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**In today’s world of globalization it is impossible for any nation to stand alone**

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**Benefits of development**

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
BIMST-EC for regional progress and prosperity

The Bangkok Declaration which gave birth to the BIMST-EC organization states that cooperative measures should be taken to create an enabling environment for rapid economic development and implement specific cooperation projects which are supportive as well as complementary to national development plans for the member states. Accordingly, six areas of cooperation have been identified and through these areas of cooperation, member nations have further strengthened and developed their economic ties.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt of the Union of Myanmar attended the First BIMST-EC Summit at the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bangkok, Thailand, on 31 July and delivered an address. In his address at the opening of the summit, he said that promoting transportation linkages among the member states will help extend regional trade, tourism and people-to-people contacts. In addition, transport linkages within the groupings can strengthen regional economic growth and integration and cement the bonds based on cultural and historical affinities.

Myanmar, Thailand and India are discussing cooperative measures to construct a highway from Moreh in India to Mae Sot in Thailand through Bagan in Myanmar known as the “India-Myanmar-Thailand Triilateral Highway Project”.

In the transportation sector, in addition to linkages by highways, ways to facilitate the maritime transportation network need to be sought. In this regard, Myanmar presented the “Development of the Dawei Deep Sea Port Project” to the Sixth BIMST-EC Ministerial Meeting held in Phuket. The Dawei-Nyaw Byin International Deep Sea Port will not only be to the economic benefit of Myanmar and Thailand but will also greatly facilitate trade and commerce of freight forwarders and exporters within the region.

Tourism, one of the sectors of cooperation identified under BIMST-EC, holds great prospect for the region. The development of tourist industry can contribute to poverty alleviation by creating new economic opportunities and rising income in rural areas. Therefore, this year has been designated as “Visit BIMST-EC Year 2004” and the member states will help strengthen and develop their economic ties.

We believe that Myanmar is fully cooperating with other members to achieve the desired goal of BIMST-EC.
Car bomb kills five in Iraq; 12 dead in Fallujah clashes

Baghdad, 1 Aug — A car bomb exploded outside a police station in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul on Sunday, killing at least five people and injuring 53 others, police said. The blast followed a night of clashes between US troops and guerrillas that killed 12 Iraqis and wounded 39 others in the battleground city of Fallujah, west of the capital.

Northwest of Baghdad, guerrillas detonated a bomb late Saturday that wounded four US troops, who shot dead one attacker, the military said Sunday.

In central Baghdad, guerrillas set off a roadside bomb Sunday that killed two civilians and wounded two others, said policeman Fawad Allah.

A driver for the British Broadcasting Corp suffered non-life-threatening wounds to the head, the BBC’s Baghdad bureau chief said. The blast sent plumes of black smoke rising above Abu Nawas street, on the eastern bank of the Tigris River.

Meanwhile, US authorities released 128 prisoners from the Abu Ghraib prison, west of Baghdad, bringing the total number of detainees released since January to 7,000.

A 8 am blast in Mosul occurred when a white four-wheel drive vehicle sped into a restricted entrance outside the police station, prompting guards to open fire, said Abdella Zuheir, a policeman at the scene. The vehicle then came to halt and exploded, he said.

The bomb killed at least five people, including three police, said Abdel Aziz Hafoudi, an officer at al-Salam hospital. He said 53 people were wounded, 8 police officers among them.

Guerrillas have been pressing a campaign to destabilize the interim government despite last month’s transfer of sovereignty from the US occupation authority. About 16,000 coalition troops, mostly Americans, remain in Iraq.

Kenyan hostages held in Iraq released

Nairobi, 1 Aug — Three Kenyans, along with other four hostages being held in Iraq for 11 days have been released, Kenyan Foreign Minister Chirau Ali Mwakwere confirmed here Sunday. However, both the seven men’s employer and an Iraqi chief mediator denied their release.

“I am happy to announce the release of three Kenyans who have been taken hostage in Iraq for 11 days now,” Mwakwere told a news conference in Nairobi.

“The three have been released and are now in Egyptian Embassy in Baghdad following intensive negotiations with our officials from Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kuwait where the negotiations were taking place with Iraqi mediator.”

Mwakwere said the three Kenyans are in good health. “They are ready to come back home. It’s a question now of when and I can confirm to you that the three will speak to journalists here on Monday,” the minister said, refusing to divulge the details.

Mwakwere said Kenya’s ambassador to Saudi Arabia together with two foreign ministry officials were in Kuwait to receive their released countrymen.

However, an Iraqi tribal leader negotiating with kidnappers to release the seven truck drivers denied they had been released, after the Kenyan foreign ministry’s announcement. The Kuwaiti firm which employs the seven truckers also said they were still being held hostage.

