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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

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Vietnam

YANGON, 2 Sept — On the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam which falls on 2 September 2005, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Tran Duc Luong, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. — MNA

State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe receives Thai Foreign Minister

YANGON, 1 Sept — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe received visiting Thai Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Kantathi Suphamongkhon at the

Credentials Hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw Building on Pyay Road, here, at 10 am today.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of

the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Soe Win, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Director-Gen-



Senior General Than Shwe greets Thai Foreign Minister Dr Kantathi Suphamongkhon.—MNA

eral Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and Director-General Thura U Aung

Htet of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The visiting Thai Minister for Foreign Af-

fairs was accompanied by Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and officials.

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Senior General Than Shwe receives visiting Thai Foreign Minister Dr Kantathi Suphamongkhon and party — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Constantly produce new generation medical experts

The Government has been building educational, health, social and transport infrastructures with a view to ensuring equitable development of all parts of the nation.

In tandem, it has been putting into motion the development projects that are in harmony with the requirements, situations and prospects of respective regions across the nation.

In his tour of Mandalay Division on 29 and 30 August, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspected Mandalay Teaching Hospital (300-bed), the Convocation Hall Project in Mandalay University, and Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) Project and left necessary instructions on tasks.

Chairman of the Myanmar Health Committee Lt-Gen Thein Sein in meeting with officials at the lecture hall of the hospital spotlighted the importance of constant study for modernization of medical subjects and nurturing the youths for continuously bringing about new generation experts in the medical field.

The Government is expanding the scope of the construction of basic foundations on health the length and breadth of the nation for enabling the entire people to enjoy longevity and good health. It has established a number of specialist hospitals with specialists and modern medical equipment in Mandalay so as to effectively provide health care services for the people in Upper Myanmar.

The academic hospital makes significant contribution towards the giving of treatments to the patients and the nurturing of new generation youths. So far, the construction of Building (C) of the teaching hospital has completed 78 per cent.

The Convocation Hall Project is part of the programme for speeding up the tasks for the development of Mandalay through health and education sectors. Up to now, 95 per cent of the project has been completed, and on completion, certificates of various degrees will be conferred on the students from the educational institutions in Upper Myanmar at the convocation hall.

At a time when the Government has been rendering assistance in various areas for regional progress and production of human resources, respective physicians and specialists are urged to be fully equipped with compassion and goodwill in giving treatments to help the people of Upper Myanmar lead a healthy life, and to teach and nurture the youths for constant production of new generation medical experts.

Myanmar U-23 advances to semi-final

YANGON, 1 Sept — Myanmar U-23 advanced to the semifinal defeating Timor Leste by a wide margin of 7-0 in AFF U-23 Championship for 2005 held in Bangkok at 5.45 pm local time.

Myanmar U-23 grabbed six points after two matches on the standing table of group-A to reach a spot in the semi-final.

The match ended with a goalless draw in the first half. After the break, Myanmar striker Yan Paing, midfielders Soe Myat Min and Aung Kyaw Moe scored two goals each. Striker Kyaw Thuya added next to its opponents who were underdogs.

Myanmar will take on a last match of group-A against Malaysia at 8 pm local time on 3rd September.

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People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

NPED Deputy Minister leaves for Philippines

YANGON, 1 Sept — Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw left here by air this morning to attend the 8th Task Force Meeting of ASEAN Economic Integration to be held in Manila, the Philippines, on 2 and 3 September.

The deputy minister was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, departmental officials and families. — MNA



NPED Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw being seen off at the airport. — MNA

Fifth Cultural Performing Arts competitions continue

YANGON, 1 Sept — Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare under the Ministry of Defence held its fifth Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions for the fourth day at the theatre hall of No 3 Mobile Public Relations Unit in Mandalay Division.

Present on the occasion were Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint of the Ministry of Defence, writers U Chit San Win and Chit Oo Nyo, principals and senior military officers, judges from University of Culture (Mandalay) and Fine Arts Department (Mandalay) and audience. — MNA

Wife of visiting Thai FM and party visit Myanma Gems Mart

YANGON, 1 Sept — Mrs Sopavan Suphamongkhon, wife of the visiting Thai Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Kantathi Suphamongkhon, and party visited Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, at 10 am today. Adviser U Ohn Myint of the Myanma Gems Mart of Myanma Gems Enterprise explained facts about the mart. — MNA



Visiting Thai Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Kantathi Suphamongkhon's wife and party visit Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road. — MNA

FM U Nyan Win sends felicitations to Vietnamese counterpart

YANGON, 1 Sept — On the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam which falls on 2 September 2005, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Nguyen Dy Nien, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. — MNA

Thai FM donates 2 million baht to UDNR

YANGON, 1 Sept — Visiting Thai Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Kantathi Suphamongkhon made a cash donation to University for Development of National Races under Civil Service Selection and Training Board at the hall of the annex of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Pyay Road, here, this morning.

Visiting Thai Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Kantathi Suphamongkhon explained the purpose of the donations. Next, the visiting Thai Minister presented 2 million baht for the UDNR. Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun accepted the cash donations and gave away a certificate of honour and souvenir to the visiting Thai Minister.

Also present on the occasion were member of CSSTB U Aung Myint, Director-General U Hla Kyi of Civil Service Selection and Training Department and Rector of UDNR U Zaw Min Thein. The visiting Thai Minister was accompanied by Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal. — MNA



Thai Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Kantathi Suphamongkhon presents 2 million baht for UDNR to CSSTB Chairman Dr Than Nyun. — MNA

CEC member gives talks on national policy, progress of the State

YANGON, 1 Sept — USDA CEC member Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein gave a lecture on the national policy and sector-wise development of the State to 70 trainees from the basic organizational course No 27 organized by Mingaladon Township USDA in Thingangyungyi Village-tract today. — MNA

Nepal to stop pollution at Lumbini

KATHMANDU, 31 Aug—The Nepali Government will soon introduce necessary laws in order to stop pollution in Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Gautama Buddha, government-run Radio Nepal reported on Tuesday.

"The government will stop pollution by restricting the opening of new industries and adopting pollution control measures in existing industries in the area," the radio quoted Buddhi Raj Bajracharya, Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation of Nepal, as saying.

Bajracharya made this remark at a discussion programme organized in connection with the celebration of the "Visit Lumbini Year-2006" by the Lumbini Development Fund, a semi-governmental organization.

The tourist route from Bhairahawa City, the nearest city of Lumbini, to Lumbini is being heavily

polluted due to the cement, leather and liquor factories operating along the route and necessary laws has been presented before the Council of Ministers, or the Cabinet, for its formulation, Bajracharya noted.

The government has allocated 80 million Nepali rupees (1.14 million US dollars) for development of Lumbini area in the current Nepali fiscal year (16 July, 2005-15 July, 2006) to carry out 12 different development works, according to Bajracharya.

"Various physical infrastructures, including pond, security wall, tube-well boring, afforestation, archaeological excavation and museum, will be constructed," Bajracharya added. —MNA/Xinhua



Tremors felt in India's financial capital

MUMBAI, 31 Aug—Tremors were felt in India's financial capital on Tuesday, the meteorological office said, but had no immediate details of their intensity. "There were tremors. We need some time to analyze charts and locate the epicentre," said a senior official at the India Meteorological Department's Mumbai office.

A moderate earthquake with a magnitude of 5.1 shook the town of Koyna in western India in March and was also felt in Mumbai, formerly Bombay.

MNA/Reuters

Fishing vessel explodes at East China Sea

HANGZHOU, 31 Aug—A Chinese fishing vessel exploded and sank at the East China Sea on Monday morning and all the 14 fishermen aboard were rescued, but leaving one seriously injured, local police said on Monday.

The accident happened at 8 a.m. on the sea approximately 60 sea miles in the east of the Taizhou Bay in east China's Zhejiang Province.

The 14 fishermen, including one seriously burned, jumped into the sea after sending report to their company. Some 10 minutes later, a fishing vessel from Taiwan that passed through the area by chance found the 14 victims and rescued them.

The local sea police got in touch with the Taiwan vessel five minutes later and sailed immediately for the

vessel for rescue operation.

At 10:20, the two sides met and the fishermen were transferred to the police boat. After two hours' full-speed navigation, the police boat reached to the dock and the injured fisherman was sent to the hospital immediately.

The fishermen on the sunk vessel, all from South China's Guangdong Province, said the explosion was triggered by gas leak.

The burned fisherman, Yi Fulai by name, is still under treatment.

MNA/Xinhua



The picture shows the general view of the celebration meeting held in front of the Potala Palace in Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 1 September, 2005.—INTERNET

Vietnam's industrial product export up in first eight months

HANOI, 31 Aug—Vietnam's key industrial products for export, including crude oil, coal, footwear and rubber, saw remarkable growths in export earnings in the first eight months of this year, mainly due to higher world prices.

Compared with the same period last year, export revenues of crude oil, coal, footwear and rubber surged by 29.6 per cent to nearly 4.6 billion US dollars, 91 per cent to 414 million dollars, 10.5 per cent to roughly two billion dollars, and 12.3 per cent to 361 million dollars, respectively, according to the country's General Statistics Office on Tuesday.

Vietnam shipped abroad, between

January and August, over 11.5 million tons of crude oil, down 11.3 per cent; 10.5 million tons of coal, up 39.6 per cent; and 291,000 tons of rubber, up 5.6 per cent.

It plans to exploit nearly 47.6 million tons of coal in 2010, and over 64.4 million tons of the mineral in 2020, to meet the increasing local and foreign demand. With no oil refineries, Vietnam now has to export crude oil and import petroleum products. It imported 7.9 million tons of the products worth nearly 3.3 billion dollars in the first eight months, posting respective year-on-year increases of 6 and 43.9 per cent.—MNA/Xinhua

Apartment fire in Paris leaves two dead, 12 injured

PARIS, 31 Aug—Two people have died and two others are seriously injured after a fire broke out in an apartment building housing African immigrants in central Paris, a fire services spokesman said early Tuesday. Some ten others suffered light injuries.

