necessary equipment for construction of sub-power stations worth US\$ 45.849 million to the project. These equipment will be supplied by China National Heavy Machinery Corporation of the People's Republic of China under the programmes of promoting friendship and economic cooperation between Myanmar and PRC.

Electricity generated from Yeywa Hydel Power Project will be supplied to Meiktila Sub-Power Station through 75 miles long Yeywa-Meiktila 230 KV double power lines, and that to Bellin Sub-Power Station through 28 miles long Yeywa-Bellin 230 KV double power lines.

Moreover, Bellin Sub-Power Station and Meiktila Sub-Power Station will be linked with 60 miles long 230 KV double power lines. And, another 22 miles long 230 KV double power lines will be installed between Yeywa Hydel Power Station and Shwesayan Sub-Power Station. Electricity generated from Shweli Project will be combined with that of Shwesayan Sub-Power Station for power distribution through the national grid.

There are altogether 287 embankments of concrete type in the hydel power projects of the world. The embankment of Yeywa Hydel Power Project is also of concrete type and on completion, it will be one of the major hydel power projects in the world.

Therefore, all are to make concerted efforts for successful completion of the hydel power projects being implemented by the State in accord with the guidance of the Head of State as the electric power sector is an engine for development of the State.

## 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

## Health Minister leaves for Sri Lanka

YANGON, 3 Sept — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint left here by air this afternoon to attend the 23rd World Health Organization South-East Asian Regional Health Ministers' Meeting, and the 58th Regional Committee Meeting to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 4 to 10 September.

The minister was seen off at the airport by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, directors-general under



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint seen off at the airport by officials. — HEALTH

the Ministry of Health and officials, Sri Lankan Ambassador Mr DMM Ranaraja, Acting Resident Representative Dr Stephan P Jost of WHO Office in Yangon and of-

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint was accompanied by Deputy Director-General U Than Aung of Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar),

Director (Public Health) Dr San Shwe Win of Health Department and Deputy Director (Foreign Relations) U Thet Lwin of the Ministry of Health.

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## AGM of Cooperative Bank Ltd held



Minister Col Zaw Min addresses the annual general meeting Cooperative Bank. — COOPERATIVE

YANGON, 3 Sept—The annual general meeting of share holders of Cooperative Bank Ltd for 2004-2005 fiscal year was held at Grand Plaza ParkRoyal Hotel here this morning.

Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min delivered an address. He said three cooperative banks was merged into one on 16 May 2004, and banking services have improved. The value of the share and the deposit of the people have also increased. The share holders and the people win trust on the bank formed by the Ministry of Cooperatives.

He spoke of the need for bank staff to conduct

training courses for work efficiency and to maintain the already-achieved success and to apply IT in banking services.

Financial consultant of the bank U Hla Tun also spoke.

The report of the board of directors, financial statement and audit's report were submitted for approval.

Next, 15-member board of directors led by Chairman U Khin Maung Aye were elected. The meeting ended with the concluding remark by the Chairman.—MNA

## စာအုပ်လှူဒါန်းပွဲ

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## Akhwint Alan Journal introduced

YANGON, 3 Sept — A ceremony to launch Akhwint Alan Journal, which will be published by Two-Four Media Group, was held at Central Hotel on Bogyoke Aung San Street this afternoon. It was attended by officials of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, editorial staff members of Akhwint Alan Journal and invited guests.

Editor-in-charge U Than Soe of the journal explained matters related to the publication of the journal and replied to the

queries raised by those present, and the ceremony ended.

Volume 1, No 1 of the Akhwint Alan Journal will be issued on

Tuesday as from 13 September 2005.

The journal covers a wide range of articles, and advertisements for job and opportunity for

youth, education. For further information, one may contact the journal (Tel; 211577, 095142331).

MNA

Editor in-charge U Than Soe explains matters on the journal those present on the journal. MNA



# China to promote legal cooperation with ASEAN

NANNING, 2 Sept — China will strengthen its legal cooperation with ASEAN members in forum operation, academic exchanges, personnel training and international exchanges, said Han Zhubin, president of the China Law Society (CLS), at a top forum on legal cooperation and development here on Thursday.

The China-ASEAN Top Forum on Legal Cooperation and Development, the first of its kind, is sponsored by CLS. During the three-day session, participants from China and nine ASEAN members will hold in-depth discussion on topics concerning the legal problems about the China-ASEAN free trade area (FTA). Addressing at the opening

ceremony, Han suggested the forum be built into a regional mechanism of exchanges between legal experts and law operators of China and ASEAN and a platform of legal cooperation.

China and ASEAN should advance academic exchanges such as lectures, forums and symposia under the framework of the China-ASEAN

Top Forum on Legal Cooperation and Development, Han suggested.

He also proposed to strengthen the training of professionals proficient in international law and regional laws to provide intellectual support for the economic growth and commercial intercourse of the region. The forum should promote cooperation and ex-

changes with other international or regional legal organizations in the future, he added.

The establishment of the forum will become an active force in promoting the improvement of China-ASEAN dispute resolution mechanism, and facilitating legal research of countries in the region, said Han.

MNA/Xinhua

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## FM explains Russia's foreign policy

Moscow, 2 Sept — Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov pledged on Thursday that Russia will not adopt an anti-Western policy although there are forces regarding it as an enemy.

"As Russian society is becoming increasingly consolidated and as its economy grows, forces are emerging which, by mere inertia, view our country as an enemy... (But) we will not allow anyone to provoke us to adopt primitive anti-Western policies," Lavrov said while speaking at Moscow International Relations Institute on the first day of the new term.

The foreign minister accused Western media of "distorting the picture of what is happening in Russia," according to the *Interfax* news agency.

He said Russia has been blamed for nursing imperial ambitions and the equality of all in Constitution was interpreted by Western media as a violation of human rights.

Lavrov also stated that the Russian policy does not contradict the interests of the Western world and is aimed at tackling global tasks.

"Amid globalization, not a single country, however developed, can protect its interests on its own," he noted.

He said cooperation with the former Soviet republics remains a priority in Russia's foreign policy.

Russia is also interested in cooperation with all states, in particular with the Latin American and African countries, the minister said.

"This is important not only for the economy of our country, but also for securing the foreign policy interests of the state," he said.—MNA/Xinhua

## "Katrina" drenches southeastern Canada

OTTAWA, 2 Sept — Heavy rain and strong winds lashed much of southeastern Canada early Wednesday as the remnants of hurricane Katrina blew in from the United States.

Parts of southern Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick were getting a good soaking although the worst of the rain was being felt south of the Great Lakes on the US side of the border, Environment Canada reported.

Katrina, now classed a post-tropical depression, is "packing a good punch water wise", said Carolyne Marshall, a forecaster with the Canadian Hurricane Centre in Halifax. Late Wednesday morning, a heavy rain warning was in effect for Montreal, Quebec City, the north shore of the St. Lawrence and much of the Gasp and northern New Brunswick. — MNA/Xinhua



Roadways are flooded in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Louisiana on 2 September, 2005. — INTERNET

## Annan expresses condolences to Iraqi people

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Sept — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has expressed his condolences to the Iraqi people over the catastrophic loss of hundreds of lives of Iraqi citizens, UN spokeswoman Marie Okabe said on Wednesday.

In a statement issued by the spokeswoman, Annan said he learned with great sadness of the human tragedy that took place in Baghdad. "The Secretary-General expresses his deepest condolences to the Government of Iraq and to the families of the bereaved," Okabe said. At least 650 people were killed and 235 injured after a suicide bomb panic triggered stampede on a bridge over the Tigris in Baghdad on Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua

## Thousands feared dead in Hurricane-ravaged US city

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept — Thousands of people were feared dead in New Orleans, Louisiana, under the wrath of Hurricane Katrina, the southern US city's mayor said on Wednesday.

Citing that there are many dead bodies floating in the deep waters, Mayor Ray Nagin estimated the death toll will be at least hundreds, but "most likely, thousands". The city will be totally evacuated as there are continuous flooding caused by the hurricane, he said.

The famous southern metropolitan, where over 480,000 lived before the hurricane, will not be back to normal in several months, said Nagin.

He estimated there are still 50,000 to 100,000 people remained in New Or-

leans as the majority of the residents have been evacuated before the hurricane came. The evacuation will be conducted with the assistance of the US military, at the pace of 14,000 to 15,000 people each day, said Nagin. New Orleans was spared from the direct hit of Hurricane Katrina, which plowed into US Gulf Coast on Monday, but most areas of the below-sea-level city was submerged by waters flowing down from nearby lakes through damaged levees.

MNA/Xinhua

## 1,886 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept — As of Friday, 2 Sept, 2005, at least 1,886 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 1,464 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is three 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, 1,747 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,355 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet



A US soldier and an Iraqi police officer survey the scene after an explosion in eastern Baghdad, on 30 Aug, 2005. — INTERNET

# China, Mozambique to maintain consultation on UN reform

**BEIJING, 2 Sept — China would like to maintain contact and consultation with Mozambique on UN reform, said Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao in a meeting with Mozambique Prime Minister Luisa Diogo here on Thursday.**

The two sides exchanged views on the reform of the United Nations. Wen said China supports the UN and UN Security Council reform, and its stance on supporting the African countries to play a more important role in the UN Security Council remained unchanged.

Diogo said Mozambique would like to maintain consultations with China on the UN reform.

Wen said the relations between China and Mozambique have been based on Chinese people's support to Mozambique people in striving for the country's independence, as well as on the Mozambique Government's adherence to the one-China policy.

He said China appreciates the Mozambique new government's attention to strengthen relations with China, noting China values relations with Mozambique, and will promote political contact and cooperation on development of agriculture, resources, water conservancy, fishery and culture and sports.

Diogo expressed gratitude for China's long-term support to Mozambique, saying that the Mozambique Government will continue to adhere to the one-China policy, and would like to enhance cooperation on economy, trade, water resources, fishery, and other fields.

MNA/Xinhua



Torrential rains and flooding from Typhoon Talim have killed at least 13 people and left 15 missing in eastern China, the government said on 3 September, 2005. Soldiers carry sandbags in Fuzhou.

INTERNET

## India, Pakistan to continue composite dialogue process

**ISLAMABAD, 2 Sept — Building on the new momentum in bilateral ties, India and Pakistan on Thursday decided to continue the composite dialogue process and sign an agreement on pre-notification of ballistic missile tests at the Foreign Minister-level meeting here early October.**

"Both sides agree on the integrity of the composite dialogue... the third round of the composite dialogue will take place and hopefully, it will start by the end of this year," Pakistan Foreign Secretary Riaz Mohammad Khan said at a Press conference after wide-ranging talks with his visiting Indian counterpart Shyam Saran.

The accord on pre-notification of ballistic missile tests will be signed when Indian External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh meets his Pakistani counterpart Khurshid M Kasuri here from 3-5 October this year, he said.

Observing that the "core issue" of Jammu and Kashmir was discussed at Thursday's meeting, Khan said "the subject of Kashmir will be on top of the agenda" when President Pervez Musharraf meets Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in New York on September 14 on the margins of the UN General Assembly session.

