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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

Cash and kind of Tatmadaw families donated to monasteries, nunnery in Hlinethaya Township

YANGON, 4 Sept — Families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwisher peo-

Welfare, Relief and Re-settlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen

Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and

officials. The Secretary-1 and party took the Five Precepts from Thayagon

Pariyatti Monastery Sayadaw Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Tejavamta.

Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun and Colonel General Staff (Air) Col Nay Win presented offer-tories to the Sayadaws and nuns.



Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party share merits gained at the ceremony to donate provisions to 10 monasteries and a nunnery in Hlinethaya Township. — MNA

Next, the Secretary-1 offered provisions to Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Bhaddanta Kesara. The commander, the ministers, the deputy minister, the vice-mayor and party donated alms to members of the Sangha.

On behalf of the Tatmadaw families, Vice-

The commander offered rice donated by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council to the Sayadaws. Similarly, wellwishers presented cash and kind to the Sayadaws.

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FTUB collected news on various fields especially on service personnel and workers from Myanmar as much as it can and exaggerated the news stories and submitted the matters to ILO and some trade unions in western countries to gain financial assistance.

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YADANASI SAYADAW (LOILEM)

ple donated provisions to 10 monasteries and one nunnery in Hlinethaya Township this afternoon, attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

The ceremony was held at Thayagon Pariyatti Monastery in Ward 4 of Hlinethaya Township.

Present were members of the Sangha from monasteries and nuns, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Social



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for promotion of national education standard

Now is the time when the government is making efforts in all seriousness for ensuring community peace and tranquillity, development of the State, national consolidation and strong economy of the State. In this connection, the government with the participation of the people is striving for fulfillment of development infrastructures, improvement of education and health standards and development of human resources. As a result, remarkable progress has been made in various sectors.

At a time when efforts are being made relying on own strength and resources for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation the improvement of national education standard is of paramount importance.

Hence, the national education promotion programmes have been laid down and are being implemented for development of human resources and advancement of science and technology. The special refresher courses are being conducted for teachers of the education sector to be imbued with knowledge and national outlooks and be well-versed in teaching and learning systems of international level.

Special Refresher Course No 57 for Basic Education Teachers was opened at the Nawarat Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) on 29 August 2005.

As the special refresher courses have been able to polish experiences, capabilities and the spirit of teachers it will be of great benefit not only to teachers and students but also to the State.

At a time when national education promotion plans are being implemented teachers of the education sector are to accept that their endeavours are a move towards bringing about equitable development the length and breadth of the nation. Meanwhile, teachers are to seek ways and means for improvement of basic education standard, further creating of teaching and learning opportunity and nurturing of students on whom the State can rely.

At present, the government has laid down and is implementing the seven-point Road Map for the emergence of a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The National Convention, the first step of the Road Map, is now in progress.

Therefore, all the teachers are to actively take part in the drive for successful realization of the seven-point Road Map by doing their bit, while making the national education promotion plans a success.

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

Cookery contest held in commemoration of Nutrition Week activities

YANGON, 1 Sept — Organized by Maternal and Child Welfare Association of Yangon Command, the cookery contest and prize-presentation ceremony took place in commemoration of Nutrition Week activities at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters this morning.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay view round nutritious foods of cookery contest.— MNA

Present on the occasion were Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, military region commanders, officials, wellwishers and guests. The commander

and wife and party viewed the cookery contest. Next, Daw Khin Thet Htay accepted K 1.2 million donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honor to them.

Then, Daw Khin Thet Htay presented awards to judges of the contest. Later, Secretary Daw San San Aye submitted MCWA membership applications to Dr Hla Myint, Head of Yangon Division Health Department. — MNA

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Commander, minister inspect construction of approach railroad of Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine)



Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspect construction of approach railroad of Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) on Mottama Bank. — CONSTRUCTION

YANGON, 4 Sept—Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspected construction of approach railroad at Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) of Public Works on 3 September.

The commander and the minister inspected laying of pre-stressed and reinforced concrete trusses, installation of approach structure and laying of bored piles on the bank of Mawlamyine.

Senior Engineers reported on arrangements for

bored piles, laying of pre-stressed and reinforced concrete trusses and flooring.

The minister gave instructions on worksite safety. The commander and the minister observed installation of pre-stressed concrete trusses between Pile Nos 21 and 22 on he bank of Mawlamyine and laying of concrete on Mottama.

The railroad of Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) is 21,678 feet and it can withstand IRS 17 tons. Construction work of the approach railroad is 50 per cent complete.—MNA

Mayor inspects sanitation tasks at both sides of Gyobyu Pipeline

YANGON, 4 Sept — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association In-Charge of Yangon Division Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin together with officials inspected sanitation tasks being carried out by USDA members and local people along both sides of Gyobyu pipeline and its maintenance, in Sangyiwa Ward in Mingaladon Township at 7 am

this morning.

The Mayor urged local people to cooperate with officials of YCDC for durability of the pipeline.

Next, the Mayor oversaw completion of 2,790 feet long and 12 feet wide Lanthit tarred road repaved by the township USDA in southern Htaukkyant Ward in Mingaladon Township. — MNA

စာအုပ်လှူဒါန်းပွဲ

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ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



The six kids who took a "moonwalk" recently pose for photographers at a Press conference in Hong Kong on 29 August, 2005. —INTERNET

ထုတ်ကုန်သွင်းစားပွဲ

Hu calls for establishing new concept of security

BEIJING, 4 Septe — Chinese President Hu Jintao on Saturday called for establishing a new concept of security featuring mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality and cooperation.

"We must persist in settling international disputes by peaceful means, with a view to promoting harmonious coexistence for different countries," Hu said in his

speech at the grand gathering in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Chinese people's victory in the War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the victory of the World Anti-Fascist War.

"We must push for international configuration of multi-polarity and democracy in international relations," said Hu, adding that all countries are equal members of the international community and should respect and support each other.

"We must work hard

to promote the common development among all countries and the universal prosperity of the world at large," said Hu.

"In particular, we must support and promote quicker development of the vast number of developing countries, reduce and eliminate poverty, and narrow the gap between the North and the South, so that we can share in the achievements of economic globalization and advancement of science and technology," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

China, ASEAN setting up mechanism on legal exchange "pressing"

NANNING, 3 Sept — It is very pressing for China and ASEAN countries to set up mechanism for legal changes and cooperation, so as to help resolve trade disputes and promote the construction of China-ASEAN free trade area (FTA), legal experts said here on Thursday.

More than 100 legal experts and law operators from China and nine ASEAN member states, including Vietnam, Cambodia, and the Philippines, gathered in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, for a China-ASEAN top forum on legal cooperation and development which opened on Thursday.

Feliciano Bautista, executive vice-president of the Integrated Bar of

the Philippines, said the deepening of ASEAN-China cooperation may also lead to some problems which need to be settled according to law.

However, he said, differences exist among legal systems of ASEAN countries and China. They should hold frequent discussion, consultation on legal issues in a bid to seek common ground and mutual understanding.

He held that

ASEAN and China should set up mechanism for regular legal exchanges, and make efforts to understand each other's law and policies through working group consultation, forum and personnel exchanges.

President of China Law Society Han Zhubin held that the current forum should be set as a China-ASEAN long-term mechanism for legal exchanges. Countries can conduct legal seminars,

lectures under the framework of the forum, and arrange high-level visits of the legal circle.

MNA/Xinhua

EU fails to agree on unblocking Chinese clothes

BRUSSELS, 3 Sept — European countries failed on Friday to agree on how to release millions of Chinese trousers, T-shirts, pullovers and other items that are blocked at EU borders, threatening to overshadow a China-EU summit next week.

European Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson said negotiations would continue over the weekend, but added that the lack of a unified EU approach on freeing up the goods would not weaken his hand in separate talks with China starting on Sunday.

"I still want and expect member states to agree to unblock the goods. It's a matter of tactics, not principles," he told reporters after a day-long meeting of negotiators.

"Talks collapsed— Too many member states did not agree to lift the block ahead of the negotiations with the Chinese," said an EU diplomat who was at Friday's talks.

Mandelson — who as trade commissioner negotiates trade policy on behalf of the 25 member states — has warned of clothing shortages and higher

prices without a deal.

On Friday, he reiterated he wanted the immediate release of the goods piled up in ports, warehouses or en route for Europe.

An estimated 75 million Chinese-made items of clothing have been prevented from entering the EU as new quotas agreed with Beijing in June were quickly filled.

Countries with strong retail sectors, like the Nordic states and Germany, have been at odds on how to deal with the blockade with other member states which have large textile industries of their own, such as France, Italy and Spain.

The producer countries have insisted that Beijing cut its import quota levels for 2006 and 2007 in return for the EU allowing in more Chinese imports in 2005 than agreed in June. MNA/Reuters

India to maintain high growth of 6.5% in 2005

NEW DELHI, 3 Sept— The UN Conference on Trade and Development on Friday said India would maintain a high growth rate of 6.5 per cent in 2005, but it was slightly lower than the 6.7 per cent achieved in 2004.

In its latest trade and development report, UNCTAD said China would grow at a faster rate of 9 per cent in 2005, which too is lower than the 9.5-per-cent growth posted in 2004. But the growth dynamics of China and India would have positive effects in many developed and developing economies, it said.

Sustained and rapid growth and rising living standards in India and China would be accompanied by a dramatic increase in Asia's share of world exports and raw material consumption.

"Given the large Chinese and Indian economies and their specific patterns of demand, changes in their structure of supply and demand have a much larger impact on the composition of world trade than did those of other late industrializers in Asia during their economic ascent," the new UNCTAD Secretary-General Supachai Panitchpakdi said in his overview in the report.—MNA/PTI

1,888 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 3 Sept— As of Saturday, 3 Sept., 2005, at least 1,888 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 five higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT on Friday.