This latest fire started for yet unknown reasons at around 10:00 pm (2000 GMT) on Monday in a five-storey building in the Marais District of the French capital, just four days after a blaze killed 17 Africans in another Paris district.

About 100 firefighters and 30 vehicles tackled the fire, which was brought under control at 11:30 pm (2130 GMT), said the spokesman.

The body of an adult was found early Tuesday and a child who had jumped from a fourth-floor window later died in hospital.—MNA/Xinhua

1,883 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 31 Aug—As of Wednesday, 31 August, 2005, at least 1,883 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 1,460 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,744 US military members have died, according to *AP's* count. That includes at least 1,351 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Internet

HK confirms new Legionnaires' disease case

HONG KONG, 31 Aug—The Centre for Health Protection of Hong Kong Monday confirmed a case of Legionnaires' disease involving a 49-year-old Tin Shui Wai man, bringing the year's total to five.

The man who came down with a fever, cough and chills, admitted to Tuen Mun Hospital on 21 August. His condition is stable and his family members have no symptoms.

Among the five cases reported, two have been classified local while three, including Monday's case, pending classification.

There were four Legionnaires' cases reported in 2002, three in 2003 and three last year.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis pilgrims walk past, shoes lost during a stampede on Baghdad's Al A'ema bridge on 31 August, 2005.—INTERNET



Malaysian military personnel perform during a rehearsal for the country's National Day celebrations in Putrajaya outside Kuala Lumpur on 29 August, 2005. Malaysia will celebrate the 48th anniversary of its independence on Wednesday. — INTERNET

Indonesia begins massive anti-polio vaccination

JAKARTA, 31 Aug— Indonesia launches a two-round massive anti-polio vaccination throughout the country on Tuesday, targeting 24.3 million youngsters under the age of five in an effort to prevent re-emergence of the crippling disease.

Singers, movie actors and soap opera stars joined forces with health authorities, calling for the people to halt the spread of polio outbreak in Indonesia.

Tuesday's round of vaccinations will be followed by another on 27 September, with at least two doses required to be safe from the disease.

At a post in Central Jakarta, First Lady Kristiani Herawati attended the vaccination and urged local authorities to continuously monitor those who did not want to bring their children to vaccination post.

"Please keep close to the people, and if they did not want to bring their children to the post, please monitor them and give an explanation to them," she said amid the vaccination of 350 children in the post.

The First Lady was optimistic that the 24.3 million target could be achieved, as the country has already experienced

in conducting vaccination twice in three provinces, Jakarta, West Java and Banten provinces, in May and June.

"Insya Allah (God willing) the target can be achieved, as report said that nearly one million children have already been vaccinated in Jakarta. This means that people are more aware that their children must be free from diseases, especially polio," she said.

Most of the polio cases were found in the provinces of West Java, Banten and Jakarta, and earlier the government already vaccinated 6.4 million children in the provinces. The outbreak has spread to Sumatra Island in the last several weeks as the authorities have found one new case in the province of Lampung.

The outbreak of the disease re-emerged in May in Indonesia that had been free from the disease since 1995. The first case was in West Java province's regency of Sukabumi, about 100 kilometres from Jakarta. — MNA/Xinhua

Wesley Clark calls Iraq a strategic blunder

MASON CITY, 31 Aug—Retired General Wesley Clark says the war in Iraq was a strategic blunder.

But Clark told a group of Democrats in Mason City today that a quick US pullout would only aggravate America's problems in the Middle East. He says it would lead to a perception that terrorists and insurgents could defeat the United States.

In his view, the US has to stay in Iraq until the country has a government and military that can survive on their own.

Clark is spending two days in Iowa, a trip aimed to help Democratic candidates in the 2006 election. He says he hasn't made any decision about running for president in 2008.

Clark sought the Democratic presidential nomination in 2004. He skipped the Iowa caucuses and his campaign quickly faded.

Internet

World's oldest person dies at aged 115

AMSTERDAM, 31 Aug — A Dutch woman, the world's oldest person on record who swore by a daily helping of herring for a healthy life, died on Tuesday aged 115, the ANP news agency reported.

Hendrikje van Andel-Schipper, a former needlework teacher born on 29 June, 1890, died in her sleep at a nursing home in the northern Dutch town of Hoogeveen.

"Mrs Van Andel-Schipper passed away peacefully," ANP quoted the director of the nursing home as saying. "She told me that she thought it was great to have been the world's oldest person and that she looked back on a very fine life."

Also known as Hennie, the passionate soccer fan married a tax inspector in the 1930s and was forced to sell her jewellery to buy food during the German occupation in World War II.

The Guinness World Records book had confirmed she was the world's oldest known person. — MNA/Reuters

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Vietnamese exporters urged to expand market in China

HANOI, 31 Aug — Vietnam's Trade Ministry has urged exporters to strategically prepare for a stronger foothold in the Chinese market as most Vietnamese exports to China will enjoy zero tariff next year under the Early Harvest Programme signed by China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Many of Vietnam's enterprises are already aiming to increase their exports, especially rubber, footwear and seafood, to China, local newspaper Vietnam News reported on Tuesday.

Chinese consumers' demand, taste and technical requirements for goods are similar to those of Vietnamese people, so it would be easier for Vietnam's exports to penetrate the market, said Tran Thi Kim Loan, deputy manager of the Vietnamese footwear maker Biti's.

Biti's exports low-cost, durable products to China, she said, noting that besides the long-established market of Yunnan Province, her company is expanding export to Chinese cities, including Beijing.

The Seafood Export and Trade Company in Vietnam's southern Ho Chi Minh City is also expanding activities in the Chinese market. "Low transport freights and a large market will create more opportunities for Vietnamese enterprises

to push up exports in the future," said the company's director Nguyen Thanh Son.

However, lack of advertising, regulations, and policies for exports in China is complicating the expansion. The two countries' legal frameworks regarding transaction and payment process are not compatible, the report said.

China and the ASEAN, which groups Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and the Philippines, have seen remarkable improvements in trade and investment in recent years. In 2004, the two-way trade was over 100 billion dollars, more than doubling the figure in 2000.

The two-way trade of China and Vietnam stood at more than 6.7 billion dollars last year. They are expected to realize their trade target of 10 billion dollars set for 2010 a couple of years ahead of schedule.

MNA/Xinhua

11 passengers burnt to death in Pakistan's bus fire

ISLAMABAD, 31 Aug — Eleven passengers were burnt to death and six others injured on Tuesday when a 11,000 volt live wire broke and fell on a bus near Sadiqabad in Pakistan's Punjab Province, according to the official Associated Press of Pakistan.

The bus was heading for Rahim Yar Khan, about 30 kilometres north-east of Sadiqabad, when a live wire broke from a nearby roadside electric pole and fell on the bus, police said.

The report did not mention how the wire broke suddenly.

The wire touched the handle of a cycle loaded on the roof which caused sparking.

Some passengers perched on the roof jumped off immediately as the

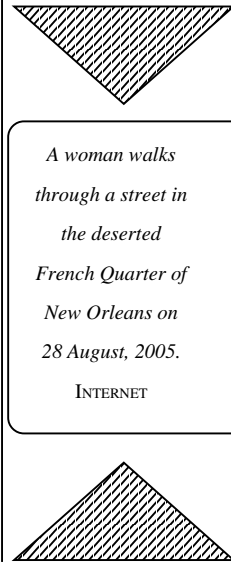
vehicle caught fire. The passengers inside, mostly unaware of what had happened, could not escape in time.

As a result, seven men, two women and two children were burnt to death in the inferno, while six persons received severe burn injuries.

They were rushed to a hospital in Rahim Yar Khan, where the condition of one was stated to be critical.

The bus driver managed to escape from the scene.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman walks through a street in the deserted French Quarter of New Orleans on 28 August, 2005.

INTERNET

Cambodia to strengthen nuclear transport law

PHNOM PENH, 31 Aug— With the ratification of three draft laws, Cambodia will become a signatory to several international conventions, local media reported on Tuesday.

Cambodia's National Assembly on Monday ratified the three draft laws, including one which will bring Cambodia in line with international standards on the transportation of nuclear materials.

Another draft law will make Cambodia part of an international convention against illegal activities on sea borders, according to *The Cambodia Daily*.

National Assembly President Prince Norodom Ranariddh told the Assembly that sea border issues, which are complicated by the matters of oil exploration, are more tangled than those on land.

The third draft law passed by the National Assembly is on the international convention against illegal activities at sea. Defence Minister Tea Banh on Monday pledged that the government will pay attention to the nuclear issues and will form a committee to cooperate with international partners to prevent the nation from ever being used as a transit route for such material. But he also raised concerns about the country's ability to deal with nuclear problems, stating Cambodia does not have specialized laboratories to identify nuclear substances and local nuclear experts still

have limited competence. He appealed to the international community to provide more human resource training in the field.

In 2000, the National Assembly unanimously agreed to ratify the nuclear test ban treaty, aligning Cambodia with most of the world's nations in a global campaign aimed at preventing nuclear proliferation. *MNA/Xinhua*



The National Zoo's seven-week-old male giant panda cub undergoes its fourth health exam in Washington 30 August, 2005. —INTERNET

103 new JE cases, death toll up to 324 in Utter Pradesh

GORAKHPUR, 31 Aug — More than 100 patients were admitted to hospital with Japanese encephalitis on Tuesday as the death toll rose to 324 and the health department of northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh requisitioned 7.2 million vials of vaccine to deal with the epidemic.

