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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

16-bed hospital opened at Nyaungbintha Village in Pyu Township

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on tour of Bago Division (East)

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence on 12 August attended the opening ceremony of a station hospital at Nyaungbintha Village in Pyu Township, Bago Division (East) and unveiled the signboard of the hospital.

The hospital was constructed at a cost of K 40.5 million — K 15.5 million was funded by the Government and 25 million contributed by locals. The hospital is 128 ft long and 36 ft wide.

The 16-bed hospital with a built-in operation room was formally opened by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Director-General of the Health Department Dr Tin Win Maung and Chairman of the committee for construction of the hospital U Tin Sein.

After the opening ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and officials inspected the hospital and presented gifts to patients.

In a bid to upgrade the health standard of the region, Nyangbintha Village Station Hospital was established and the number of hospitals in Pyu Township reaches four including the 50-bed township hospital, the commander said in his speech at the opening ceremony.

He also said that the government is making efforts to uplift the health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation which plays a role in building a peaceful and developed nation.

At the opening



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence presents gift for a patient at Nyaungbintha Station Hospital. — MNA

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ceremony, Head of Bago Division Health Department Dr Htay Aung handed over documents related to the hospital to Director-General of the Health Department.

Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko accepted K 100,000 donated by Lt-

Gen Khin Maung Than for the hospital. Moreover, wellwishers also donated cash amounted to K 2 million.

After the opening ceremony of the hospital, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than participated in the cultivation of physic nut on

100 acres of land in Yedashe Township.

According to Chairman of Yedashe Township Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Than, so far 1,248 acres of land in the township have been put under physic nut. — MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence unveils signboard of Nyaungbintha Station Hospital in Pyu Township. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards wider rural health care service

The majority of the population in Myanmar live in rural areas and therefore it is necessary to meet the social and economic needs of rural people if we are to bring parallel development to all rural and urban areas.

Now, for improved transport important to rural development, village-to-village and village-to-town roads and bridges are being built in all regions. With the emergence of new village-to-village roads, people in rural areas can travel from one place to another more easily and, as a result, business has become brisk.

On 12 August, a new station hospital was opened in Nyaungbintha Village, Pyu Township, Bago Division. The hospital is a 16-bed facility with a surgical ward. The government provided 15.5 million kyats and local people donated 25 million kyats for the construction of the hospital.

As there are four hospitals in Pyu Township — a 50-bed township hospital in Pyu and a station hospital each in Zeyawady, Kanyutkwin and Nyaungbintha, health care service can be provided to rural people on a wider scale.

Now is the time when rural development tasks are being carried out with added momentum for easy and smooth transport, supply of water for drinking and agricultural purposes, higher education standard of rural people and enhancement of rural health care service and rural economic development.

Under the leadership of the government, regional authorities, local people and wellwishers are working in concert, pooling resources, and therefore we believe that social, economic, health, education and living standards of rural people will become higher and higher.



Ko Han Thaw Zay-Ma Ein The Aye of Pazundaung Township recently donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint Treasurer of the Home U Maung Maung Gyi. — MNA

People's Desire

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

Fund raised for Meiktila Nursing School, Education College



Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo speaks at the cash donation ceremony for Meiktila's Nursing School, Education College. — A & I

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug — U Htay Oo, Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, attended a ceremony to raise an educational trust fund for Meiktila Nursing School and Education College held at the Training School of Nursing on 7 August.

On the occasion, U Htay Oo said the young trainees attending the training school and college will have to work for rural health and education after they

have completed their training courses. That is why the association itself is rendering necessary assistance to the youth trainees during their courses, he added. Later, the USDA and public wellwishers made cash donations.

Also present at the ceremony were Meiktila District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Lu Tin and members, townsmen and members of social organizations. — MNA

Minister for Education meets faculty members in Meiktila

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug — Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein and officials discussed successful implementation of school work in meeting with teachers of Basic Education High School in Aungban in Shan State (South) on 12 August.

The minister and party went to Meiktila Institute of Economics and met Rector Dr Hsan Lwin and faculty members.

They proceeded to No 1 BEHS in Meiktila where they met division and township education officers, school heads and discussed administrative and academic matters.

The minister also visited the Education College and Meiktila University. Associate Professor of Botany Department Daw Tin Tin Nyunt reported on exploration of new physic nut with high yield and Professor Daw Khin Myint Myint of Physics



Education Minister Dr Chan Nyein meeting faculty members of Meiktila University. — MNA

Department on comparison of physic nut oil and other bio-diesel.

The minister then gave instructions and inspected geology booth of the university.

MNA

Deputy Minister inspects functions of Customs Department

YANGON, 15 Aug — Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe together with responsible personnel went on inspection tour of Thilawa Port Terminal in Thanlyin Township yesterday.

Following the inspection of functions of X-ray machine checking containers at the port, the deputy minister gave advice to responsible personnel to fulfill the requirements of the services. At the office of Myanmar International Terminals Thilawa Co, Ltd, the deputy minister gave instructions on expeditious measures to be taken, occupational safety, regular supply of electricity and proper loading and unloading of cargo. — MNA

*Donate
blood*



Station staff uses a bullhorn to explain commuters and tourists the Yurikamome monorail is not in service, following a blackout in Metropolitan area in Tokyo, on Monday morning, 14 Aug. 2006.—INTERNET

Beijing to offer low-fare Olympic tickets to students

BEIJING, 14 Aug—Beijing organizers will provide students with some low-fare tickets in order to better promote the Olympic Movement among the youngsters, local report said on Saturday.

Wang Hui, vice executive director of media and communication department of the Beijing organizing committee, said that they are considering putting names on the low-price tickets which students need to get by producing identifications.

She added that the low price of tickets do not mean the seats are unfavourable for watching competition.

"All the seats of Olympic venues have been designed scientifically, and the view of any ticket holder will not be hindered," she was quoted as saying by *Beijing Youth Daily*.

There are a total of 7 million tickets for the competition of the 2008

Olympics, whose sales are early next year, Wang expected to start from added.—MNA/Xinhua



A contestant from the United States performs during the final of the Chinese classical dance in the 8th Taoli Cup Dance Competition in Beijing, capital of China on 13 Aug. 2006.—INTERNET

Philippine troops battle kidnap gang, seven dead

MANILA, 14 Aug—Philippine security forces killed at least four members of a kidnap-for-ransom gang during a gunbattle on a remote southwestern island on Saturday, a Marine general said.

Brigadier-General Ben Dolorfino, deputy com-

mander of military forces in the southern Philippines, said a police officer was also killed in the gunbattle in Indanan town on Jolo island, near where soldiers were hunting Muslim militants.

The soldiers were trying to rescue a woman who had been kept for nearly a

month along with her son. The woman, who had been stabbed, was rescued but later died.

Her son's headless body was found earlier on Saturday, prompting the rescue attempt for the mother, Dolorfino told reporters.

MNA/Reuters

Castro appears in photos

HAVANA, 14 Aug — Ailing Cuban leader Fidel Castro appeared in photographs published on Sunday to reassure Cubans he was still alive on his 80th birthday while his brother Raul made his first public appearance since becoming acting president.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, a leading ally, flew to Havana to mark the elder Castro's birthday and became the first foreign leader to see the ailing Castro, though he was not seen again after arrival.

The Communist youth newspaper *Juventud Rebelde* published what

it said were current pictures of Fidel Castro, along with a cautious message attributed to the leader saying his condition had improved but that he was not out of the woods.

"I suggest you be optimistic and, at the same time, always prepared to receive bad news," he said, adding he faced a long recovery.

"To say the stability has improved considerably is not to tell a lie. To say that the period of recovery will be short and there is now no risk would be absolutely incorrect," Castro said in the message also posted on the

youth daily's website.

The photographs of Castro were the first visual evidence he was alive since he relinquished power to his younger brother. The pictures showed Castro in a bedroom, wearing a track suit and sitting in a chair speaking on the telephone.