Asked about Prime Minister Singh's decision to meet the Hurriyat leaders, he said "we have always maintained that Kashmiri leadership should be involved with the peace process".

MNA/PTI

## British engineer kidnapped in western Afghanistan

**KABUL, 2 Sept — A British engineer was kidnapped after gunmen attacked a convoy in western Afghanistan and killed three police escorts, the Interior Ministry said on Thursday.**

Taleban guerillas said they carried out the Wednesday night attack in the western province of Farah and were holding the Briton, but Interior Ministry spokesman Lutfullah Mashal said a criminal gang was responsible.

The attack took place

on the road between the southwestern city of Kandahar and the western city of Herat, Mashal said.

"They killed three policemen and kidnapped a British engineer working for a road construction company," he said.

He gave no other details.

The British Embassy in Kabul was aware of an incident in the west of the country, as a result of which a British national was missing, an embassy spokeswoman said.

"We are urgently seeking details from the Afghan authorities," she said, adding that next of kin of

the missing Briton had requested that his name not be released.

Taleban spokesman Abdul Latif Hakimi told the Pakistan-based Afghan Islamic Press that the group's guerillas had carried out the attack. He said three Britons had been killed and one arrested, but he later said three Americans had been killed.

Taleban guerillas, who have not been known to operate in force in the west of the country, are battling about 20,000 US troops in the south and east. About 10,000 NATO-led peacekeepers operate mostly in Kabul, the north and the west.

About 1,000 people, including 48 US troops, have been killed in a surge of violence this year, but Afghan and US officials say September 18 elections will not be disrupted.

Suspected Taleban members have kidnapped several Turkish and Indian nationals working on road projects in the south, but have released them unharmed after ransoms were paid. A Lebanese engineer kidnapped by the Taleban last month was freed unharmed.

Gunmen kidnapped an Italian aid worker in Kabul in May. She was released unharmed after more than three weeks in captivity. Her captors were members of a criminal gang, the government said. — MNA/Reuters

## Three wounded in explosion in southeastern Turkey

**ANKARA, 2 Sept — Three people were wounded in an explosion in Semdinli Township of Hakkari Province in southeastern Turkey, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Thursday.**

The explosion occurred near "Peace Tent" pitched up by the People's Democracy Party (DEHAP) on the occasion of 1 September International Day of Peace, and

the explosion was caused probably by a sound bomb.

Tight security measures were taken at the scene and an investigation was launched.

Earlier in the day, one person was killed in an explosion in Merinos District of Osmangazi Township of the northwestern city of Bursa.

A string of bombing

attacks seem to have been targeting Turkey's tourist destinations in recent months, which are believed to be carried out by Kurdish, leftist and Islamic militant groups.

On 16 July, a bombing on a bus in the seaside resort of Kusadasi killed five people, including a British woman and an Irish teenager.

MNA/Xinhua

## Three US soldiers killed in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 2 Sept — Three more US soldiers have been killed in Iraq.**

The military says two of the soldiers died yesterday after their patrol was struck by a roadside bomb in Baghdad.

And another soldier was shot dead in a city 30 miles south of the capital.

Before these deaths were reported, at least one-thousand-883 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003.

Internet



Gylan Ahmed, 46, is treated in Samarra hospital, some 60 miles north of Baghdad, on 29 Aug, 2005. Ahmed was kidnapped three days before by unidentified gunmen. — INTERNET

## Russian foreign debt falls in first half of year

Moscow, 2 Sept — Russia's foreign debt stood at 107.6 billion US dollars on 1 July, down by 6.5 billion US dollars compared with the beginning of this year thanks to its early payment of debts to international lending bodies, the Finance Ministry said on Wednesday.

The foreign debt makes up about 75 per cent of Russia's total state debt, which amounts to 3.9 trillion rubles (136.8 billion US dollars), an unidentified source of the Finance Ministry told the *ITAR-TASS* news agency.

In a report prepared for Cabinet meetings, the Fi-

nance Ministry offered a breakdown of Russia's debt to different international lenders.

Foreign government loans make up most of the foreign debt with 52.1 billion dollars, while debt on Russian Government bonds amounted to 41.6 billion dollars.

Russia finished the early debt payment of 15 billion US dollars to the Paris Club group of creditor countries on 22 August. In January, Russia paid its 3.3-billion-US-dollar debt ahead of schedule to the International Monetary Fund.

MNA/Xinhua

## Bulgaria prepares for end-year Iraq pullout

Sofia, 2 Sept — Bulgaria will withdraw its troops from Iraq by the end of the year but remains a staunch supporter of the UN-led operations there, new Prime Minister Sergei Stanishev said on Friday.

The Socialist-led government has decided to stick to a previous plan for end-year pullout of its 370 troops from Iraq, stepping back from a Socialist party (BSP) pre-election pledge to withdraw the soldiers sooner. The leftist BSP won the polls but failed to win an outright majority and after weeks of tough talks it agreed to lead a three-party coalition, including the former ruling party of ex-king Simeon Saxe Coburg and the eth-

nic Turkish MRF party. Stanishev said the new NATO member would begin talks on the pullout with Washington and other allies by the end of September and vowed that it would remain a faithful partner of the anti-terrorism coalition and Iraq. He said a commission would draft proposals on how to replace the Bulgarian military presence in Iraq with humanitarian activities. "Bulgaria could not be in different ... and will look

for other forms of supporting Iraqi stability. That might include training of Iraqi police, participation in NATO training missions of Iraqi army and security forces and others," Stanishev said.

Internet

## British study shows poor people get worse services

LONDON, 2 Sept — Poor people with the greatest need for good healthcare, education, jobs and transport live in areas with the

worst access to these services, said a charity's analysis of British census data on Thursday.

"The census data show quite clearly that although living standards have increased in 60 years, the rich and poor in Britain continue to live in different worlds," said Ben Wheeler, co-author of the study from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

The study of the 2001 census found areas with the highest levels of poor health had the lowest number of doctors, den-

tists and other health professionals, some 60 years after Britain's welfare state was introduced to eradicate such inequalities.

Areas with the greatest proportions of young people with no qualifications have the lowest availability of working teachers. The areas doing the best have four times as many teachers per head of population.

Young people are more likely to obtain good qualifications if people in their area of their parents' generation are also well qualified — although this does

not apply to Scotland, where the well qualified young are more evenly spread.

"Perversely, people living in the poorest neighbourhoods with the greatest needs are often the least likely to have access to the services and support that would help them improve their lives and life chances," said study co-author Danny Dorling.

"It is acutely disappointing to discover that so many opportunities and resources still depend on where people live."

MNA/Reuters

## Cambodian malaria cases drop in first half of year

PHNOM PENH, 2 Sept — Cambodia's malaria cases dropped in the first six months compared with the same period of last year, but the fatalities were up, local newspaper reported on Thursday.

Statistics from the National Malaria Centre show that the number of malaria cases treated through the country's healthcare system during the first six months of the year dropped by a third compared to the same period last year.

From January through June, 29,092 patients were treated for malaria, compared to 39,704 for the first six months of 2004, *The Cambodia Daily* quoted Duong Socheat, director of the centre as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

## Japan, Thailand agree on FTA framework

Tokyo, 2 Sept — The Japanese and Thai leaders approved a basic free trade agreement (FTA) on Thursday here, which would eliminate nearly all bilateral tariffs in the coming decade.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra endorsed the framework during a meeting.

The two countries aim to sign the document around next April, according to *Kyodo News*. Japan has inked FTAs with Singapore and Mexico and reached basic accords with the Philippines and Malaysia.

Under the proposed FTA, Japan will completely do away with its

tariffs on Thai products and Thailand will liberalize 99 per cent of trade with Japan in value terms in a decade.

Thailand will immediately scrap tariffs on about half of Japanese steel imports in value terms, and remove duties on all steel products from Japan in 10 years.

In addition, Thailand will gradually lower and finally rescind tariffs on imported Japanese finished vehicles with engines of more than 3,000

cubic centimetre in stages by mid-2010s.

Japan will slash or scrap tariffs on Thai farm products, like chicken, shrimp and tropical fruit.

The two countries agreed to exclude sensitive farm products for Japan, such as rice, from the trade liberalization talks. Wheat, dairy products, beef and fishery items, including squid and horse mackerel, are not subject to tariff cuts either.

MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese Premier meets Malaysian Deputy PM

BEIJING, 2 Sept — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao met here on Thursday with Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak.

Wen spoke highly of the important measures that the two countries agreed on last year to promote strategic cooperation, saying China would like to enhance cooperation in all fields with Malaysia according to the way the two sides have set forth so as to make new contributions to regional peace, stability and prosperity.

Najib said Malaysia attaches importance to friendly cooperation with China, noting that China's rapid development will bring benefit to the countries in the region including Malaysia.

He said Malaysia hopes to further cooperation with China in economy, trade, energy resources, tourism and other fields. — MNA/Xinhua



Supplies are unloaded from a military helicopter at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana on 2 September, 2005. — INTERNET



An Iraqi boy runs past a car as firemen extinguish a blaze in Baghdad on 28 Aug, 2005. — INTERNET



Italian actress and producer Maria Grazia Cucinotta arrives at the Cinema Palace in Venice on 1 September, 2005, for the premiere of her latest movie "All the invisible children". — INTERNET

## Singapore, HK sign MoU on intellectual property management

SINGAPORE, 2 Sept — The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) and the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on intellectual property (IP) management here on Thursday.

Under the MoU, the two sides will jointly enhance their collective tools, including an IP Management Protocol (IPMP) which is an IP audit standard, to assess the IP management readiness of companies.

"The objectives of the collaboration are to apply this standard to make IP management an integral part of business decision-

making and help companies adopt good IP management practices," said a statement by IPOS. As creativity and innovation have been regarded as a revenue booster in the Asia-Pacific Region, businesses are attaching increasing significance to IP protection, according to Yeung Kwok-Keung, Executive Director of HKPC.

"The system is also crucial for the region to stay competitive in its quest for a bigger share in the outsourcing market," Yeung added. The two institutions hope that the mutually recognized standard will serve businesses in the region as an international benchmark for IP management and protection. — MNA/Xinhua

## Trade Fair featuring Middle, W Asia eco, cooperation opens in Urumqi

URUMQI, 2 Sept — The 14th China Urumqi Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Fair, a trading platform linking China with southern, central and western Asian countries, opened on Thursday in Urumqi, capital of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

The five-day fair attracted more than 1,000 business people from countries including Russia, Kazakhstan and Pakistan, and 15 Chinese provinces, regions and municipalities.

The fair is expected to witness the signing of 14 foreign trade contracts worth about 243 million US dollars and a domestic trade of 25.5 billion yuan (315 million US dollars).

A forum will be held on middle and western Asian economic cooperation to promote regional cooperation, which draws more than 100 representatives from ten countries such as Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkey and Iran. Promotion activities like "Novosibirsk Day" of Russia and "Pakistan Day" will also be held during the fair.