Union Minister of State for Home Shri Prakash Jaiswal met UP Principal Secretary (Health) Dipti Vilas and other officials to chalk out a strategy to deal with the situation after visiting the BRD Medical College hospital here on Tuesday morning.

He said the department had made a demand for 7.2 million vials of

anti-encephalitis vaccine which would be made available "very soon" even if it had to be imported.

Jaiswal, however, ticked off the state government for not formally informing the centre about the severity of the epidemic.

"A total of 103 fresh cases of JE were today admitted to BRD-MC,"

Additional Director (Health) DP Mishra said on Tuesday adding that the official death toll since the outbreak of the disease had gone up to 324.

Since the outbreak in July, 1,240 people have been admitted to various hospitals with over 300 patients currently undergoing treatment in five JE wards at of BRD-MC and 25 ad-

mitted to the district hospital, Gorakhpur.

At least 50 patients each, mostly children below 14 years of age, were admitted in district hospitals in Maharajganj, Basti, Siddharthnagar and Kushinagar in eastern Uttar Pradesh and the disease had now cut a swath into neighbouring Bihar and Nepal.

MNA/PTI

US deaths in Iraq in August most since January

WASHINGTON, 31 Aug— US military deaths in the Iraq war rose in August to the highest monthly total since January, and American officials predict escalating guerilla violence ahead of a planned October constitutional referendum.

At least 84 US troops were killed in August, according to a count of deaths announced by the military. Since the US-led 31 August, 2005 invasion in March 2003, there have been 1,879 American military deaths in Iraq, the Pentagon said on Wednesday, with another 14,265 troops wounded.

The August toll, which followed two months of declining US military deaths, comes at a time when opinion polls show a slight majority of Americans believe the war was not worth fighting.

Last week, President George W Bush, who faced anti-war protests near his Texas ranch while on vacation this month, referred to the death toll and said the United States should honour the dead by completing the mission in Iraq.

In the nearly 2-1/2 years of the war, the average death toll for US troops has been 2.1 per day. If that pace continues, the US death toll would reach 2,000 in late October. US military deaths still remain far below the total and rate of the Vietnam War, in which 58,000 US troops died.

Internet



Revellers swim in tomato pulp during the annual 'Tomatina' (tomato fight) in the Mediterranean village of Bunol, near Valencia, in Spain on 31 August, 2005. —INTERNET

20 killed in two road mishaps in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 31 Aug — At least 20 persons have been killed and several others injured in two road accidents in Pakistan's North West Frontier Province (NWFP) and the southern port city of Karachi, local reports said on Tuesday.

An overcrowded coach fell into a dry canal Monday evening after breaking the safety iron railings of a bridge at Naguman Village, some 15 kilometres northeast of Peshawar,

capital of NWFP, killing 12 people and injuring five others. The driver was among those who died in the accident.

Witnesses said the accident took place due to over-speeding and reckless driving.

The accident was so severe that 12 passengers died on the spot while the condition of three out of five injured was stated to be critical at a hospital in Peshawar.

In another accident, a dumper and a truck collided head-on on the National Highway in Karachi early Tuesday, killing eight persons and injuring 12 others. All those who died and were injured were labourers and were travelling in the truck for work.

MNA/Xinhua

British police seek two men after baby arson deaths

LONDON, 31 Aug — Police said on Tuesday they were seeking two men who bound a woman's hands and left her and her baby to die after setting her house on fire.

The men entered the house on a Newcastle estate on Sunday evening, knocked out 21-year-old Danielle Wails, tied her up in her lounge where her baby was crying and set the room ablaze.

Wails, bound with telephone wire around her wrists, was rescued by the fire brigade after she managed to dial 999 with her tongue but her 4-month-old son Alexander Gallon was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital.

"This is a horrific incident which has left a baby dead and a young mum injured," Detective Superintendent Barbara Franklin told reporters.

"It would appear that those who assaulted Danielle tied her up, set fire to her home, leaving her locked inside. "We could very easily now be investigating two deaths".

Wails, who suffered minor injuries from the attack but was not burned, lived alone with her son in the house, owned by a charity for young single mothers.

Police said she was now being looked after by relatives and the 21-year-old father of the dead child. Police said they as yet had no motive for the attack or even who was the intended victim.

But they said the two men would have been aware there was a baby in the room when they started the blaze.

Wails said she was attacked from behind in her kitchen after the men entered through the front door of the house which had been left open. —*MNA/Reuters*



Police dog handlers
patrol the Sydney Opera
House forecourt, ahead
of the Forbes CEO
conference scheduled to
start on Tuesday, in
Sydney, on 29
August, 2005.

INTERNET

Wen Jiabao encourages university students to help farmers

BEIJING, 31 Aug — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao has expressed his appreciation of a group of students from the China Agricultural University (CAU) for compiling a series of agricultural popular science for rural residents.

In a letter to these students who wrote to the Premier to show their strong will to render their service to repay the kindness of the Motherland, the Premier said he is very glad to learn that the students have tried to help farmers with what they learned in school.

"You are the hope of the contemporary students," said Wen in the letter. He congratulated the students on the 100th founding anniversary of the CAU.

MNA/Xinhua

Estonian President concludes China visit

BEIJING, 31 Aug — Estonian President Arnold Ruutel left Beijing for home on Tuesday, after winding up his state visit to China.

Invited by Chinese President Hu Jintao, Ruutel arrived in China's business hub of Shanghai last Wednesday, kicking off his first China visit as Estonian President. Accompanying him on the visit included 66 senior officials and business leaders.

MNA/Xinhua

"Reuters" cameraman still detained after Iraq shooting

BAGHDAD, 31 Aug — A Reuters cameraman remained in US military custody in Baghdad on Tuesday, two days after surviving an incident in which his soundman was shot dead, apparently by US troops.

US officers said they were continuing to question Haider Kadhem, 24, about "inconsistencies" in his statements after he was taken from the car in which soundman Waleed Khaled was killed by multiple shots while on a news assignment. Iraqi police said US troops fired on the Reuters team, both Iraqis. Reuters has demanded the immediate release of the cameraman, who arrived in Baghdad from his home in the southern city of Samawa only last week. The international news agency has said it sees no reason to detain a victim and witness in the shooting.

Kadhem was treated for minor wounds from flying fragments, a US military spokesman said.

He added that a US investigation into the circumstances of the killing was continuing.

Security experts who examined the scene said all the shots appeared to have been fired from the same spot, corresponding to the roof of a building overlooking the highway bridge where the car was hit. Kadhem told colleagues who spoke to him briefly after the shooting that he saw a US soldier on that rooftop. Two Reuters cameramen have been killed by US troops in Iraq since the American invasion in 2003. A third was shot dead by a sniper in Ramadi last November in circumstances for which Reuters is still seeking an explanation from US forces. —MNA/Reuters

S Korea starts mass-production of "T-50" supersonic trainer jets

SEOUL, 31 Aug — South Korean state-run Korea Aerospace Industries (KAI) started mass-production of supersonic trainer jets, T-50s, on Tuesday at its headquarters in an air base in Sacheon, some 430 kilometres southeast of Seoul, reported the South Korean Yonhap news agency.

KAI is scheduled to build and deliver 94 T-50s to the Air Force by 2011. The mass-production of T-50 jets is part of a 6.4-trillion-won (6.2-billion-US-dollar) project outlined by the South Korean Defence Ministry aimed at promoting its military aviation industry.

"The production of T-50s will be an epoch-making event in our aerospace industry," South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun was quoted by Yonhap, as saying at the ceremony marking the mass-production of the jets in Sacheon.

"The defence industry is the basis of our self-defence posture and a new dynamic force," Roh said. "Among them, an aerospace industry is a high value-added industry which has a far-reaching effect on other sectors and creates lots of jobs, so the prospects for its future market are very bright."

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore's Tiger Airways to offer one-dollar tickets to Hat Yai

SINGAPORE, 31 Aug — Singapore's low cost carrier Tiger Airways announced on Tuesday that it will offer tickets between the island state and the resort city of Hat Yai in Thailand at only one Singapore dollar (about 0.6 US dollars) on Wednesday.

As the one-day promotion marks the start of the airlines' celebration of its first anniversary of ticket sales due on 1 September, it said that tickets at promotional prices will be available every Wednesday from now to the end of September.

Currently flying to six countries and regions including Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, the Philippines, Indonesia and Macao, the budget carrier welcomed its 500,000th passenger on Monday.

It will launch a daily flight between Macao and Manila on 30 October this year.

In the increasing competition among the three budget carriers in Singapore, the other two, Jetstar Asia and Valuair, agreed to merge in July this year.

MNA/Xinhua

Iranian boy sues Australian Government

CANBERRA, 31 Aug — A 10-year-old Iranian boy has sued the Australian Government for psychological damages during his detention in two Australian immigration detention centres.

The case against Australia's Department of Immigration started Monday in the Supreme Court in Sydney, capital of the state of New South Wales, Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) radio reported.

Shayan Badraie and his family were detained at Woomera and Villawood detention centres after their arrival in Australia in March 2000 before they were granted refugee status in August 2002.

The boy's counsel is seeking to hold the Australian Government and the detention centres responsible for the harm caused to the boy by his detention and the traumatic events he witnessed.

It was reported that in 2001, the boy was hospitalized eight times, and had stopped eating, drinking and speaking after 17 months in detention. —MNA/Xinhua

Sino-Brazilian jets enter China's aviation market in batches

HARBIN, 31 Aug — Jets co-produced by China and Brazil have been put on China's domestic feeder airlines in batches, said sources with a Sino-Brazilian airplane manufacturer on Monday.

