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**Union of Myanmar
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Appointment of Prime Minister

In order to effectively carry out the functions and duties of the government in the interest of the State and the entire people, the State Peace and Development Council has appointed and assigned duties to General Khin Nyunt as Prime Minister with effect from today.

Sd/ Than Shwe

Senior General

Chairman

State Peace and Development Council

**Industry-1
Minister
receives guests**

YANGON, 25 Aug — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received Chairman of China Metallurgical Construction (Group) Corporation, MCC International Mr Yang Chaing Heng and party at his office at 12 noon today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Kyaw Win and officials concerned.— *MNA*

**Rainy season
tree planting
carried out
in Tachilek**

YANGON, 25 Aug — With the aim of keeping the township green and beautiful, the rainy season tree planting was carried out in Tachilek on 9 August.

Officials, members of War Veterans Organization, members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association and service personnel collectively planted 520 *Bellaric myrobalan* on either side of the Ponlo road in Hsanhsine Ward in Tachilek.

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Assignment of duty as Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed and assigned duties to Lt-Gen Soe Win, member of the State Peace and Development Council as Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council with effect from today.

Sd/ Than Shwe

Senior General

Chairman

State Peace and Development Council

**Union of Myanmar
State Peace and Development Council
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Assignment of duty as Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed and assigned duties to Lt-Gen Thein Sein, member of the State Peace and Development Council as Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council with effect from today.

Sd/ Than Shwe

Senior General

Chairman

State Peace and Development Council

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

**Sports gear and cash assistance
provided to footballers and
coaches in Shan State (South)**

YANGON, 25 Aug — Under the youth football development programme, a ceremony to provide sports gear for the U-13, U-17 and U-21 football teams which were undergoing training in Shan State (South) was held at the state hall of Taunggyi on 23 August. It was attended by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and officials of the Ministry of Sports, departmental officials at state level, members of social organizations, committee members of state sports and physical education, coaches of the three football teams and footballers.

On the occasion, the commander spoke of measures being taken for nurturing outstanding footballers and promotion of sports standards.

Next, the minister spoke of implementation for youth football development under the guidance of the Head of State and presented sports gear worth of K 457,750 and salary K 79,500 for three coaches to an official concerned.

After that, video on excellent performance of Myanmar U-18 football team, champion of ASEAN U-18 football tournament, was shown.

Afterwards, the minister and party inspected sports grounds and gymnasium and gave necessary instructions. The minister met with officials concerned in the state, fulfilled the requirements and gave instructions on implementing the targets laid down to them.

Next, the minister inspected Naungshwe sports grounds and Shwenyaung sports grounds, fulfilled the needs for renovation of sports grounds and provided sports gear to officials.

Similarly, the minister on 22 August looked over Ywangan and Aungban Township sports grounds, met with officials concerned, fulfilled their requirements and presented sports gear to them. After that, the minister proceeded to Basic Education Schools situated along the Hanmyintmo, Ywangan, Aungban and Taunggyi townships, greeted the students and presented sports gear.

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PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 26 August, 2003

New school buildings for students

In its drive for the nation to possess a strong economy, the Government is laying emphasis on consolidation of national economic life and emergence of highly qualified human resources. Student youths are the basic resource of all national forces.

Therefore, they are being trained to enable them to pursue education; to possess high morale; to have the spirit of cherishing and conserving the environment; and to be fit and healthy.

New school buildings of No 2 Basic Education Middle School in Nyaunggywa Village, Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District and No 5 Basic Education Primary School in Daingsu Village constructed by Department for Human Settlement and Housing Development under the Ministry of Construction were opened on 23 August.

Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council (now Prime Minister) General Khin Nyunt attended the opening ceremonies and handed over cash donated by wellwishers to the respective headmasters.

In the education sector, the Government is taking measures to promote the quality of students and at the same time, new schools are being built and the old ones renovated.

In the whole country, there are altogether 40,099 basic education schools. Of them, over 5,500 schools need to be renovated. The government, with the cooperation of wellwishers and support of DHSDD, has been renovating those schools. In the first five-year short term plan of the 30-year long term plan in the basic education sector, committees at different levels were formed for ensuring the school enrollment of school-age children in order to complete their primary education. As a result, over 95 per cent of the school enrollment has been realized the current academic year.

Due to the active participation of wellwishers under the leadership of the Government, the school attendance rate and pass rate were on the increase.

In 1988, there were 5.2 million students in the basic education sector, but now the number has reached over 8 million. To fulfil the needs of the increasing number, it is necessary to build new school buildings and establish classrooms equipped with modern teaching aids.

We firmly believe that wellwishers and departments concerned under the leadership of the State will contribute to building of new school buildings and multimedia class rooms to promote the education standard of students.



Japanese Shadow Play Troupe seen at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

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Minister U Aung Thuang presents award to a six distinction winner. (INDUSTRY)

Outstanding students honoured

YANGON, 25 Aug — Children, offspring of factory workers of the Ministry of Industry-1, who passed the 2002-2003 matriculation examination with flying colours, were honoured at the training hall of the ministry on 23 August, with an address by the Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang. Present on the occasion were Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Thein Tun and Brig-Gen Kyaw Win, directors-general and managing directors of departments and industries, and officials.

The minister presented prizes to three six-distinction winners of the 2002-2003 matriculation examination; Brig-Gen Thein Tun, to five five-distinction winners; Brig-Gen Kyaw Win, to 11 four-distinction winners; Managing Director U Thaik Tun of the Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries, to 18

three-distinction winners and 34 two-distinction winners; and Managing Director U Than Shwe of the Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries and Deputy Director-General U Tet Tun of the Regional Industrial Coordination and Inspection Department, to 139 one-distinction winners.

Deputy Director-General U Tet Tun also presented prizes to those who won prizes in the 57th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commemorative TV Quiz (Advanced Level), in the poster competitions of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and the World Population Day, and in the Tenth Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

Afterwards, two students, on behalf of the award-winning students, spoke words of thanks.

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Sports Minister's cup soccer

YANGON, 25 Aug — Tagon beat Energy Ministry team 2-1 in the Sports Minister's soccer cup at Aung San Stadium this evening.

Man of the match award went to Tun Min Oo of the winning team. — MNA

poem

Will answer thus if asked

- * With financial strength, capability
Without compassion, to everyone
Haughtily insulting, but because of parents
Comings and goings, not always right
Have to keep fretting, in scary plight
At my own house, always fretting
If asked, would you like appearance of rich man's son
- * No, not at all, would be the answer
In that case, what'd you like to be
If asked again, in repetition
For self and others, with feelings fair
With no insult, on others
With pride of race, pride of lineage
Goodliness, without losing face
Independently, as we'd want
Our fate, shall not be hurt
Won't let the flag down, with tenacity
Let there be poverty, but no wavering
With bravery held aloft
Want to be son of our parents
Will repeat the reply thus again

Shoon Mya Aung(Trs)

Contributors to construction of Ponnyataung tunnel honoured

YANGON, 25 Aug — The Myanmar Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation awarded those who lent themselves to the construction of the Ponnyataung tunnel on Pakokku-Gangaw-Kale railroad section at a ceremony held at the briefing hall of the Ponnyataung (East) tunnel on 23 August morning. Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Minister U Pe Than and officials attended the ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, the minister said with the concerted efforts of the employees and service personnel of the MR, the construction of the tunnel was successfully completed on 13 May 2003 without any assistance of foreign technicians;

that it was the significant achievement of the MR; and that participants in the construction therefore deserved to be honoured for their relentless contribution. Next, the minister presented prizes to those who had served for five years and above and those who had served for three years and above; and the deputy minister to those who had served for one year and above and those who contributed occasionally to the project. Later, U Maung Maung Thwin, project manager, spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, the minister inspected the earth work and construction work being carried out at the project with the use of heavy machinery.

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Rail Transportation Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects Ponnyataung-Ponnya railway tunnel construction. (RAILWAYS)

Japanese Shadow Play Troupe arrives

YANGON, 25 Aug — A ten-member Japanese Shadow Play Troupe arrived here by air yesterday evening to mark ASEAN-Japanese

Relationship to present entertainment in National Theatre. On their arrival, they were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by of-

ficials concerned of Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture and staff of Japanese Embassy to Myanmar. — MNA

Annan renews calls for increased security in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 25 Aug — The United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Friday renewed his calls for increased security for United Nations operations in Iraq after recent terrorist bombing of UN headquarters in Baghdad.

"Security obviously is of great concern to us and it's also been part of our discussions this morning," Annan told reporters after he met at the UN Headquarters in New York with Foreign Secretary Jack Straw of Britain, a main partner in the US-led coalition running the occupied Iraq.

Asked about the possibility of a multinational force to guard the UN mission in Iraq, Annan said he believed most member states would want to see further internationalization through the broadening of a UN role to permit them to join the operations in political and economic reconstruction as well as security.

"It is not excluded that the Council may decide to transform the operation into a UN-mandated multinational force, operating on the ground, with

other governments coming in," he said.

But he emphasized such an arrangement would imply "not just burden sharing, but also sharing decision and responsibility with the others." "If that doesn't happen, I think it is going to be very difficult to get a second (Security Council) resolution that will satisfy everybody," he noted.

Annan said the UN has sent a team to Baghdad to assess the security situation in Iraq and the world body will have to strengthen security. "We will have to strengthen our security. We may have to adjust our ways of operating on the ground and we will also need to take a look at UN operations elsewhere in the world," he said.

He emphasized the responsibility of the US-led coalition forces for helping to provide a safe environment for

UN operations in Iraq. "Of course we will need to work with the coalition that has a capacity and has a responsibility for law and order in Iraq to give us help," he added.

Also on Friday Annan met with Foreign Minister Ana Palacio of Spain, another partner in the coalition forces in the Iraq war.

Annan has reiterated on many occasions that the United Nations would continue its missions in Iraq and elsewhere in the world despite Tuesday's bombing, which killed his top Iraq envoy Sergio Vieira de Mello and at least 21 others and injured scores more.

The UN chief, however, has also expressed his equally strong determination to see adequate safety measures put in place for the UN operations.

MNA/Xinhua

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Russia hints at possible presence of multinational force in Iraq

Moscow, 25 Aug — Russia said on Saturday it might possibly have a presence in the multinational force in Iraq while calling for a greater role for the United Nations there.

Moscow "is ready to consider different variants as concerns change in parameters and status of the international military presence in Iraq," the ITAR-TASS news agency quoted Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Fedotov as saying.

But Fedotov also urged "a further substantial increase of UN's role in the Iraqi settlement, in particular in the political sphere".

His remarks were made after US Secretary of State Colin Powell said on Thursday that the US was talking with other UN Security Council members on a new resolution to encourage more UN member states to participate in the rebuilding of Iraq. —MNA/Xinhua

Annan predicts difficult negotiations on new Iraq resolution

UNITED NATIONS, 25 Aug — United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Friday that it's "very difficult" to get a new resolution calling for other nations to send troops to Iraq if Washington refuses to share authority over the country with them.

"I think most member states... would want to see further internationalization through broadening of a UN role to permit them to join the operations on the ground," Annan told reporters after meeting British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw at the UN Headquarters in New York.

Discussions currently among Security Council members covered both the political and economic reconstruction, as well as the security aspects of the operation, he said.

But the UN again ruled out the possibility of sending in UN blue helmets to take over from the US-British occupying coalition.

"There have been a question whether UN blue helmets can take over from the coalition, and I have made it quite clear that the UN blue helmets will not do that," he stressed.

He noted that the Council may decide to transform the operation into a UN-mandated multinational force, operating on the ground, with other governments coming in.

MNA/Xinhua

Britain reportedly evacuates Baghdad Embassy

LONDON, 25 Aug — British diplomats in Iraq were moved out of their Baghdad Embassy compound the day after the bombing of the United Nations headquarters there, the *British Times* newspaper reported on Saturday.

The paper quoted sources of the Foreign Office as saying that Chris Segar, the head of the mission, and his staff, including diplomats, security guards and contract workers, were evacuated under heavy guard to the main coalition compound in Baghdad, which was protected by thousands of US troops.

"They were moved the day after the UN bombing... It happened as a result of specific information," a British official was quoted as saying. A Foreign Office spokesman confirmed on Saturday that the British Embassy in Baghdad was evacuated after a "credible threat" of attack, adding that "there are no immediate plans to return the staff to the embassy." —MNA/Xinhua



A UN staff member reopens the office of UN Children's Fund in Baghdad, Iraq, on 23 August, 2003, which was suspended for a while because of a bombing attack. All the organizations of UN resumed their operations in Baghdad on Saturday. The bombing attack on a UN facility occurred in Baghdad on 19 August, 2003, killing at least 24 people including chief UN envoy to Iraq Sergio Vieira de Mello. —XINHUA

Almost 7,600 contracted "AIDS" in China's Xinjiang

URUMQI, 25 Aug — A total of 7,593 people in north-west China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region had contracted the deadly HIV virus, which causes AIDS, by late June this year, sources from the regional Red Cross said.