"Xinjiang has established economic relations with more than 140 countries and regions and its foreign trade and economic cooperation is still expanding,

"said Ismail Tiliwaldi, chairman of the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and also director of the fair's organizing committee.

"The fair will also contribute to further economic cooperation between central and western Asian nations."

Beginning in 1992, the annual trade fair has so far attracted business people from about 70 countries and regions and about 10,000 domestic business people.

It has concluded 20.7 billion US dollars of foreign trade and 233.7 billion yuan (28.16 billion US dollars) of domestic trade, according to the regional government.

Famous for containing the historical Silk Road, Xinjiang is adjacent on eight countries and has opened 17 ports, becoming an important portal for China to connect with middle and western Asia.

MNA/Xinhua

## China, Malaysia to advance strategic cooperation

BEIJING, 2 Sept — Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju said here on Thursday China is ready to further advance strategic cooperation with Malaysia.

Huang made the remark during the talks with visiting Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Thursday afternoon.

The Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister arrived in Beijing on Wednesday for an official visit to China at the invitation of Vice-Premier Huang. Huang said China and Malaysia are working on advancing strategic cooperation. The two countries are facing good opportunities that they should take advantage of to continuously push forward bilateral relations.

Huang said bilateral relations are currently seeing rapid growth as the two countries continuously expand exchanges and cooperation in such fields as politics, economy, culture, education, health and defence. He said the two countries have maintained close coordination on international and regional affairs.

On China's relations with the Association of South-East Asian Nation (ASEAN) countries, Huang said that strengthening friendly cooperation with ASEAN is a crucial link in China's foreign policy toward neighbouring countries. He said China-ASEAN relations have entered a new period of comprehensive development. China appreciates Malaysia for its active efforts and important contribution to developing China-ASEAN cooperation in the long term, Huang said. He said China is ready to join hands with Malaysia and other ASEAN countries to promote peace, stability and prosperity in the region.

Najib said the relations between Malaysia and China have seen healthy growth. He said Malaysia is willing to work with China to continuously add vigor to bilateral relations by expanding and deepening friendly cooperation in all fields. — MNA/Xinhua

## 11 Filipinos killed or injured in grenade explosion

MANILA, 2 Sept — Two Philippine civilians were killed while nine others were injured following a grenade explosion on Wednesday night in San Jose City, Central Luzon, local police said on Thursday.

Prior to the explosion that occurred at a residence community around 7:30 pm Wednesday, three gunshots were heard in the area, where residents, including a number of village officials, later came together to look at the matter. Moments later, an unidentified suspect hurled a grenade toward the residents, resulting in the casualties.

Two were killed at the scene, and the nine injured were brought to local and nearby city hospitals, police sources told Xinhua. — MNA/Xinhua

## Road accident kills six, injures 12 in Bolivia

LIMA, 2 Sept — Six people died and 12 were injured when a bus plunged down a steep roadside ravine in the Bolivian department of La Paz on Wednesday, police said.

The accident happened in the early hours on Wednesday near Pongo, 40 kilometres north of La Paz, the capital of Bolivia, highway police director Victor Chavez said.

The bus fell into the 60-metre ravine after the driver lost control at a dan-

gerous curve, Chavez said.

Some survivors told the local radio that they felt the bus suddenly gain speed. Although no official cause for the accident has been determined yet, the survivors suppose there may have been a malfunction in the braking system.

The injured were

taken to hospital in La Paz, with fractures and bruises.

Chavez urged drivers to be cautious when driving along this route, known as the "road of death" because of the numerous accidents attributed to its difficult road conditions.

MNA/Xinhua

## Nine guerillas shot dead in north Kashmir gun battle

NEW DELHI, 2 Sept — Indian troops have shot dead nine guerillas as a major bid for infiltration across the Line of Control (LoC) was foiled in the Nowgam sector of north Kashmir.

A senior police officer said that troops noticed a movement near the LoC in the sector in Kupwara District, some 100 kilometres from Srinagar, capital of Indian-administered Kashmir, on Wednesday night.

They challenged the group of infiltrators who opened fire on the troops. "The infiltrators were

surrounded and engaged in a gun battle which is still continuing. So far we have recovered bodies of nine infiltrators. More militants are still trapped in the area," Indo-Asian News Service quoted the officer as saying.

Sources said senior Indian police and security force officers have rushed to the spot. — MNA/Xinhua



A Russian young man releases a raft with lit candles in the Siberian of Krasnoyarsk on 1 September, 2005.

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# Education for All for long-term development

U Tin Nyo

"Distinguish between right and wrong with the power of knowledge", says the essence of the poem carried in an International Literacy Day commemorative poster. The world has accepted the importance of education not only in social and economic progress for a nation but also in her perpetuity and security. Similarly, the global community acknowledges that education is the centre of all activities and requirements for long-term progress of a nation. Hence, we need to appreciate the role of education and its development.

The access to education, the education qualification and the management are the three main pillars supporting education. Depending on time and condition, learning knowledge of various branches is a life-long activity for everyone, although there may be differences in learning patterns. This process, from the education sector's point of view, can be divided into formal education (FE), non-formal education (NFE) and informal education (IE). Thus, man throughout his whole life will have to learn as long as he has the opportunity. Scientific experiments have proved that the process of learning for human beings has started since it was in the mother's womb.

The global nations have adopted the motto "Education for All" to generate all-time opportunities for every person to get access to education. The World Conference on Education for All was held in Jomtien in Thailand in 1990 for the Planet Earth to harmoniously implement the task of ensuring learning opportunities for all the peoples according to the global motto or global pledge. At the conference, the UNICEF, UNESCO, UNDP, and World Bank and leaders of world nations and heads of education institutions of the respective countries unanimously approved the Jomtien Declaration on Education for All 2000 to benefit the entire mankind.

In Myanmar, preparatory measures were taken during the period from 1990 to 1995 to implement the Education for All programmes. In addition to conducting courses after holding non-formal education seminars in cooperation with UN agencies, producing education aids, standardizing the formal education, ensuring all school age children to attend classes and upgrading the primary education level and the qualifications of teachers, the nation also founded the Central Committee for Coordinating Education for All and the Education for All Leading Committee in 1996. Six support working committees were also formed.

But many global nations failed to realize their Education for All goals during the period from 1990 to 2000. The 1999 report shows the following global weaknesses:

A total of 113 million school age children

cannot get access to primary education;

About 800 million adults are still illiterate;

Gender discrimination still exists in the education sphere;

The failure to realize the aims covering learning quality, human values and skills.

In the year 2000, governments of 164 countries of the world, UN agencies and education-related organizations held the World Education Forum in Dakar, Senegal, Africa, and issued the Dakar EFA Goals. The global countries will have to realize their goals according to their respective conditions during the 15-year period from 2000 to 2015. Thus, the EFA 1990-2000 was extended to EFA 2000-2015.

In order to effectively implement her portion of the Dakar EFA Goals, Myanmar formed the National Work Committee for the Education for All and the EFA Work Committee in 2002. The bodies are realizing the Myanmar EFA Goals in connection with the basic education long-term plan of the Education Ministry. Thanks to the endeavours, Myanmar can create more learning opportunities, and collective efforts of the Education Ministry, local authorities, NGOs and the public, the primary school enrollment rate is increasing according to the following table:

Academic year	Per cent
2002-2003	93.07
2003-2004	95.05
2004-2005	96.56
2005-2006	97.58

Plans are under way for children who started late elementary formal education only at older age to complete their primary studies within two or three years. The plans have encouraged more parents to enroll their children at schools. The Education Ministry is also running mobile schools for children moving from one place to another together with their parents whose occupation locations changes. In addition, it has adopted the non-formal primary education system for those who cannot attend classes during the school hours.

What I would like to highlight here is the inclusive education system, Myanmar has practised it since a number of years ago. An education conference held in Salamanca, Spain in 1994, and attended by government representatives of 92 countries and 25 international bodies, introduced the system to the world by issuing the Salamanca Statement.

The education for all programme cannot be implemented effectively without the participation of the children with various difficulties to enroll at school age and complete school education. The Education Ministry, the Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Ministry and the Health Ministry are collectively implementing education programmes inclu-

sive of all.

And thanks to the programmes, Maung Kyaw Htoo Aung, who has no hands since birth and only one good leg, is pursuing education with perseverance at Grade-7 in Kamawet high school in Mudon Township; Maung Aung Thant Kyaw can now write despite the handicapped fingers; Ma May Zin Aung, who without both hands can write, draw pictures and do embroidering with her legs, is now an eleventh-grader; and Ma Supon Chit, a cripple by birth relying only on her left leg passed the matriculation examination with four distinctions this year.

In addition to the increase in the school enrollment rate of children of school-going age, the percentage of the adult literacy rate is also rising as follows, because of the non-formal education programmes:

academic year	per cent
2000	91.0 per cent
2001	91.4 per cent
2002	91.8 per cent
2003	92.2 per cent
2004	93.3 per cent
2005	94.1 per cent

At the same time, the SWRR Ministry, local authorities and social organizations are striving to implement the task of running early child care development centres, day-care centres and pre-primary schools for children from three to five years of age. Literacy campaigns and non-formal education programmes are being launched for creating more learning opportunities for school dropouts and youths.

The government is conducting Three R's courses in the entire nation including border areas annually to uplift the education level of the local people and make arrangements for the local people of all ages to learn.

It is also promoting learning programmes and creating a sound learning environment to raise the education qualification of the people, developing the education management and information data systems and conducting management proficiency seminars and courses for dynamism of the management sector.

Since only the human resources development can guarantee long-term progress of human society, the Education Ministry, related ministries, local authorities and social organizations are harmoniously working. And they are making efforts to realize the long-term development according to the Millennium Development Goals and EFA Dakar Frame-Work for Action Plan laid down by the UN.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects land reclamation being carried out by Asia World Co Ltd in Tebokan Region, Salin Township, Minbu District.—MNA

## Officials urged to plant trees in 3,000 acres...

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They arrived at No 1 fertilizer plant (Sale) where factory manager U Tin Maung Swe reported on production of urea fertilizer. They then inspected the plant.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected maintenance of Anawrahta Bridge in Chauk. They went to

Tanyaung River Water Pumping Project in Salin Township and inspected cultivation of Manawthukha paddy and gave necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party visited reclamation project site of Asia World Co Ltd in Tebokan region in Salin Township. Project Manager U Soe Win Thant reported on reclamation of land, cultivation of long staple cotton and other fruits and crops. He inspected cultivation of long staple cotton and crops and 250 acres of monsoon paddy in Kanthagyi

Village in Pwintbyu Township.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to Kyaukse (Mann Creek) River Water Pumping Project in Minbu District and heard reports on cultivation of monsoon paddy.

In the evening, Lt-Gen Ye Myint discussed cultivation, livestock breeding and participation in regional development tasks in meeting with Tatmadaw members and families in Salin. He cordially greeted those present at the meeting.—MNA

# Commander, Minister go on inspection of irrigation networks in Sagaing Division

YANGON, 3 Sept—Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 29 August inspected Ayadaw Dam Project being undertaken by Sagaing Division Irrigation Department at Kahmyint Village near Ayadaw.