The four photographs of Castro, showing him from the waist up, included one of him holding a birthday supplement published by the Communist Party newspaper *Granma* on Saturday, an apparent move to show the pictures were current.

MNA/Reuters

Israel launched 190 airraids, 3,500 artillery shells on Gaza in 44 days

GAZA, 14 Aug—Israel had carried out 190 airstrikes and fired 3,500 artillery shells on the Gaza Strip within the last 44 days, according to a Palestinian official report published on Saturday.

The report, issued by Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) department of Statistical Quality Control, detailed all Israeli Army attacks on the Gaza Strip over the last 44 days.

"Israel carried out 768 different kinds of attacks on the Gaza Strip during the period between 28 June and 10 Aug," said the PLO report.

Israel launched an air and ground offensive on the Gaza Strip on 28 June, three days after one Israeli soldier were abducted by Palestinian militant groups during a cross-border attack.

According to medics in Gaza hospitals, 200 Palestinians, including 40 children, were killed and 600 others were injured during the Israeli offensives dubbed "Summer Rains".

Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat warned of political and human disasters as a result of the ongoing military air and ground operations against the Gaza Strip.

Israel said that the operations were aimed to free the captive soldier Gilad Shalit and halt Palestinian militant groups' rocket attacks against Israel.

MNA/Xinhua

Brazilian gang kidnaps two journalists

SAO PAULO (Brazil), 14 Aug—A powerful criminal gang that has terrorized Brazil's largest state of Sao Paulo kidnapped two Brazilian television journalists, police and a TV station said on Sunday. Guilherme Portanova, a reporter for TV Globo, and his assistant, Alexandre Coelho Calado, were abducted by three armed men on Saturday at a bakery near the station's studio in Sao Paulo, Globo said in a state-

ment.

Calado was later released in front of the studio with a recording that his kidnappers demanded be aired by Globo, Brazil's most influential TV network. Portanova, who frequently covers the crime beat, has not been released.

On the tape, which Globo aired overnight, a member of the prison gang known as the First Command of the Capital, or PCC by its Portuguese

initials, criticized the dire conditions of Brazil's prison system.

"We want a prison system with humane conditions, not a bankrupt, inhumane system in which we are subjected to innumerable humiliations and beatings," the statement read. "The Brazilian penal system is, in reality, a true human dump, where human beings are thrown as if they were animals."

MNA/Reuters



Local people repair a road damaged in floods brought by typhoon Saomai in Huangbo Town of Zherong County, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 13 Aug. 2006. Electricity and communication links are being restored and roads are reopened in some of the disaster areas in Fujian Province as the reconstruction work of the typhoon-hit areas are underway.—INTERNET

Hu Jintao prefaces cadres training textbooks

BEIJING, 14 Aug — Chinese President Hu Jintao recently penned a preface for the second batch of national training materials for the officials of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

The second-batch training materials for the CPC officials include 15 textbooks, such as *An Introduction to The Important Thought of*

"Three Represents", Scientific View of Development, and Enhancing the Party's Governance Capability.

Hu said in the preface that the training campaign helps CPC officials work better in the course of building a moderately prosperous society in an all-round way and helps improve ruling capability and maintain the vanguard

characters of the CPC.

"In the training campaign, officials should make research on how to balance reform, development and social stability. They also should learn how to deal with the problems emerged from economic and social development," Hu said in the preface.

He said the training textbooks attach great importance to the success of the training campaign. Therefore, the textbooks must be composed meticulously and well integrate theory with practice.

MNA/Xinhua

Arson suspects arrested as Spanish fires spread

MADRID, 14 Aug — Forest fires spread across northwest Spain's Galicia Province on Sunday as hundreds of paratroopers joined the fight to put out the blazes and police arrested more suspected arsonists.

Some 15,000 people and 60 aircraft were fighting the fires, which have killed four people in the last 10 days. More than 400 paratroopers were sent to Galicia on Saturday to protect airports, power stations and other key sites from arsonists.

Strong, shifting winds hampered thousands of firefighters and troops who helped local residents fight spreading blazes in the hard-hit La Coruna area.

Nine firefighting planes dumped water on a huge blaze in the inland area of Orense, a spokeswoman for the Galician regional government said.

Police said they had arrested 27 people, from part-time firefighters to local villagers, on suspicion of deliberately starting fires.

The fires have forced the evacuation of hundreds of residents and sent tourists fleeing from the region's popular rolling hills and beaches.

Many residents have refused to abandon their homes and livestock. Two men have died battling flames threatening their villages, the latest a 70-year-old man on Saturday. Two local women died after they failed to outrun a blaze in their car. — MNA/Reuters



Hong Kong actress Isabella Leong holds her Best New Performer award after the Hong Kong Golden Bauhinia Film Awards on 13 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

US eases flight rules but says threat remains

WASHINGTON, 14 Aug — Restrictions on US airline travellers were eased slightly on Sunday, but Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said

the threat of an attack on airliners remained.

The Transportation and Security Administration, or TSA, said on its Web site it would allow

passengers to bring up to 4 ounces of nonprescription liquid medication on board, including pain relievers and cough medicine.

It also said it would allow on board glucose gel and other medicines for low blood sugar treatments for diabetics.

The TSA had barred all liquids, except baby formula and breast milk, from flights last week because of a plot to bring down jetliners as they flew from London to the United States.

Plotters planned to use common chemicals often found in liquids to make explosives and detonate them using a common electronic device — all of which were normally allowed on aircraft.

On Sunday, the TSA also said it would require all passengers travelling on domestic and international flights to remove their shoes for screening.

MNA/Reuters



Two children play in a dried-up pool at Xiniushi Village in Daying County of Suining City, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 13 Aug, 2006. Most areas of Sichuan Province have been suffering from month-long drought and searing heat. Local governments have allocated funds to help residents fight against drought by tapping ground water and improving water conservation facilities. —INTERNET



The debate over whether small Pluto, which was found to be only one four-hundredths of the mass of the earth, is a planet has been continuing for decades. Astronomers and scientists from around the world will meet in Prague this week to decide whether to exclude Pluto from the category. —INTERNET

Moderate quake hits Mexico City, no damage reported

MEXICO CITY, 14 Aug — A moderate earthquake hit Mexico City on Sunday, the National Seismology Service said, although the movement was barely felt.

It followed a 6.0 magnitude tremor on Friday which wobbled buildings across the city and revived memories among residents of a devastating 1985 quake that killed thousands.

Provisional measurements said Sunday's quake had a magnitude of 5.1 and was centred in the western state of Michoacan. No damage was reported. — MNA/Reuters

Fire ruins townhouse residence in Manila, killing five

MANILA, 14 Aug — A fire razed a townhouse-type residential building in Pasay City, Metro Manila's southern suburb, killing five people, police said Sunday.

The fire lasted for more than one hour on Saturday night, killing the five, including two kids, and injuring scores of others, local police officer Joseph Baquisit told reporters. — MNA/Xinhua

Plane makes emergency landing at Mumbai

NEW DELHI, 14 Aug — A plane, flying from London, made an emergency landing in Indian economic hub Mumbai Sunday afternoon without casualty, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

The London-Mumbai flight 9W118, belonging to Indian airline company Jet Airways, suffered an engine failure but made a safe landing on one engine at around 1:00 pm at the Sahar International Airport of Mumbai, airport officials said. — MNA/Xinhua

Bus and truck collision kills 23 in Iran

TEHERAN, 14 Aug — A bus and a truck collided in Iran's southern province of Fars, killing 23 of the bus passengers, state television reported on Sunday.

The accident occurred on the road between the southern cities of Lar and Shiraz around 4 pm (1230 GMT).

"The impact was so fierce that the bus caught fire immediately killing 23 of its passengers including the bus driver," a police spokesman told state television. One person dies every 20 minutes on Iran's dangerous roads.

MNA/Reuters

Raul Castro receives Hugo Chavez in Cuba



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez (R) greets Raul Castro as he arrives in Havana. Cuban television showed video of Fidel Castro, following two weeks of speculation over the ailing communist strongman who said he still faces a long and possibly risky recovery from surgery.—INTERNET

HAVANA, 14 Aug—Acting Cuban President Raul Castro appeared in public for the first time on Sunday, receiving Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, Cuban state television images showed.