The three Kenyans, together with three Indians and one Egyptian, had been kidnapped on 21 July in Iraq by a group calling itself “The Holders of the Black Banners”.

Two explosions set off fires at Portugal oil terminal

Lisbon, 1 Aug — Two explosions set off fires at an oil terminal in northern Portugal on Saturday, news reports said.

The blasts were at an oil unloading terminal at Matosinhos, a port about 200 miles north of Lisbon. LUSA news agency said, quoting port authorities. There were no reports of injuries or the extent of damage.

The terminal is about one mile from a Petrogal oil refinery at Leça de Palmeira. The cause of the explosions was unknown.

The first blast took place about 2 pm (1300 GMT) as a tanker was being unloaded, TPF radio said. The second explosion took place about two hours later.

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Sri Lanka to set up separate zone for Indian investors

Colombo, 1 Aug — Sri Lanka will set up a separate industrial zone for Indian investors following a request from New Delhi, Investment Promotion Minister Arun Chandrananda said here recently.

The Sri Lankan minister said he has also agreed to a request from the Indian Government to set up a separate desk at the Board of Investment here to facilitate Indian firms interested in investing in the island. Chandrananda said he was considering a similar request from China, although the quantum of investments from China was much smaller.

The minister could not immediately give the value of the total Indian investment in Sri Lanka, but said it had recorded a five-fold increase last year.

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Italy warned to quit Iraq

Rome, 2 Aug — A statement in the name of an al-Qaeda group has threatened to attack Italians everywhere unless Rome pulls its troops out of Iraq within 15 days, a pan-Arab newspaper said today.

We give (Italian Prime Minister Silvio) Berlusconi 15 days to pull out of Iraq. After that, we cannot be blamed for the shedding of the blood of any Italian anywhere, anytime, and we will trigger an earthquake in your country,” said a “message to the Italian government” signed “Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigades - al-Qaeda organization”.

The statement, dated yesterday, was emailed to the London-based Al-Quds Al-Arabi and made available to AFP ahead of publication tomorrow.

Its authenticity could not be independently confirmed.

The group recalled having given Italy a “last warning” to withdraw from Iraq, where Rome has been a staunch supporter of the US-led invasion and maintains about 3000 troops.

On 16 July, the group threatened Italy with a bloodbath on the scale of the September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States if Berlusconi remained in power.

“We had sent a last warning to the Italian people and the Italian government to withdraw from Iraq as soon as possible, but we saw nothing of that,” the latest statement said.

“Hence, the language of blood is on its way to you. We are mobilizing our cells in Rome and all Italian cities,” it warned.

The Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigades claimed responsibility for the March 11 train bombings in Madrid that killed 191 people as well as for the November 2003 bombings in Istanbul that killed 25 people.

The statement said the 15-day ultimatum was Italy’s “last chance” to comply.

“After that, the Madrid conquest is clear proof (that we mean what we say), and the Istanbul conquest is vivid in the Turks’ memory,” it said.

Beltan King sees explosion victims, debris cleared

Am (Belgium), 1 Aug— King Albert II visited victims of the biggest industrial disaster in Belgium’s recent history on Saturday as rescue workers cleared debris from the site of a gas explosion that killed at least 15 people.

With an entourage of ministers and other government officials, the king tried to bring comfort to burn victims and families grieving the loss of their loved ones in the town 25 miles southwest of Brussels.

Described by one witness as a “mini-Hiroshima”, the chain of explosions in the industrial zone of Ghislenghien threw massive flames into the air, flattened buildings, hurled bodies hundreds of yards and set fire to cars and trucks on Friday. Among the dead were five fire-fighters who were setting up a security cordon at the site of a leaky underground gas pipeline when the blast occurred.

More than 100 others were injured, 35 of them critically, leaving open the possibility of the death toll rising higher.

An Iraqi policeman stands inside a crater left by a suicide car bomb explosion outside a police station in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul on 1 August. At least 15 people were killed in attacks across Iraq, including a car bomb blast outside a police station just hours after US air strikes and clashes with guerrillas in Fallujah. —Internet

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Ankara, 1 Aug — Two Turkish transport companies said they may suspend their operations in Iraq to save two drivers who risk execution at the hands of hostage-takers, as weeping relatives pleaded for their release.

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Kerry envisions no more US troops for Iraq

DUBLIN (Ohio), 2 Aug — Democratic White House challenger John Kerry said on Sunday he did not anticipate sending more American troops to Iraq and promised a fresh start with US allies “burned” by President George W Bush.