The British military has reported 93 deaths; Italy, 26; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; El Salvador, Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each. Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,749 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



Troops on patrol as US military deaths in the Iraq war rose in August to the highest monthly total since January. — INTERNET

ASEAN enterprises intend to enter China's N-E market

CHANGCHUN, 3 Sept — Though far away from China's northeast, some enterprises from Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) came from afar to exhibit their competitive products at the first Northeast Asia Investment and Trade Expo which opened on Friday in northeast China's Jilin Province.

"Altogether five enterprises participated in the expo with 12 exhibition booths, exhibiting those traditional products like handicrafts and agricultural products," said Phung Van Canh, promotion manager of Vietnam National Trade Fair and Advertising Company under Vietnam Ministry of Trade, adding that Vietnamese enterprises also intend to enter China's northeast market as China-Vietnam trade relationship stepped forward.

According to Phung Van Canh, Vietnamese enterprises intend to seek more trade cooperation and investment opportunities in China in order to make good preparation for entering the World Trade Organization. With ever-increasing China-Vietnam trade, China's northeast

will be the important destination for Vietnamese enterprises.

Due to the geographical advantage, ASEAN enterprises have a stronger interest in participating in the China-ASEAN Expo held in Nanning, capital of South-west Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. However, ASEAN enterprises participating in the northeast trade Expo said that as a new market, China's northeast may offer new opportunities for them.

"New market means new business opportunities, and it is like an experiment for Philippine enterprises to enter China's northeast market," said Leonox D Abella, vice-president of promotions of Philippine Exporters Confederation, Inc.

MNA/Xinhua

Explosion, fire on Iraq-Turkey oil pipeline

KIRKUK (Iraq), 4 Sept— A major Iraqi crude oil pipeline was hit by an explosion on Saturday and was on fire, a guard on the pipeline, who declined to be identified, told Reuters.

The pipeline runs from the major northern Iraqi oilfield of Kirkuk to the Turkish Mediterranean port of Ceyhan. The explosion took place near Fatha, between Kirkuk and the city of Baiji. The guard gave no further details.

Another guard said a roadside bomb had been placed beside the pipeline some 4 kilometres (2.5 miles) from Fatha, which is 95 kilometres (60 miles) south-

west of Kirkuk.

The US-based Congressional Research Service, in an April 2005 report, said the Kirkuk-Ceyhan pipeline consisted of two parallel pipes. One has a nominal capacity of 1.1 million barrels per day but a practical limit of 900,000 barrels per day, while the other has a capacity of 500,000 barrels per day.

MNA/Reuters

Source says Iraq's Kirkuk crude oil exports halted

KIRKUK, 3 Sept— All exports of Iraq's Kirkuk crude oil through a major pipeline to Ceyhan on Turkey's Mediterranean coast were stopped on Saturday after a bomb blast set the pipeline on fire, an oil ministry source said.

"The blast halted all exports, it stopped them completely," the source told Reuters. The pipeline was hit by an explosion early on Saturday and caught fire for several hours, a guard on the pipeline, who declined to be identified, told Reuters.

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By 2:30 pm (11:30 am British time) the fire had been extinguished, a fire department official from Iraq's North Oil Company told Reuters. But he added that oil leaking from the pipeline had spilt some 2 km (1.2 miles) from the site of the explosion.

It was not immediately clear how long it would take to repair the line and bring it back to full capacity.—Internet



Iraqis look at the damage caused by a car bomb that exploded in the Al A'adamea District of Baghdad on 2 September, 2005. —INTERNET

စက်မှုပစ္စည်းအား ခေတ်တော်ပြောင်း



A Chinese man rides a tricycle on a flooded street in Hefei, east China's Anhui Province, on 3 September, 2005. —INTERNET

Roadside bomb kills foreign contractor in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 3 Sept— A roadside bomb blast targeting a four-wheel drive vehicle in central Baghdad killed a foreign security contractor and wounded another on Friday, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua.

"A powerful roadside bomb blast struck a Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV), usually used by foreign security contractors, near the al-Andulus Square, killing a foreigner and seriously wounding another," the source said on condition of anonymity.

An SUV was badly charred at the scene, outside the Sadeer Hotel, as two US helicopters could be seen flying over the area, he said.

The nationalities of the victims were not immediately available, the source added.

Another roadside bomb detonated near a US military convoy near the heavily fortified Green Zone in central Baghdad, the source said, adding casualties were not known and the US troops cordoned off the area preventing police and people from approaching the scene.

MNA/Xinhua

Typhoon "Nabi" weakens a bit, on course for Okinawa

TOKYO, 3 Sept— A powerful typhoon heading northwest towards Japan's Okinawa Islands weakened enough by Saturday to lose its super-typhoon status, but the storm remains extremely strong and could threaten Japan's main islands.

Typhoon Nabi — Korean for "butterfly" — was on Friday a Category Five storm, technically the same strength as Hurricane Katrina which devastated New Orleans just before the eye of the storm made landfall.

According to the web site of the Tropical Storm Risk group at University College London, Nabi had weakened to Category 4 on Saturday. But it was projected to strengthen to super-typhoon status again in 24 hours.

An official at Japan's Meteorological Agency said the storm may pass over Okinawa on Monday and near the

southernmost main island of Kyushu early on Tuesday, possibly making landfall, but that the worst of its fury is likely to have been spent by then.

"This is an extremely strong storm, and could bring a lot of rain to Japan, but I think that in terms of overall destructive force it has already passed its peak," he said. "We will still have to be extremely careful, though."

At 0100 GMT, Nabi was some 600 kilometres (372.8 miles) southeast of Minami Daitoshima, an island around 1,100 kilometres (690 miles) southwest of Tokyo.—MNA/Reuters

China confident of clearing up EU textiles mess

BEIJING, 3 Sept— China's Commerce Minister said on Friday he was confident of solving a trade row with the European Union that has led to the pile-up of 75 million Chinese garments and cast a shadow over a bilateral summit next week.

The bras, sweaters, T-shirts and other goods are held up at Customs because they exceed ceilings agreed by the EU and China in June after a surge in Chinese exports led EU textile producers to demand protection.

"Currently the Chinese and the European sides are earnestly discussing this issue. I believe, and I am confident, we will be able to find a solution," Commerce Minister Bo Xilai told Chinese state

television reporters. Bo's EU counterpart, Peter Mandelson, expressed similar sentiments in Brussels on Thursday, even though EU officials said some countries were still demanding concessions from Beijing.

"I hope that China sees the value in reaching an accommodation over these teething problems," Mandelson said, adding that he hoped the goods could be unblocked by the middle of the month.

MNA/Reuters

Nepal to host Conference on Buddhist Heritage

KATHMANDU, 4 Sept — The Fourth International Conference on the Buddhist Heritage of Nepal Mandala 2005 will be held here from 6 to 10 September, the organizers said on Saturday.

Buddhism experts from 11 countries will attend the meeting aimed at creating an environment to build consensus among the participating countries for the development, preservation and promotion of the religion, the organizers said at a Press conference.

The conference will also showcase exhibitions on Mandala, ritual artifacts, sculptures, paintings, published books, manuscripts, photos and ritual ceremonies related with Buddhism of Nepal Mandala, according to the organizers.

The foreign experts are coming

from countries like China, Vietnam, Japan, Mongolia, Germany, Bangladesh and Australia.

The conference was organized by Lotus Research Centre in collaboration with 19 other organizations.

Nepali Minister for Culture, Tourism, and Civil Aviation Buddhi Raj Bajracharya will inaugurate the event amidst a gathering of senior monks from more than 60 monasteries of Kathmandu Valley, the organizers added.

MNA/Xinhua

First private cell phone tariff approved in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 3 Sept— Nepal Telecommunication Authority (NTA) has approved the mobile phone tariff rates of Spice Nepal Private Limited (SNPL), the first private cell phone operator, which is launching its service under the brand name Mero Mobile, director of the company told reporters here on Friday.

The rates, approved on Thursday by the board members of NTA, stated that calls made from post-paid Mero Mobile to Mero Mobile during peak hour (8:00 am to 10:00 pm) will cost four Nepali rupees (0.057 US dollar) per minute and two rupees (0.028 dollar) per minute during off-peak hour (10:00 pm to 8:00 am) respectively, director of SNPL Ajeya Raj Sumargi said.

Spice Nepal, which is introducing its services inside Kathmandu Valley from 17 September, however, has stated that refundable deposit on post-paid service with domestic/interna-

tional call service and domestic/international/international roaming service has been fixed at 5,000 rupees (71.4 dollars) and 20,000 rupees (285.7 dollars) respectively.

“We hope we will be able to provide the best service through our latest technology at competitive prices according to the international market,” the director added.

According to the director, the company has capacity of distributing a total of one million lines in Nepal in the initial phase, of which 30 per cent will be distributed in the capital, Kathmandu Valley. — MNA/Xinhua

Sri Lanka Tea Board promoting untapped markets in Europe

COLOMBO, 3 Sept— The Sri Lanka Tea Board (SLTB) will promote untapped markets in Europe to increase local exports by 10 per cent targeted on yearly basis, the *Daily News* reported on Friday.

The SLTB has already launched a major promotional and trade fair cam-

paign in newly joined EU states covering Czech Republic, Slovakia, Ukraine, Poland, the SLTB Director-General H D Hemaratne was quoted as saying.

If these promotional campaigns constantly promote these new markets we could increase tea ex-

ports by 10 per cent on a yearly basis, he said.

He said that Poland's SLTB branch is in charge of the promotional activities in those untapped European markets, which have shown tremendous response from those countries.

MNA/Xinhua

China's stand on nuclear weapons unchanged

BEIJING, 3 Sept— An official with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Thursday said China's stand on nuclear weapons has not changed and will never change in future.

Zhang Yan, director of the arms control bureau under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said that the Chinese Government has solemnly undertaken not to be the first to use nuclear weapons at any time and in any circumstance, and not to use nuclear weapons or threaten to use nuclear weapons against nuclear weapon free countries and regions since the first day when it came into possession of nuclear weapons, that is, since 16 October, 1964, when it tested its first nuclear bomb.