Chavez arrived in Havana to visit his political ally Fidel Castro on his 80th birthday.

The Cuban leader relinquished power to his younger brother Raul on 31 July due to stomach surgery.—MNA/Reuters



A visitor walks past an exhibit called "Bombie" by Estonian artist Margus Tiitsmaa during the International Festival of Experimental Art in St Petersburg, on 13 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Three Filipino reporters killed in road accident

MANILA, 14 Aug—Three Filipino television reporters were killed in a traffic accident Sunday on

their way back here from the eruptive Mayon Volcano, a local report said.

The TV crew riding a cab died in a collision with a passenger bus in Camarines Sur Province southeast of Manila on Sunday afternoon, according to a report of radio station dzBB on Sunday evening.

The accident happened at about 4 pm at a bridge in Barangay Del Rosario in Pamplona Town, the report quoted Pamplona Police Officer Joseph

Barrameda as saying.

The mediamen, riding in a TV crew cab, were headed north, reportedly on their way back to Manila after covering news related to volcanic activity at Mayon, some 300 kilometres southeast of Manila, while the bus was headed south, the report said.

Mayon Volcano has been a hotspot of local news reporting since last Monday after nearly 40,000 people living nearby were evacuated due to the threat of a major explosion.

MNA/Xinhua

Suspected case of H5N1 bird flu in Rotterdam Zoo

AMSTERDAM, 14 Aug—Two young owls which died in a zoo in Rotterdam are suspected of having the H5N1 bird flu virus, the Dutch Farm Ministry said late on Saturday.

The Netherlands, Europe's second biggest poultry producer after France, has never reported a case of the highly pathogenic avian flu strain which is endemic in parts of Asia and has spread to birds in a number of European Union countries.

A ministry spokeswoman said further tests were being conducted, but it was suspected that the birds died of a highly pathogenic strain of the virus. Final test results are due in the coming days.

The H5N1 virus has spread rapidly from late 2003 from Asia to Europe, the Middle East and

Africa. The virus can occasionally infect people and has killed 138 people over the past three years, according to figures from the World Health Organization.

No other dead birds have been found, and authorities are currently

testing other birds in the zoological garden, most of which were vaccinated, the spokeswoman said.

The Netherlands found a low-pathogenic H7 bird flu strain at a farm earlier this month, prompting five countries

to ban imports of Dutch poultry.

The Dutch suffered a devastating outbreak of an H7N7 avian flu strain in 2003 that led to the culling of about a third of the poultry flock, some 30 million birds.

MNA/Reuters



Death toll rises to 48 in series attacks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 14 Aug—The death toll of four attacks targeting a Shiite neighbourhood in southern Baghdad on late Sunday rose to 48, a police source told Xinhua.

There are 148 others wounded in the attacks, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Earlier reports from Iraqi police said there were three explosions in the area, leaving 20 people

killed and more than 70 wounded.

The carnage began at about 7:00 pm (1500 GMT) when a rocket struck a building in a market in southern Baghdad district of Zaafaraniya. The building was heavily damaged. Several minutes later, a car bomb near the building exploded.

A roadside bomb targeting a police patrol in

the same area went off minutes later, wounding three policemen, the source said.

This was followed by a motorcycle bomb attack, which destroyed a building.

The upsurge of violence in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities is seen as a major setback for the Iraqi Government's efforts to achieve security.—MNA/Xinhua

Festival goes relax inside a 3-D Luminarium inflatable installation by British designer Alain Parkinson during Budapest's one-week, round-the-clock Sziget ('Island') music festival on an island in the Danube River on 13 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

The International AIDS Conference, held in Toronto, Canada, on 14 Aug, 2006 has brought an estimated 24,000 delegates and 3,000 journalists from around the world. INTERNET

Moderate quake jolts northeast

India, no damage

NEW DELHI, 14 Aug—A moderate earthquake shook areas along India's northeastern border with Bangladesh early on Sunday, but there were no reports of damage or casualties, the Indian Meteorological Department said.

Officials said the 5.0 magnitude quake was recorded at 2:16 am (2046 GMT), with the epicentre in Karimganj District — 300 kilometres (185 miles) south of Guwahati, the main city in the northeastern Indian state of Assam.—MNA/Reuters



China to ban foreign cartoons in "golden hours"

BEIJING, 14 Aug — From 1 September, Chinese children will be able to watch domestic cartoon programmes during 5 pm to 8 pm every day, according to a regulation by China's TV watchdog.

The State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT) has decided to ban all foreign cartoons during the "golden hours", reported the Beijing News on Sunday.

No foreign cartoons or programmes of introduction of foreign cartoons can be shown during the period on all domestic cartoon channels and children channels, the regulation says.

Only after 8 pm can foreign cartoons appear on TV, it requires. The regulation has been issued to local TV stations but the administration has not made it public, according to the newspaper.

Cartoon programmes co-produced by domestic and foreign producers will have to get approval from SARFT to show during 5 pm to 8 pm from 1 September.

The first foreign cartoon introduced to China was a Japanese cartoon called "Astro Boy" in 1981. Since then,

a large quantity of foreign cartoons crammed into China.

In 2000, a regulation by the SARFT required local TV stations get approval from the administration and set quotas for imported cartoons to show on TV. By that time, China's cartoon programmes had nearly been monopolized

by Japanese cartoons.

In 2004, the SARFT issued another regulation, requesting for at least 60 per cent of cartoon programmes aired in a quarter to be domestic products.

The regulation resulted in a sharp decrease of foreign cartoons on local TV.

MNA/Xinhua



Contestants from Macao perform during the final of the Chinese classical dance in the 8th Taoli Cup Dance Competition in Beijing, capital of China on 13 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

Electricity resumed in all parts of Tokyo, nearby prefectures

TOKYO, 14 Aug — Electricity was restored in all affected parts of Tokyo and nearby Chiba and Kanagawa prefectures by 9:30 am (2430 GMT) after an extensive power-cut on Monday morning, according to local media.

The blackout, which happened before 8 am (2300 GMT), was caused by power line break in Chiba where a crane on a ship damaged high-voltage electrical power lines that pass over a river between Tokyo's Edogawa Ward and Urayasu, Chiba Prefecture, Tokyo Electric Power Co said.

Around 800,000 households have been left without electricity due to the accident, which has also disrupted rail services and road traffic during rush hour, and trapped some people in elevators in Tokyo's

Shinjuku and Shibuya districts, Tokyo's fire department was quoted as saying.

More than 260 traffic lights in Tokyo have stopped working, some commuter train services operated by East Japan Railway Co and other rail companies have shut down, and Tokyo's subway services were temporarily suspended, according to public broadcaster NHK.

Kyodo News said the Tokyo Fire Department has set up a disaster control centre to deal with the emergency.

MNA/Xinhua



Singer Chantal Kreviazuk performs at the opening ceremony for AIDS 2006, the 16th International AIDS conference in Toronto, on 13 August, 2006.

INTERNET

Stray dogs pose biggest rabies threat to Beijing

BEIJING, 14 Aug — Beijing is cleaning up its dog breeding farms in the wake of several rabies outbreaks in other parts of the country and officials say stray dogs pose the greatest threat of rabies in the capital.

The Beijing Municipal Agriculture Bureau will inspect the city's dog breeders and check the registration of pet dogs, in an effort to remove potential risks of a rabies outbreak.

"Stray animals are

becoming the biggest threat of rabies outbreak because we cannot guarantee that they have been vaccinated," an official with the farming and veterinary department said.

MNA/Xinhua

Orthopedic units badly needed in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 15 Aug — People falling off trees or cliffs, getting crushed by boulders or hit by vehicles happen all over the country.

But the districts lack facilities and the sole hospital for such cases is in Nepali capital Kathmandu, *The Himalayan Times* newspaper reported on Monday.