Despite some clamer among Democrats for an accelerated US military withdrawal, Kerry said Washington must stay the course but asserted he could do a better job of convincing foreign leaders to help with security and reconstruction in Iraq.

The Massachusetts senator, who voted for the congressional resolution authorizing Bush to use force to oust Saddam Hussein, said Bush misled Americans.

“I don’t envision it,” he said on Sunday when asked if he would send more US soldiers. “I believe that my leadership and my plan to approach these countries — and I’m not negotiating it publicly — I know what I want to do. I know what I believe can be achieved.”

He rejected the suggestion that his plans were vague. “No, not at all,” Kerry said.

“The problem is that this Administration has lost credibility, they’ve pushed countries away.”

“And I think that a fresh start changes the equation, particularly changes it for leaders in other countries who have great difficulty right now associating themselves with our policy and with the United States because of the way this Administration has burned those bridges.”

In the past, Kerry has not ruled out sending more Americans to join the 140,000 US troops already in Iraq but has said he would encourage other countries, particularly Arab nations, to contribute forces.

“I don’t envision it,” he said on Sunday when asked if he would send more US soldiers.

“Just saying you could fight a war on the cheap didn’t make it so. Ignoring the advice of generals as to how many troops we needed didn’t make our troops safer who were there.”

Kerry criticized Bush’s Iraq policy in his speech on Thursday accepting the Democratic nomination as the President’s opponent in the November 2 election, but beyond holding out the prospect of greater international participation, he did not offer the exit strategy many Americans are looking for.

In a separate hostage standoff, a Kuwaiti company and a top Iraqi mediator dismissed reports that a group of seven foreign truck drivers — three Indians, three Kenyans and an Egyptian — had been seized in Iraq.

“Iraqi commando forces carried out a military operation on the kidnappers of Vlad Damas and released him half an hour ago,” the source said in Beirut, declining to give any more details.

Damason was seized at a checkpoint on Friday from a construction concern he runs with a brother that sells prefabricated buildings to US forces in Iraq, his family said.

No comment was available from Iraq’s interim government, which is building up its own forces but remains heavily reliant on some 160,000 mostly US foreign troops for security.

In Germany, Justice Minister Hasso Plattner expressed Swedish forces in Iraq, his family said.

Two US soldiers inspect the site of a home made bomb explosion in Abu Nawas Street, central Baghdad on 1 August. Two Iraqis were killed and 50 wounded in a suspected suicide attack in northern Iraq, also on Sunday. — Epa

Germany presses US for 9/11 suspect evidence

KARLSRUHE (Germany), 1 Aug — Germany’s federal prosecutor has said the United States was still holding up efforts to gain access to intelligence that could help convict one of the suspected September 11 hijackers.

In comments published on Friday, Federal Prosecutor Kay Nehm said he had travelled to the United States in April to urge US authorities to release information that would help gain a conviction in the retrial of Moroccan Mounir El Motassadeq.

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Iraqi commandos free Lebanese hostage

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Images of Iraq

US Army soldiers gather at the scene of a car bombing at a church in Mosul, Iraq, on 1 Aug, 2004.

An injured Iraqi man surveys the scene of destruction on 28 July, 2004 after a car bomb exploded in Baquba, north of Baghdad.

A boy stands next to a crater left by a rocket after American forces launched a ‘precision attack’ on 23 July, 2004, in Fallujah, Iraq.

Iraqis look over battle damage in Fallujah, Iraq, on 30 July, 2004.

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The scene of the destruction and a pool of blood, water and fuel on 28 July, 2004 after a car bomb exploded in Baquba, Iraq.

An Iraqi man stands over the rubble of his house which was destroyed in an overnight air strike in Fallujah on 30 July, 2004.

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Developing border towns

Thanlwin Bridge (Takawet) was built across Thanlwin river in Takawet region, Shan State (North). People living in the region are now able to access other regions of the country using the bridge. —PBANRDA

With peace prevailing throughout the country, people living in border areas are now able to run their business with peace of mind. The photo shows magnificent Mongla market built in Mongla. —PBANRDA

Communication station built in Panhsaung in Nanyun Township, Hkamti District, Sagaing Division. —PBANRDA

Scenic beauty of Mongyan-Hsilu road in eastern Kengtung region. —PBANRDA

A suspension bridge lies at the entrance to Pannandin, the northernmost part of Myanmar in Kachin State. —PBANRDA
the prosperity and progress of the nation and the people. It is working for the growth of the country’s economy so that our people may live in peace and their standard of life enhanced.