The Harbin Embraer Aircraft Industry Co. Ltd. (HEAI) has delivered its 7th ERJ145 regional plane to Jiangsu Subsidiary of China Eastern Airlines, which, as the second end user of the joint venture, has ordered five planes. Another four will be delivered by April 2006. China Southern Airlines previously purchased six ERJ145 jets, which are in use in several domestic airlines centred around Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province.

Su Guoxin, president of the Jiangsu Subsidiary of Eastern Airlines, said the first ERJ145 will fly from Nanjing to Chongqing,

Shijiazhuang, Zhengzhou and other cities. The joint venture, Embraer, based in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, was set up in January 2003. Its first plane took a successful maiden flight in December of the same year.

The ERJ145 is a new generation of feeder jet plane launched in 1996 by the Embraer Company, headquartered in Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil. So far, more than 900 aircraft of this sort have been put into use. Insiders say China's short-haul airlines account for only 12 per cent of its total, much lower than the average 35 per cent in the world's aviation market.

MNA/Xinhua



A cowboy competes in bulldogging at the Barretos Rodeo International Festival in Barretos, about 438 km (272 miles) northwest of Sao Paulo, on 28 August, 2005. —INTERNET

Counter media with media—1

Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)

First I gave the title of my article "Attack media with media". But as I thought that the heading would be too acrimonious or aggressive, I changed it to "Counter media with media".

It was at 8 pm on 28 August 2005. The newscaster appeared on the TV as usual to read the daily evening news. The TV showed the viewers the Information Ministry building, and then the meeting hall, in which officials, guests and local and foreign journalists took their respective seats.

The first part of the news conference was the clarification made by Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, followed by the briefing of Home Affairs Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo in the second part. In the third part, Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan gave a supplementary report on the clarifications made by Brig-Gen Khin Yi and Maj-Gen Maung Oo, the government's counter-measures against the destructionists inside and outside the nation and the nation's media policy.

The final part of the press conference was question and answer session, and the audience found it so interesting.

"Nowadays, the government has to take a great care of all the measures to ensure harmony with prevailing situations in order not to harm the interests of the nation and the people. It is common knowledge that internal and external destructive elements in collusion with certain foreign broadcasting stations are constantly broadcasting fabricated, exaggerated, instigative and slanderous news with the aims of encroaching on the State stability and national solidarity, inciting pub-

lic panics and misleading the people, and creating unrests for utter devastation."

The above-mentioned remark was made by Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan at the press meet. The minister after recounting the media attacks launched by some foreign radio stations including the BBC on Myanmar during the 1988 unrest, saying, "It is known to all that at 8.15 pm on 23 August 2005, BBC broadcast a fabricated news on State leaders and the nation together with supplementary comments. Indeed, such news poses a grave danger to the nation. Under the press ethics, a broadcasting station should find out whether such a story which is very important for a nation is correct or not, and whether it is substantive or not, as it is more important than normal news items."

The media of every nation has its own ethics. If the media fails to follow its ethics, it will become ethicless. The media will be deprived of prestige if it fails to observe the ethics. And openly to say, the media will be like an x-rated identity if it lacks ethics.

The minister then reviewed the BBC announcement broadcast at 8.15 pm on 23 August 2005 as follows:

"The media should air such important news only after ascertaining the authenticity and accuracy. However, without doing so, BBC broadcast fabricated news of internal and external destructive elements. Being a world famous news station, BBC should not have done so. That BBC news report can be found with links with the aboveground, underground and expatriate three-pronged attack."

At the conference, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan expressed his belief that as they are experienced persons, the jour-

nalists and the politicians of Myanmar would clearly understand and see the evil schemes of the BBC, facing the severe deterioration of its prestige since the 1988 unrest.

Concerning the matter, he said, "As you journalists are experi-

minister said, "However, some so-called politicians in interviews with RFA, DVB, VOA and other broadcasting stations tried to aggravate the issue. It is regrettable for the country and the people."

The minister also recounted the clarifica-

The sole wish of the entire people is to live, work, do business and earn their living in a stable and peaceful atmosphere. As the people are enjoying prosperity to a certain degree and making donations under the protection of the Tatmadaw government, they do not long for any foreign nation or any other government, but are interested only in their own nation, race and government. And it is the true image of the nation and the people at present.



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan answers the queries raised by journalists at Press Conference 6/2005.—MNA

enced ones, you can see the BBC's real motive. Our local politicians have passed various periods. They have experienced during the 1988 incidents how BBC and other media fuelled unrest for spreading anarchy throughout the country by broadcasting instigative, slanderous and fabricated news. I believed that our journalists know how BBC's recent broadcasts were made timely with terrorist destructive elements' plan for creating unrest."

But as he found some quarters going against his belief, the

tions of the State-level officials made at Zeyathiri Beikman Hall in Yangon on 24 October 2004, which said, "The State Peace and Development Council continues to discharge its duties with collective leadership as well as individual responsibility in the respective sectors."

The government has laid down the State policies and nation-building policies with the leadership of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and collective responsibility and coordination of Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General

Maung Aye and members of the State Peace and Development Council. Those policies are being materialized by the Government and ministries concerned. As members of the State Peace and Development Council have been conducting field trips and making integrated and well-coordinated efforts, remarkable progress has been made in various sectors."

Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan then said, "Today, the leadership of the State is as mentioned above. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe is discharging the State responsibilities in good health."

Soon after hearing the authentic news, which the entire people were desirous to know, the faces of the participants at the press meet,

State round the clock, was at the defence office with very good health, expressing thanks for her concern about the health of the Head of State.

Here, I came to see the mutual love between the Head of State and the people.

The people became more and more anxious about the health of the Head of State, after the news announced by the BBC of 23 August 2005, and the follow-up news reports aired by some foreign radio stations. It is true that the people are on the Head of State and Tatmadaw government's side for their accomplishments to safeguard the entire nation.

The sole wish of the entire people is to live, work, do business and earn their living in a stable and peaceful atmosphere. As the people are enjoying prosperity to a certain degree and making donations under the protection of the Tatmadaw government, they do not long for any foreign nation or any other government, but are interested only in their own nation, race and government. And it is the true image of the nation and the people at present.

No foreign country, government, radio station and news agency can destroy or stop our love for the nation, race and government.

I will now conclude my article, with the message "All the media persons of Myanmar are to launch media counter-offensive against the media attacks of internal and external destructive elements", while documenting the ever-flourishing mutual trust and love between the government and the people.

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Now I will present the question of Daw Hsint Hsint Aung of Nippon Television at the press meet. She said that it was a great pleasure to clearly know the news on health of the Head of State, and that she would like to know whether he was at home or abroad.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that the Head of State, who was serving the duties of the



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein exhorts the Myanma Tatmadaw shooting team to compete in the 15th ASEAN Countries Defence Services (Army) Shooting Contest to be held in Darussalam of Brunei. (News on page 16)— MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects river water pumping projects in Myingyan District

YANGON, 1 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of the Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw yesterday arrived at Kyauktalon (extension) river water pumping project in Ngazun Township and inspected the irrigation through distributories of the project and thriving monsoon paddy cultivation.

At a meeting with responsible officials of the project, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on the generating of electricity of the project and supply of irrigation water to monsoon paddy fields.

Ngazun Township sets its target of 2,000 acres of monsoon paddy,



Lt-Gen Ye Myint supervises tasks at Kyawzi River Water Pumping Station Project near Kyawzi Village, Taungtha Township.—MNA

and 997 acres have been cultivated.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to Ywathit river water pumping project in Ngazun Township and inspected supply of irrigation water through distributories-1 and 2 of the project.

Chairman of Myingyan District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Tun Win and offi-

cialists reported on monsoon paddy cultivation in the region and irrigation of the Ywathit river water pumping project.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged officials to make efforts for meeting the target acres of the district.

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to Nghanmya river water

pumping project in Ngazun Township and Hsimihkon-2 river water pumping project in Myingyan Township and gave instructions on water supply tasks.

At Hsimihkon-1 river water pumping project, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with local farmers and viewed thriving monsoon paddy fields.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint proceeded to Hsimihkon-2 extended river water pumping project at Kaing Village in Myingyan Township and attended to the needs for cultivation in the re-

gion. In the evening, Lt-Gen Ye Myint arrived at Seiknyan river water pumping project near Seiknyan Village in Myingyan Township. At the briefing hall, an official of the project reported on progress of the construction work and remaining tasks.

The main canals of the project have been constructed and generators and pumps have been equipped. Upon completion, the project will irrigate 10,000 acres of farmland.

When they arrived at

Kyawzi river water pumping project in Taungtha Township, Myingyan District, Magway Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe welcomed them.

At a meeting with officials of the project, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said Kyawzi river water pumping project will irrigate 700 acres and will also supply water to 300 acres in the catchment area of Son Lake. Only then, will Mandalay Division meet its target of 1 million acres of paddy.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint also inspected thriving monsoon paddy fields irrigated by Ngathayauk river water pumping project. Out of its target of 1,534 acres of monsoon paddy, NyaungU District has grown monsoon paddy on 528 acres.

At Ngathayauk river water pumping project, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected flow of water into main canal of the project and irrigation of the project. — MNA

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint on his inspection tour of Ywathit River Water Pumping Station Project in Ngazun Township. — MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on inspection tour of Thayawady, Paungde

YANGON, 1 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by departmental officials, arrived at Meenin Creek in Thayawady Township on 30 August to inspect development of Bago Division (West).

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party were welcomed by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hla Min, Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo of Inma Station and officials.

At the rubber nursery in Thayawady, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports on nurtur-



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than holds a meeting with service personnel in Paungde Township. — MNA

ing of 100,000 quality rubber saplings at the nursery and future tasks.

Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and Brig-Gen Hla Min gave supplementary reports. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than viewed round the nursery.

The rubber nursery was established in

Thayawady to grow 10,000 acres of rubber plantation in Bago Division (West) under the plan of extending 60,000 acres of rubber plantations in Bago Division from 2005 to 2008. At the nursery, 100,000 saplings are being nurtured and 400,000 quality rubber seeds stored.

Next, they attended the ceremony to put fish into the paddy fields in Magyigwin Village of Letpadan Township. A total of 150,000 fingerlings have been put into 317 acres of paddy fields in Thayawady District.

In Paungde, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people at the hall of Township PDC.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that peace and stability and prevalence of law and order, economic growth and development of hu-

man resources are essential in building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The Government has laid down and is implementing the 24 special development regions plan, the border areas development plan and five rural development tasks for cent per cent equitable development of all parts of the nation. Officials of Paungde and local people are to participate in implementing the plans of the State.

The target has been set to grow 2.8 million acres of monsoon paddy and 400,000 acres of summer paddy in 2005-06 in Bago Divi-

sion. All are to make efforts for meeting the targets of cultivation.

He stressed the need to extend breeding of poultry and fish in the division for increasing per capita income and contributing to the township economy. Service personnel are to strive for development of the township and carry out beautifying and sanitation tasks of Paungde.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected units of Paungde Hospital. Acting Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Nwe Nwe Oo conducted them round the hospital.

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Thai Foreign Minister concludes visits

YANGON, 1 Sept — At the invitation of U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, visiting Thai delegation led by Dr Kantathi Suphamongkhon, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand and Madame left here for home by special

aircraft this evening.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife, officials concerned of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and embassy

staff.

Returning home together with the Thai Foreign Minister on the same flight were Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Prapas Limpabandhu and high ranking officials of the government of the Kingdom of Thailand.

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Thai Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Kantathi Suphamongkhon and party seen off at the airport. — MNA

Thai Foreign Minister calls on Myanmar counterpart



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win meets with Thai counterpart Dr Kantathi Suphamongkhon and party. — MNA

YANGON, 1 Sept — Visiting Thai delegation led by Dr Kantathi Suphamongkhon, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand called on his counterpart Foreign Minister U Nyan Win at the latter's office

this morning.

The Thai delegation visited Drugs Elimination Museum and National Races Village.

They were conducted by officials concerned round there.

Minister U Nyan

Win and wife hosted a dinner in honour of Thai Foreign Minister and party at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel yesterday evening. After the dinner, the Thai delegation paid a pilgrimage visit to Shwedagon Pagoda. — MNA

Nutrition Week activities (2005) launched



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and guests observe photos of nutrition week activities after the opening ceremony. — MNA



Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association President Daw Khin Khin Win gives a Vitamin A pill to a child. — MNA

YANGON, 1 Sept — The Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Mines, UNICEF and WHO launched Nutrition Week activities at a ceremony held at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, President of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Khin Win, Vice-President Dr

Daw Tin Lin Myint, Vice-President of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Lay Myint, officials, resident representatives of UN agencies, internal and international NGOs, health staff, and guests. The minister in his speech said that the Ministry of Health is implementing its two objectives — enabling the entire people to enjoy longevity, and to be free from diseases. The ministry is carrying out tasks

to eliminate malnutrition, to flourish hygienic practices, and to prevent and control obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease.

At the same time, it is making all necessary arrangements in order that iodine deficiency cannot raise its ugly head again, and iodine deficiency will be no more at the end of 2005 in Myanmar, he added.

He said the ministry has acknowledged the active participation of relevant ministries and social organizations in a fight against iodine deficiency and malnutrition. Thanks to the active role of related ministries, social organizations and the



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint gives a Vitamin A pill to a child. — MNA

people, the nutrition week activities achieved remarkable successes in 2003 and 2004.

In conclusion, he expressed his belief that nutrition week activities for 2005 will also achieve success.

Deputy Resident Representative of UNICEF Ms Elke Wisch and Acting Resident Representative of WHO Dr Stephen P. Jost delivered speeches.

After the ceremony, the minister and guests

observed the pavilions staged to educate the public to respect nutrition. Next, the minister and guests gave Vitamin A pills to under-five children and ferrous sulphate tablets to mothers.

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Acting Resident Representative of WHO Dr Stephen P. Jost. — MNA



Deputy Resident Representative of UNICEF Ms. Elke Wisch. — MNA

Medical books, journals donated to MMCWA

YANGON, 1 Sept — Wellwishers from Australia donated medical books and journals to Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association to be used at medical colleges in Myanmar at the hall of Medical Science Department this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and four executives, Director-General of MSD Dr Maung Maung Wint, rectors of respective medical colleges in Yangon, directors of MSD and officials.

First, Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint explained the purpose of the donations. Dr Maung Maung Wint accepted 163 medical books and journals and expressed his gratitude. — MNA

Ingyinthabo Dam to benefit 900 acres in Dabayin Township

YANGON, 1 Sept — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 27 August went to Ingyinthabo Dam project being constructed by Sagaing Division Irrigation Department in Dabayin Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division, to assess the construction work.

According to an official of Sagaing Division Irrigation Department, it is expected that the dam

will benefit 900 acres of land.

At a meeting with local people and members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo said as part of an effort to develop social and economic sector in the region, the dam project is being implemented. Moreover, the construction of the dam aimed at boosting the crop produc-

tion so that local farmers can earn much money, he added. Before he went to Ingyinthabo Dam, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected mixed cropping in Dabayin Township.

During his tour, the minister also inspected the irrigation canals of Thahpanseik Dam and Kindat Diversion Dam, and Okpo Dam in Budalin Township, Monywa District.

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Sittaung bridge (Mokpalin) under construction

YANGON, 1 Sept — Accompanied by officials concerned, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun arrived at Sittaung bridge (Mokpalin) construction project yesterday morning following the inspection of the maintenance of Htaukkyant-Bago six-lane road section during the rainy season.

At the briefing hall, Senior Engineer U Kyaw Lin reported to the minister on progress in building the bridge, arrangements to be made for future tasks as targeted, map of two approach roads. In connection with the reports, the minister instructed officials concerned to retain detailed records on the rise in the flow at the river during the rainy season, to focus on timely completion of pile driving, to draw design for approach roads to withstand 60-ton of loads and then made arrangements to fulfil the requirements. Total length of Sittaung bridge (Mokpalin) is 2392.7 feet. Its main bridge is 1365 feet in length. Its approach road (Waw side) is 784.1 feet in length and that of (Kyaikto side), 243.6 feet. Its motorway is 28 feet in width. Its walkway is 6 feet in width. It is of reinforced concrete type. It can withstand 60-ton loads.

Now, pile driving tasks of the approach road (Kyaikto side) and construction of approach structures have been completed and concrete pillars are under construction. Pile driving tasks are being carried out at the approach road on Waw side. — MNA



OFFICIALS LEAVE: Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry CEC members U Nyein Aung and U Nyein left here by air for the Lao People's Democratic Republic to attend workshop on ASEAN Free Trade Zone for private sector to be held on 2 and 3 September there. Photo shows the two officials prior to their departure at the airport. — NLM

Chavez says "cowboy" Bush failed in "Katrina" evacuation

CARACAS (Venezuela), 1 Sept — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, a vocal critic of the US Government, on Wednesday called US President George W Bush a "cowboy" who had failed to manage the Hurricane "Katrina" disaster and evacuate victims.

"That government had no evacuation plan, it is incredible, the first power in the world that is so involved in Iraq ... and left its own population adrift," Chavez said in a Cabinet meeting broadcast live on television.

His remarks came as US authorities evacuated thousands of people from New Orleans and after Bush said it would take years to recover from flooding caused by Hurricane Katrina.

The death toll on Wednesday reached at least 200 in what Bush called the nation's worst natural disaster.

"That man, the king of vacations ... the king of vacations in his ranch said nothing but, you have to flee, and didn't say how ... that cowboy, the cowboy mentality," said Chavez, chuckling in a reference to Bush without naming him directly.

Chavez, an outspoken populist who calls Cuba's Fidel Castro an ally, often lambastes what he calls Washington's failed imperialist policies. He says the Bush Administration is trying to assassinate him and calls the US President "Mr Danger".

The two governments frequently clash though the United States is the top oil client of Venezuela, the world's No 5 crude exporter. Washington portrays Chavez as a menace who uses his nation's oil wealth to fund anti-democratic groups.

The Venezuelan President, applauded by supporters for his self-proclaimed socialist revolution to fight poverty, has offered to send cheap fuel, humanitarian aid and relief workers to the disaster area.

Venezuelan state oil firm PDVSA has offered 1 million US dollars from its US-based refinery unit Citgo for relief efforts. — MNA/Reuters

US soldier injured in Kabul

KABUL, 1 Sept — An American soldier was injured as their patrol team came under attack in the west of Afghan capital city, an independent Kabul-based newspaper reported on Wednesday.

"Two rockets were fired on a six-vehicle convoy of US Army in Mullah Mohammad Village of Khak-e-Jabar District, Kabul, wounding one soldier," daily *Cheragh* reported in its front page.

their convoy was attacked in Sarobi District 60 kilometres east of here on Saturday.

Taleban militants who vowed to continue their Jihad or holy war until the US-dominated alien troops leave Afghanistan have intensified their hit-and-run attacks since early this year during which more than 1,000 people with majority of whom guerillas had been killed.

MNA/Xinhua

It did not mention the date of the incident. However, the newspaper quoted the spokesman of NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) as saying that the attackers made their good escape from the scene.

No Afghan or US official was immediately available to make any comment on the report.