According to the report, the government has been honking its horn on creating orthopedic units

in zonal and regional hospitals.

There are around only 70 orthopedic surgeons in the country, of which 70 per cent are based in Kathmandu, according to the Health Ministry.

The Nepal Orthopedic Hospital (NOH), the only orthopedic hospital, gets 80 per cent of cases from the districts. Only 20 per cent are from the Kathmandu Valley.

NOH was set up eight years ago with support from world community service projects of the United States, Rotary Club of Patan and Nepal Disabled Association.

The hospital treated 14,000 patients this year aside from 1,400 surgery cases. The hospital has also started knee and hip replacement from this year, charging half of what private hospitals do.

MNA/Xinhua



Indian policemen patrol on the banks of the Tawi River in the northern Indian city of Jammu on 13 August, 2006. Alarmed by blasts in Mumbai, a terrorist plot in Britain and a US warning of a likely al Qaeda attack, India has raised security to its highest level in years for this week's Independence Day anniversary. —INTERNET



Residents of Lebanon, on 14 Aug, 2006, return to their homes after a UN sponsored ceasefire took effect. —INTERNET

Special rice shops opened for convenience of the people

Article & photos by Reporter Than Swe (Pabedan)



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa inspect a tax-free market in Yangon.

With a population of 6.3 million, Yangon Division is a temperate region where monsoon and summer paddy thrives due to favourable amount of annual rainfalls. In 2005-2006, it produced 92.781 million baskets of monsoon and summer paddy. At that time, its rice consumption was 87.843 million baskets, thus resulting in rice surplus of 4.938 million baskets.

Despite rice surplus, Yangon Division has faced instability of rice prices since the first week of June this year. For that reason, personnel concerned have opened special rice shops across Yangon Division.

In that regard, we media team interviewed Chairman of Yangon Division Committee for Stabilizing Commodity Prices Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and YCDC Joint-Secretary U Aung Than Win.

In relation to the purpose of the programme and the number of already opened rice shops and more shops to

price of 400 kyats per pyi. The number of special rice shops will be increased to as many as 100 soon, he said.



Chairman of the Yangon Division Committee for Stabilizing Commodity Prices Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin in his inspection tour of special rice shops.

be opened soon, U Aung Than Win said that Yangon Division so far has seen 11 tax-free markets, each of which is running two rice shops where two varieties of rice are available at the prices of 230 kyats and 350 kyats per pyi or a small basket. In addition, 50 special rice shops have been opened in the division and that are distributing Emahta strain rice (25% broken rice) at the

Now, four special rice shops have been opened in Hlinethaya Township, three in Shwepyitha Township, two in Hline Township, four in North Okkalapa Township, three in Thingangyun Township, three in South Okkalapa Township, three in Thakayta Township, one in Dawbon Township, three in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, three in Dagon Myothit

(North) Township, two in Dalla Township, two in Seikkyi Khanaungto Township, two in Kyimyindine (other bank), two in Kyauktada Township, two in Insein Township, three in Mingaladon Township, one in Dagon Myothit (East) Township, one in Yankin Township, two in Mayangon Township, two in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, one in Dagon Seikkan Township, and one in Tamway Township.

The special rice shops are being run with three purposes—to ensure constant stability of the rice market in Yangon

ing Commodity Prices and the Myanmar Rice Merchants Association.

The shops are selling Emahta strains of rice at the same price.

Asked about the distribution of rice to the people, U Aung Than Win said that a customer can get at least one condensed milk tin of rice to at most six small baskets of rice. In connection with the demand, he said that the 50 rice shops are constantly fulfilling the demand, any person can buy rice in the range of one condensed milk tin to six small baskets, and people can get the amount they want at any time, and so the people buy the amount of rice they need.

In response to the question about time frame of the sale, U Aung Than Win said that for the time being the Yangon Committee for Stabilizing Commodity Prices and the Myanmar Rice Merchants Association are taking measures in concert for the convenience of the people;

that now is in the course of growing monsoon paddy, and currently people are consuming rice harvested last summer paddy season; and that now the rice of last summer paddy season is being traded to meet the demand before the harvest of monsoon paddy.

The cultivated monsoon paddy will be harvested in the middle of September and the people have to rely on rice harvested last summer for about one and a half months to two months. He added that when monsoon paddy is in season, people can get rice at more reasonable prices; that the government has been taking necessary steps unremittingly for the public welfare and smooth flowing of the rice market; and that the Yangon Division Committee for Stabilizing Commodity Prices will continue to make sustained efforts to ensure stability of rice prices in the region.

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Yangon City Development Committee Joint-Secretary U Aung Than Win explains facts about the special rice shops.

Division, to stabilize rice prices both in Yangon and in the region by opening rice shops extensively in the region. To achieve the targets, the Myanmar Rice Millers Association, the Myanmar Industrialists Association, companies, brokerages and wholesale rice shops are opening the special rice shops under the supervision of the Yangon Division Committee for Stabiliz-

Bago Division electrical engineer's office, Indagaw industrial zone, Hlegu electrical engineer's office inspected

YANGON, 15 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint together with Col Khin Maung Soe of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board and responsible personnel went on an inspection tour of Bago Division Electrical Engineer Office on 12 August and met with engineers and staff from Bago Division (East).

Upon arrival at Bago Township Electrical Engineer's Office, township electrical engineer U Khin Maung Htay reported to the minister on power distribution, strength of staff and collecting of electricity bills.

In connection with the reports, the minister attended to the

needs.

Next, the minister and party arrived at aluminum wire factory of Myanmar Machine Tool and Electrical Industries under the Ministry of Industry-2 in Indagaw Industrial Zone.

Afterwards, the minister went to Hlegu Township Electrical Engineer's Office and township electrical engineer U Khin Maung Lwin reported to the minister on power distribution, strength of staff and collecting of electricity bills.

In meeting with the staff, the minister said that a total of 100 bicycles had been provided for the townships under the control of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board. — *MNA*



Minister for Electric Power-2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects aluminium wires produced by a factory in Indagaw Industrial Zone.

ELECTRIC POWER-2

Seminar on development of rural women opens

YANGON, 15 Aug — A technological seminar on development of rural women, organized by Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and CIRDAP was opened at the central training school of agricultural research and training education in Hlegu Township yesterday morning.

Chairman Dr Myint Thein of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forest, Livestock Breeding and Marine extended greetings and Myanmar Agricultural Service General Manager (Project) U Than Aye and the director-general of CIRDAP delivered speeches. CIRDAP Director (Research) Dr Montaz Uddin Ahmed explained the purpose of holding the seminar.

CIRDAP started its projects in Myanmar in 2004. The seminar continues tomorrow. — *MNA*

Sales of confiscated goods fetch K 549.4m

YANGON, 15 Aug — Under the programme of the committee for swift port freight handling and operating at full capacity, the goods that were imported by sea freight but are not in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Myanmar Port Authority and the items confiscated by the Customs Department were auctioned at Sule Wharf No 4 today. The sales realized K 549.4 million in total. — *MNA*

Commander of Western Command, Minister for Transport inspect extension of runway at Sittway Airport



Transport Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivers address at a ceremony to present USDA membership applications by Sittway University, Technological College and University for Computer Science. — *TRANSPORT*

YANGON, 15 Aug — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Maung Shein and

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspected extension of runway at Sittway Airport on 13 August.

Director-General of Department of Civil Aviation U Tun Hlaing reported on the project.

The commander and CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe attended a desk donation ceremony for primary schools in Sittway at U Ottama hall in Sittway. CEC member Maj-Gen Thein Swe presented furniture worth K 31.93 million for basic

education primary schools, 100 dozens of exercise books, ten sewing machines, the commander 100 dozens of pencils, Project Director U Maung Kyay of Asia World Co K 3 million for six social associations and U Kyauk Taung Export Services K 1 million for the USDA to officials concerned.

The CEC member and the commander met secretaries and executives of state, district and township USDAs and departmental officials. They inspected Sittway shipyard.