This places the region second in the country in terms of the number of AIDS patients.

Most of the AIDS virus carriers in the region are aged 20 to 40, and 98 per cent contracted the deadly disease via intravenous drug abuse, said an expert with the Consulting and Training Centre for Prevention and Control of AIDS and STD (sexually transmitted diseases) of the regional Red Cross.

MNA/Xinhua

India to ink tourism pact with Malaysia

NEW DELHI, 25 Aug — The Indian Cabinet Saturday cleared an agreement with Malaysia to promote tourism between the two countries, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said Saturday.

Under the pact, India and Malaysia will encourage the development and expansion of the tourism industry in each other's country, she told a Press conference after a Cabinet meeting. "Both the parties will form a working group that will meet alternatively in India and Malaysia for imple-

menting the agreement," she said.

She said that India and Malaysia will also consider the launch of exchange programmes in the fields of research and development, training and investments to promote and facilitate tourism cooperation.

MNA/Xinhua



Cho Mandy Lee (C), winner of the 2003 Miss Hong Kong Pageant, poses with first runner-up Rabee'a Yeung Lok Ting (L) and second runner-up Priscilla Chi (R) at the colourful event in Hong Kong on 23 August, 2003. —XINHUA

India, Kuwait to ink pact on crime control

NEW DELHI, 25 Aug — India and Kuwait will ink a pact on controlling crime on the lines of similar agreements with countries like Britain, Canada, Russia, France and the United States.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said that the Cabinet Saturday approved the terms of the agreement. The agreement with Kuwait seeks to improve the effectiveness of both countries in the investigation, prosecution and suppression of all types of crime, she told a Press conference after a Cabinet meeting here. The pact will also help trace, restrain, forfeit or confiscate the proceeds and instruments of crime through cooperation and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, she said.

MNA/Xinhua

Evidence for probe into Kelly's death issued in Britain

LONDON, 25 Aug — A judicial inquiry probing into British weapons expert David Kelly's apparent suicide, which has triggered the worst crisis in Prime Minister Tony Blair's Premiership, published Saturday some 9,000 pages of evidence onto the Internet, revealing the inner working of Downing Street.

The documents were submitted by the Cabinet Office, the Ministry of Defence, the BBC, the parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee and newspapers and can from now on be read on the inquiry's website: www.the-hutton-inquiry.org.uk.

Many of them, including private e-mails and memos from the heart of the British Government, would normally have been kept secret for 30 years, said local media reports.

The documents reveal that Blair's private meetings inside Number 10 as he and his aides debated whether to announce Kelly had admitted contacts with BBC reporter Andrew Gillian. Kelly was the source of Gillian's report

accusing Downing Street had "sexed up" evidence over Iraq war.

It was also revealed Saturday that Blair's top aide, Downing Street's media chief Alastair Campbell, once urged the Prime Minister to be calm in rebutting BBC reports claiming that the government had "sexed up" its case for Iraq war. Kelly has been confirmed as the source of the May 29 BBC reports after he died with a slit wrist on July 18.

Campbell's June 3 memo, written to help prepare Blair for an appearance in the House of Commons, urged him to try to "calm the frenzy" over the dispute on case for Iraq war, which was stirred up by the BBC's reports.

"But when you go on to the

broader issues, in particular reporting back on Iraq, I think you should display a more combative approach," he wrote to Blair.

"What is clearly happening here is that the relatively more sober coverage of the war is giving way to the more usual frenzied media, and the aim of our opponents is to contaminate the success you had as a war leader in Iraq," the memo said.

The full drafts of last September's key dossier about Iraq's weapons, including the claim that Saddam could unleash weapons of mass destruction, are also now on public show on the inquiry's website.

MNA/Xinhua

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Donor conference on Iraq rebuilding to be held in Madrid

UNITED NATIONS, 25 Aug — The United Nations will hold a donor conference on October 24 in the Spanish capital of Madrid to seek billions of dollars to finance Iraq's reconstruction, the UN Development Programme (UNDP) announced Friday.

UNDP said a preparatory meeting is to take place in Brussels on September 3, and work on the needs assessment, which will form the basis for the conference, has almost been completed in consultation with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the Governing Council.

The conference was decided on by a wide-ranging international meeting of 52 countries as well as UN agencies convened by UNDP in June in New York, including for the first time the US-run occupying coalition in Baghdad. Experts believe that the reconstruction of the Iraqi economy, which has suffered considerable damage due to long-standing UN sanctions and the US-led war, would need as much as 100 billion US dollars. — MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi Shiite Muslims in the city of Bakuba, north of Baghdad, demonstrate against the American presence in Iraq and for the release of Sheikh Abdul Karim Al Madani, on 24 August, 2003. The US civilian administrator in Iraq, Paul Bremer, said on Sunday he did not agree with those who were calling for the United States to add to the 140,000 troops it already has in the country, rather, as President Bush has said, a more multinational contingent needs to replace portions of US troops. —INTERNET

UNICEF staffers decide to stay in Iraq despite evacuation suggestion

BAGHDAD, 25 Aug — Staff members of The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) have decided to stay in Iraq though they were allowed to leave after the deadly bombing attack on UN headquarters here Tuesday, a spokesman said on Saturday.

"Although the United Nations permits those suffering from trauma to leave, all of the UNICEF members decide to stay individually," Geoffrey Keele told Xinhua inside the fund's compound in central Baghdad.

One UNICEF worker was killed and two others injured in Tuesday's suicide truck bombing at the UN's Canal Hotel headquarters, said Keele, adding that the two wounded had been flown abroad for treatment.

The tragedy, in which the top UN envoy Sergio Vieira de Mello was among the 23 killed, dealt the first heavy blow to the UN operations in Iraq.

"The situation now is very serious, but the United Nations doesn't evacuate all the

international staff as it did during the war. So we prefer not to go, because we have huge operations here," he said.

The organization used to have 26 foreign staffers before the incident, and all the remaining 23 and 72 local employees preferred to go to their office Saturday morning.

"We stayed at home on Wednesday, but on Thursday we began to move around because we thought we needed to see each other," said Keele.

He noted that the fund had sent people out to water projects and health institutes before Saturday, the deadline the United Nations announced its agencies should resume operations in Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua

Nigeria encourages foreigners to set up enterprises

LAGOS, 25 Aug — Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo on Friday commissioned the 160-million-US-dollar new Ewekoro cement plant, a Nigerian-foreign joint venture.

Addressing the opening ceremony of the cement plant in Nigeria's southwestern state of Ogun, Obasanjo pledged that the federal government would continue to make the country foreign investor-friendly.

The Nigerian President said that the federal government welcomed the confidence shown by the management of the company in devoting money to modernize the plant.

The government would support foreign investors to enable them operate profitably, he said.

Already, he said, all identified bottlenecks to successful investments had been removed, while efforts were being made to resuscitate ailing utility companies, such as power supply and telecommunication facilities before their full privatization. — MNA/Xinhua

Tanzania, Burundi to open more camps for refugees

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 25 Aug — Tanzania and Burundi have agreed to open more camps across their borders for the Burundian refugees who returned home on their free will, sources available said here on Friday.

The agreement was signed on Wednesday in Bujumbura, the capital of Burundi. Delegates from United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) also attended the conference.

The statement stressed that from August to October, about four camps should be opened to Burundian refugees for temporary settlement across border. — MNA/Xinhua

India's tea export target for 2003 reduced

KOLKATA, 25 Aug — Stressing the need for concerted efforts to increase domestic consumption, the Indian Tea Association, called ITA, has projected that total exports during 2003 would come down to 186 million kilos from 198 million kilos last year.

While reducing the export projection, ITA, the apex body of tea manufacturers in the country, also anticipated a level of 864 million kilos as the crop for 2003, up from 826 million kilos achieved in 2002.

"India is faced with an uphill battle in West Asia and CIS markets and as new drinking markets are not emerging, focus on traditional markets has to continue," ITA said in a status paper, *Indian Tea Scenario*. — MNA/PTI



The undated photo shows some Tibetan women attending a tug-of-war in southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region. Social status and educational levels of Tibetan women have been greatly improved since its peaceful liberation for 50 years or more. local authorities organize various kinds of trainings and educational activities for Tibetan women and has helped over 70,000 women out of poverty. —XINHUA

S Africa to deport "Bonnie and Clyde" couple to US

CAPE TOWN, 25 Aug — South Africa will deport a US couple who are accused in the United States of a string of "Bonnie and Clyde"-style bank robberies and who are on the FBI's most wanted list, police said on Friday.

Craig Pritchert, 42, and Nova Guthrie, 30, were arrested in Cape Town on Tuesday in an operation by South African police and the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

"The US marshals are expected to come and fetch them some time next week," said Phuti Setapi, a police spokesman.

The pair are accused of bank heists in the western United States dating to 1997 and were regarded as armed and dangerous..

MNA/Reuters

ICRC to reduce staff in Iraq after UN blast

BAGHDAD, 25 Aug—The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is reducing its Baghdad staff due to security concerns after last week's truck bomb attack on the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad. "We are forced to reduce the number of our staff in Baghdad," Nada Doumani, the ICRC spokeswoman in Baghdad, said on Sunday.

She declined to reveal the exact numbers involved but said around 50 expatriate staff would remain in Baghdad to carry out humanitarian work. "The level of violence is very high and the authority in charge cannot ensure security throughout the country," Doumani said in clear reference to the occupying US-led forces that ousted Saddam Hussein's government four months ago. Tuesday's blast at the UN compound killed at least 24 people, including top UN envoy in Iraq Sergio Vieira de Mello, and wounded more than 100, many of them UN staff members. The ICRC is engaged in a wide range of activities, from monitoring the conditions of prisoners of war to reconstruction projects.

The United Nations began a partial evacuation of its Baghdad staff to Jordan on Wednesday but said it would continue its work in Iraq despite the attack.

MNA/Reuters

US forces accused of less protection of Iraqi women

BAGHDAD, 25 Aug—The Organization of Women's Freedom accused on Sunday the US occupying forces of neglecting the protection of women in Iraqi streets.

"More than 400 women have suffered being kidnapped, raped or sold," Yanar Mohammed, director of the organization told reporters at a rally in central Baghdad.

"This crime is still a daily case, especially in the streets of Baghdad, and the US military pays no attention," she added.

The organization said the US forces were not doing enough to secure the streets, and it had appealed for help from the Iraqi Govern-

ing Council and US civil administrator in Iraq Paul Bremer, but all in vain.

"We demand they set up security guards and patrols in every main street and we also demand heavy sentences against sex offenders," explained Mohammed.

Mohammed said the attacks had created a climate of fear among women, which meant few dared venture out of their homes.

One of the pretexts of the US-led war on Iraq was to liberate men and women here and provide them with a better life, but they failed to do so, she complained.

MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier walks past a car overturned and set fire by angry Turkmen, near a police station during clashes between ethnic Iraqi Turkmen and Kurdish peshmergas, in Kirkuk, on 23 August, 2003. —INTERNET

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US sees foreign fighters growing problem in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 25 Aug—The US civilian administrator in Iraq, Paul Bremer, said on Sunday guerrilla fighters infiltrating into Iraq are becoming a growing problem for the occupying American-led forces.

While Bremer said he believes most of the attacks against US troops and other targets in Iraq, are being carried out by remnants of Saddam Hussein's ousted government, there is an "emerging problem" of foreign fighters entering the country.

"We are now seeing a large number of international terrorists coming into Iraq," he said on ABC television's "This Week," asserting that they were crossing from Syria and Iran.

"We do have a problem now with more terrorists here. And I agree with (CENTCOM commander) General (John) Abizaid, it emerges now as an important threat to us," said Bremer, who spoke from Baghdad.

He also disclosed for the first time that Saddam's feared cousin Hassan al-Majid, known as "Chemical Ali" for his involvement in gassing Kurds in the 1980s, had been captured in Baghdad last week. Asked in an interview with CNN where Hassan had been found, Bremer replied: "He was in Baghdad."

Since US President George W Bush declared major combat in Iraq over on May 1, 64 US soldiers have been killed in guerilla-style attacks, mostly in Sunni Muslim central Iraq where Saddam had strongholds of support.

Early in the war, US troops attacked a camp in northern Iraq run by Ansar al-Islam which Washington says has "close links to and support from" Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network.

