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Declaration No 5/2003
13th Waning of Wakhaung, 1365
(25th August 2003)

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

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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 Li-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

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State Peace and Development Council
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13th Waning of Wakhaung,1365
(25th August 2003)

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 Li-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

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State Peace and Development Council
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(25th August 2003)

Assignment of duty as Secretary-3 of the State Peace and Development Council

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed and assigned duties to Li-Gen Thein Sein, member of the State Peace and Development Council as Secretary-3 of the State Peace and Development Council with effect from today.

Sd/ Than Shwe
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Sports gear and cash assistance provided to footballers and coaches in Shan State (South)

Second, the minister inspected Naungshwe sports grounds and Shwenyaung sports grounds and Shwenyaung sports grounds, fulfilled the requirements for renovation of sports grounds and provided sports gear to officials. Similarly, the minister on 22 August looked over Myanmyo and Aungban Township sports grounds, met with officials concerned, fulfilled their requirements and presented sports gear to them.

Next, the minister proceeded to Basic Education Schools situated along the Hnminyin, Wyangans, Aungban and Taunggyi towns, greeted the students and presented sports gear.

On the occasion, the commander spoke of measures being taken for nurturing outstanding footballers and promotion of sports standards. Next, the minister spoke of measures being taken for nurturing outstanding footballers and promotion of sports standards.
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 Nyauungywa Village, Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District and No 5 Basic Education Primary School in Daingyu 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-I 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 DHSHD, has been renovating those schools. In the first five-year short term plan of 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 for ensuring the school enrollment of school-age children.

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 railway 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 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.

Will answer thus if asked

Outstanding students honoured

YANGON, 25 Aug — Children, offspring of factory workers of the Ministry of Industry-I, 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-I U Aung Thaung. 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 Thak 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.

The Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation awarded 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.

Minister U Aung Thaung presents award to a six-distinction winner. (Photo: MNA)

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

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.
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 the Council of Security and it also forms 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 broadening of a UN role to permit them to join in 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 its 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.

Russia hints at possible presence of multinational force in Iraq

Moscow, 25 Aug — Russia 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 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.

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 US 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 US 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.

Annan 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.”

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.

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 implementing 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.

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.
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, 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 not 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 “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

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 15, and work on the needed 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 country, 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

Nigeria encourages foreigners to set up enterprises


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 new enterprise in devoting money to modernize the plant.

He said foreigners to set up enterprises in the country, also anticipated a level of 864 million kilos as the crop for 2003, up from 826 million kilos.

The government would support foreign investors to enter the Nigerian market, he said.

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 Viera 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 staff 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

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 646 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

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

Tanzania, Burundi to open more camps for refugees

DARES-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 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

IRAQ: 25 Aug — Iraqi Shiite Muslims in the city of Bakuba, north of Baghdad, demonstrate against the death issued in Britain.

Umoa, 25 Aug — A United Nations spokesman in Baghdad said Saturday that the UN is seeking to evacuate more UN staff from Baghdad.

Keele, the UN’s chief of supervision for middle East, said some 200 UN staff members decided to evacuate Baghdad.

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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 peacefull liberation for 50 years or more.

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 headquarter in Iraq. “We are forced to reduce the number of our staff in Baghdad,” Nadia 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.

**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,” Yana Mohammed, director of the organization told reporters at a rally in central Baghdad.

“This crime is 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 Governing 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 pretext of the US-led war on Iraq was to liberate men and women here and there and provide them with a better life, but they failed to do so, she complained.

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, that is, 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.

Bangladesh 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

**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.

The accords are the outcome of a three-day visit to Kuwait last year to participate in a seminar on judges and lawyers, Parlia mentary Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj told report ers.

The agreement with Kuwait, signed 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

**US sees foreign fighters growing problem in Iraq**

Washington, 25 Aug.— The US civilian administra tor 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 would not publicly discuss 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 1988, has 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 guerrilla-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 Anwar 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

**Three more join India-China coalition in agric 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 Equador. 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 subsidy, 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 re duction in tariffs, steeper tariff cuts and no provision for Special Products and some provision for SSM, he said. — MNA/PTI

Women of the Sala ethnic group from the Sala Autonomous Prefecture in Xunhua 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 Xining was held on 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” had 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 “terrorism” 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.”

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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

Brazils 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 agency’s headquarters in Baghdad on Tuesday.

His French wife Annie announced Sunday that “probably several hundred” foreign fighters had entered the country and that Iraq was now a frontline in the US war on terrorism.

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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.

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

Wal-mart urged to establish trade unions in China

BRUSSELS, 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 has 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.

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 to the Meeting, Incentive, Convention and Exhibitions (MICE) segment during the Year 2002 to 24,747 people, a state issued by Malaysian tourism authorities.

Media were asked by Malaysian tourism authorities to attend a ceremony on the second day of the Malaysia Tourism Conference, the 300th anniversary of Sultan of Selangor's coronation.