Yesterday, they

accepted USDA membership applications from Sittway Technological College and Computer College at Sittway University.

The USDA CEC member presented computers to the university and colleges and accepted USDA membership applications from nursing and mid-wifery training school.

The minister presented K 2 million and Asia World Co and U Kyauk Taung Export Services K 500,000 each for the fund of the training school.

MNA

Names of differently-termed herbal plants to be corrected

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug — The Traditional Medicine Department under the Ministry of Health yesterday organized a workshop at the ministry here for ensuring correctness of names of Myanmar traditional medical equipment and herbal plants.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint in his speech said that today, the Myanmar traditional medical sector is making progress thanks to the encouragement of the Head of State, directives of the ministry and supervision

of the Traditional Medicine Department. It will be harmful to the health of people if traditional medical equipment and herbal plants are termed wrongly in compounding medicines. So, the workshop is held for the development of Myanmar traditional medical science, he added.

Those present held discussions and coordinated matters to confirm the correct terms of the traditional medicinal plants that are termed variously. — *MNA*



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint speaks at workshop on correct naming Myanmar traditional herbal plants. — *HEALTH*

MWAF holds educative talks on health

YANGON, 15 Aug — Social and cultural working group, sub-working group for health and sub-working group for education under Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized educative talks on health at N0-3 Basic Education High School in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this morning.

It was attended by Secretariat Member of MWAF Dr Thet Thet Zin, Dr Khin Mar Aye of MWAF, Yangon Division WAO Chairperson Daw Khin Myo Thu, members of district and township WAOs, headmistress, teachers and students.

First, Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin of MWAF made an address and Dr Daw Khin Thet Myaing of MWAF gave talks on health care.

Headmistress Daw Win Win Khaing presented membership applications of the social organization to Chairperson of the township's WAO Daw Nan Htwe Khaing.

Afterwards, they visited the booth of school health activities. — MNA



Dr Thet Thet Zin of MWAF gives educative talks on health at Mingala Taungnyunt Township's No 3 Basic Education High School. — MNA

262 drug cases exposed in July, 424 drug dealers booked

YANGON, 15 Aug — Tatmadaw members, Myanmar Police Force and Customs Department managed to expose 262 drug cases in July.

The drug seizures were 23.5891 kilo of opium in 45 cases, 0.3394 kilo of heroin in 111 cases, 0.5096 kilo of opium oil in 7 cases, 1.7947 kilo of low opium in 11 cases, 0.7649 kilo of marijuana in 8 cases, 40166 stimulant tablets in 56 cases, 0.0011 kilo of stimulant powder, 6.23 kilo of speciosa in 8 cases, 5000 diazepam tablets, 3 cases of failure in registration and other 12 related cases.

A total of 424 drug dealers— 363 men and 61 women— were booked by authorities concerned.

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Winthuzar Shop opened in Insein



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win unveils signboard of Winthuzar Shop of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries. — MNA

YANGON, 15 Aug — With the supervision of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1, a ceremony to open Winthuzar Shop was held in front of the shop in Insein Township this

morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yagon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win attended the ceremony.

First, manager of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries U Zaw Hein explained the purpose of the opening the shop.

Next, Chairman of Yangon North District PDC Lt-Col Myat Min and Adviser to the Ministry of Industry-1 U Myint Oo formally opened the shop.

Afterward, Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win formally unveiled the shop. The commander viewed household medicines and goods, foodstuff, stationery, ceramic and clothing on sale at the shop.

The Ministry of Industry-1 is producing 818 varieties of goods which are gaining popularity among the consumers. — MNA

Cadets of DSMA visit MMCWA



Central Executive Committee Member of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt extends greetings to cadets of Defence Services Medical Academy. — MMCWA

YANGON, 15 Aug — Final year cadets of Defence Services Medical Academy visited multipurpose building of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association this morning.

Executive of MMCWA Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt extended greetings. Joint secretary-1 Daw Thazin Nwe briefed on education, economic and social welfare activities of the association and replied to queries of the cadets. During the visit to MMCWA, the 85-member group also viewed research papers of state/division maternal and child welfare supervisory committees submitted at MMCWA's Annual General Meeting 2006, and visited the clinic and pre-primary school of the Early Childhood Development Centre of MMCWA. — MNA

Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium to be held in Oct

YANGON, 15 Aug — Ministry of Mines and Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee is making preparations for holding 2006 Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium in October. Myanmar national gems entrepreneurs will make profits as local and foreign merchants will purchase gems and jewellery with reserve prices at the emporium through competitive bidding system. Besides, as the demand is on the increase, it is necessary to sell quality gems and jewellery with reasonable reserve prices. MG E C C will make all necessary arrangements like the previous emporiums.

National gem entrepreneurs are to contact the MG E C C for scrutinizing their gems and jewellery and fixing reserve prices from 16 August to 30 September.

MNA

Indonesian President calls for lasting peace in Aceh

JAKARTA, 15 Aug — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono here on Monday called for a lasting peace in the country's Aceh Province on the basis of a peace accord signed one year ago.

In his keynote speech at an international seminar to mark the anniversary of the signing of a peace agreement between the Indonesian Government and the Free Aceh Movement (GAM), the President said that a lot of challenges must be faced to maintain sustainable peace in Aceh Province. The challenge now was to create a sustainable peace in the province in the northwest tip of the Indonesia's Sumatra Island, he said.

He added that the permanent peace would be

built on human security, political reconciliation, economic reconstruction and social unity. The one-day seminar was attended by a number of former leaders of the separatist GAM including former GAM-style prime minister Malik Mahmud, GAM's foreign minister Zaini Abdullah, GAM's spokesman Bachtiar Abdullah former Finland president and peace broker Marty Ahtisari, head of foreign monitor of peace in Aceh Peter Feith and some Indonesian ministers.

Meanwhile, some world

leaders including UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Australian Prime Minister John Howard, Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Finland President Tarja Halonen, Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi and South African's Nelson Mandela sent their congratulations on the first anniversary of the signing of the peace agreement on Aceh.—MNA/Xinhua



An Israeli police officer gestures in front of burning vehicles at the scene of a rocket attack in the northern Israeli city of Haifa on 13 August, 2006. Hizbollah rockets hit the centre of the Israeli port city of Haifa on Sunday, but caused no casualties, the Magen David Adom ambulance service said. —INTERNET

Colombian guerillas destroy 85 tanker trucks

BOGOTA, 15 Aug — Colombian guerillas on Monday destroyed 85 tanker trucks with six bombs in Maicao, a town in the northwest Colombian department of La Guajira on the Venezuelan border, authorities told local media. Gasoline carried by the trucks belonged to a Venezuelan cooperative, which was going to be distributed in the La Guajira region.

Colonel Alejandro Callejas, the head of police in the region, said the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) were responsible for the assault, because they had made public threats against the Venezuelan company, saying it had links to paramilitaries. "FARC front 59 has a presence here and they triggered this attack," Callejas told media.

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WBC heavyweight champion Hasim Rahman (L) of the United States takes a punch from Oleg Maskaev of Kazakhstan during their title fight at the Thomas & Mack Centre in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 12 August, 2006. —INTERNET

Wildfire burns 1,500 acres near Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 15 Aug — Hundreds of firefighters were battling a wildfire Sunday night, which had burned 1,500 acres (600 hectares), forcing the closure of highways and knocking out power supply to thousands of homes in a remote Los Angeles area.

The brush fire downed utility poles and there was no timetable for restoring power, said a spokesman from Southern California Edison, the area's power supplier.

The damage could not be immediately assessed because of the ongoing blaze, the spokesman added.

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Study says women to dominate millionaires club

LONDON, 15 Aug — Women millionaires will outnumber their male counterparts within 15 years as the total number of mega-rich quadruples, according to research on Monday.

Bigger divorce settlements, rising house prices and shrewd investments will fuel the women's rise, said the Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR), a London-based consultancy.

Their longer life expectancy will also help them eclipse men in the wealth stakes.