"We hit that camp early in the war, killed a number of terrorists... Many of them escaped across the border into Iran and have been infiltrating back, probably scores of them," Bremer said. — MNA/Reuters

Bangladesh, India to hold meeting on common rivers

DHAKA, 25 Aug—The Bangladesh-India Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) meeting, which is mandated to be held thrice a year and that did not take place in the past 20 months, will now be held next month in New Delhi.

A competent source in the Water Resources Ministry said Saturday that the date for the meeting has not been fixed yet, but it will be held some time in September.

The source said India has given signal for holding the meeting next month in the wake of deteriorating relation between the two countries following giant plans by India for inter-linking the major rivers flowing through the two neighbouring

countries, including Ganges and Brahmaputra, on which Bangladesh depends for its 85 per cent of water requirement. The source said Bangladesh will take up the India's water diversion plans in the JRC meeting.

Bangladeshi water experts noted that if India goes with the plans, desertification process of Bangladesh will start in 50 years and this would threaten livelihood of more than 100 million of the 130 million population of Bangladesh. — MNA/Xinhua

Three more join India-China coalition in agri at WTO

NEW DELHI, 25 Aug—The India-China sponsored framework on agriculture at WTO received a shot in the arm with three more countries joining it to form a formidable 17 developing countries' coalition to counter the pro-developed world EU-US proposal.

The three countries are Venezuela, Philippines and Ecuador. Other partners are Brazil, South Africa, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Mexico, Paraguay, Guatemala, Peru, Colombia, Costa Rica and Thailand. These countries account for 60 per cent of the world's population that depends on agriculture for livelihood.

Announcing this at parliamentary consultative committee meeting Friday, India's Commerce Minister Arun Jaitley said the two key issues at WTO ministerial meet at Cancun would be Agriculture and Investment. He said three pillars of agricultural negotiations are domestic support or sub-

sidy, export subsidy and market access. India wanted developed countries to gradually eliminate their subsidies and to ensure a level playing field to developing countries in domestic as well as export markets. There must also be some cushioning by way of tariff protection for Special Products and in addition Special Safeguard Mechanism (SSM) to protect against price fluctuations and surge in imports.

The EU-US proposal was unacceptable to India, Jaitley declared; it was loaded against developing countries envisaging marginal reduction in tariffs, steeper tariff cuts and no provision for Special Products and some provision for SSM, he said. — MNA/PTI

Indian Cabinet gives nod to three accords

NEW DELHI, 25 Aug—India's Union Cabinet on Saturday gave its nod to three accords on cooperation in the field of justice between India and China, stepping up cooperation in tourism with Malaysia and an agreement with Kuwait on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.

Ex-post facto approval was given to the memorandum of understanding (MoU) on cooperation in justice which was signed on June 23 this year in Beijing during Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's visit to China. The MoU provides for cooperation in exchange

of information on legal matters, exchange of experience and best practices in the field of justice, mutual support for training of public prosecutors and auxiliary judicial personnel and exchange of information on drafting of laws and implementation of legal provisions.

The accord is the outcome of the Attorney-General's visit to China last year to participate in a seminar on judges and lawyers, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj told reporters.

The agreement with Kuwait, signed on June 5, 2002, also got the Cabinet approval. It seeks to improve the effectiveness of both countries in the investigation, prosecution and suppression of all types of crime, and tracing, restraint, forfeiture or confiscation of the proceeds and instruments of crime through cooperation and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters. — MNA/PTI



Women of the Sala ethnic group from the Sala Autonomous Prefecture in Xinhua perform a traditional dance in Xining, west China's Qinghai Province, on 24 August, 2003. An event featuring local costumes, song and dance programmes of the Tu and Sala ethnic groups in Qinghai was held in Xining Sunday. —XINHUA

Bremer says hundreds of "international terrorists" now in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 25 Aug—The US administrator for Iraq, Paul Bremer, said that hundreds of "international terrorists" have entered the country and that Iraq was now a frontline in the US war on terrorism.

The top civilian administrator repeated calls on Syria and other neighbours of Iraq to clamp down on border infiltrations but said there was no strong indication yet who was responsible for last week's attack on the UN offices in Baghdad.

Bremer told ABC television from Baghdad that "probably several hundred" foreign fighters had entered the country since the Iraq war.

And with the United States stepping up pressure for other countries to send forces to Iraq, Bremer insisted that the "terrorists" in the country were a challenge to all nations.

"The global war on terrorism is being fought in many, many places," Bremer said Sunday.

"It started for us in a big way in New

York, but you could say it's in Nairobi and Dar-es-Salam. We've seen it in Somalia. We've seen it in Saudi Arabia. And we are now seeing a large number of international terrorists coming into Iraq."

He added: "We can't duck this fight. It's against us; it's a fight against the West. It's a fight, as we saw on Tuesday, against the international community and against the world."

Bremer estimated that more than 90 percent of the growing number of attacks in Iraq were being carried out by "remnants" of Saddam Hussein's ousted regime.

He said that most were also being carried out in an area between Baghdad and Saddam's former stronghold in the northern city of Tikrit.—Internet



Iraqi workers lift what Iraq calls a 'prototype' of a drone, a remotely piloted aircraft, perched on sawhorses in a military compound at the Ibn Firas State Company in Al Taji, Iraq, just north of Baghdad, as seen in this March 12, 2003 file photo. —INTERNET

Brazil reaffirms space bid after rocket disaster

SAO LUIS (Brazil), 25 Aug — Brazil vowed to continue its space programme on Saturday after 21 people died in a rocket explosion that ended the country's third attempt to become a space power.

The unmanned rocket, designed to carry two satellites into orbit, blew up on Friday at the heavily guarded jungle base of Alcantara, in the northeastern state of Maranhao, after an engine ignited accidentally.

"I pay homage to the workers who gave their lives in the name of the development of Brazil," Defence Minister Jose Viegas told a news conference in the state capital Sao Luis before solemnly reading out the names of the 21 dead.

"We will continue the (space) programme so that they did not die in vain," he said, adding that the site was still potentially

dangerous due to spilled fuel.

The minister said there would be an investigation into the cause of the explosion. Air Force officials said the chance of sabotage was very remote.

Sixteen bodies had been found by early evening, officials said. Some were so badly damaged that they may need DNA testing to be identified.

Nearly 800 people were on the site when the 6.5 million US dollars, 65-foot Satellite Launch Vehicle blew up. It was on a launch pad undergoing final tests after which it would have been ready for lift-off next week.

MNA/Reuters

Wal-mart urged to establish trade unions in China

BEIJING, 25 Aug — Wal-mart, the world's biggest retailer, is facing pressure in China to establish trade unions for thousands of employees.

The All-China Federation of Trade Unions (ACFTU), claims the retail giant had ignored repeated efforts by its staff to talk to the company about setting up trade unions.

"We have contacted Wal-mart several times since its branch store opened in Beijing in July, but no progress has been made in establishing trade unions," said Feng Lijun, local ACFTU official.

According to ACFTU officials, they were told by Wal-mart, which has not set up trade unions in any of its branches in China, that Wal-mart had established effective channels to resolve labour disputes and there were no trade unions in its United States stores either.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia tourism starts campaign to attract Indian businesses

NEW DELHI, 25 Aug — The tourism board of Malaysia has started a two-year campaign to promote the country as a popular destination for events among Indian business ventures as part of its efforts to place it as a top choice for business travellers across the world.

This follows a 237-per-cent jump in travellers from India in the Meeting, Incentive, Convention and Exhibition (MICE) segment during the Year 2002 to 24,747 people, a statement issued by Malaysian tourism authorities said here, quoting Roslam Bin Abdullah, the Director (North and East) of Tourism Malaysia.



Brazil bids last farewell to slain UN envoy, ahead of burial in Geneva

GENEVA, 25 Aug—A Brazilian Air Force plane carrying the body of slain UN envoy to Iraq Sergio Vieira de Mello headed to Geneva, one day after a vigil and memorial ceremony in his hometown.

The widely respected diplomat, who was also the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, was among 23 people killed in a devastating suicide bombing at the organization's headquarters in Baghdad on Tuesday.

His French wife Annie announced Sunday that Vieira de Mello would be buried in Geneva's Plainpalais cemetery, the burial place of such distinguished figures as the theologian John Calvin and Argentine writer Jorge Luis Borges. She was travelling with her husband's body on the Boeing 707, which was to make a brief stop in the northeastern Brazilian city of Recife before heading to Geneva. According to the UN in Geneva, the funeral is planned for Thursday, but the exact date is as yet unconfirmed.

The Brazilian diplomat's family had ear-

lier suggested he would be buried close to the family home near the French town of Thonon-les-Bains, not far from Geneva, where he had his UN office.

But UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, who attended a memorial ceremony for Vieira de Mello in Rio on Saturday, convinced the family that he should be buried in Geneva.

The ceremony here was also attended by the diplomat's mother and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Vieira de Mello had just started to serve as the UN's high commissioner for human rights before being tapped in June to head the UN mission in Iraq. The silver-haired diplomat was considered one of the leading lights of the United Nations and a potential candidate to become the organisation's secretary general. —Internet

Acting head of UN mission to Iraq appointed

UNITED NATIONS, 25 Aug — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has named Ramiro Lopes da Silva, UN humanitarian coordinator in Iraq, as his acting special representative to the war-torn country to succeed Sergio Vieira de Mello who was killed in Tuesday's suicide bombing at the agency's headquarters in Baghdad.

Annan sent a letter to Security Council informing it about the interim appointment of Lopes da Silva, a Portuguese national

who had also suffered injuries in the blast.

Lopes da Silva, 54, has been with United Nations and its agencies since 1985 and has worked mostly in humanitarian field.

Before his assignment as coordinator of UN humanitarian programmes in Iraq started in June 2002, he was director of the Transport and Logistics Division at the UN World Food Programme at its Rome headquarters. He has also served as the agency's special envoy in Afghanistan.—MNA/PTI



On his first day as the United Nations' acting special representative in Iraq, Ramiro Lopes da Silva, right, speaks with a colleague at the new tent offices built after Tuesday's bomb attack on the headquarters, on 23 August, 2003, in Baghdad, Iraq. —INTERNET

Kenya declares national mourning to Wamalwa

NAIROBI, 25 Aug—Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki on Saturday declared two weeks of national mourning to late Vice-President Michael Wamalwa who died in a London hospital Saturday morning.

During the two weeks, Kenyan flags will fly half-mast to mourn the patriot and gentleman and there will be no official public functions, according to the President. "It is with deep sorrow that I announce the death of my friend and comrade," Kibaki said in a televised address to the nation, adding that "the last one year, has been a time of joy and pain for Michael".

"But due to his sheer hope and positive approach to life, Michael gained courage and strength, to withstand the challenges of the campaign, in the last days before national elections," Kibaki said.

MNA/Reuters



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents championship shield to No 1 Provost Company Volley Team. — Y ANGON COMMAND



Indian Minister Arun Shourie makes cash donation at Shwedagon Pagoda. — MNA (News page 16)

US wary of Mexican moves to protect UN staff

UNITED NATIONS, 25 Aug — Spurred by the devastation of UN headquarters in Baghdad, Mexico on Monday seeks a Security Council resolution calling for nations around the world to adopt legislation to protect UN aid workers.

But the United States alone among the 15 Council members' objects to the measure because of a reference to the new International Criminal Court, which it vehemently opposes.

Diplomats said the State Department was pressing Mexico to delete language on the court, which the Bush Administration opposes as an infringement of sovereignty and a potential prosecutor of frivolous lawsuits against US officials abroad.

"We asked the President of the Security Council to schedule a meeting Monday to present this resolution for adoption," Mexico's deputy UN Ambassador Carlos Pujalte told reporters. It was received well by all members. "We think this would be an important instrument that provides protection and assistance to UN personnel."

The resolution urges nations to prosecute perpetrators of crimes against UN workers and those from other relief or non-governmental organization engaged in humanitarian

efforts. It says they should adopt laws ensuring that violence against humanitarian workers was a criminal offence.

And it says that attacks on humanitarian workers and peacekeepers constitute a war crime under the statutes of the International Criminal Court, which was inaugurated in March and is strongly supported by the 15 European Union members.

The Mexican initiative, first raised in April, puts the United States in a delicate position of opposing a call for justice soon after 24 people were killed in Iraq last Tuesday in the worst assault against the United Nations in half a century.

Among those killed were Sergio Vieira de Mello, the 55-year old Brazilian head of mission, often mentioned as a future UN secretary-general and his chief of staff Egyptian Nadia Younes, who had held many top posts in the world body for decades.

MNA/Reuters



Indian Minister Mr Arun Shourie and party visits Dhamma Giri Vipassana Yeiktha. — MNA (News page 16)

Uganda becomes major int'l route for ivory trafficking

KAMPALA, 25 Aug — Uganda is becoming a major international route for ivory trafficking, reported Sunday Vision newspaper on Sunday.

Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) head Arthur Mugisha was quoted as saying that the ivory passes through Uganda to lucrative markets in China, Japan and other destinations in south-east Asia.

The ivory enters Uganda

through Kasese, the Garamba National Park in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), West Nile and Gulu.

It is either chopped into small pieces or ground into powder and mixed with dried cassava for disguise.

From the borders, it is transported in civilian buses, trucks and military vehicles to Kampala, according to the report.

In Kampala, it is packed into containers which are placed among legal exports, and then transported by rail

or on trucks to Mombasa, Kenya and shipped abroad.

A DRC businessman from Bunia and a Chadian were arrested on July 16 with two pieces of raw ivory.

"We condemn the killing of elephants and trafficking of ivory.

MNA/Xinhua

Seven million Africans face famine despite crop gains

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 25 Aug — Some seven million people in southern Africa, most in Zimbabwe, face famine without international food handouts, officials said on Sunday.

That despite Zambia and Malawi — two of the six countries that faced severe food shortages last year — expected to record surpluses this year alongside economic powerhouse South Africa, Tanzanian Foreign Minister Jakaya Kikwete said in Dar-es-Salaam. But Zimbabwe, along with Swaziland and Lesotho — at the epicentre of last year's crisis — will need help to feed their people, said Kikwete, the new chair of the ministerial council of the 14-member Southern African Development Community (SADC). — MNA/Reuters

The Objectives of the 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- to vitalize patriotism and nationalism in all citizens
- 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 cultures

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What will be the outcome of the lopsided US sanctions on Myanmar—3

Aung Moe San

(Continued from 23-8-2003)

There is one thing which the industrialized capitalist nations from the west have forgotten. They should remember that at the time of the industrial revolution, the western democratic nations did not enjoy democratic rights fully if compared with what they are enjoying the rights at present. There is ample evidence in history. In the history of the western industrialized nations and development of their democracies, the ruling class began to offer greater civil liberty to the ruled according to the degree they considered themselves to be firm and strong. There appeared equal rights in political, social, legal and racial matters. This is known these days as the rule of law. There had been gradual improvement by introducing parliamentary system, the system of constitutional monarchy and the system of partial representation. However, there is great difference between the definition of democracy those days and that at present. Voting rights were reserved for the wealthy high class and educated class. The traditions lasted up to the 20th century. In the US and France, the system of granting voting rights based on the wealth was revoked the earliest.

Before reaching present social status, the US amended its constitution 26 times in 195 years to meet the requirements of its society. It has done so to achieve maturity. The economists of the modern political science said that in history there had not been any undeveloped country where democratic process could be established right away. It was because of the social science law that democracy can take root in a country when the social standard and literacy rate have improved and opportunities for meeting the basic needs are open preceded by economic progress. In Myanmar today, it is to establish democracy after its society has completed in following the present correct path.

Hence, Myanmar today should realize whether to try to achieve

- (1) the social economic life of industrialized capitalist nations of the west, or
- (2) the social economic life of the emerging industrial nations of the world, or
- (3) the social economic life of the developing countries.

In fact, Myanmar is a developing country trying to reach the level of a new industrialized nation and consequently the level of the industrialized developed nation.

Hence, the present Tatmadaw Government has been trying hard for the establishment of a market economic system and multi-party democratic nation. Political systems and laws cannot be adopted randomly or at will and carried out. They cannot exist by themselves. They have come into being depending on the social economic lives. Development of either developing countries or the emerging industrial nations or the industrialized nations has depended on the modernization and development of the basic economic productive forces.

The governments, leaders and scholars of the industrialized nations should not forget the different stages of development in history they have experienced. Only then will they show sympathy for the developing nations. Today, the industrialized nations from the west have forgotten their past and lost their goal. As such, they have advocated and acted accordingly that political freedom is more important than economic freedom in the process of democratic reforms. Based on this concept they begin to avoid extending humanitarian aid designed to alleviate poverty in the world.

The World Bank on 13 April this year blamed the rich nations and said that the latter (industrialized and developed nations) failed to honour their pledges to assist the less developed nations, developing nations and poor nations to achieve economic progress, increase aid to fight the world poverty and reduce trade barriers, that the words they had said were hollow and that the needy nations were in anxiety.

The World Bank pointed out that the developed countries which extended aid amounting to 0.5 per cent of GDP in the 1960s extended only 0.2 per cent of GDP at present. The assistance extended was like a person suffering from paralysis. It said in November 2001, members of the World Trade Organization agreed at the conference in Doha, Qatar, to try to remove the trade barriers of the member countries. Accordingly, developing countries re-

duced their trade barriers by half in ten years but the wealthy nations did not respond to the move. This was said by Nicholas Stern, head of the economists of the World Bank, at a conference on financial matters at the Headquarters of the International Monetary Fund in Washington.

According to the report on the world development indicators of the World Bank for the year 2003, the number of poor in 1990 was 29.6 per cent or 1.29 billion and it was expected to reduce it to 13.3 per cent of the world population by 2015, that at that the number of poor would be 809 million. However, it said, the number of poor in Africa was 315 million in 1990 but the figure would be 404 million in 2015. In the Middle East, too, it said, the number of poor would increase from 5 million to 8 million. But, the report said, the number of poor in the East Asia and the Pacific including China, would decrease from 486 million to 80 million. In South Asia, it said, the number of poor would fall from 506 million to 264 million. The Chinese market has achieved stability and development due to its modernized productive forces. If China were to follow the road that political freedom was more important than economic freedom as advocated and pressed by the US and the West bloc, its people would face tragedy and bloodbath similar to those of some East European countries.

As the country has not chosen the line as pressed by the US and its allies, the annual trade volume of China has reached over US \$ 270 billion. The country's annual foreign investment is US \$ 40 billion. The country's reserve funds have also reached US \$ 250 billion. No country has ever achieved or done such a degree of progress in the history of the world's economic development. A UN report said that there was a 20 per cent increase in China's foreign direct investment (FDI) during the first ten months of 2002. Because of this trend, China may overtake the US to become the largest FDI receiving country in the world beginning this year. As China understands the fact that the nation will develop only if there is progress in the private sector, even the capitalists are allowed to join the Communist Party in China, and the national entrepreneurs are enjoying special encouragement. When China is striving for economic development, the US government has been imposing strict economic sanctions on Myanmar to destroy her national economy and the interest of the entrepreneurs and workers. I heard the words of a couple, Ko Hla Tun and Ma Aye Po, of Hlinethaya, Yangon, who had to give up their efforts because of the difficulties that were beyond their capacity, and it was the result of the sanctions.

Ko Hla Tun said, "We had been working at this garment factory for over five years. We both earned K 18,000 per month, so our combined income was K 36,000. Sometimes, we got extra income for working overtime. Our food, clothing and shelter conditions were fair. We could send our three children to school. Our eldest son is now a nine grader, daughter an eight grader, and youngest son, a five grader. As we have become jobless, we have to withdraw our eldest son and daughter from school. We sent them back to our mother's village to help her in farm work. Many young and middle-age men and women like us lost jobs in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone. Many young women of the poor families who were supporting their parents and who were providing school expense for their young brothers and sisters became jobless. Some of them even cried when they had to return to their villages. Can the US tolerate if someone try to ruin the lives of the American entrepreneurs and workers? The American government should have sympathy. I would like to say that it is a destructive act, without having any sympathy. As I am a middle age man of round about 40, I have not personally faced the cruelties of the colonialists. Only now, have I been experiencing the unjust bullies of the alien American government on the Myanmar people. Many innocent civilians died when the American government bombed Afghanistan and Iraq, giving an excuse that there was lack of human rights and democracy. The two countries are now facing economic hazards. I never want the democracy and human rights at the cost of many human lives. Whatever means the American government is applying to destroy the nation's economy, our Tatmadaw government will continue to build a modern and developed nation without fail, in cooperation with the neigh-

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

Efficient use of electricity

- * Use daylight as the main source of light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- * Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp every day by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

Efficient use of fuel

- * Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
- * Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US\$ 5.5 million in a year
- * The amount, US \$ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

bouring countries and friendly countries. I believe that the government will never let the democracy struggle be threatened. Only then, will we be able to get our jobs back and enjoy a better food, clothing and shelter conditions."

It was the voice of an ordinary citizen, highlighting the act to halt the increase in new job opportunities and destroy the entrepreneurs and the working class (which were initiated by the Tatmadaw Government), which are the essential needs for installing a democracy system in Myanmar. Moreover, it is the act to destroy the opportunities for the rural people to get jobs in the urban industries and the fruits of democracy.

The law of social science said that the flourishing of democracy in a developing country depends on the degree of the development of the capitalists and the workers, who are the basic class of the market-oriented economic system. Democracy cannot flourish in anyway in a country where the basic classes of the market-oriented economic system are not developed. Thus, it is obvious that the US government's intense economic sanctions on Myanmar are only the acts destroying the flourishing of democracy in Myanmar.

(Translation: AK+TMT)



Maj-Gen Hla Tun presents K 310,000 to Director-General U Sann Lwin for offering 'soon' to members of the Sangha of State Pariyati Sasana University. — F & R

"Soon" offered to members of the Sangha on Kaba Aye Hill

YANGON, 25 Aug — The Ministry of Finance and Revenue offered "soon" and provisions to 450 members of the Sangha including course instructor Sayadaws and trainee monks of the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) at Moegok Refectory on Kaba Aye Hill this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Tun

and wife, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, departmental heads and their wives.

Pro-rector Sayadaw of the University Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Uttama invested the congregation with the Five Precepts. Next, offertories were presented to members of the Sangha. On the occasion, the minister presented a donation of K 310,000 — K 270,000 for

offering 'soon' one day and K 40,000 for provisions — which was accepted by U Sann Lwin, Director-General of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana.

Later, the Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained. Afterwards, the minister, the deputy minister, departmental heads and their wives offered "soon" to members of the Sangha.

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Minister for Mines inspects salt industry in Mon State

YANGON, 25 Aug — A ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2002-2003 was held at No 1 Basic Education High School in Mudon on 22 August, attended by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint.

The minister presented prizes to five five-distinction winners and officials to other outstanding students.

Next the minister inspected construction of Basic Education Primary School in Mudongyi Ward and fulfilled the requirements. He also inspected salt industry in

Kyaikkhami-Setse.

The minister attended the ceremony to present outstanding students who passed the 2002-2003 matriculation examination at Natgyichaung Village in Paung Township.

The minister discussed extended cultivation and

livestock breeding and salt industry with local authorities in Paung, Bilin and Kyaikhto Township. He presented cash for purchase of teaching aids to be used in Basic Education High School in Bilin and middle school in Phetkaleik Village. — MNA

Minister inspects iron beams for Thanlwin Bridge

YANGON, 25 Aug — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, accompanied by Deputy Ministers U Tint Swe, Brig-Gen Myint Thein and officials, this afternoon arrived at Sule Wharf No 3 here and inspected the un-

loading of 5,902 tons of iron beams from a ship.

The beams were imported from China National Heavy Machinery Corporation for Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine).

MNA

Performing arts and magic competitions end

YANGON, 25 Aug — The ceremony to present prizes to winners of the third performing arts and magic competitions, organized by Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare of the Ministry of Defence from 19 to 24 August, was held at No 3 Mobile Unit in Mandalay this morning.

Wife of the Central Command Commander

Daw Myat Ngwe, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Nay Win, Col Nyo Win of the ministry, senior military officers of the command, members of panel of judges and invited guests attended the ceremony.

The guests were entertained with magic skills and dances. Prizes were presented to the winners and the ceremony ended.

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Col Nyo Win of the Ministry of Defence presents award to a prize winner at Performing Arts Competition. — MNA

Japanese Shadow Play Troupes entertains

YANGON, 25 Aug — To mark the year of ASEAN-Japan Exchange Year (2003), Japanese Mochimochi Noki Shadow Play Troupe comprising 10 artistes led by Mr Yasuaki Yamasaki this evening gave

a performance at National Theatre here.

Officials of the Fine Arts Department and Japanese Embassy, Myanmar artistes, students and others watched the performance.

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Drive safely



Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspects unloading of iron beams for Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine). — (CONSTRUCTION)

Myanmar Trade Fair on 5-8 September



YANGON, 25 July — With the permission of the Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar Trade Fair-2003 organized by Quartz Inter-

national Co Ltd will be held at Yangon Trade Centre on Pazundaung Road here from 5 to 8 September.

Cosmetics, personal goods, home decorations and construction materials, foodstuff, electric and electronic appliances and traditional medicines will be displayed at the trade fair. — MNA

Myanmar Perspectives comes out

YANGON, 25 July — Myanmar Perspectives Vol VIII 1/2003, the English magazine, with a variety of topics on Myanmar social, culture, economic and cur-

rent events, was published today. Copies are now available at Innwa Bookshop on Sule Pagoda Road here.