China has always kept to its commitment and this policy will remain unchanged in the future, he said.

Zhang made the remarks at a Press conference in response to a question from the *Associated Press* whether the Chinese Mainland would not threaten Taiwan with its nuclear weapons. — MNA/Xinhua



Fires burn in New Orleans five days after Hurricane Katrina hit the city, on 2 September, 2005. —INTERNET

16 Iraqi security forces killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Sept— Sixteen Iraqi security forces died in three separate incidents on Saturday in Diyala Province north of Baghdad, police told CNN.

Also, the US military reported Friday that three more American soldiers were killed this week, two by a roadside bomb and one by small arms fire. That brought the number of US troop deaths in the Iraq war to 1,885.

Of the 16 Iraqis killed on Saturday, seven police officers and two soldiers died when guerillas with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades attacked a joint army and police checkpoint near Buhruz, near Baquba. Two police offic-

ers were wounded in the incident.

Four Iraqi soldiers were killed when gunmen attacked their checkpoint with small arms fire on a road between Khalis and Adhaim.

Five police officers were killed by gunmen who opened fire at a police checkpoint in Baquba. It happened on a bridge in the al-Mu'alimin neighbourhood in the centre of the city and the gunmen fled.

Internet

India, Pakistan to launch truck service, to talk air service

ISLAMABAD, 3 Sept— Some five months after launching the Srinagar-Muzafarabad bus service to promote neighbourly confidence, India and Pakistan on Friday agreed to introduce overland trade along the same route and were to talk right this month bilateral air service and a shipping protocol.

The two sides have agreed to hold technical talks as soon as possible to operationalize the Poonch-Rawalkot bus service and truck service on the Srinagar-Muzafarabad bus route to promote trade, a joint statement issued at the end of the two-day talks as part of a composite peace dialogue between Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran and his Pakistani counterpart Riaz Mohammad Khan here said. India for its part has also proposed another bus service between Kargil and Skardu. The fortnightly service of the Srinagar-Muzafarabad

bus became very popular after it was launched on 7 April but there was a popular demand for a bus service in the Jammu Region.

It now appears to be a matter of time before the two countries agree to launch a bus service between Poonch in Jammu and Rawalkot in Pakistan, which officials expect to be equally popular. Officials of both the countries were happy over the agreement to resume the truck service as it was also a popular demand. The air service is hoped to be extended to operations by private carriers, over and above the Lahore-New

Delhi and the Karachi-Mumbai services run by Indian Airlines and Pakistan International Airlines.

The overland trade route between Srinagar and Muzaffarabad is expected to prop trade between the two sides of Kashmir.

Besides, the two countries agreed to hold expert-level talks to finalize the modalities to operationalize the bus services between Lahore and Amritsar as well as Amritsar and Nankana Sahib, the birth place of Guru Nanak, this month.

MNA/PTI



US soldiers check an Iraqi at a checkpoint in Baghdad recently.—INTERNET

Education critical to HIV/AIDS prevention among children

BEIJING, 4 Sept — Education is critical in controlling the spread of HIV/AIDS among children, said a UNICEF official in an interview with Xinhua this week.

From 26 to 27 August, Ann M Veneman, new executive director of UNICEF, visited northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, one of the least developed regions in the country.

"I'm very impressed by the training of HIV/AIDS knowledge in the local school," Veneman said, after she attended a class on that theme at the No 15 Middle School of Yinchuan, capital of Ningxia.

During the class, students staged a play they had made themselves to practise how to say no to bad habits and protect themselves against drugs and HIV/AIDS.

A girl student described a scene she saw on TV about the terrible life of HIV/AIDS patients which had

sparked her sympathy.

"Television can play a big role in HIV/AIDS education for young people," Veneman said.

Apart from education, Veneman said stemming mother-to-child transmission is also critical in HIV/AIDS control.

UNICEF plans to launch a global initiative to educate young people about HIV/AIDS later this year.

On her first China visit, Veneman spoke highly of the Chinese Government in protecting children's rights.

"The government is doing a great deal on the issue of children and the country is relatively easy to meet the millennium goal," said Veneman, referring to the United Nations' ambition to radically reduce HIV/AIDS around the world by 2015. — MNA/Xinhua

Hu Jintao calls for unity of Chinese nation

BEIJING, 4 Sept— Chinese President Hu Jintao on Saturday called for consolidating the great unity of the Chinese nation and carry forward its great spirit, saying it is important for national rejuvenation.

"Solidarity and hard working among the Chinese people of all ethnic groups including compatriots living in Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan and overseas Chinese are a source of strength for the Chinese nation to move toward great rejuvenation," Hu said at a gathering in Beijing to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese People's War Against Japanese Aggression and the victory of the World Anti-Fascists War.

He said continuous efforts will be made to consolidate the great unity of all ethnic groups as well as unity of the Chinese people at home and overseas to gather the whole nation's strength to promote China's

development. He called for highly cherishing the favorable conditions of thriving growth, stability and unity, jointly safeguarding the overall situation of reform, development and stability, and constantly pushing forward reform, opening up and the modernization drive with one heart and one mind.

"We must carry forward our national spirit with patriotism at its core so as to provide powerful spiritual support to the Chinese people of all ethnic groups to share weal and woe and blaze new trails, and encourage our people of generations to come to make concerted efforts for a prosperous and strong China," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



A Japanese man gazes at stock prices lit up outside a brokerage in Tokyo on 1 September, 2005.—INTERNET

Indonesian Navy to install radar along Strait of Malacca

JAKARTA, 4 Sept—The Indonesian Navy will install radar at nine spots along the Strait of Malacca to help strengthen security along the busy channel, an official said on Saturday.

"The Navy has decided to set up radar in nine spots to strengthen security in the area," Navy spokesman Rear Admiral Abdul Malik Yusuf said.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai-Singapore leaders' retreat ends successfully

BANGKOK, 4 Sept— Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra and his Singapore counterpart Lee Hsien Loong wrapped up their two-day informal meeting in Thailand's northern resort province of Chiang Mai on Saturday with agreed cooperation in several areas.

Meeting the Press after their third retreat, the Thai and Singapore leaders said they would assign authorities concerned in their governments to follow up the agreed issues and make them materialized, reported the *Thai News Agency*.

The agreed cooperation includes the joint development of a central vaccination system to deal with avian flu more efficiently and the exchange of advanced educational technology.

The two premiers also agreed to jointly develop securities markets and to launch tourism cooperation between their two countries.

The two leaders said securities markets in both countries would be further developed to encourage investors to buy Thai stocks in the Singapore market and vice versa. Details of the plan, especially regarding brokerage fees to be charged equally in both markets,

will be worked out by finance ministers of the two countries. The two governments also agreed on strengthening their tourism industries in which promotional campaigns would be launched to induce more foreign tourists to visit the two countries.

On soaring global crude oil price, the two leaders discussed on a possibility of energy grid in this region in which networks will have to be built, with information on energy and joint investment to be exchanged.

Turning to the security issues, Thaksin agreed in principle that Thailand should participate in regional defence efforts in the Strait of Malacca, saying he would discuss the issue with Thai authorities.

The Thai and Singapore leaders also witnessed the ratification of a regional agreement on piracy and the hijacking of vessels in Asia by armed groups.

MNA/Xinhua

Typhoon "Talim" kills up to 56 in eastern China

BEIJING, 4 Sept — A typhoon has killed up to 56 people in eastern China after unleashing torrential rains and triggering floods and landslides, state media said on Sunday.

Typhoon Talim, which swept across Mainland China's east coast from Thursday, after battering the island of Taiwan, had claimed some 40 lives in Anhui Province alone, the *Beijing News* said.

Economic damage was estimated at 7.1 billion yuan (877 million US dollars), the *Xinhua* news agency said late on Saturday.

Xinhua put the total death toll at 43, with 27 believed to be missing, in the provinces of Zhejiang, Anhui and Fujian.

One person had died as a result in Jiangxi Province, the *Beijing News* said. Chinese authorities had evacuated hundreds of thousands of people from their homes as they braced for the typhoon, which weakened into a tropical storm on Friday.— MNA/Reuters



A cruise ship that had run aground because of fog breaks into two and is stranded in a river in southwest China's Chongqing municipality on 1 September, 2005. All 160 people aboard the ship were saved and moved to a safe place. — INTERNET

Cambodia's notorious tiger hunter convicted 7 years prison

PHNOM PENH, 4 Sept— A notorious tiger hunter was sentenced to 7 years in prison by a Cambodian court in Koh Kong Province on Friday.

Yor Ngun, 57, has been on conservationists' top wanted hunters list since he was first identified and interviewed by the Tiger Teams in Preah Vihear in 2001, according to conservation group WildAid.

A many time repeat offender, Yor was first arrested by the Forestry Administration in September 2004 in Mondul Kiri, but was released after signing

a contract of non-reoffense, WildAid said in a statement.

Yor was rearrested by Forestry Administration officer on 29 March in Koh Kong's Cardamom mountains for transporting 25 bear jaws and 82 bear nails.

Originally from Stung Treng, Yor is known to have tracked and killed 19 tigers, 40 leopards, 30 elephants, 500 gaur, banteng and sambar, 40 Malayan sunbears and 3 Asiatic bears

in over ten provinces.

The verdict concluded that Yor had killed "many endangered species" and gave the prison sentence based on Article 97, paragraph 10 of the Forestry Law. Forestry Administration officers have sharpened investigation skills and strengthened law enforcement capacity thanks to support from conservation NGOs.

MNA/Xinhua

Counter media with media-2

Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)

The clarification made by Director-General of the Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi at the press conference No 6/2005 organized by the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council can be divided into two portions. The first is related to matters on conspiracies of some aboveground terrorist destructive groups masterminded by Maung Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai and Thein Win under the pretext of labour affairs with the intention of destabilizing the country, and the other, on investigations into the loss of Replica Tooth Relic at the Buddha Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon).

Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai is general secretary of the National Council of Union of Burma (NCUB) and the Federation of Trade Unions—Burma (FTUB). He got the post with the support of expatriate Sein Win of NCGUB and a big western nation.

Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai is organizing aboveground hardcores of some service personnel and some from various walks of life via Thein Win, member of the Network for Democracy and Development (NDD) based in Maesot, and mobilizing them by giving attractive monetary assistance to destabilize the country and incite unrest.

Due to a huge amount of funds provided by a western nation, Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai was elected as the general secretary of FTUB founded in 1991 with seven members including Hla Oo as chairman and Zaw Win Aung as assistant general secretary. FTUB collected news on various fields especially on service personnel and workers from Myanmar as much as it can and exaggerated the news stories and submitted the matters to ILO and some trade unions in western countries to gain financial assistance.

As a matter of fact, NCGUB Sein Win is an expatriate, general secretary Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai of NCUB and FTUB, an absconder, and NDD Thein Win, an ex-convict fugitive.

The terrorist groups under their domination are ABSDF (All Burma Students Democratic Front) armed group and VBSW (Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors) armed group.

Living in foreign countries, they are constantly perpetrating the three-pronged attacks of the aboveground, the underground and the expatriates to incite mass demonstrations and to create unrest in the nation. Indeed, their acts have brought a lot of miseries, grief and troubles to the nation. In the name of democracy affairs, governments of certain western

countries are providing cash assistance for such destructive stooges and groups.

The purpose of their assistance is to topple the Tatmadaw Government.

However, those who have got into great financial difficulties due to economic sanctions imposed by certain countries are the people. Those who have met their tragic end due to terrorist acts committed by the above-mentioned saboteurs and destructive groups are the people. Those who have suffered from inflation due to the rumours spread by destructive elements are the people. Those who have wept uncontrollably for the loss of their sons in border areas who were forcibly recruited to the armed groups are local people.

Internal and external destructive elements could not stop their acts that pose grave dangers to the people. Indeed, it is too much cruel and cunning.

However much they have launched the three-pronged attacks designed to make the nation get herself into a fix, the Tatmadaw Government has been able to address all the subsequent effects and continue nation-building tasks to meet the national goal in harmony with the people.

Therefore, the destructive acts have never worked.

The stooges and certain western countries who have been inciting the undesirable situations are holding a sheer negative attitude towards Myanmar. The correct position and attitude adopted by Myanmar remains unchanged.

The Tatmadaw Government has launched its strategy to transform the nation into a discipline-flourishing democratic one, as evidenced by its effective implementation of the four political objectives.

The first of the four political objectives is "Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order" in which the entire people especially politicians have to place their trust. And beyond doubt, it is the concern of the entire nation.

Each and every citizen is required to pay the first priority to ensuring stability and community peace. And they should contribute towards measures for prevalence of law and order, carry out their activities and speak within the frame of law.

The second political objective is "National reconsolidation" to which every dignified politician must stick for regaining national solidarity, taking unforgettable lessons from the nation's history.

Instead of that, if politicians are still clinging on to their anti-government policy, they will be put on record by the people as the ones who practise the national disintegration policy.

The third political objective "Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution" should be implemented in unity under the leadership of the Government. Even though the Tatmadaw Government has taken an active role in implementing that objective into reality since 1993, the drive could make a little headway. The answer to the question "Who caused a hindrance to the drive?" has been very clear to all.

Based on the 104 basic principles that were laid down by unanimous consent of delegates in 1993, the Government has been implementing the State's seven-point Road Map in coordination with the delegates from all strata of life.

As the smooth completion of the National Convention is the core of the drive for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation with flourishing democracy, all the people are required to contribute towards the convening of the National Convention as far as they can.

The fourth political objective "Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution" has put the nation on the path to democracy.

Here I would like to put a question to those who define the word "democracy" as they wish. Is democracy a commodity that can be offered; does it represent the rights to destroy what is constructed by others, the anti-government policy, or terrorist acts committed based on extreme feelings without reasoning cause and effect?

Those who are claiming that they are politicians but are incapable of practising the State's political objectives are politicians who are going against national interests.

In this regard, what is important is that the nation's democracy must be free from alien domination.

I would like to present noteworthy facts from the clarification of Brig-Gen Khin Yi.

"The latest trick of Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai for regaining financial assistance was an attempt to acquire compensations from UNOCAL Co. Two groups filed a suit against the company for the use of forced labour. The first group was the International Labour Rights led by FTUB Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai and assisted by lawyer Mr Terry Coffings Worth. The other group was the Earth Rights International led by Kayin couple Blacksays.

"These two groups asked for US\$ 200 million from the company. At last the company agreed to pay compensation for US\$ 60 million. Thus, FTUB and Blacksays group would get US\$ 30 million each. With these funds, FTUB Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai wanted to accelerate anti-government activities. But no agreement was reached with the Kayin group. So, Maung Maung could not draw his share. He is seeking ways and means to draw these funds with the support of a big nation".

The clarification underscored the wicked means of certain renegade destructive elements to harm the nation and the people for their own interests. They are totally unaware of the united strength of the entire national people to face and brave all forms of destructive acts. Surely, one day they will have to suffer evil consequences from their misdeeds. I wish they would realize the fact that the grudge will not bring anything good to them.

In conclusion of the article, I would like to reproduce an excerpt from the clarification of Chairman of the Information Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

"In preventing terrorist destructive elements in order that they cannot infiltrate into the nation and launch terrorist attacks, the entire national people are to join hands with the Government."

Translation: MS

Myamma Alin, Kyemon: 4-9-2005



Local and foreign journalists and mediemen study evidences and documentary photos displayed at the Press Conference (6/2005) of the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council on 28-8-2005. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein offers alms to a Sayadaw at the ceremony to donate provisions to monasteries and a nunnery of Hlinethaya Township.— MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts cash donations from a wellwisher.— MNA

Cash and kind of Tatmadaw families donated...

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Afterwards, the commander, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Provost Marshal Maj-Gen Saw

Hla and party accepted K 5,534,850 and alms for the monasteries from wellwishers.

Col Nay Win suppli-cated on the purpose of the donations.

The Vice-Chair-man Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by shar-ing of merits.

Today's donations

for the monasteries and a nunnery in Hlinethaya Township amounted to 509 bags of rice, 119 viss of edible oil, 195 viss of gram, 1,088 viss of iodized salt, 218 tubes of tooth paste, 1,815 bottles of tradi-tional medicines, 1,136 bars of soap, 1,088 cakes of soft soap, 54 bags of dry fish, 11 boxes of pep-per powder, 250 packets of Top brand detergent and K 5,534,850. — MNA



Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Commodore Nyan Tun and Col Chan Maung donate offerings to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Energy Minister inspects Nyaungdon Oil and Gas Field

YANGON, 4 Sept — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi together with officials inspected Nyaungdon Oil and Gas Field in Nyaungdon, Ayeyawaday Division this afternoon.

At the briefing hall of the field, the officials of Myanma Oil and Gas Entrprise reported on matters related to the progress of drilling new oil well No 27 and the programmes for drilling new well No 28 to the minister, and Managing Director U San Lwin gave supplementary reports. The minister then gave necessary instructions.

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi presented prizes to those who successfully drilled the new well No 27 and inspected the production process of the well, which produces over 4 million cubic feet of gas and 22 barrels of

condensate per day.

Currently, there are 22 wells at the Nyaungdon Oil and Gas

Field, which produce 100 million cubic feet of gas and 800 barrels of condensate daily.— MNA



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects drilling of No 27 Well and production of natural gas at Nyaungdon Oil and Gas Field.— ENERGY



Myanmar delegation arrives back

YANGON, 4 Sept— Director of Social Welfare Department U Aye Win, Executive of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association

Daw Theingi Win and members Daw Chaw Su Myat and Daw Thiri Myint as observers arrived back here on 26 August 2005 after attend-

ing the 12th ASEAN Youth Day meeting held in Semarang, Indonesia, from 22 to 25 August 2005.

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The Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports of Indonesia presents ASEAN Youth Award to Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association CEC member Daw Theingi Win.— MWEA



Government built roads and bridges...

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of student, staff and faculty members. District Engineer U San Wai also presented reports on progress of construction tasks, and Cetana Construction and General Trading Cooperative Ltd Chairperson Daw Khin Nyo, on construction of the library. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on timely completion of the construction tasks meeting the set standard.

At Dyeing Plant of Myanmar Textile Industries in Magway, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected production process. He also visited Win Thuza shop in front of the plant.

At 10 am, they arrived at the construction site of Magway 200-bed Teaching Hospital Project. Rector of Magway Institute of

Medicine Dr Than Myint explained the brief history of the institute and academic matters.

Project Director U Khin Win of Myanmar Industrial Construction Service reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint on 82 per cent completion of the hospital and 66 per cent of the Block C of the institute. Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected progress in construction of the buildings at the hospital.

They proceeded to Magway Institute of Medicine and looked into completion of the Block C at the institute.

At noon, they arrived at Thaphanseik river water pumping project.

Officials presented reports on water supply tasks of the project, cultivation of monsoon paddy and power supply



Lt-Gen Ye Myint meeting with departmental officials and members of social organizations at the City Hall in Magway. — MNA

to the project. Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected functions of the project and thriving of monsoon paddy cultivation near pumping station 1, 2 and 3. In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with departmental officials and members of social organizations at the city hall in Magway.

Magway and Minbu District PDC Chairmen Lt-Col Kyi Tun and Lt-Gen Myo Aung reported

on matters concerning their districts. Col Phone Maw Shwe gave a supplementary report. Departmental officials submitted reports on their respective sectors.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that due to building dams and river water pumping stations in Magway Division in accordance with to the guidance of the Head of State, progress has been made in the social sector in addition to greening of the region and development of the agriculture tasks. Monsoon paddy sown acreage is over 230,000 acres of land more than that in 1988.