"We estimate that by 2020, 53 per cent of millionaires are likely to

be female," said CEBR economist Jaspreet Sehmi.

Women make up about 46 per cent of Britain's estimated 376,000 millionaires. The total will reach 1.7 million in 2020, more than four times the

current level. "Behind our predictions for a rapid increase in millionaires over the next 15 years is robust growth in housing wealth," Sehmi said. "In addition we estimate that wealth from shares and other investments will

continue to grow."

Women will benefit more from rising stock markets because they tend to invest more than men in shares, the CEBR said.

The average age for all British millionaires is 56.

MNA/Reuters

London prison staff suspended in corruption probe

LONDON, 15 Aug — Fourteen prison officers at a London jail have been suspended in a corruption investigation, a Prison Service spokesman said on Monday.

The officers at Pentonville Prison in north London face allegations of "inappro-

priate relations" with inmates and trafficking drugs and mobile phones. They could face

criminal charges if an internal inquiry uncovers evidence of corruption.

"I will not tolerate staff corruption of any sort," said Prison Service Director General Phil Wheatley. "Allegations of corruption will be investigated thoroughly."

The maximum number of prisoners at the jail will be cut while the staff are suspended.

Senior governors from other prisons have been brought in to investigate the allegations.

MNA/Reuters

Bus crash kills 23 after church event in Guatemala

PALIN (Guatemala), 15 Aug — A bus crashed off a road in Guatemala late on Sunday, killing 10 children and 13 adults on their way home from a church meeting, emergency workers said.

Seventy-two passengers were returning from an Evangelical church event on the outskirts of Guatemala City to their homes in the Pacific coast city of Puerto San Jose.

Rescue officials said on Monday the brakes failed on the bus, about 32 miles (50 kilometres) south of the capital and the bus flew off the road, crashing into trees more than 16 feet (5 metres) into a deep ravine.

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Brazilian gang frees television journalist

SAO PAULO (Brazil), 15 Aug — A Brazilian television journalist has been released after being held by a criminal gang for two days, police and the TV network said on Monday.

Guilherme Portanova, a reporter for Brazil's big, influential network TV Globo, was freed by his kidnappers shortly after

midnight on the streets of the upscale Morumbi District of Sao Paulo, Globo said.

Portanova then hitched a ride to the broadcaster's Sao Paulo headquarters.

"I am healthy. No one hurt me, I was fed all this time," Portanova said in comments broadcast during Globo's morning news show.

Portanova, who frequently covers crime, and his assistant Alexandre Coelho Calado were abducted by three armed men early on Saturday at a bakery near Globo's offices.

Calado was released hours later in front of Globo with a recording that his kidnappers demanded be aired by the

network.

The tape, which was aired overnight on Saturday, featured a member of a prison gang called First Command of the Capital, or PCC from its Portuguese initials, who criticized conditions in Brazil's prisons and demanded that inmates be treated humanely.

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Flash floods hit Thailand's Chiang Mai

BANGKOK, 13 Aug— Dozens of residents in Thai northern province of Chiang Mai had to scramble out of their windows to escape raging flash floods Monday that ravaged their hometown for the second time this month.

"With the water rushing in so furiously, it's impossible to open the door to get out because the torrent was pushing in," one flood victim told a local reporter of *The Nation* newspaper.

About 30 houses along the Mae Hia waterway were submerged under as much as 1.2 metres of floodwater for more than four hours since early Monday morning.

Backhoes were immediately brought in to enlarge the waterway, allowing the water to flow more easily. The situation had returned to normal in the afternoon, but significant property damage was reported.

"The floods damaged hundreds of electrical appliances. A lot of vehicles also broke down after being submerged for too long," said Tanawat Yodjai, the chairman of

the Mae Hia Village Administrative Organization.

He said runoff water from Doi Suthep Hill and Doi Kham Hill had caused the flash floods. With the vast boundaries of the Chiang Mai Night Safari and the International Horticultural Exhibition sealed against floods, running rainwater caused by a heavy downpour could only go down the Mae Hia waterway.

"The waterway is also shallower because of encroachment," Tanawat said.

He said his organization had received 10 mil-

lion baht (about 250,000 US dollars) from the government to dredge the Mae Hia waterway and build embankments. He said the funds would be spent only on critical areas because it would take up to 54 million baht (about 1.35 million US dollars) to construct an embankment along one six-kilometres stretch of the waterway.

In the northern province of Lampang, more than 150 houses in Hang Chat District were flooded. Some bridges were also damaged.

MNA/Xinhua

48 students from ASEAN countries awarded S'pore Scholarship

SINGAPORE, 15 Aug— Forty-eight students from members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) excluding Singapore were awarded the Singapore Scholarship on Monday.

According to a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), these students will take undergraduate courses at the National University of Singapore, Nanyang

Technological University and Singapore Management University.

Launched in 1998, the Singapore Scholarship Programme (SSP) is part of the Singapore Cooperation Programme administered by the MFA. A total of 400 students have been awarded scholarships under the SSP so far.

"These scholarships are an affirmation of the importance that Singapore attaches to human

resource development and people-to-people contacts within ASEAN," Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Zainul Abidin Rasheed said at the award ceremony on the day.

"Through living together and learning from one another in a multicultural environment, we can foster our identity as members of an ASEAN community," he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Alaska Airlines jet evacuated after suspicious item found

LOS ANGELES, 15 Aug— An Alaska Airlines flight carrying 125 people was evacuated on landing at Los Angeles International Airport on Monday after reporting a suspicious package on board, authorities said. Police using bomb-sniffing dogs quickly determined that the item was not explosive, L A X spokesman Harold Johnson said, but were still investigating.

Johnson said crew members on Flight 281, which was inbound to Los Angeles from Guadalajara, notified airport police that an item on

board did not belong to any of the passengers.

The plane landed normally at 8:57 am but taxied to a remote area of the

tarmac. Passengers were evacuated and taken to a terminal on buses as police examined the item.

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Israel's Alex Averbukh competes in the pole vault final at the European athletics championships in Gothenburg on 13 August, 2006. INTERNET

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British employers worried as pupils reject science

London, 14-Aug — physics at A-Level has fallen 56 per cent over 20 years, while the number studying chemistry has dropped 37 per cent.

The proportion of students leaving university with degrees in physics, engineering or technology has fallen by a third over the last decade with only 32,000 undergraduates qualifying in these subjects last year.

But the CBI said at the same time demand for chemists, physicists, engineers and laboratory technicians has been rising.

By 2014 it estimated Britain will need 2.14 million new people with these skills to meet the demand.

In contrast, China, India, Brazil and Eastern Europe are producing hundreds of scientists and engineers to drive their economic development.

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Tender documents for Waste Water Treatment

1. Tender invitation

1.1 Myanmar Winery and Distillery Company, a division of International beverage and trading company Ltd, intends to implement a secondary waste water treatment. This plant takes the waste water from the "Primary Treatment—Biogas (Completed Mix Biogas Waste Water treatment System)". The plant shall be established at Hlegu.

1.2 The following are the specification guide line for the respective plants' technical data.

1. Waste water treatment

* Raw Waste Water from Distillation Column (Spent Wash) (Raw material Grain, Rice, Corn).
The waste water after the Decanter to Biogas are:

Waste water qty	270-300 m ³ /day
pH (S U)	5.0 - 7.0
BOD (mg/l)	15,000-20,000ppm
COD (mg/l)	35,000ppm
TSS (mg/l)	< 1500ppm

After Treatment, these system effluents to Secondary Treatment are:

BOD reduction	Removal 85 ± 5%
COD reduction	Removal 65 ± 5%
Temperature	35 - 40C
TSS'	< 2500

* We need the secondary treatment to treat this Biogas effluent to:
* BOD less than 50ppm
* COD less than 150ppm

For above said requirement in accordance with Myanmar Regulation to discharge to Public Drainage. The primary may have the BOD load fluctuation to 30,000ppm. The secondary treatment need to take this fluctuation.