Director of the Division ID U Hok Kyi gave accounts of simultaneous construction of the main embankment, conduit, spillway and irrigation systems, work progress, and ongoing tasks. The commander and the minister instructed the officials to cultivate suitable cash crops when irrigation is available, to draw paddy-based multi-cropping pattern, and to grow trees and forest plantations in watershed areas.

They inspected conduit, control tower, canal and 4600-foot-long and 50-foot-high earthen embankment under construction, building, finishing touches to 1385-foot-long and 40-foot-diameter reinforced concrete type spillway,

progress in digging canals, ongoing work, and construction of conduit under Monywa-Ayadaw road. They said speedy completion of construction tasks can contribute much towards regional develop-

They proceeded to Ayadaw-2 Magyeesauk River Pumping Station Project designed to supply water from Mu River near Magyeesauk Village in Ayadaw Township. Officials reported on water

preparation for the farmers in the divisions, districts and townships in their agricultural tasks, and to ensure completion of canals, preparations for the fields to cultivate crops, and repairing of canals. They

Ywathagyi in Wetlet Township, land preparations for paddy cultivation, thriving paddy fields, plots of ripe paddy, the ploughing of fields, and harvesting of crops, and paddy fields along Shwebo-Man-

of over five miles by the Irrigation Department.

The commander and the minister inspected the construction of Myittaku Dam on Myittaku Creek in Hsataung Village-tract, Sagaing Township. Those



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspect the canal and irrigation system of Ayadaw Dam Project.—A&I

ment, giving instructions on field trips to grassroots level to complete irrigation system right after completion of the main embankment to ensure earlier irrigation of farmland. They provided assistance for the project.

On completion, the facility will have a storage capacity of 6,840 acre feet and benefit some 1,000 acres of various crops.

pumping system, digging the main canal, cultivation of paddy with the use of water from canal-1, tasks to complete digging of canal-2, water pumps, putting irrigated acres under crops, and cultivation of paddy, long staple cotton and green gram. The commander and the minister instructed the officials to make efforts to achieve success, to provide assist-

called on the farmers to maintain the canals for proper drainage.

They viewed the map showing canals and crop plantations in the irrigated area and fulfilled the requirements through coordination. Next, they viewed the pumping of water, the lake, supply of water from the canals, the sites to pump water, and paddy plots.

They also looked into monsoon paddy fields in the irrigated area, supply of water from Thaphanseik Dam to monsoon paddy plots along the road linking Ayadaw and

dalay Road.

Afterwards, they inspected cultivation of Shwebo-1 strain paddy in the model plot in Bonebwe Village, Shwebo Township. In meeting with local farmers there, they called for efficient use of fertilizers, boosting production, effective use of machinery, and cooperation with related departments for boosting production.

They viewed samples of paddy strains and rice, and Leya-16 combined harvesters to be sold. They also inspected the digging of the canal with the length

in charge of the project reported on the 1,000-foot-long and 30-foot-high dam, and the construction of small dams and diversion weirs to supply water to the regions where water is scarce for agricultural purpose.

They saw over the building of Yaygyawchaung Dam on Yaygyaw Creek (Pho Ai Creek) near Hsataung Village-tract. On completion, the facility will be 4,400 feet long and 30 feet high, and it will irrigate farmland and prevent Hsataung Road from being flooded.—MNA

**Speedy completion of construction projects can contribute much towards regional development.**



## Yangon Command Commander, Mayor inspect beautifying tasks in the city



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect repaving of Shwegondine Road in Bahan Township.—MNA

YANGON, 3 Sept — Yangon Division Peace and development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected the beautifying tasks and the proper flow of water drainage this morning and left necessary instructions.

The commander and mayor inspected the repaving along Hledan Road in Kamayut Township, the repair of Strand Road in Kyimyindine, the repaving of Shwegondine Road in Bahan Township and Kyaikkasan Road in Tamway Township, the road

repair and sanitation tasks in Thanthuma Road in Thingangyun Township and South Okkalapa Township, repair of Parami Road in South Okkalapa Township and the collective sanitation work being carried out by officers and Tatmadawmen of Defence Services (Air) led by Brig-Gen Ye Chit Pe of Mingaladon Station in the compound of the 300-bed General Hospital in Insein Township.

During their inspection tours, the commander and the mayor gave necessary instructions and attended to the needs.

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## Ministry of Transport presents prizes to outstanding students, athletes

YANGON, 3 Sept — The Ministry of Transport held the prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students and athletes at the ministry this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and wife, Deputy Ministers U Pe Than and Col Nyan Tun Aung, departmental heads, outstanding students and athletes and their parents.

After delivering an address, the minister and wife presented prizes to six and five distinction winners. The deputy ministers and heads of department gave away prizes to other outstanding students.

Next, the minister awarded prizes to outstanding athletes.

Later, six distinction winner Ma Zin May Paing and outstanding athlete Maung Phone Myint Teza expressed thanks.

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Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe gives away prize to an outstanding schoolgirl.—MNA

## Energy Ministry holds honorary title presentation ceremony

YANGON, 3 Sept — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi attends the honorary title presentation ceremony at the meeting hall of the ministry this morning.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay gave away honorary titles awarded by the State for 2003 to the respective winners. Afterwards, the minister and the deputy minister presented prizes to 21 outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2004-05 academic year with flying colours.

Next, the minister awarded prizes of honour to three service personnel who won best trainee awards and first prizes in the training courses conducted by Central Institute of Civil Service.

On behalf of the winners, Director (Admin) U Myint Kyi of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and six distinction winner Maung Kyaw Thu Hein expressed gratitude.

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## Commander meets service personnel, businessmen, social organizations in Kachin State

YANGON, 3 Sept — Kachin State Peace and Development Council Chairman Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint met service personnel, local business entrepreneurs, and member of social organizations at the town hall of Myitkyina on 29 August morning.

Also present on the occasion were wife of the commander, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, military officers, Secretary of the state PDC Lt-Col Maung Myo.

The commander briefed on the seven-point Road Map of the State, regional development and five rural development tasks, agricultural and livestock breeding tasks and the need for public cooperation in the tasks. The deputy commander and officials reported on implementation of development tasks in the state. The commander gave concluding remarks.

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## Rules for Armed Forces Day commemorative...

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Day and the National Motto Contest, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Contest and the poem of the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literature Award Contest and National Literary Award winners may participate in the level-1, and those who did not win prizes may take part in the level-2. One contestant can take part in one level only.

The contestant can participate in both the long and short poem contests or in one of them. However, it must be one entry for one event. The short poem must be between 100 and 300 stanzas and the long one between 1,000 and 2,000. There may be more or less thirty stanzas in the short poem and 50 in the long one. The entries must be in line with the rules. The free verses and modern poems will not be accepted.

The poem must be written on one side of paper and the three copies of the entry must be submitted. The entry must be attached with the name of the contestant, pen-name, names of parents, education, occupation and address together with three 2"x 2.5" size color photos. The entry must be own creation and has not featured in any publication yet. The State has authority to use the prize-winning works.

The entries are to be sent to Lt-Col Ohn Maung (Retd) (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe), Chief Editor, Naingngan Gonyi Literary House, Sarpay Beikman, 529/530, Merchant Street, Yangon, (Tel: 374532) not later than 31 January, 2006. — MNA

## No 2 Mobile Public Relations Unit wins championship trophy

YANGON, 3 Sept — The Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare continued the fifth performing arts and magic competitions at the theatre of No 3 Mobile Public Relations Unit in Mandalay this morning.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Nay Win, staff officers of the command headquarters, commandants of schools and units under the DPRPU, officials of University of Culture (Mandalay) and Fine Arts Department (Mandalay Branch), members of the panel of judges and guests.

Col Nyo Win of the Ministry of Defence explained the purpose of organizing the competitions.

Next, Col Nyo Win and officials presented prizes to the winners.

Later, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Nay Win awarded championship trophy to No 2 Mobile Public Relations Unit.



Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Nay Win awards championship trophy to No 2 Mobile Public Relations Unit.—MNA

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## Prizes presented to winning teams of Yangon Command

YANGON, 3 Sept — The prize distribution ceremony for the Yangon Command Commander's Shield Women's and Men's Volleyball Championship was held at the Gymnasium in Ahlon Township this afternoon, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Among the spectators were Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, military region commanders, station commander, officers, other ranks and family members.

Major Win Myint Tun of Yangon Command presented gifts to the umpires.

Next, the deputy commander and officials gave away prizes to the outstanding players and teams.

The commander awarded championship shields to Women's and Men's Teams of No 1 Provost Company.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents the trophy to No 1 Provost Company men's team. — MNA

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## Development, agriculture work inspected in Indaw township

YANGON, 3 Sept — Shan State Peace and Development Council Chairman Eastern Command Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and officials met the chairman of the village PDC, departmental staff, townsenders and members of social organizations at the hall of Naungwoe village in Indaw township on 29 August morning.

The commander and the minister gave instructions on efforts to make Naungwoe village a model one and extended cultivation of perennial trees and seasonal crops. Next, they visited the project site for cultivation of vegetables and crops being undertaken by the Union Solidarity and Development Association near Kyaukson village. At the briefing hall, Lt-Col Zaw Min of the Ministry of Forestry reported on cultivation tasks.

The commander and the minister also inspected the project for cultivation of crops being undertaken by Shwe Thanlwin Co near Kyaukku village. They also visited the project for cultivation of crops being undertaken by Htoo Trading Co near Songaniang village and the project for cultivation of crops being undertaken by Kanbawza Group. — MNA

## Commander attends tree planting ceremony

YANGON, 3 Sept — Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, accompanied by officials concerned, attended the tree planting ceremony held in Yekantaung Park, Lashio, on 31 August 2005.

After giving necessary instructions, the commander handed over the saplings to those present on

the occasion.

Next, the commander and wife and officials planted various kinds of saplings at the designated places and looked into planting of over 800 saplings by those present.

Afterwards, the commander proceeded to No 1 Nursery and No 2 Nursery of the command and plantations where maize, sunflower, gram, lychee and jack fruit were grown and gave instructions to officials.

On 1 September evening, the commander inspected land reclamation near Humon Village, Lashio Township and digging of fish ponds near Humon Diversion Weir, construction of Kaukwechaung Dam and the model plot for Hsinshewli paddy and gave instructions to officials.

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## Ayeyawady Division PDC Chairman's Traditional Boxing Tournament ends

YANGON, 3 Sept — The Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Chairman's Cup 5-District Myanmar Traditional Boxing Tournament was held at Naungyoe Hall in Myaungmya from 27 to 30 August.

After completion of the final matches on 30 August, Sa Htoo Latt (Myaungmya District) won the best boxer award in the novice class, and Zaw Myint Oo (Patheingyi District) the best boxer award in the B class.