It is the first time the US military came under attack in the Afghan capital since its deployment nearly four years ago.

Three US soldiers were also injured when

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Zimbabwe bans hunting to protect elephants

HARARE, 1 Sept — Zimbabwe, home to thousands of elephants, has banned safari hunting in the western districts of Dete and Hwange to protect a "presidential" elephant herd, the official *Herald* newspaper said on Wednesday.

"We have banned hunting activities in those areas where we find the presidential herd of elephants for sanity and order to prevail," the paper quoted Tourism and Environment Minister

Francis Nhema as saying.

The paper did not explain what it meant by "presidential" or whether the herd was owned by President Robert Mugabe. Nhema and Tourism Ministry officials were not immediately available for comment on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

Oil hits record near \$71 per barrel after "Katrina"

NEW YORK, 1 Sept — Oil struck a high near 71 US dollars on Tuesday as oil companies raced to check their abandoned oil platforms and refineries for damage after Hurricane Katrina's rampage through the Gulf of Mexico.

US crude hit a record 70.85 US dollars a barrel before settling at 69.81 US dollars, up 2.61 US dollars a barrel, amid reports of drifting oil rigs and flooded refineries.

The storm, which killed at least 50 people, shut nearly all of the Gulf of Mexico's oil production — about a quarter of the nation's oil output — and closed down nine refineries along the coast, according to government figures.

Energy analysts said oil prices could soar as high as 80 US dollars a barrel and drivers in the

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Uganda sends Army officers to Kenya for counter-terrorism exercise

KAMPALA, 1 Sept — The Ugandan Army has sent 30 specialized officers to attend a counter-terrorism exercise in Nairobi, Kenya, scheduled to start on Thursday.

The Ugandan Army spokesman, Lieutenant-Colonel Shaban Bantariza, told *Xinhua* by telephone on Wednesday that the officers would join their colleagues from Tanzania and Kenya in the exercise.

"We expect the exercise to start on 1 Sept and end on 1 Sept," said Bantariza.

He noted that the officers will be briefed on preventive measures to cope with terror operations.

The joint exercise, dubbed Operation Trend Maker, will draw participants from the three countries' police, immigration, Customs and military departments.

The exercise is expected to strengthen East Africa's ability to combat extremist violence.

This exercise is one of the many exercises mounted by the three East African countries to beef up their cooperation in defence affairs.

Early this year, the three countries held a joint military exercise in Arusha, Tanzania.

Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania in 1998 signed a memorandum of understanding on the cooperation in defence matters. The memo was revised in 2000 and is now being upgraded into a protocol.

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Death toll rises in Paris immigrant building fire

PARIS, 31 Aug—A fire killed seven people and injured 14 in a rundown building in central Paris housing immigrants, three days after 17 people died in a blaze in a crowded apartment block used by African immigrants.

Monday night's fire raised new questions about the conservative govern-

ment's fire safety record and housing policies, which have been under attack since a fire in April killed 24 people at a Paris hotel used by immigrants.

A fire spokesman said six people were killed on the scene and a hospital spokeswoman said a child had died after being taken to hospital. Five fire-fight-

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Over 2 tons of cocaine seized in Caribbean Sea

BOGOTA, 1 Sept—Colombia has captured over two tons of cocaine in the Carribean Sea, with help from other nations, police reported on Tuesday.

In a joint operation conducted by Colombia, Britain and the Netherlands, anti-narcotics agents seized two tons of cocaine — with a street value of about 50 million US dollars, the police said in a statement.

The drugs had been carried by a fast boat off the northern coast of La Guajirama, before being transferred to a larger vessel, the *MV Atlantic Star*. Tipped off by Colombia and Britain, a Dutch Navy ship with a

helicopter on board intercepted the *MV Atlantic Star* and the fast boat.

Police also arrested eight suspects, said the statement, without disclosing their nationalities.

On the same day, the Colombian Navy reported the capture of 480 kilos of cocaine in a separate swoop on a fishing boat in the Caribbean Sea.

The boat, flying a Colombian flag, and its four crew members were seized with the support of the US Coast Guard.

The Colombian Navy has seized a haul of 75 tons of cocaine this year with the collaboration of other nations.

MNA/Xinhua

US study finds ozone layer has stopped shrinking

WASHINGTON, 31 Aug— The ozone layer has stopped shrinking but it will take decades to start recovering, US scientists reported on Tuesday.

They said an international agreement to limit production of ozone-depleting chemicals has apparently worked, but the damage to ozone has not been halted completely.

An analysis of satellite records and surface monitoring instruments shows the ozone layer has grown a bit thicker in some parts of the world, but is still well below normal levels, the scientists report in Wednesday's issue of the *Journal of Geophysical Research*.

Elsewhere, the decline in ozone levels has

stabilized, said Betsy Weatherhead, a researcher at the University of Colorado at Boulder and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "The observed changes may be evidence of ozone improvement in the atmosphere," she said in a statement.

The experts credited, at least in part, the 1987 Montreal Protocol which was ratified by more than 180 nations and set legally binding controls for on the production and consumption of ozone-depleting gases containing chlorine and bromine.

The prime suspects in ozone destruction are chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, once commonly used in refrigeration, air conditioning and indus-

trial cleaning.

"These early signs indicate one of the strongest success stories of international cooperation in the face of an environmental threat," said NOAA administrator Conrad Lautenbacher.

Weatherhead noted that methane levels, water vapour and air temperatures will continue to affect future ozone levels. "Even after all chlorine compounds are out of the system, it is unlikely that ozone levels will stabilize at the same levels," she said.

"Chemicals pumped into Earth's atmosphere decades ago still are affecting ozone levels today," said Sherwood Roland of the University of California Irvine.

MNA/Xinhua

German official blasts US climate policy

BERLIN, 31 Aug — A German official on Tuesday criticized the US Government for doing little in

fighting global warming, one day after Hurricane Katrina swept through the US Gulf Coast.

US President George W. Bush turned a blind eye to the economic and human losses caused by the natural catastrophe because his Administration rejected international climate protection objectives, German News Daily *Frankfurter Rundschau* quoted Environment Minister Juergen Trittin as saying.

The rise in natural catastrophe "can only be

explained through global warming which is caused by people", Trittin told German public TV channel ZDF.

The per capita production of greenhouse gas in the United States is "about two and a half times as much as" that in Europe, said Trittin.

Some 80 people were reported dead in Mississippi on Monday when powerful Hurricane Katrina hit the area. The death toll continued to rise.

MNA/Xinhua

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Demand for Nepali workers rises in Saudi Arabia

KATHMANDU, 31 Aug — Private employers affiliated to different sectors in Saudi Arabia have put up additional demand for Nepali workers, Nepal Association of Foreign Employment Agencies (NAFEA) said here on Tuesday.

"Nepalis are known for their hard work and honesty because of which a growing number of private employers in Saudi Arabia have been demanding for additional workers," NAFEA said in a Press statement.

Nepali workers in Saudi Arabia has been growing over the past two months since those already working there have left a strong impression, the statement noted. Currently, more than 50 Nepalese workers are going to

Saudi Arabia everyday, which nearly double the earlier trend.

Around 25,000 Nepalis have already received prior approvals from the Labour Department of Nepal to go to work in Saudi Arabia, the statement revealed.

The number of Nepali workers working in different countries abroad has hit the one million mark, the statement noted.

Around 300 Nepalis are still going abroad for job everyday.—MNA/Xinhua

127 cases reported in 11 days as dengue hits Dhaka

DHAKA, 31 Aug— At least 127 persons have been affected by dengue in Dhaka in the past 11 days, giving a warning about the spread of the mosquito-borne disease.

"The season of dengue starts in June and continues till October, and August is the peak season of dengue," Dr. Touhid Uddin Ahmed, an entomologist, was quoted by *New Age* as saying on Monday.

New Age quoted sources from the health directorate control room as saying that at least 127 patients were admitted to city hospitals and clinics from August 17 to 25.

A survey conducted by the health directorate between August 4 and August 10 on 1,400 residences in 35 areas (40 houses in each area) finds 11 of the areas very risky as the density of *Aedes* mosquito is relatively more here.—MNA/Xinhua

Dry, hot weather ignites big Alaska wildfire season

ANCHORAGE, 31 Aug — Successive hot summers, vast swaths of insect-weakened trees and lightning strikes have combined to torch about 4 million acres (1.6 million hectares) of forest in Alaska this summer, nearly tying the state's third-largest fire season on record, federal and state officials said on Tuesday.

This summer's large wildfires come a year after more than 6.5 million acres (2.6 million hectares) burned last year, the most since wildfire records have been kept in the past 56 years.

The two consecutive large fire seasons are unprecedented, according to wildfire managers and forestry experts.

"It does not happen, until recently, that we have two large back-to-back fire seasons," said Maggie Rogers, spokeswoman for the Alaska Interagency Coordination Centre, the

consortium of federal and state agencies that manage wild fires in Alaska.

Within a week, this year's total is expected to surpass the 1969 total of 4.017 million acres (1.63 million hectares), the third-largest on wildfire season on record, Rogers said. The large reach of this year's fires may be one sign of a major climate-driven change underway in Alaska's boreal forest, said Glenn Juday, a professor of forest ecology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

MNA/Reuters

US poverty rate rises, ranks of poor whites expand

WASHINGTON, 31 Aug— The US poverty rate rose in 2004 for the fourth year in a row, driven by an increase in poor whites while the median income for Americans as a whole remained roughly flat, the government said on Tuesday.

The percentage of the US population living in poverty rose to 12.7 per cent from 12.5 per cent in 2003, as 1.1 million more people slipped into poverty last year, the Census Bureau said in its annual poverty report.