MNA

Accounts offices inspected in Mon State

YANGON, 25 Aug — Deputy Auditor-General U Khin Win together with Deputy Director-General and officials concerned of the Auditor-General Office went on inspection tour of Mawlamyine Township, Mon State on 22 August, where they inspected Mon State Accounts Office and

met with accounts officers at state, district and township levels.

After inspecting them, they went on Mawlamyine and Thaton Districts, looked over there, met with officials concerned, and left necessary instructions.

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Shwedagon Pagoda and offered flowers, water, light and joss sticks to the Buddha image in the western prayer hall.

The Indian minister signed in the visitors' book and made cash donations at the pagoda. Officials presented him a photo of the pagoda.

Afterwards, the visiting minister and party went round the pagoda in the clockwise direction.

The visiting minister and party visited Dhamma Joti Yeiktha of International Dhamma Giri Vipassana Association in Bahan at 4 pm. Patron U Shwe and Chairman U Okga and officials of the Yeiktha welcomed them.

The Indian minister and party were hosted dinner at Zizawa Yeiktha of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Pyay Road here in the evening.

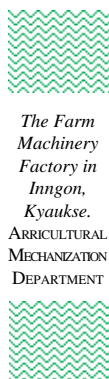
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Indian Communication and Information Technology Minister Mr Arun Shourie and party seen at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Myanma Farm Machinery Factory in Inngon, Kyaukse

Article by Nyein Min San (Mahaangmye) & photos by Agricultural Mechanization Department



The Farm Machinery Factory in Inngon, Kyaukse.
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Myanmar is an agricultural country. She has been striving for all-round development of other economic sectors based on agriculture. In the agricultural sector, paddy is the main crop as well as the reliable one in the nation.

The people mainly consume rice, the major export crop. Therefore, emphasis is placed on boosting production of paddy and the ten major crops.

In the process, endeavours are to be

undertaken for the nation's transformation from conventional farming to industrial one. The government is rendering necessary assistance for these tasks, and at the same time the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Agricultural Mechanization Department and the Ministry of Industry-2 have been constructing farm machinery factories. National entrepreneurs are also producing farm machinery. Moreover, farm machinery was imported

from foreign countries.

The Myanmar Farm Machinery Factory Construction Project is being implemented in Inngon village, Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division, with the aim of helping boost paddy yield, and transforming from single cropping into double or triple cropping.

The Irrigation Department of the Union of Myanmar and the Institute of Project Planning & Research (IPPR) of the Ministry of Machinery Industry of the People's

Republic of China are jointly undertaking the project. The factory will be inaugurated soon.

The project is located at the place between mile post Nos 396 and 397 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway, in the south of Kyaukse, Mandalay Division. With an area of 30.69 acres, the project covers six buildings. The government has spent K 2,800 million on the buildings, K 140 million on power supply and 144 million yuans on machinery. The project was launched in

June 2001 and now the factory has been constructed cent per cent.

On completion of the project, the factory will need 27 officers and 1,299 employees. And it will be able to manufacture 10,000 16-horse-power power-tillers and 5,000 3.5-horse-power harvesters a year. And measures will be taken to manufacture combining harvesters.

Besides, based on experience, the factory will have to manufacture mini tractors, light tractors,

walking tractors and water pumps. Arrangements are being made to distribute the products to farmers in installments.

The advanced farm machinery factory can broaden the horizon of its production capacity if necessary. So, the factory will contribute towards boosting production of paddy as well as the transformation of the country to industrial farming.

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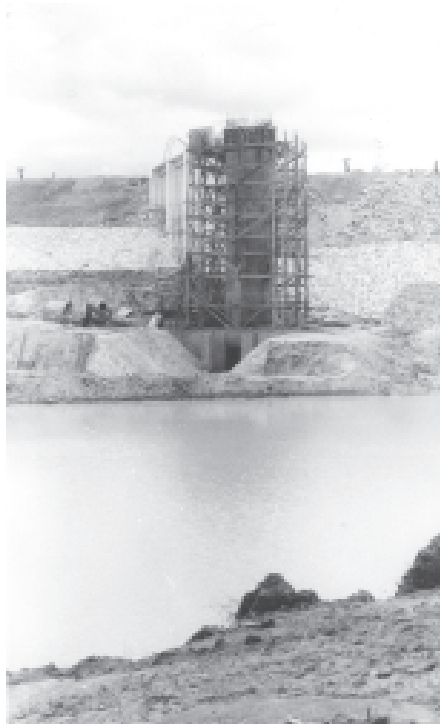
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The slender block workshop of the farm machinery factory.
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Ngalite Dam helping to irrigate farmland, supply drinking water

Article by Kyaw Sein, Photo by Aung Moe (Kyemon)



Progress of conduit pipe construction of Chaungmagyi (Pynmana) Reservoir.

In building the Union of Myanmar into a modern, developed nation, "Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the

economy as well" is a fundamental economic objective.

As water plays a vital role in developing the agriculture sector, water is systematically supplied

when and where necessary in combination with water, a natural resource, and manpower.

With a view to cultivating more crops and greening the regions of the State, the government is implementing dam projects, small and median. Now, arrangements started to build a new dam on Chaungmagyi Creek near Kyetsuaing Village in Pynmana Township in Mandalay Division.

Officials of the Construction Group-4 explained to us facts about the dam. There, it was learnt that the implementation of Chaungmagyi (Pynmana) Reservoir Project was scheduled to start in April 2002.

With the approval of Director U Maung Maung of the Construction Group-4, the construction tasks started in early November, 2002.

After discussions with responsible technicians, construction work of the concrete wall began in January, 2003, aiming at preventing the percolation through sand. The concrete wall, which is 55 feet deep and 1,000 feet long, was finished in March, 2003.

Earth work was also carried out in April 2003 and completed within seven and a half months. Moreover, 90 percent of conduit pipe and spillway construction have been completed.

On completion, Chaungmagyi (Pynmana) Reservoir will distribute water to irrigation area of Ngalite Dam and supply drinking water to surrounding regions which will consequently develop in the near future. Besides, the reservoir will also irrigate about 2,000 acres of farmland through tertiary and four distributors near Kyaukoe Region in

Pynmana Township.

Arrangements have been made to supply drinking water to nearby villages using 2-foot-diameter steel pipe and the Development Affairs Department will give a hand to distribute drinking water.

There are 42 square miles of catchment area in Chaungmagyi (Pynmana) Reservoir which was constructed on Chaungmagyi Creek. As there is an average annual rainfall of 55 inches in the region, the reservoir can store 3,000 acre-feet of water yearly.

The earthen dam, 6,000 feet long and 88 feet

high, has a storage capacity of 40,000-acre feet. The 6-foot-diameter reinforced concrete conduit pipe is 300 feet long. The 50-foot wide reinforced spillway is also constructed.

Efforts are being made on timely completion of the Chaungmagyi (Pynmana) Reservoir which will help enhance the cultivation of crops and green the arid zone of the upper Myanmar.

Hence, the dam is considered to be a part of our agricultural heritage.

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Spillway construction at Chaungmagyi (Pynmana) Reservoir.

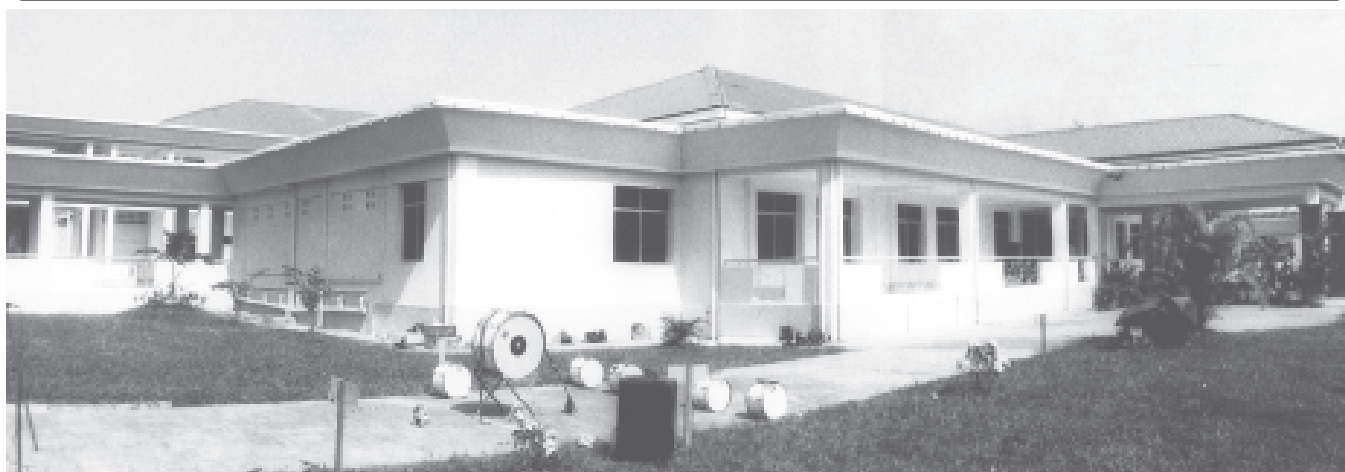
Implementation of projects for socio-economic development of all regions in the country



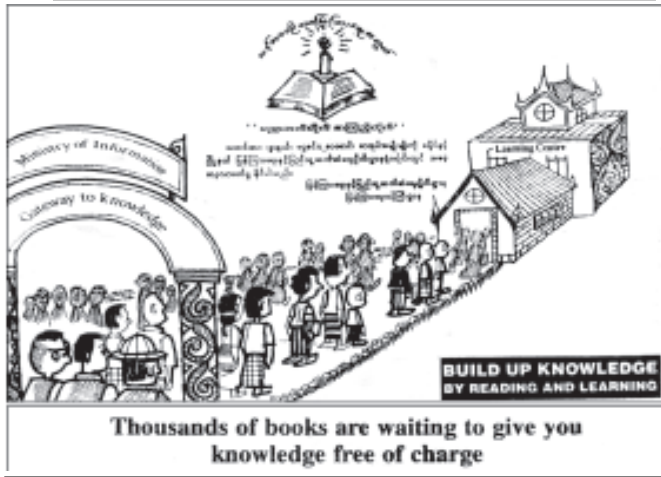
Ye Nwe Bridge in Pyundaza, Nyaunglaybin Township, Bago Division was built by Myanmar women engineers. The four-lane reinforced concrete bridge is 360 feet long and 60 feet wide. Clearance under it is 50 feet wide and 8 feet high. It can withstand 60 tons of load. The bridge project exhibits the dynamic role of women in nation-building endeavours. —PHOTO: MNA



HOME FOR THE AGED IN MAHLAING TOWNSHIP, MEIKTILA DISTRICT: The government spares no energy in its efforts to raise the living standard of the entire people. Social welfare tasks are being carried out hand in hand with the people. The Home for the Aged in Mahlaing Township, Meiktila District, was opened on 26 March 2003 as a gesture of hailing the 58th Anniversary Armed Forces Day. —PHOTO: MNA



The government is giving priority to development of Maubin region after designating it as a special development region and the whole Maubin region is making significant progress overnight with the emergence of the 200-bed specialist hospital. The specialist hospital (200-bed) in Maubin was opened on 10 August 2003. —PHOTO: MNA



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Malaysia needs to master engine-making technology

KUALA LUMPUR, 25 Aug — Malaysia needs to master the technology to make engines so that cars and motorcycles produce in the country can effectively compete in the open market, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said on Saturday.

"We need this kind of technology so that we will not continue to be merely a consumer (of the technology), and cost will be reduced," he said at a local company's new product launching ceremony here.

Mahathir said that importing engines increase cost of the vehicles as the foreign suppliers have to add margins to earn profit.

To compete in a more liberalized market, Malaysian producers not only need to cut cost but also improve on quality because protection like stiff duties and tariff barriers that were previously accorded to domestic producers have to be brought down, he said.

"That is why it is impor-

tant for us to be able to design and manufacture our own products not only to cut cost but to prove that we have matured, have majored in the industrial field," he said.

He said that many developing countries, which obtain their independence at about the same time as Malaysia, are now envious of the country's success to produce its own cars and motorcycles. Malaysians, he said, can succeed in any endeavours as long as they are ready to learn, train, be diligent and prepared to make small sacrifices as well as to face challenges.

With oil money and foreign technology, Malaysia has been making tremendous efforts to develop its national automobile industry. Malaysia National Automobile Corporation (Proton), the national car maker, was established in 1985 as part of Malaysia's industrialization programme.