On behalf of the Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Chairman, Chairman of Myaungmya District PDC Lt-Col Kyi Htut Win gave away championship trophy to 7 gold medals winning Myaungmya District team.

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## Myanmar U-23 Team reaches semifinal

YANGON, 3 Sept — The AFF U-23 Youth Championship 2005 continued in Bangkok, Thailand at 8.30 pm local time today.

In the last match of the Group A, Myanmar youth team and Malaysian youth team played a 1-1 draw. In the first half, both teams did not score goals.

Mar La shot one goal for Myanmar team.

Myanmar youth team, having seven points with two wins and one draw like Malaysian youth team, stood at the first position of the Group A. Now, Myanmar team advanced into the semifinal according to the difference in the goal scores compared with Malaysian team. — MNA

## China warns against missile help for Taiwan

BEIJING, 3 September — China issued a veiled warning to the United States on Thursday not to protect rival Taiwan through a missile defence system just days before President Hu Jintao meets US President George W Bush in Washington.

In a 17,000-word policy paper released on Thursday, the Cabinet reiterated China's commitment to a policy of no-first-use of nuclear weapons and pledged not to engage in a nuclear arms race.

"As the Taiwan question involves its core interests, China opposes the attempt by any country to provide help or protection to the Taiwan region of China in the field of missile defence by any means," said the document on China's policies and positions on arms control,

disarmament and proliferation. China has claimed Taiwan as its own since their split at the end of the civil war in 1949 and threatened to attack the self-ruled democratic island if it formally declares statehood.

Asked if China's no-first-use policy applied

to Taiwan, Zhang Yan, China's spokesman on arms control, said: "(We) have solemnly promised that we will not use nuclear weapons first or threaten non-nuclear countries and regions with nuclear weapons at any time and under any circumstances."

MNA/Reuters

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects low-cost nourishing foods of prize-winning Township Maternal and Child Welfare Associations. (News on page 16). —MNA

## At least 14 dead, 16 missing in Indonesian landslide

PADANG, 3 Sept — Indonesian rescuers dug through mud and rubble on Saturday after a landslide on Sumatra island killed 14 and left more than a dozen missing when it swept through part of a village.

Heavy rains stalled search efforts for several hours before resuming early on Saturday.

"Today we pulled out four more bodies. We are now listing 14 people as dead and 16 people as officially missing," said Elvi Putra *Ijadi*, the district head of Lubuh Begaluh, just outside Padang city, about 940 km (580 miles) northwest of Jakarta.

Resident had earlier reported a higher number of missing from Thursday's disaster, which was triggered by heavy rains.

An excavator began clearing debris from shattered houses to find more bodies but officials said their search efforts were at the mercy of the weather.

"When it starts raining then everything steps, because it's very dangerous to continue working with the slippery condition," *Ijadi* said.

Landslides have also cut off roads in other parts of the province leaving residents of nearby villages stranded.

On Saturday, rescuers also reached the site of police helicopter that crashed just outside Padang on Thursday, killing six of the seven people aboard, a provincial police spokesman said.

The spokesman said soldiers had pulled out most of the bodies from wreckage, which lies deep in the Bung Hette, national park, about 30 km east of Padang.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## 30th Anniversary of Sino-Thai relations celebrated

BANGKOK, 3 Sept — A Chinese Movie Week aiming to improve culture exchange between China and Thailand was unveiled at Bangkok on Thursday afternoon in the 30th year of the establishment of Sino-Thai diplomatic relationship.

"The (Chinese) Movie Week is a significant event to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Sino-Thai relations," said the Thai Education Minister Chaturon Chaisaeng at the opening ceremony.

He said that cultures of the two countries have integrated with each other harmoniously for a long time due to contacts between the two peoples back to hundreds of years ago. "Several generations

of Chinese have immigrated and lived in Thailand permanently over hundreds of years, which have improved culture exchange and friendship between Thailand and China," said the minister.

He hoped the movie week event would improve exchanges between the younger generation of the two countries, hailing "long life the Sino-Thai friendship" in Chinese.

A total of six Chinese movies, both on

contemporary and historical stories, would be showed at 11 times at the EGV Metropolis Cinema in downtown Bangkok.

In a bid to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the two countries' relationship, a series of events have been unveiled in both countries, such as Thai Culture Week in China and Chinese Contest in Thailand.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## China's investments in Thailand quadruples in the first seven months

BANGKOK, 3 Sept — China's investments in Thailand in the first seven months of the year increased more than four times to almost 8.87 billion baht (222.500 million US dollars) compared with the corresponding period last year, according to the Board of Investment (BOI).

Speaking at a seminar on "Strengthening of Sino-Thai Relations", BOI Secretary-General Sathit Sirirangaman was quoted by the *Thai News Agency* as saying on Friday that China was one of the countries being targeted as a source of investment. Thailand was in a good position to display its potential as a possible production base for major industries in China.

He said the BOI had set a target of increasing investment from China by 30 per cent this year. But the first seven months of the year saw the investment up to 8.87 billion baht (222.500 million US dollars) from 2.1 billion baht (52.5 million US dollars) in the same period of the previous year.

Sathit said there remained great investment opportunities between China and Thailand, particularly in the processed agriculture and vehicles and parts industries. Both countries had abundant raw materials, which were ready to offer investment incentives.

Thailand also had the potential to accommodate investment in major projects related to China's steel industry.

He said most Chinese investors wanted to obtain additional information on businesses that attracted support from the BOI and other incentives.

Many investors have shown keen interest in the logistics system, hotel and cold storage businesses, he added.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## British experts say China's growth benefits world, poses no threat

LONDON, 3 Sept — The world benefits from the growth of China, and receives no threat from it, some experts in London commented on Thursday.

China's exports to the world have contributed to global economic growth and stability, Hussain Athar, deputy director of the Development Studies Institute at the London School of Economics and Politics (LSE), said in an exclusive interview with *Xinhua*.

With its size as a producer and consumer and considering its high speed of growth, "China is understandably seen as a huge elephant entering the room of the world economy, you've got to readjust to make accommodation for it," Athar said.

But the readjustment requires effort on all sides — from China as well as other parts of the world, he added.

Athar dismissed the "threat" rhetoric, saying that if any one says China is a threat to the world, the problem lies with them, not China.

He pointed to the fact

that China successfully feeds over 20 per cent of the world population, and also provides so many quality products to other parts of the world, saying that China's development contributes to world peace and stability.

China is also an accountable country. Many years ago, former Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping promised that his country would concentrate on its domestic economic development. Over the 20-plus years since China opened up to the outside world, the growth of its economy bears witness to the fact that China really meant it, according to the LSE expert.

Athar is critical of those imposing bans on China's textiles, as is currently being done by the United States and the European Union. These actions run against the spirit of liberty and free trade, the expert said.

While Chinese clothes

are being banned and stockpiled in ships off the coast, consumers in Britain and other EU countries are complaining that as a consequence, they will have to pay much more for their autumn and winter garments, he said.

Displeasure over this issue was shown in the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper, one of the most influential in Britain, which said Wednesday that the behavior of the EU in its textile dispute with Beijing has been both "short-sighted and muddy".

The fact that Peter Mandelson, the EU Trade Commissioner, failed to dissuade the "protectionist lobby" in France, Italy, Spain and Eastern Europe from seeking a deal on Chinese clothing, will simply push European retailers to switch to other suppliers such as India or Turkey, said the newspaper.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Death toll caused by typhoon Talim rises to 39 in east China province

HEFEI, 3 Sept — The death toll in the disaster brought about by typhoon Talim has risen to 39 in Anhui Province while nine others are still missing, local government said on Saturday evening.

Most parts of the province have been suffering torrential rains, floods and landslides caused by Talim over the past three days, said the Anhui Provincial Headquarters of Flood Control and Drought Relief.

Preliminary investi-

gation show that a total of 1.79 million people in 12 counties of the Dabie Mountain area have been most severely affected, with infrastructures, croplands and houses destroyed. The direct economic loss was estimated at 700 million yuan (86.3 million US dollars).

The provincial government has mobilized more than 1 million people for the rescue work and so far 100,000 civilians have been relocated to safe place.

The provincial headquarters of flood control and drought relief described the heavy rainfall in the upper reaches of the Xianghongdian Reservoir located in the Dabie Mountain area has exceeded 400 millimetres in 24 hours between 2 and 3 September, the highest on history.

Currently, the water level in 47 out of the total 112 medium-sized and large reservoirs in the province is above the danger line. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Chinese residents look for their belongings amid debris in a typhoon-hit village in Wencheng county, Wenzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 2 September, 2005. — INTERNET

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**UNICEF presents medical equipment to Indonesia**

**JAKARTA, 2 Sept**—The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has presented medical equipment for caring new-born infants and expecting mothers to health officials in Indonesia's tsunami-hit Aceh Province, the *Antara news ser-vice said here on Thursday.*

"We also offer complete (health) equipment, medicine and training for emergency services," local UNICEF spokesperson Lely Jauhari was quoted as saying.

She said the assistance included 11 ambulances, which would be stationed at a number of districts to transport expecting mothers with pregnancy complications to the nearest hospitals.

Some 30 expecting mothers and 38 babies had died in the province since last January, the local health office reported.

The head of the

UNICEF representative office in Aceh and Nias Island, Edouan Beigbeder, symbolically handed the ambulances to the head of the local health office, Teuku Marwan Nusri on Monday.

More assistance would be handed over later this year, Lely said adding that UNICEF would help improve 24 community health centres in 17 districts. Over 220,000 people were killed in Aceh Province by the tsunami on the 26 December last year.

*MNA/Xinhua*

**Asia tsunami survivors sympathize with "Katrina" victims**

**NEW DELHI/JAKARTA, 2 Sept**—Survivors of Asia's deadly tsunami said on Thursday they felt great sympathy for the victims of Hurricane Katrina in the United States, having themselves felt nature's wrath.

"This catastrophe will haunt them for years," said Ajay Singh, who lost many of his relatives in India's Andaman and Nicobar archipelago when the tsunami struck on 26 December last year.

"The victims of Katrina must be feeling the same way we did," Singh, who works as a laboratory assistant at a government college in Port Blair, capital of the islands, said.

Hurricane Katrina is believed to have killed hundreds of people in Louisiana and Mississippi when it struck the Gulf Coast with 140-miles-per-hour winds and a 30-foot (nine-metre) wall of water that inundated a wide swath of coastline.

The Indian Ocean tsunami, triggered by an un-

dersea earthquake off Indonesia Sumatra Island, killed up to 232,000 people in 13 countries and left over a million homeless.

It hit Indonesia's Aceh the hardest, leaving 170,000 people dead or missing and hundreds of thousands more homeless.

"We feel the same because of what happened in Aceh," said Kuntoro Mangkusubroto, head of the Indonesian province's reconstruction agency, after visiting the US Embassy in Jakarta to express his condolences on behalf of all Acehnese.

Kuntoro said residents of Aceh, the most devout Muslim part of Indonesia, were praying for the victims of Katrina.

In Sri Lanka, tsunami survivors were also touched by the plight of the victims, especially those in hurricane-hit New Orleans.