The Government emphasizes development of the region by building

factories. Thanks to construction of the factories, local people have the job opportunities. In the education and health sector, universities and hospitals have been opened and upgraded in the region.

Moreover, the Government built roads and bridges for better transport of the region for contributing to the growth of the regional economy. With regard to the construction sector, the Government built two Ayeyawady River crossing bridges and one Chindwin river bridge in Magway Division. Progress of the division has been made under the systematic management of the Government, concerted efforts of departmental personnel and

active participation of the local people in the tasks. Furthermore, private entrepreneurs created job opportunities for the local people and giving agricultural knowledge to the local people in carrying out the agricultural tasks on thousand of acres in the division. In conclusion, he urged local people to participate in development tasks of the region and the nation with Union Spirit.

This morning, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with officers, other ranks and family members of Magway Station at Aung Naing Hein Hall of the local battalion in Magway, and gave necessary instruction.

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Culture Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung views works of the graduate students of University of Culture (Mandalay).— CULTURE

Minister for Culture supervises departmental tasks in Mandalay Division

YANGON, 4 Sept — Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung oversaw the National Theatre (Mandalay) on 30 August.

In the afternoon, he accepted 12 gold Buddha statues, 13 silver Buddha statues from wellwisher U Tin Myint, 28 Pyu coins from wellwisher U Maung Htay and four Pyu coins from U Nyunt Swe and presented K 16,874,797 to them.

At University of Culture (Mandalay), the minister inspected con-

struction of the buildings and the library. Rector U San Win and Pro-Rector (Academic) Daw Aye Aye Nwe briefed the minister on matters related to the library.

On 31 August, the minister inspected greening of the environs of Myanansankyaw Shwenandaw and maintenance works.

In the afternoon, the minister enjoyed the skills demonstration of the students for 2004-05 academic year at the National Theatre (Mandalay).

Also present on the occasion were Patron of Mandalay Division Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson of Mandalay Division MCWA Daw Khin Pyone Win, wife of Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Mandalay City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and wife Daw Moe Thida, Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Latt, local authorities, faculty members and officials.

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Minister for Education inspects Kengtung Degree College, basic education schools

Yangon, 4 Sept — Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Secretary of Shan State Peace and Development Council (East) Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Director-General of No 2 Basic Education Department U Thaug Khaing, Education Officer of Shan State (East) and officials met vice-principal U Chit Swe, professors and faculty members of Kengtung Degree College on 2 September.

Minister Dr Chan Nyein discussed measures to be undertaken for promotion of education and fulfilled the requirements.

The minister and party inspected learning at the multimedia teaching centres and construction of new buildings. They discussed academic matters in meeting with headmaster, teachers and members of school board of trustees of Wanewal Village Basic Education

High School in Kengtung Township.

The minister and officials presented stationery for the students and they inspected learning of students and their reading skills.

The minister met education staff at No 3 BEHS in Kengtung. On 3 September, the minister also inspected basic education schools and donated exercise books and stationery for the students.—MNA



Education Minister Dr Chan Nyein meeting with headmasters, headmistresses and members of the school boards of trustees in Kengtung Township. —EDUCATION

Cash and kind donated to four monasteries in Kyimyindine Township



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and party share merits gained at the ceremony to donate cash and kind to four monasteries in Kyimyindine Township.— MNA

YANGON, 4 Sept— Families of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated rice, edible oil, salt, medicine and gram and cash to Kyaunggyi Monastery, Salin Monastery, Pyilon Chantha Monastery and Thadu

emony was attended by presiding Sayadaws and members of the Sangha of the four monasteries, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the vice

with the Five Precepts. Next, the commander and party offered alms to the Sayadaws and members of the Sangha.

On behalf of the Tatmadaw families, Vice-Adjutant General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Chief of Staff (Navy)

vision PDC, ministries, YCDC, government and social organizations and private companies also donated rice, edible oil, salt, medicine and gram. The Tatmadaw families, Yangon Division PDC and wellwishers made cash donations for the monas-

teries.

Afterwards, the chairman Sayadaw of Kyimyindine Township Sangha Nayaka Committee delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained.

Today's donations included 183 bags of rice, 48 viss of edible oil, 87

viss of gram, 484 viss of iodized salt, 97 tubes of toothpaste, 2,542 boxes of various kinds of traditional medicine, 100 copies of Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda photo, 242 viss of dried fish, 484 bars of soap and others and K 4,596,550.

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



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe accepts donations from a wellwisher. — MNA

Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Kyimyindine Township, Yangon West District, at Thadu Pariyatti Sarthintaik on Natsin Road in Kyimyindine Township this afternoon. The donation cer-

mayor, senior military officers of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and guests.

Sayadaw of Thadu Pariyatti Sarthintaik Bhaddanta Pannavamsa invested the congregation

Commodore Nyan Tun and Colonel General Staff (Mechanical) (Air) Col Chan Maung donated rice, edible oil, salt, medicine and gram for the four monasteries. Next, Yangon Di-

Minister inspects Machine Tools Factory, technical training school

YANGON, 4 Sept— Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin on 2 September went to No 1 Machine Tools Factory (Nyaungchedauk) in Padaung in Bago Division (West) and inspected machinery and transformers manufactured by the factory.

Officials of Myanmar Machine Tool

and Electrical Industries conducted the minister and party around the factory.

Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin and party yesterday went to the technical training school (Hsinde) of Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Industries. At the meeting, U Kyaw Lwin, Principal of the training school, re-

ported on academic subjects, teaching method and production of the school.

The minister called on the training teachers to make effort to turn out skilled technicians.

He also viewed the trainees at the school and inspected the trainees' mess.

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Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Commodore Nyan Tun and Col Chan Maung donate alms to a Sayadaw.— MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
Second best time is now.

Rules on 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commemorative Painting and Sculpture Contests announced

YANGON, 4 Sept — As a gesture of hailing the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day which falls on 27 March 2006, the Painting and Sculpture Contests and Exhibition Organizing Sub-committee, under the Poem and Arts Competitions Organizing Work Committee chaired by Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, today announced rules on the Painting and Sculpture Contests.

Six Categories

The Painting Contest will be divided into six categories — the pre-primary level (school children from Pre-Primary School, the primary (junior) level (KG, first and second standards), the primary (senior) level (third and fourth standards), the middle school level (fifth to seventh standards), the high school level (eighth, ninth and tenth standards and technical and agricultural schools), and the open level (university, college and institute, State Schools of Fine Arts and Drama), and amateur and professional level contests.

Sculpture Contest

The Sculpture Contest is open to all. But, contestants may take part in the two events —the open class (plaster) and the open class (wood). All the

contestants including amateurs, professionals and students may take part in both events.

In the pre-primary and all basic education levels of the Painting Contest, the size of the entry must be 20" by 15" created by any colour and system. The entry must be sent to No 123, the Education Planning and Training Department on Natmauk Road in Bahan Township not later than 23 February 2006 together with the own creation work and address of school heads, along with three colour photos. The entry works must be sent to the competitions organizing sub-committee, Tatmadaw Convention Hall, U Wisara Road, Yangon, not later than 1 March 2006.

In the open class painting contests, the entry must be 30" by 20" created by any colour and system.

The entry must be sent to the Secretary of Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Asiayon (Central), 187, East Wing of Bogoyoke Market not later than 1 March 2006 and the competitions organizing sub-committee, Tatmadaw Convention Hall, U Wisara Road, Yangon not later than 3 March, together with expression of own creation, brief biography of precipi-

tant, name, Citizenship Scrutiny Card number and address. The works of open sculpture contests must be not larger than 36-inch height and 24-inch diameter. Any title may be given to the sculptures. The works must be sent to the competitions organizing sub-committee, Tatmadaw Convention Hall, U Wisara Road, Yangon not later than 3 March, together with expression of own creation, brief biography of precipitant, name, Citizenship Scrutiny Card number and address.

Apart from the other entries, other paintings and sculptures may be sent to be displayed at the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Exhibition. They must also reflect the 12 Objectives of the State, objectives of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day, and 12 fine traditions of the Tatmadaw.

In addition, the works may reflect the ancient Myanmar Tatmadaw, historic events of the Tatmadaw which occurred during the periods of Pre-Independence and State Peace and Development Council, and its endeavours in safeguarding the State. The other paintings and sculptures are to be sent directly to Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road from 1 to 5 March 2006. — MNA

Forestry Team clocks 6 minutes 43.03 sec in the (100 m x 4) four strokes , Ei Ei Thet 35.50 sec in the 50 m butterfly



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu presents the championship trophy to Sports & Physical Education Institute Team (A). —NLM

YANGON, 4 Sept — Final team events of swimming contest for 2005 took place this evening at National Swimming Pool here.

Forestry Team clocked 6 minutes 43.03 second in the (1000 m x 4) four strokes of women's middle age event and Ei Ei Thet of Yangon Team (A) clocked 35.50 seconds

in the 50 m butterfly of the women's junior event.

Sports and Physical Education Institute (A) Team won first for three consecutive years in men's senior event.

Yangon Team (A) took first in the women's junior event; Kokkai (A) Team in the men's junior event; Forestry Team in the women's middle age

event; Sports and Physical Training (A) Team in the men's middle age event and University Team in the women's senior event

Member of Myanmar Olympic Committee Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and officials presented championship trophy to the winner teams. — NLM

Official leaves for Singapore

YANGON, 4 Sept— Training Organizer of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Daw Thin Thin Myat this afternoon left here by air

to attend Course on Streamlining Trade Procedure for Effective Trade Flow to be held in Singapore from 5 to 16 September 2005.

She was seen off at

the Yangon International Airport by President of UMFCCI U Win Myint, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and officials.

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Daw Thin Thin Myat of UMFCCI seen at the airport before departure for Singapore. MNA



Rapper Kanye West blasts Bush on TV benefit show

WASHINGTON, 4 Sept — Rapper Kanye West surprised viewers of an NBC benefit concert for Hurricane Katrina victims on Friday by accusing President George W Bush of racism.