When this Government first assumed state responsibilities it was confronted with innumerable and almost insurmountable obstacles and difficulties — the political system in place was no longer consistent with the heritage in the land and that we have been able to rebuild and the Head of State as well as other responsible state officials have made field trips to rural areas and isolated border regions to personally supervise the work in progress and give guidance and instruction where necessary.

Hence, today one can witness the significant developments that have been made in the infrastructure development of the country.

In the post 1988 period the Government has built altogether 162 dams and weirs, while implementing at the same time 265 water pump projects for the utilization of river water. There are other innumerable projects, which are still being implemented. In the transport and communications sector in 1988 there was only a total of over 13,600 miles of tarred roads, gravel roads and earthwork roads. Now there has been an addition of nearly 5,000 miles of new roads making an overall total of 18,600 miles of roadway. Moreover a network of highways to connect the east, west, south and north of the country have now been constructed which further necessitated the building of 172 large bridges to span the rivers.

Additional railroads have also been constructed and there are now nearly 3,000 miles of railroad as against the 2000 or so railroads in existence in 1988. New rail lines have been laid and sleepers and cross ties constantly renewed. New railway engines and carriages have replaced old ones; new engine repair and maintenance workshops have been built and old ones renovated with the aid and assistance of friendly nations.

If you examine the number of airfields also, it will be evident that in 1988 there were only 21 serviceable airfields. Today there are 29 airfields including the new large international standard airport at Mandalay. All these airfields are large enough for the landing of Fokker 28 and Boeing 737 airplanes.

Concerning the supply and distribution of electric power supply, in 1988 there were only 14 hydroelectric power plants with a total capacity of generating 228 megawatts. Now 28 new hydroelectric power plants have been constructed, which generate an additional 162 megawatts. Thus the hydroelectric power plant projects now generate nearly 490 megawatts.

Furthermore, 6 new gas turbine plants have now been built which brings the total up to 14 gas turbines generating nearly 700 megawatts of electricity.

So, at present, the hydroelectric power plants and the gas turbines are together generating and distributing nearly 1100 megawatts of electrical power.

When the 12 hydroelectric power projects still under construction are finally completed with the capacity to generate an additional 2,600 megawatts, then the total volume of electric power generated and distributed will reach over 3,000 megawatts. The Punglaung Hydroelectric Power Plant and the Monchaung Hydroelectric Power Plant will also be reaching completion in the near future.

Regarding the health sector, before, there were only 617 small, medium and large sized hospitals. Today the number of 300, 200, 100, 50, 25 and 16-bedded hospitals have been increased to 776 in total. Thus health care is now available in rural areas and in the remote border regions.

In the education sector, there were formerly only 32 universities and colleges whereas there are now 156. Previously there were 722 high schools, human resource development 1696 middle schools and 31,329 primary schools countrywide; today there are 1,894 high schools, 662 middle schools, 4,774 post primary schools and 31,225 primary schools. We have thus given priority to human resource development and made considerable progress.

The continuous efforts that have been expended day and night for over 15 and nearly 16 years have led to fruitful results and many benefits. But there still remains a lot to be done. There is still much for the Government, to do hand in hand with the people.

The main support and sustaining base for the emergence of a fully developed and modern nation is the education sector, and as such our national educational goal is the establishment of a continually learning society. For the achievement of this most worthy goal, there are still many things that need to be done by those responsible in the education sector.

Today the Government with a view to the future, is doing its utmost to develop and open up the various fields of science and technology including that of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) which has top priority internationally.

Studies in computer technology have been available in Myanmar for the last 20 to 25 years, but a lot of time was wasted as it was narrowly confined to the academic world and not extended for research or practical application. To remedy these shortcomings we have had to make vigorous efforts to make up for lost time, to make ICT a practical and functional field with practical application of its methods in other disciplines and as a tool for the dissemination of information.

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Myanmar’s relations with neighbours flourishing...

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With the encouragement and support of the Government and with the cooperation of individual computer experts and entrepreneurs, Myanmar Information and Communications Technology (MICT) Parks have been opened in both Yangon and Mandalay. So, ICT-based services and modern communications networks are now accessible countrywide. International level administrative and service systems such as the ePassport, e-Visa, e-Commerce and e-Government have also been put into widespread use in the country. While the Government in a spirit of self-reliance is doing its best for the development of the country and the progress of the people by getting rid of the evil of past ages, it has also been engaged in enhancing amicable relations with other nations. To be able to faithfully carry out its commitments and obligations as a member of the world’s family of nations, it has accelerated efforts in cooperation with the international community.