MNA/Xinhua

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Fire forces Lufthansa plane to land in Austria

VIENNA, 25 Aug — A Lufthansa plane en route to Milan from Munich made an emergency landing at Innsbruck Airport in western Austria on Saturday after a fire broke out in the cabin, the German national carrier said.

Flight attendants immediately extinguished the fire and none of the 84 passengers was injured.

"There was no fire in the aircraft when it landed, as has been reported," a Lufthansa spokeswoman told Reuters in Berlin.

"A fire broke out in the

cabin and was extinguished by the crew. No one was injured. As a security precaution, the plane made a landing in Innsbruck," she added.

The cause of the fire was not immediately known but Austrian state television ORF said it began in an overhead luggage slot in the passenger cabin.

Passengers were being attended to by emergency services in Innsbruck while the airline arranged for a substitute aircraft to take them to Milan.

MNA/reuters

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Hardware capability a must for self-sufficient strategic sector

BANGLAORE, 25 Aug — Stressing on rapid growth in domestic hardware manufacturing, Wipro Chairman Azim Premji said a nation cannot be self-sufficient in strategic sectors like defence, nuclear energy and space technologies without domestic capabilities in hardware development and manufacturing.

"We still are denied access to high end components by the US in areas of defence and space..", Premji

told chartered accountants in this southern city, widely regarded as India's IT hub, at a "technology conference on Harmonizing IT power-CAs perspective" organized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

IT provided us with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build a developed nation, the IT czar said, adding India had the potential to be a global electronics hardware manufacturer. "The tremendous economic growth that China has witnessed in the recent decade has been fuelled to a large extent by the growth in hardware industry there. China exported hardware worth 36 billion US dollars in 2001 and is the world's third largest electronics hardware manufacturer. From a potential point of view, India is well placed too," Premji, a member of

the National Task Force on hardware, said.

He said India's PC penetration in 2002 was 9 per 1000 as compared to 34 per 1000 in China and hardware consumption in India currently was four billion US dollars. Premji said this had a potential to multiply by 11 times to 44 billion US dollars in 2010 and hardware exports, which was currently 300 million US dollars, can go up to 18 billion US dollars by 2010. Premji said the hardware sector could employ SSC, ITI or diploma holders, providing another avenue for employment to millions.

"It is estimated that this sector can generate over 1.2 million such employment opportunities by 2010," he said, adding the government was finally paying attention to the sector. —MNA/PTI

Inner Mongolia natural gas field confirmed largest in China

BEIJING, 25 Aug — The newly proven reserves of a natural gas field in north China's Inner Mongolia has grown by 313.1 billion cubic metres, making it the largest natural gas field in China, the *Guangming Daily* reported Saturday.

The figure brings the total proven reserves in the Sulige Natural Gas Field to 533.6 billion cubic metres, according to the paper, which cites the figures issued by the Ministry of Land and

Resources. Located in the rural part of Ordos City, the gas field is covered by desert.

Large-scale exploration began in the field in 1999, and the proven reserves of the field was 220 billion cubic metres in 2001.

Gas transmission pipelines are being laid to supply natural gas from the field to Baotou and Hohhot cities in Inner Mongolia, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua

Part of Yinchuan-Qingdao freeway completed

YINCHUAN, 25 Aug — The 166-kilometre section of the Yinchuan-Qingdao freeway inside the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, northwest China, was finished and opened to traffic recently.

The freeway, which begins in the capital of Ningxia and ends at Qingdao, a port city in east China's Shandong Province, will extend 1,598 kilometres. It will traverse Ningxia, Shaanxi, Shanxi, Hebei and Shandong provinces.

Completion of the freeway will connect the coal-

field in eastern Ningxia, the Changqing oil and gas field in Shaanxi and the coalfield in Shanxi with the eastern coast. It is of great significance for advancing the economic development and opening-up of western China, said an official from the regional bureau of communications.

According to the official, the whole freeway, apart from the 300-kilometres section in Shaanxi, which is still under construction, has been completed.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran hangs 10 smugglers, armed robbers

TEHERAN, 25 Aug — Iran has hanged 10 drug smugglers and armed robbers in the southern province of Kerman, the conservative *Jam-e Jam* newspaper reported on Saturday.

Under Iran's strict Islamic law, in place since the 1979 Revolution, the death

sentence is usually reserved for murder, rape, armed robbery and drug trafficking.

"Ten smugglers and armed robbers were hanged in the cities of Kerman and Baft," the paper said, quoting a statement from Kerman's Justice Department. —MNA/Reuters

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IGC plans to send delegate to Arab talks

CAIRO, 25 Aug — The head of Iraq's US-appointed Governing Council, which has failed to win Arab backing, said on Sunday a representative would attend a meeting of Arab League foreign ministers in Cairo in September.

Ibrahim Jaafari and his delegation, on the first high-level visit by council members to Egypt, held talks in Cairo with Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher and Prime Minister Atef Obeid — despite previous Egyptian insistence it does not recognize the body's legitimacy.

The Iraqi team also met Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa, who strongly opposed the US-led war to overthrow the government of Saddam Hussein.

Jaafari told reporters the council would send someone to the Arab League meeting "whether it be the foreign minister, whom we intend to appoint soon, (or somebody else) to come and occupy Iraq's natural and legitimate place among the Arab foreign ministers".

He denied the council only derived its legitimacy from the occupying forces, saying: "That is totally inaccurate." He said the council was charting its own course, based on the will of the Iraqi people.

A group of Arab foreign ministers meeting at the League earlier this month called the council's formation a step in the right direction, but would not be drawn on whether the body would be allowed to take up Iraq's League seat.

Arab political heavyweight Egypt said this month that it and other Arab states could not recognize the legitimacy of the council. Arabs have called for a government elected by Iraqis and a quick end to the US-led occupation of the country. The Iraqi delegation arrived in Egypt from Saudi Arabia. The delegation chief said they would head to Jordan next. Jaafari, who was not joined by Maher in a news conference which followed their talks, said that by inviting the council to meet their officials, Arab states were moving closer to recognizing its legitimacy.

Egypt, a close US ally, had said it would receive the delegation as Iraqi individuals, not as council representatives.

MNA/Reuters

Salvors brace stranded ship for storms in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 25 Aug — Salvage experts who have removed nearly half the fuel oil from a beached cargo ship near Cape Town stopped pumping and readied the ship for bad weather on Saturday as they drew up plans to move radioactive uranium ore from its hold.

The 33,000-dwt *Sealand Express* container ship owned by US Ship Management Inc. (USSM) was carrying almost 4,000 tons of fuel oil as well as 50 tons of uranium ore, flammable gas and fireworks.

Around 1,500 tons of heavy fuel oil has been removed since pumping began early on Friday, a statement from salvage firm Smit Pentow Marine said on Saturday.

"They stopped pumping fuel oil a couple of hours ago. They are preparing the ship for bad weather," USSM spokesman Evelyn John Holtzhausen told Reuters.

Earlier, salvage teams had said they were satisfied

with the rate at which they were removing the fuel oil in order to lighten the ship and float it off the sand where it is stranded.

Stormy seas dragged the ship onto Sunset Beach in Table Bay, six miles north of central Cape Town, on Tuesday, as it tried to enter the harbour en route from Durban in the east of the country for Newark, New Jersey in the United States.

The Environment Ministry expects a plan for removal of the hazardous cargo to be presented by Monday and authorities have decided to ban the public from approaching within 800 yards of the vessel.

The ministry said the

uranium ore in three containers was not enriched and therefore had low levels of radioactivity. The ore was headed for Canada, a spokesman for the ship's charterer, Danish group AP Moeller-Maersk, told Reuters.

Bad weather affecting Cape Town is expected to remain until Monday, environment and shipping officials said, making it impossible to remove more oil or shift the cargo.

Smit Pentow Marine have said they hope a combination of spring tides later this week and lightening the ship by removing the oil will help tugs to pull the ship free.

MNA/Reuters

Zambia, Botswana to jointly curb cross-border crimes

LUSAKA, 25 Aug — The Zambia-Botswana Joint Commission on Defence and Security has agreed to strengthen bilateral cooperation in curbing cross-border crimes, the official *Zambia Daily Mail* newspaper reported Saturday.

Arising from a meeting in the Zambian city of Kabwe, the commission said in a communique that illegal activities and crimes going on across the border are worrying and that time has come to bring an end to this. —MNA/Xinhua

Six killed in mid-air plane crash in Germany

LECHSEND (Germany), 25 Aug — Six Germans were killed on Saturday when two small aircraft collided in clear skies over the southern German state of Bavaria, police said.

The crash involved a one-man glider and a *Cessna* plane with a pilot and four passengers who were planning to do tandem parachute jumps, a police spokesman said.

The wreckage of the two aircraft landed in a corn field just outside the rural town of Lechsend, near Donauwoerth north of Munich. The *Cessna* was burning on the ground and extinguished by firefighters.

"All we know at this point is that the two aircraft crashed into each other in mid-air," said police spokesman Josef Bauer. "The wreckage landed in a field just outside of the town. Luckily no one on the ground was hurt."

The collision occurred shortly after 2 pm (1200 GMT).

The victims, five men and one woman, were aged between 21 and 52. The plane was carrying four passengers, including the one woman, who were planning to do parachute jumps. —MNA/Reuters



People go sightseeing by boat in front of Potala Palace in Lhasa, capital of south-west China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 23 August, 2003. As Tibet enters the best season for tourism, local residents and travellers relax themselves in different ways at the weekend. —XINHUA

Power cut paralyses Finnish capital

HELSINKI, 25 Aug — A power cut caused by a cable failure blacked out Finland's capital and surrounding area for over half an hour on Saturday evening, halting trains and the city's underground railway, officials said.

The power went off in Helsinki, with a population of some 500,000, at around 8.20 pm (1720 GMT), but returned to all affected areas shortly after 9 pm. Parts of the smaller neighbouring towns of Vantaa and Espoo were also without power. Helsinki energy utility spokeswoman Ulla-Maija Alander said the blackout was caused by a power cable failure in one of Helsinki power plants when the plant was connected back to the grid following regular maintenance works.

MNA/Reuters

US efforts to seek support for broader coalition hit a snag

UNITED NATIONS, 25 Aug — The US efforts at the UN to seek support to broaden the coalition and to persuade more countries to send troops to Iraq has hit a snag as American officials made it clear that Washington would not cede any authority, citing advantages of a unified and competent command.

American Secretary of State Colin Powell, who met Secretary-General Kofi Annan Thursday to discuss the situation following the truck-bomb explosion of the world body headquarters in Baghdad Tuesday that left at least 23 dead and more than 100 injured, said he was exploring a new resolution that "might encourage others" to support American and British efforts in Iraq.

Powell, who is seeking troops from more countries, told reporters American Ambassador John Negroponte is negotiating a resolution with the members of the Security Council. But

there was no draft as yet.

He said the discussions on the draft in the Security Council may include "issues with respect to the role the UN might play" in Iraq.

Powell said the countries that have sent troops to Iraq want US command over the peacekeeping operations.

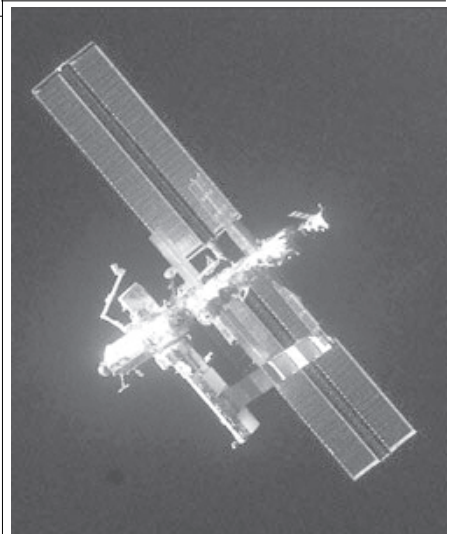
"We have said all along that we want the UN to play a vital role. The issue of ceding authority is not an issue we have to discuss," he said, adding "You have to have control of a large military organization. That's what US leadership brings to the coalition."

But the United States

is prepared to consider a language for the resolution if it encourages others to contribute, Powell added.

France, which had led opposition to the United States military action, however, made it clear that Washington must share the authority if it wants other nations to share its burden.

"To share the burden and responsibilities in a world of equal and sovereign nations, also means sharing information and authority," French envoy Michel Duclos told a Security Council discussion on Iraq. —MNA/PTI



The International Space Station is seen from the US space shuttle Endeavour. Russian Scientists are participating in the construction of the European Space Agency's (ESA) new spacecraft set for blast off next year, an ESA director said. —INTERNET

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S**Bayern cruise to 2-0 victory over Hamburg**

HAMBURG, 25 AUG—Bayern Munich posted an easy 2-0 victory over Hamburg SV on Sunday with goals from Claudio Pizarro and Elber in a match that marked the 40th anniversary of the Bundesliga.