"George Bush doesn't care about Black people," West said from New York during the show aired live on the East Coast on NBC, MSNBC, CNBC and Pax, just before cameras cut away to comedian Chris Tucker.

West, who is Black, suggested moments earlier that delays in providing relief to survivors of the hurricane that hit the US Gulf Coast on Monday and flooded New Orleans were deliberate.

He said America was set up "to help the poor, the Black people, the less well-off as slow as possible".

The Grammy award-winning singer, who was paired with comedian Mike Myers, also said in what NBC described as unscripted remarks, "We already realized a lot of the people that could help are at war right now, fighting another way, and they've given them permission to go down and shoot us." He was apparently referring to shoot-on-sight orders issued to National Guard troops to halt violence and looting in New Orleans. West also criticized the

media's portrayal of Blacks, saying: "I hate the way they portray us in the media. If you see a Black family, it says they're looting. See a White family, it says they're looking for food." In a statement, NBC, a unit of General Electric Co said, "Kanye West departed from the scripted comments that were prepared for him, and his opinions in no way represent the views of the networks.

"It would be most unfortunate," the statement continued, "if the efforts of the artists who participated tonight and the generosity of millions of Americans who are helping those in need are overshadowed by one person's opinion."

The programme, hosted by Matt Lauer of NBC News, urged viewers to donate to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. It included 18 presenters, and featured performances by New Orleans natives Harry Connick Jr. and Wynton Marsalis, as well as Louisiana native Tim McGraw and Faith Hill of Mississippi, which was also struck by Katrina.

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Britain submits new terror draft in UNSC

UNITED NATIONS, 3 Sept—Britain has submitted a new draft resolution

urging all states to discourage incitement to terrorism even as UN diplomats continued intense discussions to find a common definition of terrorism ahead of the annual General Assembly meeting here.

Britain, which itself came under international spotlight for taking strong measures in the wake of the London bombings, moved the draft for adoption by the Security Council which is holding a debate on the issue during the world leaders' summit between 14 to 16 September.

Terrorism is one of the three key issues, along with development and human rights, which will domi-

nate the agenda of the summit, Britain's UN envoy Emyr Jones Parry said.

He said the message of the draft was that governments should take every effort to stop people inciting anyone to commit terrorist acts. He, however, termed it a tricky and sensitive issue.

"It's a tricky, sensitive issue because we all respect free speech, but there must be a limit on freedom to incite terrorist acts and that's what we are pointing out," he added.

The resolution also calls on member states to deny refugee status to people who are considered guilty of such conduct and help them bring to justice.

MNA/PTI

Tanzania earns \$106m from fish exports

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 3 Sept — Tanzania last year earned 120 billion shillings (106.2 million US dollars) from exporting fish and fish products to Europe and Asia, according to the latest figures published by the country's Natural Resources Ministry.

Nile perch caught from Lake Victoria accounted for the lion's share of the 46,027 tons of exports of fish and fish products.

Tanzania also exported belly flaps and octopuses caught from the Indian Ocean.

Fish exports from Tanzania are on steady rise since the country's fishing industry is reviving in the wake of the two European Union bans of importing fish and fish products from Tanzania and other Lake Victoria countries around the turn

of the centuries due to quality problems.

To ensure that fishing can be boosted into a better foreign currency-earning trade, Tanzania has been implementing a stricter monitoring mechanism on fishing.

Apart from issuing new licenses to fishing boats of foreign fleets, Tanzania is also stepping up monitoring of such destructive fishing methods as dynamite fishing, poison fishing and mosquito net fishing.

MNA/Xinhua

China offers \$5m in aid for "Katrina" victims

BEIJING, 4 Sept— China has offered 5 million US dollars in aid for victims of Hurricane Katrina, the official Xinhua news agency said on Saturday.

The Chinese Government would provide the aid in addition to a batch of emergency relief goods, Xinhua quoted Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang as saying.

If needed, the Chinese Government would also send rescue work-

ers, including medical experts, Qin said.

Thousands of people were feared dead after Katrina smashed into the US Gulf Coast. Corpses rotting in the sun and uncontrolled looting presented images once thought unimaginable in US.

On Wednesday, Hu sent US President George W Bush a telegram expressing "sympathy and confidence that the American people can certainly defeat the natural disaster and rebuild their beautiful homes".

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China, Sri Lanka issue joint communique

BEIJING, 3 Sept— China and Sri Lanka issued a joint communique here on Friday at the end of Sri Lankan President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga's visit to China.

At the invitation of Chinese President Hu Jintao, President Kumaratunga paid a state visit to China from 30 August to 2 September. During the visit, official talks were held between the two presidents.

The communique reviewed the talks between the two heads of state, saying that discussion on all issues were free and cordial. According to the communique, Hu expressed deep condolences on the brutal assassination of Lakshman Kadirgamar, Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka.

The two sides expressed their strong condemnation of the terrorist act, resolved to relentlessly

fight against the three evils of terrorism, separatism and extremism and to consult and coordinate on regional and international action being taken to prevent such terrorist acts.

Kumaratunga briefed Hu on the situation in Sri Lanka subsequent to the assassination. She described the efforts being made to ensure stability in the country and efforts to achieve a durable peace essential for the welfare, safety and freedom of all communities in Sri Lanka, despite difficulties posed by the terrorist activities.

Hu expressed its appreciation for and confidence that these efforts would be successful and reiterated its full support for the unity,

territorial integrity of Sri Lanka and national reconciliation, the communique says.

The communique says the Sri Lankan side reiterated its position that there is but one China in the world, that the Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China and that Taiwan is an inalienable part of the Chinese territory.

It says Sri Lanka remains committed to its one China policy, opposes any form of Taiwan independence, supports all efforts

by the Chinese Government to safeguard sovereignty and territorial integrity, supports China's measures against the secessionist attempts by pro-Taiwan independence forces, and hopes to see an early reunification of China.

The two sides expressed satisfaction at the steady development of political, economic and other activities in the China-Sri Lanka all-round cooperation partnership of sincere mutual support and ever-lasting friendship, according to the communique.—MNA/Xinhua

Private security firms in demand in "Katrina" chaos

LOS ANGELES, 3 Sept — Rampant looting and violence in New Orleans has led news organizations and companies struggling to work there to hire private security firms for safety in the chaotic aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Facing a "breakdown in social order," cable news network CNN has hired the same company it uses to protect reporters in Iraq, said senior vice-president of international operations Tony Maddox.

"It would not normally be a situation that we would consider to be a hostile environment," Maddox said. "As the situation has unfolded ... we started to ramp up our security. "Looting has run

rampant in New Orleans as victims of the storm await emergency assistance. Gunshots and other violence has also been reported among the wandering crowds desperate to escape the flooded city.

British security firm AKE Group has three employees on the ground in New Orleans with CNN, a unit of Time Warner Inc, and is preparing to send three more.

MNA/Reuters

UNCTAD reports world effort vital to stabilize commodities

GENEVA, 3 Sept — UN economists called on the international community on Friday to stabilize global commodity prices, both oil and non-oil, arguing that the economic health of rich and poor countries was at stake.

In the annual Trade and Development Report by the United Nations UNCTAD agency, they also warned that yawning trade imbalances between nations had to be corrected to remove "the greatest short-term risk" for stable world growth.

They predicted China and India's emergence as a "new growth pole" would push up demand not just for energy but for raw materials such as rubber and wood and foodstuffs, including cereals, livestock products, oil crops and vegetable oils.

"Since in many of the (developing) countries ex-

treme poverty is a pressing problem, the issue of commodity price stability is of crucial importance... for global prosperity in general," the report said.

And UNCTAD's new secretary-general, Supachai Panitchpakdi, on his first day at the agency after three years leading the World Trade Organization, told a news conference poorer nations were especially hard hit by the oil price surge.

"The oil bill is becoming a heavy burden for many developing coun-

tries... because it is more than 5 percent of their GDP (gross domestic product)," he said.

US crude oil hit an all-time high of 70.85 US dollars on Tuesday after Hurricane Katrina knocked out US rigs and refiners.

UNCTAD, formally the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, noted calls from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for closer dialogue between oil exporters and importers amid the upswing in world oil prices.

"Consequently, in the spirit of global partnership for development, the international community might consider reviewing mechanisms... that could serve to reduce the instability of prices ... not just (of) oil," its report said.

But it did not suggest what these mechanisms might be. International commodity agreements to regulate prices, many under the wing of UNCTAD, functioned between the 1970s and 1990s, but have been largely abandoned.

MNA/Reuters

Iran will continue to cooperate with IAEA

TEHERAN, 3 Sept— Iran's chief nuclear negotiator said on Friday an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report on Iran's atomic programme contained some negative points but Teheran would continue to cooperate with the agency.

"This report has both positive and negative points," Ali Larijani told state television. "Because of Iran's close cooperation with the agency ... fortunately many of the questions have been answered from a legal and technical point of view." "There are some minor questions remaining and our cooperation with the agency will continue in order to answer those questions," he added.

Larijani said some elements of the report were there because of pressure exerted by the United States and its allies. Washington accuses Iran of trying to develop a covert nuclear weapons programme. Teheran says its atomic facilities will be used only for peaceful purposes.

"Demanding things beyond their (the IAEA's) legal authority and the safeguards ... are merely political tendencies and Iran will not pay attention or deem them important at all," said Larijani, apparently referring to references in the report to the resumption of ura-

nium conversion at Iran's Isfahan plant last month.

EU officials have said they will try to send Iran's nuclear case to the UN Security Council for punitive action if it does not halt work at Isfahan.

But Teheran says it has every right to develop a full nuclear fuel cycle as a signatory of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and that its previous suspension of uranium conversion was entirely voluntary.—MNA/Reuters

US Salvation Army says food, supplies running out

WASHINGTON, 3 Sept— The Salvation Army is running out of food and supplies to help survivors of Hurricane Katrina, and fears "donor fatigue" could put relief efforts at risk, a spokesman for the US aid agency said on Friday.