Myanmar, as a member of the family of Southeast Asian nations, since its accession to the ASEAN, has actively cooperated in regional security, economic and development affairs. Likewise, as a member of BIMST-EC, it has actively contributed towards multilateral cooperation. Hence in the best interests of Southeast Asia and South Asia, Myanmar has contributed to the peace and stability of these great regions and has been a valuable link between the two.

Myanmar has been active in other regional areas as well. It has participated with Cambodia, Laos, and Thailand in forging and implementing a strategy for quadruple economic cooperation and is also an active participant of the Greater Mekong Sub-region.

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The Union of Myanmar has especially enhanced the momentum of cooperation with neighbouring countries of Bangladesh, India, the Republic of China, Laos and Thailand. There have been many exchanges of goodwill visits of leaders with neighbouring countries and cooperation with them has been flourishing.

Recently visited the Republic of China in July in my capacity as Prime Minister and in the course of the visit was able to raise the existing friendly relations of kinship (Swe Myo Paik Phaw) to that of a higher level of friendly fraternal relations.

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The 200-bed General Hospital (Myeik) in Taninthay Division.
High-yield Shweyinaye paddy strain — 1

Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)

“Sabbesatta Aharathitika” meaning food is an essential requirement for all living beings. It is stated in one of the teachings of the Buddha. Without food, all the living beings will perish from the earth. Thus, honest way of earning one’s living through the business of cultivation of crops and trading agricultural products to provide food and nutrition for human beings benefits the world.

As Shan State could not produce enough rice for its population since the time the nation regained independence, it had to rely on other regions of the brother. Paddy is cultivated in Nyaungshwe, Laikha and Mongkai townships, where the land is fertile, in southern Shan State. But they could not produce enough food for the whole southern Shan State. Similarly, rice is produced in Hsipaw, Hserwi and Nantham townships in northern Shan State, and they too could not grow enough rice for the entire northern Shan State. The situation is also similar in eastern Shan State.

Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint has been making energetic efforts to produce an abundant supply of food and to offer rice to the Buddha and members of the Sangha during the harvesting season. With the cooperation of Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung, he introduced a high-yield quality paddy strain in southern Shan State. The strain was first cultivated in Muse-Namkhm region, northern Shan State. As the SR 456 type of the strain is suitable to grow in southern Shan State too, test cultivation was conducted in it. Experimental cultivation of the strain was conducted at Heho hybrid farm and Taryaw research farm in Taunggyi Township, in 2003 rainy season. At the harvesting ceremony, held on 13 November 2003, per acre yield of the Heho hybrid farm was 140 baskets, and that of the Taryaw research farm was 156 baskets. The strain was named “Shweyinaye”, and efforts were made to cultivate it in the whole southern Shan State.

Under the arrangement of the commander and the deputy minister, Chairman of Padamya Naga Company U Nay Win Tun bought 6,420 kilos of seeds of the paddy strain at K 400 per kilo in Muse-Namkhm region and distributed them to Moebye village in Peckhohn Township to grow 50 acres of summer paddy; to ThaleU village in Nyaungswhe Township to grow 50 acres of summer paddy; to Padamya Naga farm to grow 14 acres; and to Thazi Township to grow 100 acres. He also provided K 31,800 per acre for farmers to buy fertilizers. With the help of departments concerned, cultivation of the paddy strain was started in February 2004. In the early June, all the paddy fields were thriving and the seeds were going to ripen soon. Thus, the commander fixed the date for harvesting the 50-acre paddy field at Moebye village in Peckhohn Township on 25 June 2004.

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In addition to the main cause — the regional instability — population growth, and failure to extend sown acreage, produce high yield strains and reclaim new land — were the factors leading people of Shan State to rely on other regions for food.

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Under the arrangement of the commander and the deputy minister, Chairman of Padamya Naga Company U Nay Win Tun bought 6,420 kilos of seeds of the paddy strain at K 400 per kilo in Muse-Namkhm region and distributed them to Moebye village in Peckhohn Township to grow 50 acres of summer paddy; to ThaleU village in Nyaungswhe Township to grow 50 acres of summer paddy; to Padamya Naga farm to grow 14 acres; and to Thazi Township to grow 100 acres. He also provided K 31,800 per acre for farmers to buy fertilizers. With the help of departments concerned, cultivation of the paddy strain was started in February 2004. In the early June, all the paddy fields were thriving and the seeds were going to ripen soon. Thus, the commander fixed the date for harvesting the 50-acre paddy field at Moebye village in Peckhohn Township on 25 June 2004.

I was included among the Buddhist monks, invited by the commander, to witness the flourishing of the Sasana ceremony of multi-media classrooms of the school.