The ranks of the poor rose to 37.0 million from 35.9 million the previous year, the report said.

The Bush Administration called the 2004 increase "modest" and said the rise was not altogether surprising.

Poverty rates typically lag improvements in employment and the economy in general, said Elizabeth "ER" Anderson, associate undersecretary for communications and chief of staff in the Commerce Department's Economics and Statistics Administration.

The Census said the poverty rate rose through 1993 despite the early 1990s recession hitting a trough in March 1991.

"What's happening ... is kind of similar to what happened in the early 1990s where you have a recession officially over and then several more years after that a rise in poverty," said Charles Nelson, assistant division chief in the Census' Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division.

"We're seeing the same thing today," he said. But some economists said the data was still worse than expected.

"The economy looks pretty snappy from 30,000 feet, but when you get down and look at how actual working families are doing, they're falling behind year after year," said Jared Bernstein, senior economist at Economic Policy Institute.

"The main reason for that appears to be the fact that the job market has yet to generate the kind of

increases in living standards you'd expect at this point," he said

The average poverty threshold in the United States for a family of four was an income of 19,307 US dollars, the Census Bureau said. It was 15,067 US dollars for a family of three, 12,334 US dollars for a family of two and 9,645 US dollars for individuals.

The data showed three groups driving changes in poverty in the United States — Whites, Midwesterners and people aged 18 to 64.

Non-Hispanic Whites were the only group that saw its poverty rate rise to hit 8.6 per cent for 2004 compared with 8.2 per cent in 2003. The poverty rate declined for Asians and remained unchanged for Blacks and Hispanics, the report showed.

The Midwest was the only region where income declined, down 2.8 per cent to 44,657 US dollars, the report said.

Nationwide, real median household income in 2004 totalled 44,389 US dollars, roughly flat from 2003, the Census said. Real median household income has crept lower each year since 1999, the data showed.

Black households had the lowest median income among race groups, at 30,134 US dollars, while Asian households had the highest, at 57,518 US dollars. The median-income for non-Hispanic White households was 48,977 US dollars and was 34,241 US dollars for Hispanic households.

Among age groups, the poverty rate increased for people 18 to 64. It declined for those age 65 and older and held unchanged at 17.8 per cent for children under 18, the data showed.

MNA/Reuters

Cambodia bans heavy vehicles from Angkor temples

PHNOM PENH, 31 Aug — Cambodia issued a new directive that would restrict heavy vehicles from entering the Angkor temples in order to preserve the world famous legacy, local newspaper reported on Tuesday.

As of 1 November, trucks weighing more than 20 tons will not be allowed to travel through or park inside the park, *The Cambodia Daily* quoted the directive

signed by the Apsara Authority, the government agency managing Angkor, as saying.

An "excessive number of vehicles is unacceptable for ancient infrastruc-

ture," the directive cited as a reason for the ban, adding that "emission and vibration" caused by vehicles could damage the temples.

MNA/Xinhua

Three people wounded in explosion in southeastern Turkey

ANKARA, 1 Sept — Three people were wounded in an explosion in Semdinli Township of Hakkari Province in southeastern Turkey, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported on Thursday.

The explosion occurred near "Peace Tent" pitched up by the People's Democracy Party (DEHAP) on the occasion of 1 Sept International Day of Peace, and the explosion was caused probably by a sound bomb.

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

MNA/Xinhua



Marci Romagnoli (L) and Ruth Calain of the Gulfport Oceanarium, feed dolphins in a swimming pool at a local hotel in Gulfport, Mississippi on 28 August, 2005. — INTERNET

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SPORTS

Seeded women sail further at US Open tennis

NEW YORK, 1 Sept — Women's top seed Maria Sharapova, fourth seed Kim Clijsters and the Williams sisters Venus and Serena all swept into Round Three without the loss of a single set at the US Open Tennis Championships here on Wednesday.

And in the men's singles, third seed Lleyton Hewitt booked his second round berth with a 6-1, 6-2, 6-1 easy victory over former French Open champion Albert Costa.

The 18-year-old Russian Sharapova thrashed Madagascan Dally Randriantefy 6-1, 6-0 despite gusts of winds across the court. Australian Hewitt served superbly in his first match at the Open to outplay Spaniard Costa from start to finish, and wrapped up victory over the world number 104 in 80 minutes.

Following the withdrawal of Marat Safin and the exit of British 12th seed Tim Henman on Tuesday, Slovakian 15th seed Dominik Hrbaty becomes the highest seed left in Hewitt's quarter of the draw. And the 2001 champion could face top seed Federer in the semifinals.

Belgian Clijsters initially found Colombian opponent Fabiola Zuluaga more difficult to cope with before earning a 7-5, 6-0 second-round win.

Clijster, who has six titles to her name this year but is still seeking her maiden Grand Slam title, threw away a 4-1 lead to trail 5-4 in the first set. But she recovered her rhythm to break to love at 5-5 and romped through the second set.

Wimbledon champion Venus Williams beat Russian Maria Kirilenko 6-1, 6-3 to move a step closer to a possible fourth round showdown with younger sister Serena, also two-time former champion at Flushing Meadows. — MNA/Xinhua



Footballer Michael Owen, holding his daughter, is welcomed to his new club Newcastle United after a £17m (\$30.4m) transfer deal. —INTERNET

Romanian gymnastics Olympic women's team disbanded

BUCHAREST, 1 Sept — Romanian gymnastics was in disarray on Tuesday when the women's national team, winners of four Olympic golds in Athens, were disbanded after two of their leading members went nightclubbing without permission.

The Romanian Gymnastics Federation (FRG) said it broke up the team after state television station showed triple Olympic champion Catalina Ponor and Floarea Leonida returning from a Bucharest nightclub to their hotel early on Sunday morning.

"At an FRG emergency meeting, we decided to dismantle the female Olympic team following a string of unacceptable events," FRG sport director Anca Grigoras told Reuters. "Ponor and Leonida spent a night in a nightclub without the permission of their coaches and this behaviour is unacceptable for top-level sports performance."

Romania's national

coaches Octavian Belu and Mariana Bitang, with no team at their disposal, have asked the FRG if they can resign. "Coaches Belu and Bitang have no athletes to train so they have no purpose in their job," said Grigoras. "They will receive an answer to their request within the next few days."

"The team has been disbanded and the athletes will now train at their own clubs, if they want."

Earlier this month, double Olympic champion Monica Rosu and Alexandra Eremia quit the team after gaining weight and losing interest in their national training programme.

A fifth member of Ro-

mania's Olympic team, Daniela Sofronie, has since followed suit.

"We cannot continue in such conditions," Belu told Reuters. "The medals Romania have won so far were the result of a clear training system under an iron discipline...giving this up means we have no chance for further medals."

"We can speak about a new Romanian Olympic team next year, when a new generation of gymnasts comes through," Belu added. "This year's world championships are compromised for Romania."

The 38th world championships will take place in Melbourne, Australia from 21 to 27 November.

MNA/Reuters

Roberto Carlos to retire from national team in 2006

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 Sept — Brazilian left-back of Real Madrid Roberto Carlos confirmed he will play his last World Cup in 2006, as he wants to give chances "to new players" for the 2010 competition.

"It will not be possible to reach the 2010 World Cup. I will give my place to good players who are already appearing here and there," said the 32-year-old player, as cited by *Globo* news agency.

"Yet, after the 2006 World Cup I still want to compete in a Copa America and a Confederations Cup," said he.

Roberto Carlos, as the rest of the Brazilian national team, is gathering at Teresopolis, some 100

kilometers from Rio de Janeiro, for the Sunday 4 September qualifier against Chile.

He has been an international for 14 years, summoned 137 times and participated in 121 matches.

He is the Brazilian player who has played the highest number of matches, just behind captain Cafu, who has 176 calls and 140 matches.

"In spite of all this time I expect to be summoned; I feel so proud when this

happens. Even if Brazil wins its World Cup ticket in the match against Chile, I still want to play the last two qualifiers," said Carlos.

"Of course I want to reach Cafu's mark," he added.

The defender who has recently obtained his Spanish residence, represented the Brazilian national team on February 26, 1992, when Brazil defeated United States 3-0.

MNA/Xinhua

ODESUR rejects La Paz as host for 2006 South American Games

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 Sept — Sport representatives of Bolivia on Wednesday left the session of the South American Sports Organization (ODESUR), gathered here to appoint the new host for the 2006 South American Games, as the petition to keep La Paz as the original venue for next year was turned down.

La Paz originally obtained the right to organize the 7th South American Games in 2003, but lost its nomination last June, as a consequence of the political instability of mid-2005 which led to the resignation of Bolivian President Carlos Mesa.

Felix Sandoval, Bolivian Sports Minister said "we wanted to receive Wednesday a solidarity similar to that received by London after the July 7 terrorist attacks, but unfortunately it was not possible to reopen the discussion on the situation currently affecting the country."

On the other hand, Brazilian Carlos Artur Nuzman, Chairman of the Executive Committee of ODESUR, said "there is no discussion" on the withdrawal of the nomination, and also said it is not pos-

sible to allow having "a political discourse in a sports environment".

Under these circumstances, the Bolivian delegation left the session prior to the presentation of the candidacies of Buenos Aires, Lima and Cuenca (Ecuador) for the

hosting of the South American Games, next year.

Jorge Espana, Chairman of the Bolivian Olympic Committee, said the withdrawal of the delegation came on grounds of "moral and dignity."