"I feel really sorry about

them, especially those who are depending on tourism like the area where I am from," said Lalith Nagasinghe, who has just finished rebuilding his "Lucky Tuna" restaurant in the popular southern beach resort of Unawatuna.

"We have a lot of Americans working and helping in projects around the country. I've met many nice guys from the States."

But many in Sri Lanka are still living in rudimentary shelters and were unaware of the tragedy on the other side of the world. The tsunami killed around 40,000 people in Sri Lanka.

"Some people don't know because they don't have a television anymore," said Reverend Eraj De Mel of the Assembly of God, who is helping tsunami-hit families near the historic southern port of Galle.

*MNA/Reuters*

**Tanzanian villager fights off lion**

**DAR-ES-SALAAM, 12 Sept**—A Tanzanian man survived a mauling by a lion which sprang at him from the bushes on his way to his farm, the local *Guardian* newspaper reported on Thursday.

Omari Waziri Mtonga was with two relatives when the beast hauled him to the ground, clawing and biting him repeatedly in the coastal district of Kisarawe, the paper said.

"I somehow managed to muster the strength to battle with it," the 50-year-old said from his hospital bed after the attack last weekend. "I was in a state of shock, but kept fighting it with all my strength. I refused to lie down and be killed by the animal."

As his two compan-

ions screamed for help, the huge cat left its struggling prey on the ground and sank its teeth into the thigh of one of the other men before charging back into the forest.

The newspaper said villagers were on the hunt for the lion.

The East African country has a large population of wildlife including leopards and cheetahs, which periodically attack villagers or their livestock.

*MNA/Reuters*

**Report says Swedish mily should be able to fight terrorism**

**STOCKHOLM, 2 Sept**—Sweden should allow its military to step in and help the police in any battle against terrorists and terrorism in accordance with a government commissioned report published on Wednesday, *Radio Sweden* reported on Thursday.

The report, which was put together by a special commission appointed by the government late last year to look into the issue, states "there are situations where the security police could, to a greater extent than today, require collaboration with other public bodies, especially the Armed Forces".

The 113-page study proposes the creation of a new act "regulating the

support of the police from the Armed Forces and other suitable governmental bodies".

It also suggests that "police may, when needed, request support to prevent, investigate or in other ways intervene in such crimes that are covered by the act ... on punishment of terrorist crimes, and that are especially difficult to handle".

*MNA/Xinhua*

**US seeks \$10b for Hurricane relief needs**

**WASHINGTON, 2 Sept**—The US Government will seek congressional approval of over 10 billion US dollars for immediate relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, congressional officials said on Thursday.

The US Congress is expected to come back early from its summer recess, returning by Friday to start work on emergency legislation for victims of Hurricane Katrina, including the 10-billion-dollar installment.

US lawmakers are likely to approve the request by the weekend.

The 10-billion-dollar plan is aimed to cover immediate costs of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the country's quick-response body for natural disasters. At present, the FEMA is reportedly spending over 500 million dollars each day to the relief and rescue needs for hurricane-devastated ar-

eas in Gulf Coast states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

Aside from the 10-billion-dollar plan, at least two other bills will follow up, according to US Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Thad Cochran.

He said at current spending rates for relief needs, a second bill would be needed in two or three weeks, with another bill to come next after the damage is accurately estimated.

US President George W. Bush has described Hurricane Katrina as "one of the worst natural disasters" in the country's history, and it could also be the most expensive one in terms of total losses and relief funding. —*MNA/Xinhua*

**Eight killed in Colombia's light-airplane crash**

**BOGOTA, 2 Sept**—At least eight people died on Thursday morning when a light-airplane crashed in the outskirts of Bogota.

According to official sources, the accident occurred at 10:46 local time, two minutes after a twin-engine light-airplane *HK 3069* took off from Guaymaral Airport, north of Bogota.

Officials with the aviation administration identified the pilot as Milciades Luna Cuervo, and the co-pilot as Javier Perilla Pinto. They said the plane belonged to Navajo, a business firm. —*MNA/Xinhua*

**Encephalitis death toll in northern India nears 400**

**LUCKNOW (India), 2 Sept**—The death toll from a raging encephalitis epidemic in northern India is nearing 400 with about a dozen people, mostly children, dying daily, a senior health official said on Thursday.

"Around 10-15 people have been dying almost daily since the past three weeks. The toll should now be touching 400," OP Singh, director-general of health services in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, told *Reuters*.

He said 11 patients died in the past 24 hours in the worst-affected Gorakhpur District.

Around 1,100 people, mostly children aged five to 13 years, have been hit by the brain fever in the district since the outbreak was first reported there on 27 July, he said.

Encephalitis proliferates in water-logged parts of India during the monsoon season. According to official estimates, about 1,500 people had died of encephalitis in Uttar Pradesh in the past 27 years. —*MNA/Reuters*

**East China province on highest alert against Typhoon "Talin"**

**FUZHOU, 2 Sept** — The provincial observatory of east China's Fujian Province issued at 6:20 am on Thursday the top level black alarm signal against the imminent Typhoon Talim.

According to a report released by the observatory, as of 7:00 am, the centre of Talim was at sea about 260 kilometres southeast to the city of Fuqing. The typhoon is expected to land on the area between Fujian's Lianjiang and Jinjiang on Thursday afternoon or night, said the observatory.

Affected by Talim, the province's capital Fuzhou saw moderate to fresh gales and heavy rains early Thursday. The provincial flood control and drought relief headquarters have relocated 286,000 people and organized disaster relief teams for emergencies.

*MNA/Xinhua*

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### “Spirit” rover sends back panorama pictures atop Martian summit

LOS ANGELES, 2 Sept — Sitting 82 metres above the Martian plain, the rover Spirit has returned images of stunning new vistas filled with evidence of the red planet’s past environments, US space agency NASA reported on Thursday.

“That’s no Mt Everest, but it’s a heck of a climb for our little rover,” said Steve Squyres, principal investigator of the rover’s science mission. “When we first touched down at Gusev Crater on 4 January, 2004, the Columbia Hills looked impossibly far away.”

Spirit spent 591 Martian days roving across the 3 kilometres between its landing point and the summit of Husband Hill, one of a network of rises in the Columbia Hills chain. One Martian day is about 24 hours and 40 minutes.

The summit, 82 metres above the edge of the surrounding plains, is 106 metres higher than the site where Spirit landed nearly 20 months ago.

“When the images came down and we could see horizon all the way around, that was every bit as exhilarating as getting to the top of any mountain I’ve climbed on Earth,” said Chris Leger, a rover planner at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

The climb was motivated by science, said Squyres. “Every time Spirit has gained altitude, we’ve found different rock types. Also, we’re doing what any field geologist would do in an area like this: climbing to a good vantage point for plotting a route.”

The crest of Husband Hill offers Spirit’s views of possible routes

into a basin to the south with apparently layered outcrops. Shortly after Spirit landed, it observed a cluster of seven hills east of its landing site. NASA proposed naming the range Columbia Hills in tribute to the last crew of Space Shuttle Columbia. The tallest of the hills commemorates Rick Husband, Columbia’s commander.

Volcanic rocks covering the plain Spirit crossed on its way to the hills bore evidence of only slight alteration by water. When Spirit reached the base of the hills five months after landing, it immediately began finding rocks with wetter histories.

Researchers are viewing possible routes

south to apparently layered ledges and to a feature dubbed “home plate”, which might be a plateau of older rock or a filled-in crater.

The landing site and the Columbia Hills are within Gusev Crater, a bowl about 150 kilometres in diameter. The crater was selected as the landing site for the Spirit rover because the shape of the terrain suggests the crater once held a lake.

Volcanic deposits appear to have covered any sign of ancient lakebed geology out on the plain, but scientists say the hills expose older layers that have been lifted and tipped by a meteorite impact or other event.

MNA/Xinhua

### Typhoon kills one in Taiwan, heads for China

TAIBEL, 2 Sept— Typhoon Talim churned towards south China after sweeping through Taiwan on Thursday, killing one person and injuring 24 as the island shut businesses, schools and financial markets to ride out the storm.

The strong winds toppled billboards, broke windows and knocked motorcyclists off their bikes, while heavy rain led to flooding in some towns in central Taiwan.

The storm’s eye was about two-thirds of the way across the narrow Taiwan Strait by 0500 GMT, putting the southeastern Chinese city of Fuzhou in its path. Gusts weakened to 180 kph (112 mph) from 227 kph, Taiwan’s Central Weather Bureau said.

Talim was poised to make landfall in southeast China with sustained winds of up to 144 kph, but Taiwan would continue to be pelted with rain through into Friday, the bureau said.

“It’s very close to the Mainland coast,” said a forecaster at the bureau. “We’ll have strong winds here until the storm radius leaves Taiwan, probably some time tonight.”

The National Fire Administration’s disaster response centre said one man in south Taiwan drowned in a fish pond on Wednesday after losing his footing.

Disaster response officials said 150,000 people were without run-

ning water and 300,000 had lost electric power. Thousands were also evacuated from mountain villages overnight.

The howling winds that had ripped through Taibei in the early hours had weakened by the time the capital awoke, leaving a trail of uprooted trees and collapsed street signs.

“The winds were really fierce and it was very dangerous driving through the torrential rain last night,” said taxi driver Tsai Ming-wang, who had just finished an overnight shift.

“I heard a loud bang and saw scaffolding had crashed into the street right next to my car. It was a close shave.”

Typhoons frequently menace Taiwan, Japan, the Philippines, Hong Kong and southern China during the storm season that lasts from early summer to late autumn. Typhoon Haitang killed 12 people in July, with three still listed as missing.

In 2001, one of Taiwan’s deadliest years for storms, Typhoon Toraji, killed 200 people. A few months later, Typhoon Nari caused Taibei’s worst flooding on record and killed 100.

MNA/Reuters

### Storm kills seven, injures three in Vietnam

HANOI, 2 Sept — A tropical storm, which hit Vietnam’s central Ha Tinh Province early this week, killed seven local people and injured three others, according to local newspaper Youth on Thursday.

Of the fatalities, four from districts of Ky Anh, Huong Khe and Cam Xuyen died due to flooding, and three others from Huong Khe district

lightning.

Floods caused by the storm, which stroke several central coastal provinces from 29-31 August, also inundated over

1,000 hectares of rice and several hundreds of hectares of other crops and orchards, and swept away about 45 million shrimps and 50 tons of

freshwater fish.

Natural disasters, mainly storms and floods, killed 232 people, left 38 missing, injured 187 others, destroyed 4,200 houses and 3,000 hectares of rice, and killed over 2,000 cattle and 170,000 poultry in Vietnam last year, causing a total property loss of over 900 billion Vietnamese dong (some 57 million US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

### Ancient Indian treasure found in billionaire’s home

KOLKATA (India), 2 Sept— A treasure trove containing a huge number of gold artefacts, some dating back to the 3rd century BC, has been discovered at the home of one of India’s leading industrial families, officials said on Thursday.