The conference was attended by Malaysian tourism authorities to attract Indian businesses, according to the President. “It is with deep sorrow that I announce the death of my friend and comrade,” Kibaki said. — 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.

“Two weeks, Kenya 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 on television 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 attitude to life, Michael gained courage and strength, to bear in mind the challenges of the campaign, in the last days before national elections,” Kibaki said.

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
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

Bourging countries and friendly countries. I believe that the government will never let the democracy struggle be threaten ed. 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 fact to the anti-democratic elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views whenever flattered or intimidated.

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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.

Mrs. Central Command Commander Col Nyo Win of the Ministry of Defence presents award to outstanding students 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.

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

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

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

Minister for Mines inspects salt industry in Mon State

Yangon, 25 Aug — 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 invited guests attended the ceremony.

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

Minister inspects iron beams for Thanlwin Bridge

Yangon, 25 Aug — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, accompanied by Deputy Ministers U Tin Swe, Brig-Gen Myint Then and officials, this afternoon arrived at Sule Wharf No 3 here and inspected the unloading of 5,902 tons of iron beams from a ship.

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

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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.

Minister attends Myanma Trade Fair-2003 organized by Quarte Inter-

Yangon, 25 July — With the permission of the Ministry of Commerce, Myanma Trade Fair-2003 organized by Quarte International Co Ltd will be held at Yangon Trade Centre on Parunduag Road here from 5 to 8 September.

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

Minister 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 Kyaw Kyaw Maung, departmental heads and their wives.

Pro-rector Sayadow of the University Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhadantada Umanita invited the congregation with the Five Precepts. Next, offerents 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 Propagation and Motion of the Sasana.

Later, the Sayadow 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.

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

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

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

Japanese Shadow Play Troupes entertain

Yangon, 25 Aug — To mark the year of ASEAN-Japan Exchange Year (2003), Japanese Mochimochi Noki Shadow Play Troupe comprising 10 artists led by Mr Yasaki Yamasaki this evening gave a performance at National Theatre here.

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

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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.

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

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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 officials 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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Myanmar Trade Fair on 5-8 September

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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 production of the nation. Therefore, emphasis is placed on export crop. Accordingly, the main crop is rice, the major agricultural country. She has agriculture as the base and has undertaken the project. The project 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 K2.800 million on the buildings, K140 million on power supply and 144 million yuan on machinery. The project was launched in June 2001 and now the factory has been constructed cent per cent.

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.

Ngalite Dam helping to irrigate farmland, supply drinking water

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 other factors.

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 Pyinmana 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 (Pyinmana) 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 (Pyinmana) 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 tertiaries and four distributors near Kyaukse Region in Pyinmana Township.

Arrangements have been made to supply drinking water to nearby villages using 2-feet-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 (Pyinmana) 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 (Pyinmana) 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.
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
producers have to be brought into a liberalized market, Malaysia needs to master engine-making technology.

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

“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 important 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 in producing its own horses and motorcycles. Malaysians, he said, can succeed in any endeavour as long as they are ready to learn, train, be diligent and prepared to make small sacrifices as well as 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.

China has witnessed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity fuelled to a large extent by the growth in the strategic sector organized from the 300-kilometres section of the Yinchuan-Qingdao freeway in north-east China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, north-west 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 and will traverse cities of Ningxia, Shaanxi, Shanxi, Hebei and Shandong provinces.

Completion of the freeway will connect the coalfield in eastern Ningxia, the Changjiang 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, part from the 300-kilometres section in Shaanxi, which is still under construction, has been completed.

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Iron hangs 10 smugglers, armed robbers

TEHRAN, 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 robbers, and arson and attacking.

“Ten smugglers and armed robbers were hanged in the cities of Kerman and Bandar Abbas,” the paper said, quoting a statement from Kerman’s Justice Department.

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 built to supply natural gas from the field to Baotou and Hohhot cities in Inner Mongolia, according to the report.

Part of Yinchuan-Qingdao freeway completed

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CLAMS DAY NOTICE
MV “ORIENT ENTERPRISE” VOY NO (101)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV “ORIENT ENTERPRISE” Voy No (101) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26-8-2003 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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Hardware capability a must for self-sufficient strategic sector

Fire forces Lufthansa plane to land in Austria

VIENNA, 25 Aug — A Lufthansa plane on 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.

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

“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.

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He said India’s IT hub, at a “technology conference on Harmonizing IT power CAS perspective” organized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), 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 experienced 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 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 which was expected to grow to 18 billion US dollars by 2010. Premji said the hardware sector was being laid to supply the electronics hardware requirement of the National Task Force on hardware.

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

Jaaferi 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.

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. Jaaferi, who was not joined by Maher in a news conference which followed their talks, said he intended to meet with his ministers. Arab states were moving closer to recognizing its legitimacy.

Egypt, a close US ally, had said it would receive the delegation as an Arab individual, not as council representatives.