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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* Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US$ 5.5 million in a year
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All this needs to be known

* Do not be softened whenever appeased
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
* Do not be intimidated whenever challenged

People’s Desire

* Oppose those relying on external destructive elements as the common enemy
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

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It must however be understood clearly that today’s youth must be well informed and be highly educated if they wish to build and protect a nation that fulfills their aspirations. To meet this need, the students of today must be trained and fostered to become outstanding and highly learned men and women of great ability, who are instilled with a clear and strong spirit of nationalism.

So, in conclusion, I would like to call upon the personnel of the education sector.

To constantly help to nurture and develop outstanding and highly qualified scholars, scientists, technocrats and professionals who are patriotic, have a strong national and Union Spirit and who shall thereby preserve, protect and promote the independence and sovereignty of the Union of Myanmar so that she may take a place of pride among the nations of the world, and.

To work for the success of the National Convention which is the first stage of the seven-stage policy for democracy, in whatever capacity and whatever task has been assigned in a strong spirit of nationalism and contribute towards the emergence of a peaceful, stable, developed and fully disciplined democratic State.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented the best trainee awards to demonstrator U Thiha of Hinthada University and tutor Daw Cho Cho Khang of Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College, other awards to outstanding trainees and certificates to leaders of companies.

The Prime Minister accepted cash donated for Konawin Pagoda in CICS compound, Lawkakantha Abhya Labha Muni Buddha Image, renovation of ancient pagodas in Bagan, the National Convention, the fund of USDA, post primary school of CICS and Phaungyigyi BEHS by the trained faculty members and presented certificates of honour to them.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister cordially greeted the trainee faculty members.—MNA

Well-nurtured students can look...

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Therefore, relentless efforts are to be made for enabling the students to be qualified and well-versed in English with the effective use of teaching and learning aids installed by parents, teachers and students with the aim of promoting the education standard.

At a time when peace and tranquillity has been restored and the national economy has been in the process of rapid development, a fine tradition in which the government, the people and social organizations have been making concerted efforts is flourishing. As a result, it is sure that all the sectors including the education sector will make progress.

After the ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win greeted those present on the occasion.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party had a documentary photo taken together with members of the School Board of Trustees, teachers and students. —MNA

Training for Human Resource Development opened

YANGON, 2 Aug.— An opening of the Training for Human Resource Development, jointly sponsored by the UMFCCI and (The Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship) (AOTS) was held at the Kandawgyi Palace Hotel this morning. It was attended by advisers to the UMFCCI, the President, the vice-president, the general secretary and others.

First, President of UMFCCI U Win Myint gave an opening speech.

Next, General Manager Mr Kazuhisa Ogawa of AOTS office in Bangkok explained matters concerning the opening of the Training.

Altogether of 40 trainees are attending the 10-day course.—MNA

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win presents cash donation for the school to the headmistress at opening of multimedia classrooms of No 5 BEHS, Kamayut. —MNA

General Manager Mr Kazuhisa Ogawa of Japan explains about the course. —UMFCCI
South Asia flood waters recede, death toll rises

DHAKA, 1 Aug — Rivers in many parts of flood-ravaged Bangladesh slowly receded for the second day on Friday, but at least 2.5 million people in the capital remained stranded by flood waters.

Low-lying Bangladesh is the worst hit region in this year’s monsoon flooding in South Asia that has left around 1,300 people dead due to undrained areas, disease, house collapses and drowning. “The fifth and the final is making our life hell,” said Masuma Begum, who is stranded in an apartment building in capital Dhaka, nearly half of which remains under water.

The swirling waters have also caused billions of dollars of damage to bridges, homes, roads, rail lines, communication links and businesses. Nearly 100 new deaths were reported since late Thursday, many of them drowning victims in eastern India and Bangladesh after receding waters revealed more bodies.

Millions were homeless or remained stranded in their homes or on the roofs of partly submerged houses and buildings, waiting for food, fresh water and other relief items.

Officials said the situation in Dhaka could worsen if the rivers around the city did not recede faster as the seawage system was choked and stagnant water was getting filthier. In flooded areas, waterborne diseases were spreading. Five of the 21 overnight deaths were due to diarrhoea and there were some 7,000 cases reported nationwide.

Across the border in the Indian state of Assam, 17 people died including 15 from diarrhoea after floodwaters receded. An additional 1.5 million people remain homeless in Assam while 43,000 were affected in the northeastern Indian state of Manipur.

Swollen river waters have swept through more than 135,000 uprooted trees, twisted tin sheets, damaged bridges and power transmission towers.—MNA/Reuters

French Parliament adopts healthcare reforms

PARIS, 1 Aug — The French Parliament gave final approval on Friday to measures intended to slash the debt burden in France’s costly health system, a key plank in President Jacques Chirac’s reform drive.