Claiming their third win in four matches, champions Bayern moved into second place in the standings just behind Werder Bremen and ahead of VfB Stuttgart—all three teams on 10 points and only separated by goal difference.

Pizarro put Bayern ahead in the 14th minute with his fourth goal in four matches and Elber sealed victory in the 78th minute shortly after coming off the substitutes' bench.

Elber, who was the Bundesliga's joint top scorer last season with 21 goals, had lost his spot in the starting line-up to Dutch striker Roy Makaay, signed this month from Deportivo Coruna.

MNA/Reuters



Chelsea have signed Inter Milan striker Hernan Crespo.
INTERNET

**Beckham's Real beaten in Super Cup first leg**

PALMA DE MALLORCA (Spain), 25 Aug — David Beckham made his first meaningful contribution to the Real Madrid cause with a trademark assist, but could not prevent his side losing 2-1 to Real Mallorca in the Super Cup's first leg on Sunday.

Beckham's swerving corner set up Luis Figo for the opening goal of the Spanish season's curtain-raiser after 19 minutes, but Mallorca hit back with goals from Arnold Bruggink and Samuel Eto'o in three minutes either side of half-time.

Beckham was substituted after just 55 minutes, as new Real coach Carlos Queiroz chose to beef up his midfield by recalling French international Claude Makelele from the bench. The England captain left the field with a look of quiet resignation, but could at least be satisfied with a marked improvement on his terrible showing in a pre-season friendly against Valencia last weekend.

With Makelele back in the team—the pay protest that saw him boycott training after the club's pre-season tour of Asia apparently over—Real took a greater hold in midfield but created few clear chances over the remainder of the game.

Leo Franco did well to tip over a long-range blast from Roberto Carlos with 73 minutes gone but, despite a couple of late scares, the King's Cup holders held on to earn a slim advantage to take back to the Bernabeu for Wednesday's second leg.

Beckham's perfectly struck corner was the only bright moment for Real Madrid in a poor first-half performance.

The Englishman, making his competitive debut following a 35-million-euros (38.08-million-dollar) move from Manchester United, deceived Leo Franco in the flight

with his delivery from the left and picked out Figo unmarked at the far post.

Beckham turned to a crowd packed with holidaying English fans with his arms raised in celebration before running off to take the congratulations of his teammates.

He had spent much of the game against Valencia stuck out wide on the right but Queiroz gave him a more central role on Sunday. The early signs were good, with Beckham setting up Ronaldo for a goalscoring chance just past the half hour and hooking up well with the rest of the midfield.

Mallorca, who knocked Real out of last season's Kings Cup and also beat them 5-1 in the league at the Bernabeu, gradually took control of the game, though, and equalized in first-half injury-time. Eto'o stole the ball from Zidane on the edge of the box and passed to Ariel Ibagaza. He threaded a pass through the legs of centre-back Francisco Pavon and Mallorca's new Dutch signing Bruggink pounced to score his first goal for the club.

Mallorca took the lead within three minutes of the re-start, Eto'o setting off on a powerful run and finding Alejandro Campaño. He took the ball on and picked out Eto'o to crash his shot past Iker Casillas.

The introduction of Makelele in place of Beckham served to stem the tide of Mallorca attacks, but Queiroz may well have been looking back on his decision with regret when Ronaldo won a free kick five metres outside the area. —MNA/Reuters

Impressive Arsenal join Man Utd, Chelsea at top

LONDON, 25 Aug—Arsenal romped to a 4-0 win at Middlesbrough on Sunday, putting them level with champions Manchester United and Chelsea at the top of the English Premier League.

Arsenal, last season's runners-up, and United have an identical goal difference of five, three better than big-spending Chelsea, the only other team to have won their first two matches of the season.

Earlier on Sunday, Aston Villa and Liverpool picked up their first points of the season in an entertaining 0-0 draw at Villa Park.

Arsenal simply outclassed Middlesbrough at the Riverside Stadium.

Striker Thierry Henry put them ahead in the fifth minute with a low shot after Boro keeper Mark Schwarzer had pushed away Freddie Ljungberg's angled drive.

Brazilian midfielder Gilberto increased the lead with a crisp volley from a Robert Pires pass, and Arsenal went further ahead when Wiltord cleverly diverted in Henry's pinpoint cross from the left.

Wiltord made it four on the hour. Defender Sol Campbell sent a fine low ball to the unmarked Ljungberg who broke through the defence on the right to square the ball for the French striker to side-foot into the roof of the net.

Middlesbrough's Brazilian playmaker Juninho hit a sweet left-foot shot that brought a diving save from Arsenal's German keeper Jens Lehmann midway through the second half, but the home team never threatened to get back into the match.

Boro paraded new loan signings Gaizka Mendieta of Spain and England's Danny Mills before kickoff but neither played.

Henry said he was short of fitness having missed Arsenal's pre-season warm-up matches after playing in the Confederations Cup.

"I'm not running like I'm used to," he told Sky Sports. "I know it might sound strange (as) I've scored three goals in three games but I'm not 100-per-cent fit. I'm just trying to help the team."

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger thought Gilberto's was the pick of his team's goals. "It was a fantastic goal," Wenger said. "He's not a very good finisher so I'm happy he got a great goal."

At Villa Park, the goalkeepers had plenty of work and made some outstanding saves as both sides created numerous chances, with Liverpool's new forward Harry Kewell guilty of a glaring miss in the 10th minute.

Villa's Danish goalkeeper Thomas Sorensen parried El Hadji Diouf's volley from the right in the 10th minute and Kewell had only to turn the rebound into the net. The

Australian, however, misdirected the ball just wide with his weaker right foot.

Villa, marginally the better side, were unlucky when Colombian forward Juan Pablo Angel's curling free kick on the hour came back off Jerzy Dudek's near post.

Sorensen made a brilliant flying save seven minutes later to tip Liverpool midfielder Danny Murphy's shot over the bar when it was heading for the top corner. Villa midfielder Gareth Barry was wide of the far post with a low shot in the 73rd from Vassell's square pass.

Liverpool might have snatched victory but Sorensen made another diving save near the foot of his left hand post five minutes from time. The Dane parried John Arne Riise's header from a corner and Michael Owen's point-blank shot from the rebound went just wide.

Sorensen and midfielder Gavin McCann, both signed by Villa manager David O'Leary from relegated Sunderland for a combined fee of 4.5 million pounds (seven million dollars), stood out.

"I was given a small budget of just under four million pounds to spend on players," O'Leary said. "I think I'm a good judge of players and that I spent the money well." —MNA/Reuters

England defender Mills loaned to Middlesbrough

LONDON, 25 Aug—England World Cup defender Danny Mills has joined Middlesbrough from Leeds United on loan for the season, the English Premier League club said on Sunday.

The 26-year-old right back, who began his career at Norwich City and joined Leeds from Charlton Athletic in 1999, is the second major loan deal for Middlesbrough in four days.

Boro also secured Spanish international midfielder Gaizka Mendieta on loan from Lazio of Italy for a year with the option of a permanent transfer.

Mills, who has 17 caps, played in all England's matches at the World Cup in Asia last year and is in coach Sven-Goran Eriksson's Euro 2004 qualifying squad. He came on as a substitute in England's 3-1 win over Croatia in a friendly international last Wednesday. —MNA/Reuters



Manchester United signings Kleberson (L) and Cristiano Ronaldo (R) stand with Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson after a news conference at Old Trafford, on 13 August, 2003. Manchester United made a double transfer coup in time for the start of the English Premier League season with the signing of Brazil midfielder Kleberson and Portuguese teenage striker Cristiano Ronaldo. —INTERNET

MRTV-3**26-8-2003 (Tuesday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greetings
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar
Panorama & Myanmar
Sentiment"
- 9:06 A Thousand Bo-tree
from Greening Tropic
Zone
- 9:10** **Headline News**
9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Prawn and
Bamboo Shoot Fry"
- 9:15** **National News**
9:20 The Ancient Shwe Inn
Thein Pagoda
- 9:25 Lon Yu Festival
Dance
- 9:30** **National News**
9:35 Myanmar Broom
9:40 Song On Screen "Our
Cherryland"
- 9:42 U Pain Bridge
9:45 **National News**
9:50 Let us preserve the
Watershed Areas
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and
See Myanmar"

**26-8-2003 (Tuesday)
Regular Programmes for
Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Pano-
rama & Myanmar Sen-
timent"
- 15:36 A Thousand Bo-tree
from Greening Tropic
Zone
- 15:40** **Headline News**
15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Prawn and
Bamboo Shoot Fry"
- 15:45** **National News**
15:50 The Ancient Shwe Inn
Thein Pagoda
- 15:55 Lon Yu Festival
Dance
- 16:00** **National News**
16:05 Myanmar Broom
16:10 Song On Screen "Our
Cherryland"
- 16:12 U Pain Bridge
16:15 **National News**
16:20 Let us preserve the
Watershed Areas
16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 16:30** **National News**
16:35 Picturesque Views in
Southern Shan State
(Part-I)
- 16:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Cucumber Salad"
- 16:45** **National News**

- 16:50 Thin Straw Pulp Paper
16:55 Magnificent
Pindaingsan Dance
- 17:00** **National News**
17:05 Intricate Art of
Silversmith
- 17:10 Song "Across the
Ayeayawady"
- 17:15** **National News**
17:20 Progressing Cultivation
in Northern Shan State
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights
"Come and See
Myanmar"

**Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 Ancient Htoke Kan
Thein Temple
- 19:40** **Headline News**
19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Fried Aspara-
gus with Fish Flake"
- 19:45** **National News**
19:50 Myanmar Traditional
Boxing
- 19:55 Lively Dancer,
Myanmar Mintha
Kayin Traditional
Weaving Industry
- 20:00** **National News**
20:05 Annual Pilgrims From
the River
- 20:10 Song
"Outstanding Ones"
- 20:12 Minhla Dam
20:15 **National News**
20:20 Production of Pearls at
Orient Pearl Co., Ltd
Song "The Smooth
Way with beautiful
White Flowers"
- 20:30** **National News**
20:35 Travel & Description
(Yangon to Thanlyin-
Kyaik Tan)
- 20:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Traditional
Shwedaung Noodle"
- 20:45** **National News**
20:50 Lacquerware made
from Porcelain and
Glaze
- 20:55 Kayan Dance
20:58 Electronic Library
(Myin Mu)
- 21:00** **National News**
21:05 Myanmar Modern
Song "Treasure Land"
- 21:10 Myanmar Traditional
Snack "Dawei
Ngamoun"
(Fish Crispies)
- 21:15** **National News**
21:20 Paintings decorated by
art of goldsmith
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 21:35 A Thousand Bo-tree
from Greening Tropic
Zone
- 21:40** **Headline News**
21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Prawn and
Bamboo Shoot Fry"
- 21:45** **National News**
21:50 The Ancient Shwe Inn
Thein Pagoda
- 21:55 Lon Yu Festival
Dance

- 22:00** **National News**
22:05 Myanmar Broom
22:10 Songs On Screen
"Our Cherryland"
- 22:12 U Pain Bridge
22:15 **National News**
22:20 Let us preserve the
Watershed Areas
22:25 Song "Pleasant Kayah"
- 22:30** **National News**
22:35 Picturesque Views in
Southern Shan State
(Part-I)
- 22:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Cucumber Salad"
- 22:45** **National News**
22:50 Thin Straw Pulp
Paper
- 22:55 Magnificent
Pindaingsan Dance
- 23:00** **National News**
23:05 Intricate Art of
Silversmith
- 23:10 Song "Across
The Ayeayawady"
- 23:15** **National News**
23:20 Progressing Cultivation
in Northern Shan State
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**26-8-2003 (Tuesday) &
27-8-2003 (Wednesday)
Evening & Morning
Transmission
(23:30 - 01:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 23:36 A Thousand Bo-tree
from Greening Tropic
Zone
- 23:40** **Headline News**
23:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Prawn and
Bamboo Shoot Fry"
- 23:45** **National News**
23:50 The Ancient Shwe Inn
Thein Pagoda
- 23:55 Lon Yu Festival
Dance
- 24:00** **National News**
00:05 Myanmar Broom
00:10 Songs On Screen
"Our Cherryland"
- 00:12 U Pain Bridge
00:15 **National News**
00:20 Let us preserve the
Watershed Areas
00:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 00:30** **National News**
00:35 Picturesque Views in
Southern Shan State
(Part-I)
- 00:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Cucumber Salad"
- 00:45** **National News**
00:50 Thin Straw Pulp Paper
00:55 Magnificent
Pindaingsan Dance
- 01:00** **National News**
01:05 Intricate Art of
Silversmith
- 01:10 Song "Across The
Ayeayawady"
- 01:15** **National News**
01:20 Progressing Cultivation
in Northern Shan State
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