We also need this secondary Plant to be expanded for our future plant expansion (Estimate Load will be 50% - 70% of the current waste).

The plant has 4 acres of Land for this secondary treatment and can acquire more land if the system proceeded.

Bidders must submit the followings:

- * Method of Treatment
- * Treated Effluent details
- * Price
- * Warrantee & Guarantee
- * Delivery Period

Any queries Feel free to call U Kyaw Seyn Hlaing Project Director at 662512/651741 ext: 56, 707561. No. 18, Pyay Road, 7 mile, Mayangone Township. Your service contribution with excellent competency and competitive price will be appreciated.

Tender will be closed at 12:00 hrs on 31st August, 2006.

Tough immigration law takes effect in Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, 14 Aug— A new Costa Rican law aimed at deporting thousands of illegal immigrants, mainly Nicaraguans, took effect on Saturday, but the new government is trying to kill it.

President Oscar Arias, who took power in May after the law was passed, has said it is draconian and wants to find another solution to the Central American nation's immigration problem. The controversial law empowers police to track down illegal immigrants in the workplace or in private homes, and increases fines for companies that hire them. It has caused friction with Nicaragua, which complains its citizens are often victims of discrimination in Costa Rica.

Arias' government sent a bill to Congress to delay the law until changes could be made. It failed to push it through in time, but hopes lawmakers will soon overturn the law. "The expectation is that next week the Legislative Assembly will take action," Public Security Minister Fernando Berrocal said. "Until then, we don't have the funds to enforce it." — MNA/Reuters

Three quarters of China's computers attacked by virus

BELJING, 15 Aug— Almost three quarters of China's computers were attacked by viruses from May 2005 to May 2006, down six per cent year-on-year, according to a survey by the Ministry of Public Security.

The annual survey, based on 13,824 questionnaires collected nationwide concerning Internet security problems, showed the vulnerability was mainly due to a lack of maintenance and repair of software. Internet surfing and downloading to USB flash disks and portable hard disks were major channels for spreading viruses, the survey showed.

More viruses were homegrown, and many intended to profit from illegal activities, the

ministry said. Fifty-four per cent of the companies sampled had suffered Internet security problems. Of those companies, 84 per cent had computer virus problems, 36 per cent suffered from port scanning or Internet attacks, and 35 per cent received junk mail.

MNA/Xinhua

Largest "AIDS" conference kicks off in Toronto

TORONTO, 15 Aug— Thousands of researchers, politicians and activists called for a long-term sustained response rather

than a crisis management approach to end AIDS as the 16th international conference on the pandemic kicked off on Sunday.

"Your efforts will ensure that one day soon, we will put an end to one of the most insidious epidemics of our time," Canadian Governor-General Michaëlle Jean told the crew when she officially opened the week-long conference at

the Rogers Centre in downtown Toronto on Sunday evening local time.

The opening session concluded with a keynote address by Bill and Melinda Gates in which they called for an increased focus on women, for accelerated research on microbicides and for the global scale-up of HIV prevention and treatment.

MNA/Xinhua

NASA cannot find original tape of moon landing

WASHINGTON, 15 Aug— The US Government has misplaced the original recording of the first moon landing, including astronaut Neil Armstrong's famous "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind", a NASA spokesman said on Monday.

Armstrong's famous space walk, seen by millions of viewers on 20 July, 1969, is among transmissions that NASA has failed to turn up in a year of searching, spokesman Grey Hautaloma said. "We haven't seen them for quite a while. We've been looking for over a year and they haven't turned up," Hautaloma said.

The tapes also contain data about the

health of the astronauts and the condition of the spacecraft.

In all, some 700 boxes of transmissions from the *Apollo* lunar missions are missing, he said.

"I wouldn't say we're worried — we've got all the data."

Everything on the tapes we have in one form or another," Hautaloma said.

MNA/Reuters

Men sickened in British drug trial had "storms"

BOSTON, 15 Aug— Six British men who became seriously ill while testing an experimental drug had an immune system overreaction known as a cytokine storm, the doctors who cared for them reported on Monday.

All six men have recovered and the incident appears to have been an unforeseeable consequence of taking the drug, designed to treat chronic inflam-

matory conditions and leukemia, Dr Ganesh Suntharalingam and colleagues at Northwick Park Hospital in northwest London said. Their case can help doctors understand what happens when the immune system overreacts in such a way — which may well occur again in future clinical trials, the doctors wrote in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

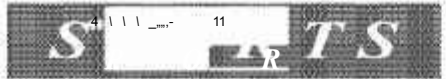
The men became ill shortly after they were given infusions in a phase 1 safety trial of TGN1412, made by German biotechnology firm TeGenero AG. The drug is a monoclonal antibody, a targeted immune system protein engineered to affect immune system cells known as CD28 cells.

MNA/Reuters



An agricultural labourer cools himself under a water pipe in a farm on the outskirts of the northern Indian city Chandigarh on 12 August, 2006.

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German World Cup players receive top sporting honour

BERLIN, 15 Aug—Players from Germany's World Cup squad were presented with the country's highest sporting honour at a ceremony with German President Horst Koehler on Monday.

Germany finished third at the World Cup earlier this year, enthralled the host nation with a series of good displays before going out to eventual champions Italy at the semifinal stage. "You developed a style, on and off the field, that enthused us all and had been missing for a long time," said Koehler.

Juergen Klinsmann, who stepped down as coach after the tournament, was not present to receive the Silver Laurel award from the country's president. Captain Michael Ballack was also missing due to injury.

MNA/Reuters



Roger Federer of Switzerland returns a forehand to Richard Gasquet of France during their final match at the Toronto Masters tennis tournament in Toronto, on 13 August, 2006.
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Irish coach Staunton threatened at gunpoint

DUBLIN, 15 Aug—Ireland soccer coach Steve Staunton was threatened at gunpoint outside his team's hotel on Monday, police and football authorities said.

Staunton was unhurt in the incident at the hotel in Portmarnock, a seaside town north of Dublin. A man in his early 30s was arrested.

Police said Staunton was approached by a lone male outside the hotel and

threatened with a firearm.

"The man was pursued and was arrested by a gardai (police officer)," a police spokeswoman said. He was being held in a nearby police station.

Details on the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) website said Staunton had been on the telephone when he was confronted by the man.

MNA/Reuters

Police find suspect bag after European athletics C'ships

STOCKHOLM, 15 Aug—Swedish police in Gothenburg said on Monday they had found a bag near the venue of the European athletics championships that ended on Sunday containing what appeared to be materials used for doping purposes.

"Before noon, a bag containing what we believe is doping equipment, syringes and catheters was found," they said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters



Australia's Richard Green misses his putt on the 12th hole of the KLM Open at the Kennemer Golf & Country Club in Zandvoort, the Netherlands, on 13 August, 2006. —INTERNET

Two more coaches toppled in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 Aug—Brazil's coaching merry-go-round claimed two more victims on Monday when Cruzeiro fired Paulo Cesar Gusmao and Antonio Lopes resigned at Goias.

The duo followed Geninho, who at the weekend became the third coach this year to leave champions Corinthians.

There have been 29 coaching changes in the First Division since the season began in January.

Gusmao had been at Cruzeiro for more than a year, an eternity in the volatile world of Brazilian coaching. He was dismissed after going five matches without a win. The final straw was Sunday's 3-2 home defeat by Fluminense, who sacked coach Oswaldo Oliveira a week ago.

"There's an old saying in football which always prevails, the coach lives by results," Cruzeiro president Alvimar de Oliveira Costa told the club's official

website.

"PC's done a great job, showing confidence in our young players." Goias told their website that former police detective Lopes handed in his resignation after Sunday's 2-1 defeat at Sao Paulo.

Sao Paulo fielded a reserve team as they rested players ahead of Wednesday's Libertadores Cup final second leg at Internacional.

It was Goias's seventh game without a win.