The reform bill, which includes a controversial change extending for seeing the doctor and a rise in welfare levies, was adopted as expected by the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament, both dominated by Chirac’s ruling conservatives.

France’s 11-billion-euro (13.5-billion-US-dollar) annual healthcare shortfall is part of an overall public deficit which Paris has pledged to bring down to an agreed European Union limit of 3 per cent of gross domestic product by 2005.

Tens of thousands of people took to the streets in June to protest at measures which critics say will hit the poor hardest. But trade unions ultimately failed to mount the concerted wave of protests and industrial action some had threatened.

The reform is aimed at raising five billion euros a year in new taxes and seeks annual cost savings of another 10 billion euros. The government says the reform is needed to safeguard a health system founded in 1945 and renowned for its high quality care.

Yet doubts remain over whether the plan drafted by Health Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy, a former doctor, is enough.

To the government’s embarrassment, a leaked Finance Ministry memo last month suggested a target of wiping out the healthcare deficit by 2007 would be missed by some seven billion euros.—MNA/Reuters

WHO issues dengue alert in India

NEW DELHI, 1 Aug — The World Health Organization (WHO) issued Friday a dengue alert in India with cases of the mosquito-borne disease being reported from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Indonesia and Sri Lanka, leaving 10,000 villages with more than 10,000 people infected.

As the dengue fever is extending to new areas, there is a critical role for intensifying control measures for reducing the chances of outbreak and for better case management to save lives,” the Indo-Asian News Service quoted Samlee Planbangchang, WHO regional director for Southeast Asia, as saying in a statement issued here.

With outbreaks being reported from Bhutan, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Sri Lanka, WHO is cautioning neighbouring countries to be on alert to strengthen disease surveillance particularly along the border districts.

MNA/WHO

Woman dies on operating table following plastic surgery

SHENYANG, 1 Aug — A 36-year-old woman who went for a checkup after plastic surgery which had apparently gone wrong died Friday on the operating table in a cosmetic surgery in northeast China’s Liaoning Province.

The manager of the hospital, the Shenyang Meizhen Cosmetic Surgery, called police at about 11.00 am, reporting the death of the woman. The police have so far declined to comment on the case.

The woman, surnamed Xu, underwent breast augmentation surgery about a month ago. But after the operation, she found the two breasts were not symmetrical and bumps developed in the breasts, said Xu Jun, the woman’s cousin. Xu then went back to the cosmetic hospital for checkup Friday morning. She would not come alive. According to relatives of the woman, a forensic pathology had checked the body.

An employee of the hospital said that the hospital and the surgeons have licences to perform surgery. A sign outside the hospital reads that the hospital was approved by the Shenyang City Health Department in 1998 by the Shenyang City Health Department.

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Yangtze River Delta provides one-third of China’s exports

Shanghai, 2 Aug—The Yangtze River Delta, mainly composed of Shanghai and Jiangsu and Zhejiang provinces in east China contributes to more than one-third of China’s export volume in the first half of this year, Customs statistics show.

Official figures show that China’s gross export volume amounted to 258.1 billion US dollars in the first six months of 2004 of which 37.46 percent came from the Yangtze River Delta-4.2 percent points higher than the same period in 2003.

Exports from Jiangsu saw a turnover of 37.58 billion US dollars with 33.74 billion US dollars from Shanghai and 25.36 billion US dollars from Zhejiang during the six months. Jiangsu and Shanghai ranked the second and third in terms of export among China’s provincial areas.

Xu Yi, vice-director of the Shanghai Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Commission said optimized commodity structures was the main reason for the region’s booming foreign trade.

New and high-tech products together with household appliances contributed greatly to the Yangtze River Delta’s export, of which IT products including laptop computers and integrated circuits saw an amazing increase under the joint efforts of state-owned enterprises, joint ventures and private firms.

Xu said the global industrial transfer in recent years brought more processing order forms to the Yangtze River Delta, turning it to one of the world’s key manufacturing centres.

Improving global economic situation and China’s more positive role in the World Trade Organization make experts predict a continuous foreign trade growth in the region during the second half of 2004.

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WTO strikes trade pact, Doha Round back on track

Geneva, 2 Aug—Rich and poor nations struck a historic deal on Sunday to slash billions of dollars in farm subsidies, create more open industrial markets and put troubled global commerce negotiations back on track.

After five days of wrangling, the World Trade Organization’s 147 member states formally agreed a framework laying down guidelines for the organization’s Doha Round, which has been in trouble since the acrimonious collapse of a ministerial conference last September in Cancun, Mexico.