**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 raised the ship for bad weather on Saturday as they drew up plans to move radioactive uranium ore from its hold.

The 33,000-dwt Seaboard Express cargo ship, owned by US Ship Management Inc. (USSM) was carrying approximately 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 Smits 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 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 Minister 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 spokes- man for the ship’s charterer, Danish group AP Moeller-Maersk, told Reuters.

Bad weather affecting Cape Town is expected to remain until Monday, environ- ment and shipping offi- cials said, making it impos- sible to remove more oil or shift the cargo.

Smit Pentow Marine have said they hope to move the ship off the beach during the week and lightening the ship to help tugs to pull the ship free.

**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.

A joint meeting of the Zambia city of Kabwe, the commission said in a communiqué that illegal activities and crimes were going on across the border and that time has come to bring an end to this.

**Six killed in mid-air plane crash in Germany**

LUCERNE (Germany), 25 Aug — Six Germans were killed 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 Donauwörth 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.

**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 Sat- urday 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 town of Vantaa and Espoo were also without power. Helsinki energy utility spokesman Ulla-Maja 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.

**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 cease 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 headquar- ters in Baghdad Tuesday that left at least 23 dead and more than 100 injured, said he was exploring a new resolution that “might encourage oth- ers” to support American and British efforts in Iraq.

Powell, who is seeking troopers from more countries, including Russia’s 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 coun- tries 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 ced- sing 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 change 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 some of the authority if it wants others nations to share its burden.

“Those that share the burden have responsibilities in a world of equal and sover- eign nations, also means assuming it’s burdens and responsibilities,” French envoy Michel Duclos told a Security Council discussion on Iraq.

**MNA/Reuters**

**People go sightseeing by boat in front of Potola Palace in Lhasa, capital of southwest 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. — MNA/Reuters**

**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 spacecraf t set for blast off next year, an ESA director said. — IRIN/IC**
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 XI to Dutch striker Roy Makaay, signed this month from Deportivo Coruna.

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 Peralto and Ariel Ibagaza. He threaded a pass through the unmarked Ljungberg who broke through the defence on the right to square the ball for Beckham setting up Ronaldo for a goalscoring chance just past the half hour and hooking up with his delivery from the left and picked out Figo unmarked at the far post.

Beckham turned to a crowded packed with holing away 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 Beckham appeared more of a matchwinner than a match-winner.

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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 was on loan to Italy’s Lazio, but will now return to England’s 3-1 win over Croatia in a friendly international on Wednesday.—MNA/Reuters

Manchester United signings Kleberson (L) and Cristiano Ronaldo (R) stand with Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson at 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. —Reuters
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Tuesday, 26 August, 2003

WEATHER

Monday, 25 August, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:00 hours MST:
During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing Division and scattered to widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Mon Delta, Tanintharyi Division, isolated heavyfalls in Kayin State and Bago Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Shwetegon (6.73 inches), Myaung (6.02 inches), Daw (5.75 inches), Myeq (4.29 inches), Hpa-an (3.58 inches) and Mawlamyine (2.99 inches).

Maximum temperature on 24-25 August was 30.5°C (86°F). Minimum temperature on 23-24 August was 20.5°C (69°F). Relative humidity at 9:00 hrs on 24-25 August was 92%. Sunshine hours on 24-25 August was nil. Rainfall on 25-26 August was nil; 36 mm at Yaingon Airport, 35 mm at Kaba-Aye and 18 mm at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-2003 was 1660 mm (65.7 inches) at Yangon Airport, 1843 mm (72.56 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1669 mm (65.7 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 19 mph from Southeast at (13:10) hours MST on 24-25 August. Bay influence: Monsoon is generally moderate in the Bay of Bengal. Special features: According to the observations at 06:00 hrs MST today, the severe tropical storm “KROVANI” is centred about (350) miles out of Ho-Nui. Vietnam. It is forecast to move westward and cross Vietnam Coast during next (12) hours commencing 08:00 hrs MST today. Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon, Rakhine, Kayin, Mon State, Tanintharyi Division, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, scattered in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls. Forecast valid until 25-8-2003. Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon, Rakhine, Kayin, Mon State, Tanintharyi Division, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in the coastal and offshore areas of the South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand. Surface wave speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate to rough offshore areas of coastal and outer islands of Tanintharyi Division. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA:

Tide Tables:

1. Myanmar
2. Tanintharyi
3. Ayeyawady
4. Yangon

Tides are approximately 5 hours and 46 minutes ahead of GMT.

For the latest tide tables, please consult your nearest Meteorological Office.

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Yangon Command Commander’s Shield concludes

YANGON, 25 Aug — The final match 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 Central Provost 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 Thi Huy, wife of the commander, to No 1 Provost Company Team (women). Officials also presented awards to the best players. — 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 Myanma 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 AJMCC 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 Myanma 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 Minster 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 Bhattacharya 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 Bhuddanta Arcindyabivamsa 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)