"The group is good, the directors are correct, but the atmosphere's not right after such a poor campaign," said Lopes, who took over in May when Geninho left for Corinthians. Lopes began the year at Corinthians before resigning in March. — MNA/Reuters



Deportivo Coruna's players hold the winner's trophy after their victory against AC Milan during their Teresa Herrera cup soccer match at Coruna's Riazor stadium on 13 August, 2006. —INTERNET

Aston Villa agrees \$119m takeover by Lerner

LONDON, 15 Aug—English Premier League soccer club Aston Villa said on Monday it had agreed a 62.6-million-pound (119-million-US-dollar) cash takeover by a group led by US billionaire Randy Lerner.

Lerner's Reform Acquisitions Ltd said it would gain control of the club after securing a 57-per-cent stake in it, and its 547 pence per share cash offer was recommended by the board of the Birmingham side.

"The board of Aston Villa believes that RAL's offer not only fairly values Aston Villa, but that RAL will also provide the potential for the club's future on-field success," Villa said in a statement.

The deal will see long-standing Villa Chairman Doug Ellis leave the club, with the 82-year-old agreeing to sell the American his 36-per-cent stake in the side.

The other key man in the deal is former owner of recently promoted Premier League team Watford, Jack Petchey, who has also agreed to sell Lerner his 21 per cent holding in the club through his Trefick Limited investment vehicle.

By 1053 GMT, Aston Villa shares were up 8 per cent at 537 1/2 pence.

With a personal fortune of around 1.4 billion pounds Lerner is some way behind fellow American Malcolm Glazer, who paid around

800 million pounds for Manchester United last year.

Chelsea's Russian billionaire owner, Roman Abramovich, has spent more than 300 million pounds on players alone to transform the west London club into back-to-back Premier League champions.

"There are elements of deja vu in this announcement, with a billionaire US tycoon with a keen interest in sport acquiring a British Premiership club," said Hargreaves Lansdown analyst Richard Hunter.

"At 57 per cent acceptances and with an offer which, at 10 per cent higher than Friday's closing price, is likely to be a knock-out bid, it seems that the deal is likely to go through unopposed," he added.

The 44-year-old Lerner, former chairman of credit card issuer MBNA and owner of the Cleveland Browns American football team, said he planned to get the team back on track. — MNA/Reuters



Russia's Elena Dementieva holds up the trophy after defeating Serbia's Jelena Jankovic in the final of the JPMorgan Chase Open women's tennis tournament in Carson, California on 13 August, 2006. —INTERNET

Beckham's omission came as a surprise to Hargreaves

MANCHESTER (England), 15 Aug—Owen Hargreaves said he was surprised when new England manager Steve McClaren decided to drop fellow midfielder David Beckham from the squad for Wednesday's friendly against Greece.

"It is strange for me because ever since I've been involved since 2001, Becks has been here, he's been the captain and he's obviously been the focal point of the team," Hargreaves told a news conference at a training session on Monday. "I was surprised. I'm not the manager and I don't pick the team (but) I had a great time playing with Becks."

Hargreaves, 25, could benefit from Beckham's omission after performing well in the World Cup, winning over the England fans with his all-action performance in the quarterfinal defeat by Portugal.

The Bayern Munich player was guarded about media reports linking him with a move to Manchester United. "In football, anything is possible," said Hargreaves. "You have seen that in the past and the transfer deadline is not until August 31." —MNA/Reuters



China's Zheng Jie (L) holds her trophy after receiving it from tennis player Bjorn Borg for her victory in the Stockholm Open tennis final in Stockholm, on 13 August, 2006. Zheng defeated Myskina 6-4, 6-1 in the match that started outdoors and finished indoors. —INTERNET

YANGON, 15 Aug—A ceremony to mark the 65th birthday of Joint Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Vice-Chairman of Pariyatti Universities Administrative Board Chairman of Leti Kammathana Cariya Committee Mula Abhidhammika Presiding Sayadaw of Kalewa Tawya Kyaungtaik Aggamaha Pandita Dwpitakadhara Dwpitakakovida Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa was held at the Kyaungtaik on Naga Hlaingng Pagoda Hill in Mayangon Township here this morning.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa on his birthday donated books on Leti Vipassana worth K 10 million, Waso robes worth K 7 million to over 1,500 members of the Sangha, robes worth K 1 million to over 200 nuns, offertories worth K 5 million and day meals to members of the Sangha, and K 100,000 each to the Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw and Tipitakadhara Mahagandhayon Sayadaw.

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According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1076) cm. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

Radio Myanmar

Wednesday, 16 August

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- Mysterious girl
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9:10 am Music:
- Because you loved me
1:30 pm News / Slogan
1:40 pm Lunchtime music
- More than a feeling
- Salt on sailor
- If I let you go
9:00 pm Variations on a tune
- Always on my mind
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9:30 pm Music at your request
- So real
- What it's like to be me
9:45 pm News & Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

Commander, minister inspect construction work in Yadanabon Myothit

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected construction work in Yadanabon Myothit, PyinOoLwin Township on 12 August morning.

At the briefing hall, the director-general of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development reported on allocation of land and buildings and officials of Forest Department and Irrigation Department on growing of trees and water supply to the commander and the minister who attended to the needs.

Next, U Aung Zaw Myint and U Thein Htut of Myanmar Computer Federation reported on participation of the federation in the project and construction entrepreneurs on earth work and construction of roads and buildings.

On 14 August morning, the minister inspected the digital auto-exchange and the post office in Pyawbwe and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the minister looked into the arrangements being made for opening of the digital auto-exchange in Yamethin and fulfilled the requirements.

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Objectives of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- To vitalize patriotism and nationalism
- To preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage
- To perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts
- To preserve Myanmar national character
- To nurture spiritual development of the youths
- To prevent influence of alien culture, and
- To strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.

Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw hear report on establishment of Yadanabon new town in PyinOoLwin Township presented by Director-General of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development. — CPT



Minister meets members of WVO in Kalay, Tamu Districts

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug — Member of Central Organizing Committee of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint held a meeting with members of supervisory committee for war veterans in Kalay and Tamu Districts and members of organizing committee for war veterans at the Office of Kalay Township Peace and Development Council on 11 August.

During the meeting, the minister briefed on objectives and functions of MWVO, future tasks laid down by MWVO's Conference, measures to be taken for organizing members to be increased and laying emphasis on welfare of the members.

Next, the minister presented cash assistance

K 400,000 and longyis to WVO members and attended to their needs. Upon arrival at Supervisory Committee Office for Kalay Industrial Zone on 13 August, the minister met with supervisory committee members and industrialists. Chairman of Industrial Zone U Khin Maung Aye presented 563 membership applications to Secretary of Sagaing Division USDA U Soe.

Afterwards, the minister inspected auto, auto parts and construction tasks of paddy-husk fired power station and gave necessary instructions. Upon arrival at Aye Yeik Mon Orphanage for Young Women, the minister cordially greeted teachers and orphan young women and provided K 100,000 for the orphanage.

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Member of Central Organizing Committee of MWVO Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint inspects machinery parts produced at Kalay Industrial Zone in Sagaing Division.

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NLD constantly committing acts endangering nation, people

Nine quit NLD as they have no more trust in party leaders

YANGON, 15 Aug — Members of Ayadaw Township National League for Democracy in Sagaing Division, U Tin Maung, U Shwe Htay, U Kan Tun, U Khin Maung Oo, U Win, Daw Gwet Htay and Daw San Win of Thalepa village resigned from the party on 24 July, and U Thein Aye and U Myo Win of Zayit village the following day.

They sent their signed letters of resignation to NLD headquarters and the respective local authorities.

In the signed resignation letters they submitted to Ayadaw Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commission, they said that the NLD has been constantly committing acts endangering the nation and the people, while ignoring the interest of the nation and the people. As they have no more confidence in the NLD leaders, they quit the party.

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When monsoon paddy is in season, people can get rice at more reasonable prices; that the government has been taking necessary steps unremittingly for the public welfare and smooth flowing of the rice market; and that the Yangon Division Committee for Stabilizing Commodity Prices will continue to make sustained efforts to ensure stability of rice prices in the region.

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