"We are running out of food, running out of supplies, and are finding it extremely difficult to find food and supplies," Salvation Army spokesman Major George Hood told Reuters from Jackson, Mississippi.

"I don't know how many more days of supplies we have, but it's running out quickly, and the infrastructure is so strangled right now that it's going to be difficult to get fresh supplies in here," he said.

Hood said the Salvation Army was running the largest relief operation in its history to deal with "the most devastating natural disaster that we've seen, probably the worst in the history of this country."

MNA/Reuters



British actor Jeremy Irons (seated 2nd R), Swedish actress Lena Olin (seated R) and director Lasse Hallstrom arrive on a traditional gondola to attend a photocall in Venice on 3 September, 2005. Irons and Olin are starring in Hallstrom's latest movie "Casanova", which is showing at the Venice film festival. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Cole fires lacklustre England to the top

CARDIFF, 4 Sept— A deflected shot by midfielder Joe Cole gave England a laboured 1-0 victory over Wales in their World Cup Group Six qualifier on Saturday.



Joe Cole

Cole struck after 54 minutes of a scrappy encounter at the Millennium Stadium, latching on to a pass from his Chelsea teammate Shaun Wright-Phillips.

England toiled in an unfamiliar 4-5-1 formation with Wayne Rooney as a lone striker in the absence of suspended Michael Owen, but at least managed to turn the page on a humiliating 4-1 friendly defeat in Denmark less than three weeks ago.

Victory also hoisted England to the top of the group with 19 points, one more than Poland, who were hosting Austria in Chorzow later on Saturday.

Wales, already out of contention, remain on two points from seven games.

It was an unconvincing display compared to Eng-

land's 2-0 win over their neighbours at Old Trafford last October, but kept them on course for the finals and extended their unbeaten run in qualifiers to 21 under manager Sven-Goran Eriksson.

The tactical switch cast captain David Beckham in a holding role in front of reshuffled defence, where Jamie Carragher and Luke Young, making a hesitant first England start, replaced the injured John Terry and Gary Neville.

Struggling to adapt to 4-5-1, England made the best of a predictably difficult start by carving out the first scoring chance.

Rooney ran through the Wales defence after a neat one-two with Steven Gerrard but saw his shot blocked by the feet of keeper Danny Coyne, who also saved the follow-up from Shaun Wright-Phillips.

Wales, with captain Ryan Giggs switching from the flanks to a central attacking role, missed a half-chance when Richard Duffy skied a loose ball in a goalmouth melee following a corner. But it needed a stunning reflex save from

England keeper Paul Robinson to deny striker John Hartson, whose header from a Giggs cross looked destined for the back of the net.

Despite the scare, England still finished the half strongly and should even have broken the deadlock.

A superb long ball from Beckham into the Welsh defence found Wright-Phillips but Lampard failed to make the most of his cutback, before Cole missed with a close-range diving header. England continued to attack from the re-start and Cole soon made amends for his earlier miss, meeting a square pass from Wright-Phillips with a first-time shot which flew in via the head of Danny Gabbidon.

Sensing blood, England immediately went looking for a second and nearly found it when a Rooney chip was only just tipped over the bar by Coyne.

After more than an hour's tireless running, Rooney moved over to Wright-Phillips' place on the right when the winger was replaced by Jermain Defoe as the lone striker.

MNA/Reuters



England's dominance pays off after the break when Joe Cole's first-time strike deflects in off Danny Gabbidon.—INTERNET

Italy held 1-1 by Scotland in Glasgow

GLASGOW, 4 Sept— Substitute defender Fabio Grosso scored a late equalizer to give Italy a 1-1 draw with Scotland in their World Cup qualifier at Hampden Park on Saturday. Italy lead European zone Group Five with 14 points from seven games, while Scotland are one from bottom with seven points.

Norway and Slovenia, equal second on nine points from six games, were playing later in Celje.

Scotland snatched the lead with a wonderful header by Kenny Miller, who steered the ball away from keeper Angelo Peruzzi in the 13th minute from Paul Hartley's cross.

Grosso, on after the break for Cristian Zaccardo, crashed home a spectacular equalizer high into the net from about eight metres when Scotland failed to clear a corner in the 76th.

The Italians signalled their intent as early as the second minute when Zaccardo raced in at the back post only to have his point-blank shot brilliantly blocked by Scotland keeper Craig Gordon.

Italy dominated the second period and Christian Vieri missed an incredible chance on 64 minutes when Graham Alexander blundered by giving the ball away to Francesco Totti on the left with a poor flick. Totti whipped the ball low towards the far post where Vieri blazed over from six metres.—MNA/Reuters

France brush aside Faroes 3-0 with Cisse double

LENS (France), 4 Sept— Two goals from an outstanding Djibril Cisse helped France overrun the Faroe Islands 3-0 in a World Cup qualifier on Saturday.

The Liverpool striker was the best man on the pitch and was involved in all three goals, helping France boost their confidence before a tricky trip to Ireland. The former world and European champions joined Switzerland and Ireland at the top of the tightly-bunched Group Four with 13 points from seven games.

France, with influential playmaker Zinedine Zidane back to help them, now face Ireland in Dublin on Wednesday in a match that could be decisive in determining who eventually wins the group.

Cisse opened the scoring on 13 minutes with a powerful header from a Florent Malouda cross. Faroes defender Suni Olsen contributed to France's victory five minutes later when he deflected a cross from Cisse into his own net.

France were in a class of their own throughout the match against the brave but limited, largely amateur side from the North Atlantic, missing many opportunities before Cisse completed the victory by firing under the crossbar from a fine Sylvain Wiltord pass on 76 minutes.

MNA/Reuters

Van Nistelrooy on target in Dutch win over Armenia

YEREVAN (Armenia), 4 Sept— Ruud van Nistelrooy notched his 23rd international goal to guide the Netherlands to a 1-0 win over Armenia in their World Cup Group One qualifying match on

Saturday. The Dutch brought Arsenal's Robin van Persie into the team in place of Chelsea winger Arjen Robben (ankle injury).

Van Nistelrooy and Philip Cocu went close to

putting the visitors in front inside the first 10 minutes.

Armenia goalkeeper Roman Berezovski was forced to stretch to save a free kick from Manchester United striker van Nistelrooy while Cocu hit the side-netting after Berezovski dropped the ball.

Dirk Kuijt also came close to breaking the deadlock when his header was stopped by Berezovski.

Dutch coach Marco van Basten realized that physical power was needed up front to penetrate the Armenian wall of defence and brought on Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink in the 61st minute.

Two minutes later Vennegoor of Hesselink set up van Nistelrooy, who had his back to goal before he turned to score.

MNA/Reuters



Switzerland's Roger Federer returns a shot to France's Fabrice Santoro during their second round match at the US Open tennis tournament in Flushing Meadows, New York, on 2 September, 2005. Federer defeated Santoro 7-5, 7-5, 7-6.—INTERNET

Denmark hold Turkey 2-2 to put Ukraine through

ISTANBUL, 4 Sept— Substitute Soren Larsen scored an injury-time equalizer to earn Denmark a 2-2 draw in Turkey and send Ukraine into the 2006 World Cup as winners of Group Two on Saturday.

Claus Jensen had fired Denmark ahead in the 41st minute only for Turkish substitute Okan Buruk to bring Turkey level at the start of the second half.

Tumer Metin then scored with an 81st-minute free kick to send the Turkish fans wild as a win would have kept them in with a chance of winning the group.

However, Larsen's close-range shot meant that Ukraine, who drew 1-1 in Georgia earlier, have an unassailable lead on 24 points.—MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Bush faces growing revolt over education policy

HARTFORD (Connecticut), 4 Sept — Daria Plummer, a bespectacled suburban school teacher, is not your typical activist but she is now on the front line in a revolt against President George W Bush's signature domestic policy.

As a veteran teacher in the first state to challenge Bush's "No Child Left Behind" education law in court, Plummer voices the frustrations of those who oppose the policy's strict, federally driven testing regime.

"More and more we are living in fear of the tests," said Plummer, 62, from her classroom in a middle-class Connecticut

suburb. "We are taking the child out of the equation."

As schools open this week, 47 states are in some "stage of rebellion" against the three-year-old policy, according to a study by the Civil Society Institute, a non-partisan advocacy group. About 20 states may opt out and forego the funding.

Connecticut, taking the strongest stand yet in its lawsuit accusing Washington of failing to pay for the testing and its programmes, expects other states to follow its lead, Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said in an interview.

He likened the White House to a bully in the playground.

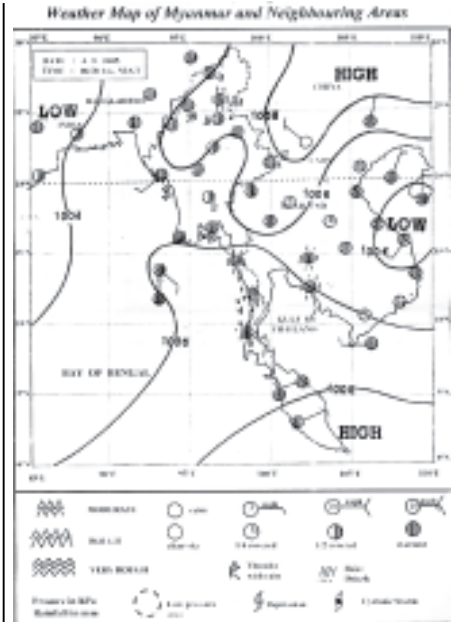
"Sometimes one person has to stand up to them," he said. Education reform has been critical to Bush's support among minorities in an education system where only two-thirds of teenagers graduate from high school, a proportion that slides to 50 per cent for Black Americans and Hispanics.

New Jersey and Maine are likely to launch their own lawsuits. Utah passed a measure trying to overturn the federal law, while the National Education Association, a teacher's union, also has filed suit.