MNA/Xinhua

Buenos Aires proclaimed new venue for 7th South American Games

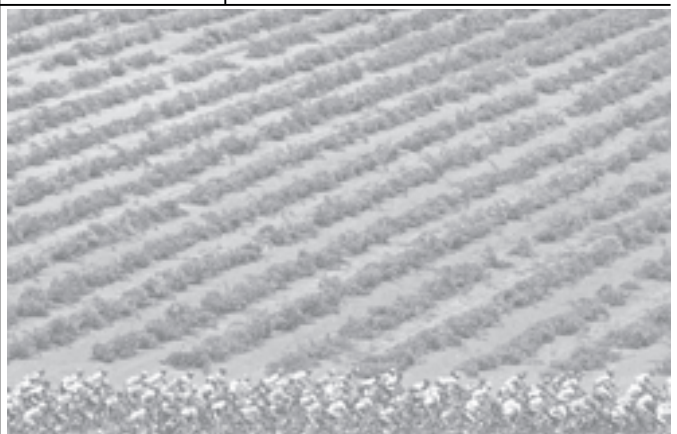
RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 Sept — The Executive Committee of the South American Sports Organization (ODESUR) Wednesday proclaimed the Argentine capital, Buenos Aires, as the venue for the 7th South American Games in 2006.

Buenos Aires obtained 10 out of 14 votes of the representatives of the South American countries on Wednesday during a special session.

Two other rivals of Cuenca (Ecuador) and Lima (Peru) received three and one, respectively.

The 15th ODESUR member, Bolivia, did not participate in the voting because the members of its delegations abandoned the session a few minutes in advance as their petition to maintain La Paz as the venue of the games was rejected by the Committee.

MNA/Xinhua



A pack of riders cycle during the fifth stage of the Tour of Spain, between Alcazar de San Juan and Cuenca, on 31 August, 2005. —INTERNET

Floods from non-stop rain kill 28 in central China

BELING, 1 Sept— Floods caused by weeks of heavy rain have killed 28 people and left four missing in central China, the *Beijing News* reported on Wednesday, the latest casualties in the annual flood season.

Rainstorms had lashed Shiyang City in Hubei Province every day since 14 August, sparking massive floods that cut off power, roads and communications and inundated crops, mayor Chen Tianhui was cited as saying.

Flooding across China this summer had killed at

least 1,024 people and left 293 missing while causing almost 103 billion yuan (12.7 billion US dollars) in direct losses, *Xinhua* news agency said, based on figures released by the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters and the Ministry of Civil Affairs on Tuesday.

Nearly 900,000 houses and 10 million hectares (24.7 million acres) of farmland had been destroyed nationwide so far this year, it said.

Summer flooding is common throughout China and kills thousands every year. The problem is compounded by deforestation as rains trigger rock slides and mud flows off bare mountainsides.

The weeks of rain in Shiyang had caused several mudslides, and potential mountain torrents threatened nearly 800 mountainside households, the *Beijing News* said, based on a *Xinhua* report.

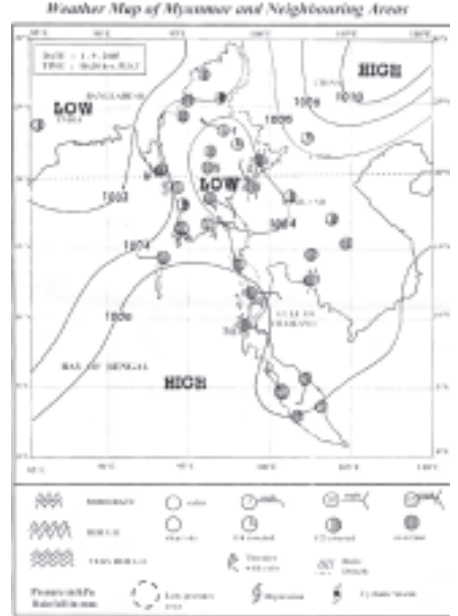
State Flood and Drought Relief Headquarters official Zhang Zhitong said China's flood season was nearing its end, but told southeastern provinces to brace for approaching Typhoon Talim.

Taiwan issued a land warning on Wednesday as Talim headed towards the island, packing torrential rains and wind gusts of up to 141 miles per hour.

MNA/Reuters



Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of Hninzigon Home for the Aged accepts K 100,000 donated recently by U Kyi Win of 60, Pyay Road, 6¹/₂th mile, Hline Township, for construction of the three-storey hospital for the aged. — H



WEATHER

Thursday, 1 September, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bago (2.05) inches, Hpa-an and Mawlamyine (1.77) inches each, Kantbalu and Shwegyin (1.18) inches each, Thaton (1.10) inches, Minbu, Myeik and Kawthong (0.94) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 31-8-2005 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 1-9-2005 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 1-9-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 31-8-2005 was 5.5 hrs approx. Rainfalls on 1-9-2005 were (0.12) inch at Mingaladon, (0.16) inch at Kaba-Aye and nil at central Yangon.

Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 70.08 inches at Mingaladon, 73.23 inches at Kaba-Aye and 78.74 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 4 mph from West at (15:20) hours MST on 31-8-2005.

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

Special feature: According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over Vietnam had moved westward and become unimportant.

Forecast valid until evening of 2-9-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-9-2005: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-9-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Myanma Port Authority Warning of Hightide

The Public are hereby informed that exceptionally Spring of from 20.14 feet to 20.34 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 4th September to 8th September, 2005.



Friday, 2 September
View on today:

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. မဟာဝသမြတ်ဗုဒ္ဓ (ဒုတိယပိုင်း)
“သတ္တသတ္တဝါတော်မူခန်း” (လူနာဆေးရော့ပူဇော်၍ ပြုသီ သီဆိုပူဇော်သည်)
- 8:00 am
5. Nice and sweet song
- 8:15 am
6. အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
7. International news
- 8:45 am
8. Islands of Dhamma
- 8:55 am
9. ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝုဏ္ဏသာသန (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာသုဒ္ဓဇ္ဇဇာတိကဓဇ)

- ဒုတိယဥက္ကဋ္ဌဆရာတော်၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံလေဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့၊ မဟာဓမ္မိကာရုံ ပရိယတ္တိစာသင်တိုက်၊ ကျိုက်ပိကျောင်း၊ ရန်ကင်းမြို့နယ်၊ ရန်ကင်းတိုင်း၊ ထံမှ နဝဂျဏ်ဝါသတံသီလခံယူဆောင်တည်ခြင်း
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm
4. အမှတ်(၃)အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ တော့အကြိမ်မြောက်၊ ဓမ္မဗြာဟ္မဇာတိပူဇော်ပွဲ(ဒုတိယဆု(အထက-၄ တာဆု) (အမျိုးသမီး ဝတ်ပွဲအဖွဲ့)
- 5:15 pm
5. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနံ (ရုက္ခဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)
- 5:30 pm
6. Song of national races
- 5:40 pm
7. ဝဂ္ဂဝေ ဒုနုစီ၊ တေရသမအကြိမ်(၁၃ကြိမ်) ပြန်မာရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကလေးပေါ်တေး နှင့် ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး)(ပညာရပ်အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:50 pm
8. “လက်တွေ့မြေရင်လို့” (ဗြူးဓမ္မစိုးမြတ်ဆာသီအောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)
- 6:00 pm
9. သုတစုံလင်ကျွတ်ဖတ်
- 6:30 pm
10. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
11. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်စိတ်ပါ” (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
- 7:35 pm
13. Song of yesteryears
- 7:45 pm
14. ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအမွေသမိုင်း သတိဓာ (ဇိဿနိမြို့ဟောင်း တူးဖော်မှု)
- 8:00 pm
15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မခွဲအတူ” (အပိုင်း-၈)
- 19. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာတိဝသ၏ အရပ်ဓာတ်မြတ်နာမကျော် ဘာဝနာများများခြင်းတရားတော်
- 20. The next day's programme



Friday, 2 September
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -I am so in love
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Rollercoaster
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: -The rhythm of the rain
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music: -Paradise
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music -It must have been love -I really miss you -Sailing
- 9.00 pm World of music Songs from: Philippines, Malaysia, Spain, France, Germany, Belgium
- 9.15 pm Article/Music
- 9.25 pm Music at your request -Do you remember -Only for you -In love with you -Anyone of us
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Senior General Than Shwe and party pose for documentary photo with Thai Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Kantathi Suphamongkhon and party at Credentials Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building. (News on page 1)—MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win sends felicitations to Vietnamese counterpart

YANGON, 2 Sept — On the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam which falls on 2 September 2005, General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Phan Van Khai, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends felicitations to Vietnam

YANGON, 2 Sept — On the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam which falls on 2 September 2005, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Madame Truong My Hoa, Vice-President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

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Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein sees off Tatmadaw Shooting Team

YANGON, 1 Sept — Chairman of Defence Services Sports and Physical Education Administrative Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein saw off the Myanma Tatmadaw Shooting Team led by Lt-Col Aye Thaug of Defence Services (Army) Combat Training School (Bahtoo) at Mingaladon Airbase, here, this morning.

The shooting team will take part in the 15th ASEAN Countries Defence Services (Army) Shooting Competition to be held in Darussalam of Brunei Darussalam.

Also present at the airport to see off the shooting team were Members of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan

Tun, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi, Vice Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tun, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and officials of the Defence Services Sports and Physical Education Administrative Committee.

At the lounge of the airbase, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein exhorted the shooting team members to try their best with diligence and courage to achieve success in the competitions to be able to uplift prestige of the State and the Tatmadaw.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party saw off the Shooting Team.—MNA



Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein sees off Myanma Tatmadaw Shooting Team at Mingaladon Airbase. — MNA

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INSIDE

I will now conclude my article, with the message "All the media persons of Myanmar are to launch media counter-offensive against the media attacks of internal and external destructive elements", while documenting the ever-flourishing mutual trust and love between the government and the people.