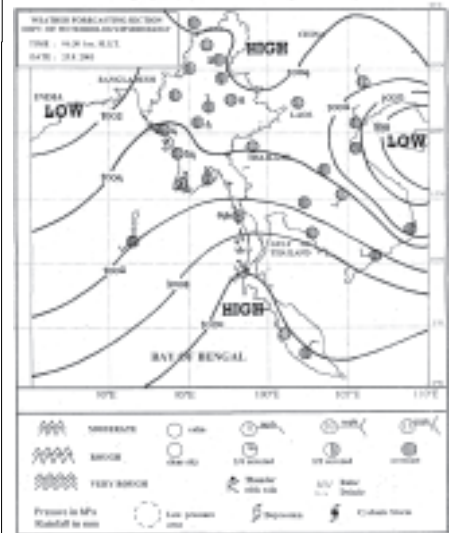
- 27-8-2003 (Wednesday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30 - 07:30)**
- 03:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
- 03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar
Panorama & Myanmar
Sentiment"
- 03:36 Ancient Htoke Kan
Thein Temple
- 03:40** **Headline News**
03:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Fried Aspara-
gus with Fish Flake"
- 03:45** **National News**
03:50 Myanmar Traditional
Boxing
- 03:55 Lively Dancer,
Myanmar Mintha
Kayin Traditional
Weaving Industry
- 04:00** **National News**
04:05 Annual Pilgrims From
the River
- 04:10 Song "The Outstanding
Ones"
- 04:12 Minhla Dam
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04:20 Production of Pearls at
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04:50 Lacquerware made
from Porcelain and
Glaze
- 04:55 Kayan Dance
04:58 Electronic Library
(Myin Mu)
- 05:00** **National News**
05:05 Myanmar Modern
Song "Treasure Land"
- 05:10 Myanmar Traditional
Snack "Dawei
Ngamoun"
(Fish Crispies)
- 05:15** **National News**
05:20 Paintings decorated by
art of goldsmith
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 05:35 A Thousand Bo-tree
from Greening Tropic
Zone
- 05:40** **Headline News**
05:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Prawn and
Bamboo Shoot Fry"
- 05:45** **National News**
05:50 The Ancient Shwe Inn
Thein Pagoda
- 05:55 Lon Yu Festival
Dance
- 06:00** **National News**
06:05 Myanmar Broom
06:10 Songs On Screen "Our
Cherryland"
- 06:12 U Pain Bridge
06:15 **National News**
06:20 Let us preserve the
Watershed Areas
06:25 Song "Pleasant Kayah"
- 06:30** **National News**
06:35 Picturesque Views in
Southern Shan State
(Part-I)

A sleep in Jesus**Rev Dr David Yone Mo (a)
U Myint Moe
Age (59)**

Son of (U Yone Mo & Daw Sein Pu), husband of (Catherine Khin) and loving brother of Elizabeth Yone Mo (Swiss), (Stephen Yone Mo), Philip Yone Mo (U.S.), Esther Yone Mo (U.S.), father of U Aung Myint Moe (U.S.), Rev. Kevin Moe -Naw Thwe Htoo, U Saw Chit San Maung (Iron Cross) -Daw Khin Khin Moe, U Kan Myint Moe-Naw Gina, U Zaw Myint Moe (U.S.), Grandfather of 8 grandchildren, was called away to his heavenly home on 24-8-2003 (Sunday) at 9:10 pm at his residence, No 108 Yangon-Insein Road, 3rd Ward, Mayangone. Service will be held at the Evangelical Baptist Church (M.Y.C) 108, Yan gon-Insein Road, on Wednesday 27-8-2003 at 9:00 am and will proceed to Yayway Karen Baptist Cemetery for burial and entombment.

Bereaved family

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| 06:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Cucumber Salad" | 07:10 Silversmith
Song "Across The
Ayeayawady" |
| 06:45 National News | 07:15 National News |
| 06:50 Thin Straw Pulp
Paper | 07:20 Progressing Cultivation
in Northern Shan State |
| Magnificent
Pindaingsan Dance | 07:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Come and See
Myanmar" |
| 07:00 National News | |
| 07:05 Intricate Art of | |

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**WEATHER****Monday, 25 August, 2003**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing Division and scattered to wide-spread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, isolated heavyfalls in Kayin State and Bago Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Shwegyin (6.73) inches, Mudon (6.02) inches, Dawei (5.75) inches, Myeik (4.29) inches, Hpa-an (3.58) inches and Mawlamyine (2.99) inches.

Maximum temperature on 24-8-2003 was 30.5°C (86°F). Minimum temperature on 25-8-2003 was 20.5°C (69°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 25-8-2003 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 24-8-2003 was nil. Rainfall on 25-8-2003 was 36 mm at Yangon Airport, 20 mm at Kaba-Aye and 18 mm at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 1660 mm (65.35 inches) at Yangon Airport, 1843 mm (72.56 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1869 mm (73.58 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 19 mph from Southwest at (13:10) hours MST on 24-8-2003. **Bay inference:** Monsoon is generally moderate in the Bay of Bengal. **Special features:** According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, the severe tropical storm "KROVANH" is centred about (350) miles east of Ha-Noi, Vietnam. It is forecast to move west ward and cross Vietnam Coast during next (12) hours commencing this morning. **Forecast valid until evening of 25-8-2003:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon, Rakhine, Kayin, Shan States, Taninthayi, Bago, Ayeayawady and Yangon Divisions, scattered in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kayin and Mon States, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (100%). **State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Increase of rain are likely in Central Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-8-2003:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-8-2003:** One or two rains or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**View today:****Tuesday, August 26**

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw
U Oattamathara
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am**
5. ကမ္ဘာပုံစံသွယ်
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am**
7. Song of yesteryears
- 8:30 am**
8. International news
- 8:45 am**
9. Islands of Dhamma
- 8:50 am**
10. သတ္တဗျူဟာစာတော်
(အဓမ္မဟာပတ္တိတ) တွဲဖက်အတိုး
တော်စာတော် ဆရာတော် နိုင်ငံတော်

- သံဃာတော်များက အဓမ္မဟာပတ္တိတ
စာတော်ကို နေ့စဉ်တိုင်း ဖတ်ကြား
တော်မူကြသည်။
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Song to uphold
National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. English for Everyday
Use
- 4:40 pm**
4. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း အမှတ်(၃)အခြေစိုက်
ဦးစီးဌာန၊ ပုသိမ်မြို့နယ်၊ မြေစိုက်
ဝတ်စုံပြိုင်ပွဲ (ဒုတိယရပ်)
(အထက-၁ သင်္ချာရပ်)
(အမျိုးသားဝတ်စုံပြိုင်ပွဲ)
- 5:00 pm**
5. အထက-၁ ဝတ်စုံပြိုင်ပွဲ
ရုပ်ရှင်ပြသချက်
ဝတ်စုံပြိုင်ပွဲ
(ရုက္ခဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗျူဟာစာတော်)
(ရုက္ခဗေဒ)
- 5:15 pm**
6. ပထမ နှစ် ကောင်းသမီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
(ဝတ်စုံပြိုင်ပွဲ) မြန်မာ့အသံ
အသံ၊ အကအရုပ်၊ အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
မှားလားလျှင် ဖော်ပြ
(ပုသိမ်မြို့နယ်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:30 pm**
7. Dance of national races
- 5:45 pm**
8. စစ်ကားဆိုင်ရာစာတော်

- 5:55 pm**
9. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:30 pm**
10. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
11. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
12. Milo success in soccer
- 7:10 pm**
13. မင်းတုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး
"ပဉ္စမသင်္ဃာန်" (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:30 pm**
14. The mirror images of
the musical oldies
- 7:45 pm**
15. လေးလေးနုနု
(သောတပန်နု၊ စင်္ကြံပြိုင်ပွဲ)
- 8:00 pm**
16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတော်သံ
"ဟိုဘယ်ရပ်ကွက်"
(အပိုင်း-၆)
20. မင်းတုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး
ဦးစီးဌာနမှ အသံ၊ အရပ်
သံယူရန် ဖော်ပြ
ဌာနပြိုင်ပွဲစာတော်
21. The next day's
programme

**Tuesday, August 26****Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music
- 8.50 am** National news/
Slogan
- 9.00 am** Music
- 9.05 am** International news
- 9.10 am** Music
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Lunch time music
-One second thought
(Eddie Rabbit)
-Straight & narrow
(Paul Overstreet)
English Lesson:
Look Ahead (44)
Article/Music
- 9.15 pm** Weekly sports reel
- 9.25 pm** Music for your
listening pleasure
-All out of love (OTT)
- 9.45 pm** News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council

Declaration No 8/2003
13th Waning of Wakhaung, 1365
(25th August 2003)

Permission granted for retirement

The State Peace and Development Council has permitted the following ministers to retire from duties with effect from today.

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|----------------------|---|
| (1) Lt-Gen Min Thein | Minister at the State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Office |
| (2) Brig-Gen Abel | Minister at the State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Office |
| (3) U Pan Aung | Minister at the Prime Minister's Office |
| (4) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe | Minister for Cooperatives |
| (5) U Aung Khin | Minister for Religious Affairs |

By Order,
Sd/ Khin Nyunt
General
Secretary-1

State Peace and Development Council

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council

Declaration No 9/2003
13th Waning of Wakhaung, 1365
(25th August 2003)

Appointment of Ministers

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed and assigned duties to the following persons as the ministers of the ministries shown against each with effect from today.

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|--------------------------------|---|
| (1) U Ko Lay | Minister at the Prime Minister's Office |
| (2) Maj-Gen Thein Swe | Minister at the Prime Minister's Office |
| (3) Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung | Minister for Religious Affairs |
| (4) Brig-Gen Thein Aung | Minister for Forestry |
| (5) Maj-Gen Htay Oo | Minister for Cooperatives |

By Order,
Sd/ Khin Nyunt
General
Secretary-1

State Peace and Development Council



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe inspects the unloading of machinery from the ship to be used at the extension project of the Yangon International Airport. — TRANSPORT



Yangon Command Commander's Shield concludes

YANGON, 25 Aug — The final matches of Yangon Command Commander's Shield men's and Women's Volleyball Tournament took place at Gymnasium in Hline Township this afternoon attended by Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife.

In the final match of the women's event, No 1 Provost Company Team beat the Central Supply and Transport Team. In

men's event, No 1 Provost Company Team beat Central Provost Team.

Afterwards, the commander presented championship shield to No 1 Provost Company Team (Men) and Daw Khin Thet Htay, wife of the commander, to No 1 Provost Company Team (women).

Officials also presented awards to the best players. — MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung greets Mr Arun Shourie, Minister of Indian Communication and Information Technology, at a dinner hosted at the Zizawa Yeiktha. — MNA

Minister inspects fibre glass speed boat of international standard

YANGON, 25 Aug — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Deputy Minister U Pe Than and officials inspected fibre glass speed boat of international standard built by Myanmar and Japanese engineers in cooperation with faculty members and students of Myanmar Maritime University at Theinbyu Shipyard of Myanmar Port Authority this afternoon.

Japanese engineers and

officials reported on construction process, size and power and type of engine. The minister gave instructions.

The Mercury engine installed boat is six metres long and 2.4 metres wide and it can travel 130 nautical miles per hour. It was built by Silver Wave Co Ltd and AJMMC for Myanmar Maritime University for the first time. The minister and the deputy minister went to No

3 Sule Wharf and inspected loading of bored pile machine imported from Singapore for use in Yangon International Airport Extension Project.

Managing Director of Myanmar Five Star Line U Khin Maung Kyi and officials reported on the loading of machine. The 800 feet long and 200 feet wide terminal for passengers will be built with the use of bored pile machine. — MNA

Indian Communication and Information Technology Minister arrives

YANGON, 25 Aug — At the invitation of the Minister of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, a goodwill delegation led by Minister Mr Arun Shourie of the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology of India arrived here by air this afternoon.

The visiting minister and party were welcomed at the airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung,

the Vice-Chairman of e-National Task Force, Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Aung Myint, officials from the ministry, Ambassador Mr Raju Kumar Bhatia and officials.

At 3.30 pm, the Indian minister and party paid obeisance to Vice-Chairman Sayadaw of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee

Dawei Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Arcindabhivamsa and joint-secretary Sayadaws and member Sayadaws at Maha Nayaka monastery at Kaba Aye Hill in Mayangon Township. The guests presented offertories to the Sayadaws.

Afterwards, the Indian minister and party visited the (See page 9)