"The big question is will the Bush Administration be able to defuse this political opposition," said Jack Jennings, president of the Centre on Education Policy in Washington.

"It's a race against time over whether the Bush Administration will be able to administer the act more sensibly so that people do not get so angry that the act will be overthrown by court or rewritten or substantially amended by Congress," Jennings added. The law is up for review in 2007.

MNA/Reuters



Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board accepts K 100,000 donated lately by U Hle Pe-Daw Swe Swe and family of Room-16, Building 229, Ward 6, West Yankin, Yankin Township. —H

WEATHER

Sunday, 4 September, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Mon State and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah and Rakhine States, Ayeyawady and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Magway and Yangon Divisions and widespread in Taninthayi Division with isolated heavyfall in Bago Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bago (3.90) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.44) inches, Myitkyina (2.01) inches, Hpa-an (1.65) inches, Homalin (1.50) inches, and Magway (0.19) inch.

Maximum temperature on 3-9-2005 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 4-9-2005 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 4-9-2005 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 3-9-2005 was 6.7 hrs approx. Rainfalls on 4-9-2005 were (2.44) inches at Mingaladon, (1.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at the central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 72.95 inches at Mingaladon, 75.71 inches at Kaba-Aye and 79.37 inches at central Yangon.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 5-9-2005: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and isolated to scattered 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 5-9-2005: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-9-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.



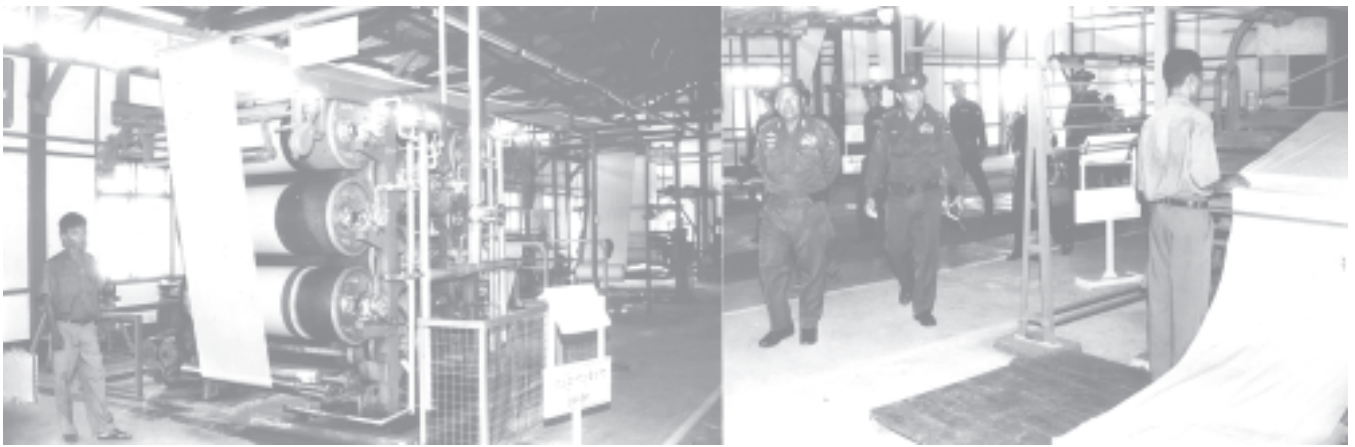
Monday, 5 September
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -Love grows ... (Maccalay)
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Raindrops keep falling on my head (Daunie)
- 8.55 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Pappy love (Donny)
- 9:05 am National news
- 9:10 am Music: -Going home (The Ormond)
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music -Do I love you ... (Eagleheart Humpendick)
- Where do you go? Glenn Campbell -What can I do? (The Corrs)
- 9.00 pm Spotlight on the star "Don Williams" You're my best friend, Listen to the radio, The shetter of your eye, Some broken heart never mends, It must be love.
- 9.10 pm Article
- 9.20 pm Woman's Affairs Vocal gems -Everyday is like Sunday (Pretender) -Love is ... love (Culture Club)
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

<p>Monday, 5 September View on today:</p> <p>7:00 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းတို့နားဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာယော နာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ အဘိဓမ္မာ ဗဟာဂ္ဂဋ္ဌာရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဓမ္မာယောဒ္ဓမ္မဓမ္မာတိကာ၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘာဏ္ဍာဂါရိကာ၊ ဆရာတော်ဘုရား ဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ် တရားတော် <p>7:25 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. To be healthy exercise <p>7:30 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Morning news <p>7:40 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Nice and sweet song <p>7:50 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Song of national races <p>8:00 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Cute little dancers <p>8:10 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ <p>8:15 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. ကရင်ပြည်နယ်ဖိုးကောင်းတံတား <p>8:30 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. International news 	<p>8:45 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Grammar Made Easy <p>4:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Martial song <p>4:15 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit <p>4:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Practice in Reading <p>4:45 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. အသေးဆင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ခုတ်ယူနစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ) <p>5:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Dance variety <p>5:10 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. ၂၀၀၅ ရ နှစ်၊ တေရသမ အကြိမ်(၁၃ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအကအရေ၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင် ကြရန်(ကာလအပိုင်းအားဖြင့်အားပေးပေး) (အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး) <p>5:20 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Song and dance of national races <p>5:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား <p>5:40 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Musical programme <p>5:50 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. "လက်တွေ့ပြုချင်လို့" 	<p>(ပြီးစေ့နိုး၊ ပြတ်ကေသံအောင်) (ခါရုကိတာ-ကြည့်နိုး)</p> <p>6:05 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Industrial achievement <p>6:15 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရယ်ရယ်ဆော့ဆော့" (အပိုင်း-၁၉) ပုရွက်ဆိတ်လေး" <p>6:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Evening news <p>7:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Weather report <p>7:05 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွေးနိုးလေးရဲရဲပဲပြိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၉) <p>7:45 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. ၂၀၀၅ ရ နှစ်၊ တေရသမ အကြိမ်(၁၃ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအကအရေ၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင် ရန်(အပိုင်း-၁၉) (ရုပ်သေးပြိုင်ပွဲ) <p>8:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 17. News <p>8:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 18. International news <p>8:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19. Weather report <p>8:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရုတ်သောစေ့ပြည်" (အပိုင်း-၁၉) <p>8:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 21. The next day's programme
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Government built roads and bridges for better transport of Magway Division for contributing to regional economic growth

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects water supply, agriculture, construction tasks in Magway



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Dyeing Plant of Myanma Textile Industries in Magway under the Ministry of Industry-I. — MNA

YANGON, 4 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe and departmental officials, donated alms to State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Abhidhamma Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara and

Magway Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Jotipala at Maha Withutayama Taikthit in Magway on 2 September.

At Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway), Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard a report on durability of the bridge presented by Magway Division Superintending Engineer U Tint Lwin. Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected durability of the bridge and flow of water in the river.

On arrival at Myinkin-Chaungphyu river water pumping project in Myinkin Village of Magway

Township, the Head of Magway Division Water Resource Utilization Department reported on growing of 183 acres of monsoon paddy against the target of 280 acres. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions.

Next, they proceeded to the site of Magway University Convocation Hall Construction Project. Rector U Tin Maung Oo reported on the brief history of the university, subjects taught, numbers (See page 9)

13th Yangon Division Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions commence

YANGON, 4 Sept — The 13th Yangon Division Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions commenced at Mya Nyila Hall of Latha BEHS No 2, here, this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Thet Htay.

First, the commander formally opened the competitions and delivered an opening speech.

Next, students of Latha BEHS No 2, goal medallist Maung Thant Zin Tun, goal medallist Ma Aye Myat Noe Khin, Yangon Division Maung Nyan Win Drama Troupe and Ma Myint Myint Kyi pre-

sented songs, dances and marionette to the accompaniment of Latha Yadana Band.

The commander and wife gave away the flower basket and cash prize to the artistes.

Also present on the occasion were station commanders, military region commanders, Director-General U Aye Kyu of No 3 Department of Basic Education, Director-General U Ngwe Tun of Fine Arts Department, Chairman of Work Committee for Organizing the Yangon Division Competitions No 4 Military Region Commander Col Hla Aye, local authorities and officials.

A total of 322 artistes are taking part in the competitions. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe cuts the ribbon at the opening ceremony of 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon Division. —MNA

Myanmar Youth win champion in AFF U-17 Youth C'ship

YANGON, 4 Sept — The AFF U-17 Youth Championship 2005 continued in Bangkok, Thailand at 4 pm local time today.

In the final match of the championship, Myanmar selected youth team beat host Thai team 5-4 including the penalty shoots-out.

At the 4th minute of the first half, a Thai player wearing jersey No 13 opened a goal to the net on Myanmar side. Due to an equalizer scored by Aung Kyaw Myo at the 29th minute, Myanmar played a 1-1 draw with the Thai team in the first half.

In the second half, both team tried to score more goals, however the match ended with unchanging the score line till 90 minutes. After two 15-minute sessions of the extra time, both team did not shoot winning goals. On the penalty decision, Myanmar youth team defeated the host teams 5-4. In the penalty shoot-out, Tin Zaw Moe, Nyi Nyi Tun, Zin Myo Aung and Bo Than scored one goal each to the opponent's net. — MNA

Thuyegaungmyar Htoongarhi TV Play on 7-8 Sept

YANGON, 4 Sept — Upon the request of the people, a teleplay entitled "Thuyegaungmyar Htoongarhi" starring actors Kyaw Thu, Yan Aung, Dwe, Min Maw Gun, Naing Naing, Nay Myo Aung, Sai Sai Kham Hlaing, Zin Waing and actresses May Than Nu, May Thinza Oo, Pan Phyu, Soe Myat Nanda and Hla Myo Thinza Nwe and directed by Bagyi Soe Moe will be telecast on 7 September (Wednesday) and 8 September (Thursday) after the TV Myanmar news programmes. — MNA