The Birla family has been squabbling over the fortune of Priyamvada Birla who died last year leaving assets worth about 50 billion rupees (1.1 billion US dollars) to an accountant who is not a part of the family.

The treasure was found on Tuesday night inside a secret chamber behind a wooden panel at the Kolkata home of Priyamvada who supposedly bequeathed her entire fortune to her accountant, RS Lodha, in a will being challenged by the Birlas.

“We found 200-300 gold coins of the Maurya and Gupta dynasties and

the Mughal period, a gold flower vase, a gold tea set and many gold artefacts,” said Ahin Chowdhury, a judicial officer appointed by a city court hearing a case between the Birlas and Lodha.

The Mauryas ruled India in the 3rd century BC while the Guptas ruled in the 6th century AD.

A confidant of the Birla family said the treasure could be worth 5 billion rupees.

“The value will be higher if it is auctioned by Sotheby’s or Christie’s because of its antique value,” the family member said.

Indian laws allow the

state to claim antiques for their historical value, but it was not clear if the Birla treasure, which some family sources said were passed down generations, was destined for a museum.

The Birlas are not a cohesive business group since a split two decades ago, but they are now closing ranks as an outsider threatens to take over part of the sprawling empire.

Priyamvada Birla headed the MP Birla group, one of seven separate groups the Birlas now operate, with businesses ranging from cement to telecoms and metals.

MNA/Reuters



Destiny’s Child members (L-R) Kelly Rowland, Michelle Williams and Beyonce Knowles accept the award for World’s Best Selling Pop Group at the 2005 World Music Awards at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, California recently.—INTERNET

# SPORTS

## Beckham says no player power at England

**CARDIFF, 3 Sept—** England captain David Beckham says manager Sven-Goran Eriksson will not bow to player power over his tactics for Saturday's World Cup qualifier with Wales.



David Beckham

Eriksson has been under fire in the British media after a 4-1 friendly defeat in Denmark two weeks ago and has been accused of relying on player input to decide his formation for the Group Six tie at the Millennium Stadium.

Beckham told a news conference on Friday that Eriksson, who guided England to quarterfinals at the 2002 World Cup and Euro 2004, discussed matters with players before nearly every game.

"This happens all the time ... this 'player power' thing comes up all the time (in the media). I think a little bit more respect should be shown to the manager," Beckham said.

"At the end of the day he does what he wants and what he thinks is best for the team."

Eriksson described the reports as "rubbish", saying: "Since 1976 I have had meetings with my players. If I don't talk to the players who do I talk to? "I had a meeting with three players but what we discussed I prefer to talk about tomorrow rather than today."

Eriksson is expected to switch tactics from the usual 4-4-2, which failed against Denmark, to a 4-5-1 with Wayne Rooney alone up front in the absence of the suspended Michael Owen.

Though he would not give details, the Swede denied he was being pan-

icked into any changes.

"It's an important part of my job to look at the video of what we did in Copenhagen, particularly in the second half, and to try and find solutions and see if we can do it better by using the same organization — or not," he said.

"Do I look like I panic?," he asked reporters. "Absolutely not. No chance."

Eriksson said his players, all of whom are fit, were anxious to make amends for the dismal showing in Denmark.

"When you lose badly, you want a game as soon as possible. They've had games with their club teams but they want to show that with an England shirt on. I'm sure about that."

Beckham was on the same wavelength and said England would not underestimate a Wales side with only two points from six qualifiers.

"It's up to us now to go out there and perform," he said. "We can't have another performance like we did in Denmark."

"We have to prove to people that we are the players who can take our country through to the World Cup."

MNA/Reuters

## Brazil try to keep Robinho's feet on the ground

**RIO DE JANEIRO, 3 Sept—** If Robinho needed any more hype, then his first 26 minutes for Real Madrid after his 30-million-US-dollars move from Santos provided it.

During Brazil's training sessions in their mountain base of Teresopolis this week, the 21-year-old has attracted at least as much attention as Ronaldo and veterans Cafu and Roberto Carlos.

Brazil face Chile in a World Cup qualifier on Sunday needing three points to book their place in next year's finals in Germany.

The match is regarded as a formality by the local media -- so much so that one of the main talking points has been how Ronaldo and Robinho will celebrate their goals. Coach Carlos Alberto Parreira, however, has other ideas and is trying desperately to keep his team's feet, and especially Robinho's, on the ground.

"This is all over the top," said Parreira. "There is a lot of marketing in favour of Robinho but, in life, you are remembered for what you win and Robinho is only starting out."

"I'm worried about the exaggeration of everything to do with him," Parreira's

first move when his players assembled on Tuesday was to name the team, thereby avoiding the unhealthy speculation over whether or not Robinho would play.

Amid all the excitement, it is easily forgotten that Robinho was only presented by Real Madrid just over a week ago. On Sunday he came off the bench to inspire his new team to a 2-1 victory at Cadiz.

He played his last game for Santos away to Paysandu on August 24, helping them back from two goals behind to win 3-2, before being whisked away in a private jet laid on by the Spanish club.

Such are the demands on modern-day footballers that he spent only four days in Spain before travelling straight back to Brazil to report for training with the national team.

Robinho said he is ready for the responsibility and has learned his lesson from the infamous short-dropping incident with Brazil's Under-23 team in Chile last year.

MNA/Reuters

## Middlesbrough's Downing out for three months

**LONDON, 3 Sept—** Middlesbrough midfielder Stewart Downing will be out for at least three months after undergoing knee surgery, the Premier League club said on Friday.

Downing had an operation on Thursday to repair cartilage in his right knee, which was damaged in Sunday's 3-0 home defeat by Charlton Athletic.

"The operation went very well and the surgeon was very happy with the repair," Middlesbrough assistant coach Steve Round told the club's website.

"But it's obviously a major blow, both for Stewart and the team that he will be out for so long."

"I know Stewart would love to play in next year's World Cup and there's still every chance for him to do so."

Downing, 21, was Middlesbrough's player of the year last season, when his energetic displays and accurate deliv-

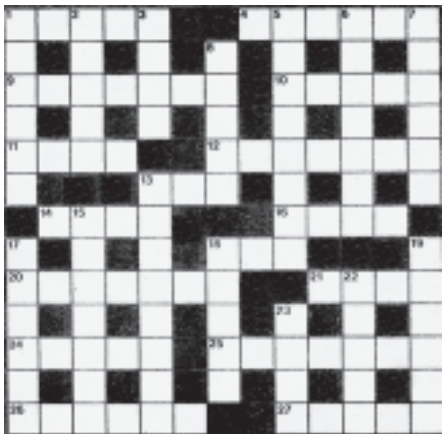
ery briefly had him in the frame as the latest in a long line of answers to England's troublesome left midfield problem. However, his international career to date has been limited to a 30-minute substitute's appearance in April's goalless friendly against the Netherlands.

England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson said he understood Downing's injury to have ruled him out for four months.

"It is bad news for him and Middlesbrough, for the Under-21s and the senior team," he said.

Asked if he could still be in contention for the World Cup, he said: "If he starts playing football in January there is no reason why not." —MNA/Reuters

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## German goalkeepers bickering again over World Cup place

**FRANKFURT, 3 Sept—** Juergen Klinsmann's new policy of keeping Oliver Kahn and Jens Lehmann far away from each other has failed to stop their bickering, with the two goalkeepers renewing their rivalry in print this week.

Klinsmann plans to rotate the two players in friendly internationals this season before deciding in May who will keep goal for the World Cup hosts.

It is Lehmann's turn to play in the games against Slovakia on Saturday and South Africa on Wednesday and the Arsenal player used the platform to reopen a debate Klinsmann believed he had closed until next year.

"I'm sure I'll be in goal (at the World Cup)," the 35-year-old told Bild newspaper, before hinting that Kahn would only get a game if he were suspended.

"It could always happen that I play the first three games, then get a red card, but I'm sure I'll be playing."

Kahn, back training with Bayern Munich while the squad flew out to Bratislava, was unhappy with his rival for reviving the issue.

"It is astonishing how disrespectful it is to bring this up again," Kahn told the same newspaper. "The rules don't seem to have any meaning for him."

One of Klinsmann's first acts as coach was to take



Oliver Kahn

the captaincy of the team away from Kahn, while warning him he was not an automatic first choice for the World Cup.

"Each man will get his chance," the former striker repeated this week. "This will all be decided in May."

MNA/Reuters

# 30 peasants kidnapped in northeastern Colombia

**BOGOTA, 3 Sept**— At least 30 peasants were kidnapped by paramilitary groups in northeastern Colombia, nongovernmental organization Minga said on Thursday.

According to Minga, the kidnapping was conducted in the municipality of El Carmen, Norte de Santander department in the country's northeast, by paramilitaries of the United Self-Defence Forces of Colombia (AUC), under the command of "Jorge 40".

Those kidnapped, mostly women and children, might have been taken by the AUC paramilitaries to a rural area of the municipality

of Curumani, south of the northern Colombian department Cesar. The case has demonstrated once again the violation of the ceasefire by the AUC paramilitaries, who are undergoing a peace process with the Colombian Government, Minga Director Gloria Florez said.

Florez said the case has already been presented to Sergio Caramagna, chief of the mission of the Organization of American States (OAS) to Colom-

bia, and Colombian Vice-President Francisco Santos.

But General Edgar Ceballos Mendoza, commander of 5th Army Brigade, ruled out a mass kidnapping, saying what happened was a forced displacement resulted from the fight between the AUC and its rival. As part of the

peace process with the government, AUC has demobilized up to 9,000 militants, but has failed to meet its commitment for a ceasefire. The ELN is the country's second biggest rebel group after the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), with a total of 5,000 combatants.

MNA/Xinhua

## France's Chirac in hospital with eye problems

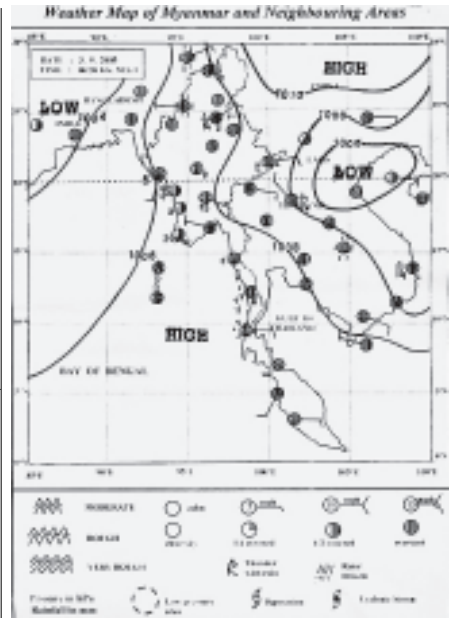
**PARIS, 3 Sept** — French President Jacques Chirac was admitted to hospital for a week with eye trouble following a blood vessel problem, officials said on Saturday.

The 72-year-old French leader was admitted to a Paris hospital late on Friday and all his appointments for the coming week have been cancelled at his request, a spokeswoman for Chirac's office said.

Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin told reporters in southwest France he had spoken to Chirac on Saturday morn-

ing and believed the eye problems would clear up within a few days.

"He will stay in hospital for a week. As soon as I get back to Paris late this afternoon, I will visit him at Val de Grace (military hospital)," Villepin told reporters at a ruling conservative party conference. —MNA/Reuters



### WEATHER

Saturday, 3 September, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mon State, scattered in Kachin State, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pinyinmana (Yezin) (4.21) inches, Mindat (1.30) inches, Kyauktaw (0.98) inch, Loikaw (0.91) inch, Thayawady (0.87) inch, Kawthoung and Pinyinmana (0.83) inch each and Yamethin (0.79) inch.

Maximum temperature on 2-9-2005 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 3-9-2005 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 3-9-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 2-9-2005 was 4.5 hrs approx. Rainfalls on 3-9-2005 were (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, nil at Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 70.51 inches at Mingaladon, 74.29 inches at Kaba-Aye and 79.25 inches at central Yangon.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is weak in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 4-9-2005:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Chin, Kayah and Mon States, Bago and Yangon Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 80%.


**State of the sea:** Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Weak monsoon.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-9-2005:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-9-2005:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.



**CASH DONATION** — An official of the Administrative Board of Hninzigon Home for the Aged accepts K 100,000 donated recently by wellwishers Daw Khin Moh Moh Tin of No-SH/301, Thitsar Ooyin Estate in South Okkalapa Township.



**Sunday, 4 September**

**View on today:**

**7:00 am**

- ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းတို့နားဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပေး ဆရာတော်အဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပေး မဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မစေတီက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ မေတ္တာပညာပေးတော်မူခြင်း၊ ဆရာတော်ဘိဝံသ ဝိနိစ္ဆာ သာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ် တရားတော်

**7:25 am**

- To be healthy exercise

**7:30 am**

- Morning news

**7:40 am**

- Nice and sweet song

**7:50 am**

- ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(ခ)မြာမင်္ဂလာ

**8:00 am**

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:10 am**

- ရေအေးကြီး(မြို့လှ)ရေရေလှောင်တံခွန် (ပဲခူးတိုင်း)

**8:20 am**

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:30 am**

- International news

**8:45 am**

- Say it in English

**11:00 pm**

- Martial song

**11:15 pm**

- Musical programme

**11:30 pm**

- Roundup of the week's International news

**11:40 pm**

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ခရာရီစွာနှင့်စိန္တရီဇွန်းခါး" (အပိုင်း-၃၅)

**12:20 pm**

- (၂၃)ကြိမ်မြောက်အရှေ့တောင် အာရှအားကစား ဖြစ်ပွဲဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (ဘေးစုံတော်)

**12:30 pm**

- Myanmar Movie: "ဘယ်သူ့ပြိုင်လိုလှပါတော့နိင်" ဇော်ဝင်း၊ ဝင်းလှိုင်၊ အံကျော်၊ တင်တင်ညို၊ တင်တင်လှ ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဘုခ

**8:45 am**

- International news

**4:00 pm**

- Martial song

**4:15 pm**

- Songs to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**

- English for Everyday Use

**4:45 pm**

- အရေးသင်တန်းအဖွဲ့ဝင်များ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဝတ်စုံနီ (သရုပ်၊ ဓာတ်ပေး ရုပ်ပေး အထူးပြုများ) (ရုပ်ပေး)

**5:00 pm**

- Song of national races

**5:15 pm**

- ၂၀၀၅ ရန်ကင်း တေရသမ အကြိမ်(သုကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအကအရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်

ကြာရှည်ကာလဆေးနှင့်ဆေးကုသခြင်း (အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)

**5:30 pm**

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

**5:35 pm**

- Musical programme

**5:50 pm**

- Agricultural Source Country's Development

**5:50 pm**

- Sing and Enjoy

**6:30 pm**

- Evening news

**7:00 pm**

- Weather report

**7:05 pm**

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မိန်းမလှ မေတ္တာကန်သာယာ" (အပိုင်း-၄)

**7:35 pm**

- Musical programme

**7:45 pm**

- (၂၃)ကြိမ်မြောက်အရှေ့တောင် အာရှအားကစားဖွဲ့ဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (ဘေးစုံတင် တင်းနစ်)

**8:00 pm**

- News

- International news

- Weather report

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တာဝရရန်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၅)

- The next day's programme

**Radio Myanmar**

**Sunday, 4 September**

**Tune in today:**

**8:30 am** Brief news

**8:35 am** Music: -Celebrity Perspectives

**8:40 am** Music: -Buzzz

**8:45 am** National news/Slogan

**9:00 am** Music: -Wonderful land

**9:10 am** Cultural Images of Myanmar -Myanmar & Ivory sculpture

**9:20 am** Music: -Addicted to Bass

**1:30 pm** News/Slogan

**1:40 pm** Children's delight -Story for children "The two glass-ball traders" -Songs for children

**9:00 pm** Weekly news review

**9:10 pm** Article

**9:20 pm** Music -She's the one -Always

**9:45 pm** News/Slogan

**10:00 pm** Potfolio for easy listening

**လာဂျီမ**

**ဒေါ်တင်တင်မြ (မိုးကုတ်)**

**အသက် (၈၆)နှစ်**

ရန်ကုန်မြို့၊ ခြံအမှတ်-၁၆၊ ကျိုက္ကဆံလမ်း၊ တာမွေ မြို့နယ်နေ (ဟာဂျီ-ဒေါက်တာ)တင်မောင်၊ တိုင်းမီးရထား ဆရာဝန်ကြီး၏ ချစ်လွတ်သော ဇနီး၊ (ဒေါက်တာမောင်မောင်) + ဒေါက်တာအောင်ကျော်တင်၊ ဒေါက်တာ ခင်စိတင် + ဒေါက်တာ တင်မောင်သန်း၊ မျက်စိအထူးကုဆရာဝန်ကြီး ပါမောက္ခ ဒေါက်တာ ကိုတင် + ပါမောက္ခဒေါက်တာ ဒေါ်တင်တင်အေး (ရန်ကုန်တက္ကသိုလ် သတ္တဗေဒဌာန)၊ ဒေါက်တာ ဒေါ်မေတင်မောင် (လ/ထအရာဝန် U.T.I.) + ဦးစော်ဝင်း (စီမံကိန်းရေးဆွဲ ရေးညွှတ်ဌာန) May Fair Inn ဒေါ်ရှုတ်တင်မောင် တို့၏မိခင်ကြီး၊ မြေး(၁၅)ယောက်၊ မြစ်(၁)ယောက်တို့၏ အဖွားသည် ၃-၉-၂၀၀၅ နေ့၊ နံနက် ၁ နာရီ ၁၅ မိနစ်တွင် အလ္လာအသွင်ဖြတ် အမိန့် တော်ခံယူသွားပါသဖြင့် ရေဝေး စွန့်ခွဲလွယ်လွယ် ဥယျာဉ်တော်တွင် (၃-၉-၂၀၀၅) နေ့၊ နေ့လယ် (၂)နာရီတွင် ဒေါ်တင်တင်မြလှပြီး မြစ်ပါကြောင်း ဆွေမျိုးမိတ်သင်္ဂဟ အပေါင်းတို့အား အကြောင်းကြား သိစေအပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်ရစ်သူမိသားစု

# Priority being given to uplift of health standard of people Carry out nutrition development tasks in harmony with other health care services

YANGON, 3 Sept — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address at the ceremony to mark the Yangon Division Nutrition Week Activities jointly organized by Yangon Division Health Committee and Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for MCWA at Ahlon Hall in Ahlon Township this afternoon.

In his address, Maj-Gen Myint Swe stressed the need to carry out nutrition development tasks in harmony with the tasks of vaccination, disease control, sanitation, maternal and child health care service and school health tasks. He said that departments



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses the ceremony to mark Yangon Division Nutrition Week Activities.— MNA

concerned are to cooperate with USDA, MWA, MCWA, MRCS and other social organizations in solving the nutrition problem and undertaking the nutrition development for the people.

Next, the com-

mander presented prizes to winners in the essay competition to mark the Nutrition Week Activities.

Departmental officials gave away prizes to winners in the cooking contest and other compe-

titions.

Sein Chit Film Industry Proprietor Daw Than Than Lay presented K 3.5 million to be spent on treatments for cleft lip and palate patients being conducted by Yangon Division MCWSC to

Secretary of the Supervisory Committee Dr Hla Myint.

Next, Dr Hla Myint gave gifts to members of the panel of judges who took up the duties in the cooking contest.

Afterwards, the

commander and party viewed round the documentary photos of the Nutrition Week Activities. They gave Vitamin A pills to children under five and ferrous sulphate tablets to expectant mothers. — MNA

## Notes of agreement on implementation of Upper Paunglaung Hydel Power Project inked

YANGON, 3 Sept — Director-General U Win Kyaw of Hydro-electronic Power Department and Yunnan Machinery & Equipment Import & Export Co Ltd (YMEC) Chairman Mr Feng Ke inked the notes of agreement on the implementation of Upper Paunglaung Hydel Power Project, at the hall of the Ministry of Electric Power on 1 September.

It was attended by Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut and officials.

YMEC plans to supply machinery worth US\$ 80 million for the project from the People's Republic of China and to implement Upper Paunglaung Hydel Power Project together with Hydro-electric Power Department.

The project site is situated on Paunglaung Creek, 15 miles upper area of the already completed

Paunglaung Hydel Power Project which is located in the area, 26 miles east of Pinyinmana, Mandalay Division.

The Upper Paunglaung Hydel Power Plant will be installed with two 70-megawatt capacity turbines. On completion, the power plant will generate 411 million kwh annually.

Due to the storage of water at Upper Paunglaung Dam, the already completed Paunglaung Hydel Power Project can increase its generating power from 911 million kwh to 969 million kwh yearly.

The project of Upper Paunglaung Hydro Power Plant will not only produce electricity but also contribute towards the increase of the power generating at Paunglaung Hydel Power Plant. — MNA

## Rules for Armed Forces Day commemorative poem contest announced

YANGON, 3 Sept — Hailing the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day which falls on 27 March 2006, the Poem Contest Organizing Subcommittee under the Poem and Arts Competition Organizing Work Committee, chaired by Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, has already announced to hold the Poem Contest to mark the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day. The contestants can portray objectives of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, fine traditions of the Tatmadaw, three capabilities of the Tatmadaw, fight against colonialists and fascists, fight against internal armed insurgencies and historic events occurred in the successive eras of the Tatmadaw, endeavors of the Tatmadaw after 1988 for ensuring non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty and nation-building tasks.

The poem contest will be divided into two categories — the long poem and short poem contests. Those who have won first, second or third prizes in the poem contest to mark the Armed Forces

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Director-General U Win Kyaw of Hydro-electronic Power Department and YMEC Chairman Mr Feng Ke sign notes of agreement concerning Upper Paunglaung Hydel Power Project.— ELECTRIC POWER

## Noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded

(3-9-2005)

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