“Better late than never,” WTO spokesman Keith Rockwell told reporters after the adoption of the agreement at a late-night session of top-level trade diplomats at the WTO’s headquarters.

“This is a historic moment for this organization,” WTO chief Supachai Panitchpakdi told a news conference.

The hard-won deal on a series of contentious trade issues, ranging from farm reform to the launch of negotiations on a new Customs code, puts the stalled Doha Round firmly back on track, officials and negotiators said.

“This is the beginning of the end (for farm) subsidies. Export subsidies will be eliminated first,” Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim said.

Brazil, together with India, leads the G-20 developing country alliance that played a key role in the failure of last year’s talks in Cancun, where it mounted fierce attacks on the farm subsidies of rich powers, such as the United States and the European Union.

The G-20 says they deny it world markets.

After an all-night negotiating marathon, key WTO members, including the United States, the European Union and Brazil and Japan, on Saturday had agreed to the elimination of export subsidies at a date yet to be set, long a key developing country demand, to limit other subsidies and lower tariff barriers. Agreement on the sensitive issue of agriculture opened the way for a similar understanding in industrial goods trade and development issues, areas in which the WTO was seeking a framework accord to serve as a basis for future more detailed negotiations as part of the Doha Round.

The World Bank says the round, whose conclusion could still be years away, could help lift more than half a billion people out of poverty through increased trade and boost global growth.

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UN expert criticizes rich countries for failing in cooperation

MADRID, 2 Aug — The rich countries have made advances in the cooperation for the development of poor nations, but “have failed” in the quality of that aid, a UN expert was quoted by the Press as saying Saturday.

Coordinator of the UN campaign for the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), Eveline Herfkens, indicated that since the signing of the commitment for the Millennium in 2000, poor countries in general have made important advances, but rich countries have not.

According to her analysis, nations like Vietnam have attained the goal of reducing poverty and many countries in Latin America have established the goal of universalizing secondary education.

Nevertheless, she said, “the rich countries have failed.” In the developed nations, “literally, nothing has been made, but talking, talking and talking on trade policies”, she added.

“We promised the poor countries we would open our markets to their products or would end with the subsides to agriculture which destroy their markets” and nothing has been done, said the coordinator.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDG) include achieving universal primary education, promoting gender equality, reducing child mortality by two-thirds, halting the spread of HIV/AIDS and halving the number of the world’s hungry and malnourished people.

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Japan gives WTO trade pact cautious welcome

Tokyo, 2 Aug—A deal struck by World Trade Organization (WTO) states aimed at slashing rich nations’ farm subsidies and reviving stalled world trade talks received a cautious welcome from Japan on Sunday.

“Rather than an agreement being reached, I think this means the negotiations are back on track,” Japan’s Foreign Minister, Yoriko Kawaguchi, said in a statement. “It includes the elements needed to bring about a balanced final agreement, but at the same time allows for Japan to make its case on sensitive agricultural products at future negotiations, so I think we should rate it highly,” she said, pointing to the accord.

The head of Japan’s agricultural lobby said in a statement that he supported the pact, struck in Geneva overnight, for its flexibility on politically sensitive products.

The framework agreement was acceptable because it “ensured certain flexibility on treatment of sensitive products by member economies”, said Isami Miyata, head of the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives, according to the Kyodo news agency. Some sections of Japan’s media, however, criticized the deal for vagueness.

“Gaining time by procrastination only means you will one day have to pay many times over,” the Asahi Shimbun said in an editorial. Japan, the world’s second-largest economy and a major food importer, is anxious to protect the country’s rice farmers, who constitute a powerful lobby.

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Germany welcomes WTO trade pact

Berlin, 2 Aug—German Economy Minister Wolfgang Clement welcomed on Sunday a World Trade Organization deal to cut billions of dollars in farm subsidies, create more open industrial markets and put troubled global commerce negotiations back on track.

“I am delighted that the members of WTO have grasped the opportunity, even when the elections in the United States and the changeover in the European Commission, that achieves a substantial step forward in world trade talks,” he said in a statement released in Berlin.

“A positive signal is being sent from Geneva for further talks and the setback from Cancun has been overcome,” he added. “A success for the Doha Round is now within reach.”

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Flying above the crowd: A diver drops from the reconstructed, 22-metre high Stari Most bridge on the Neretva River in the traditional bridge diving competition. — Jerimex
Striker sponsors llama in apology for Euro 2004 spitting

Switzerland striker Alexander Frei has apologized for spitting during Euro 2004 by sponsoring a llama.

Frei was found guilty of spitting at England midfielder Steven Gerrard in the 3-0 defeat in Portugal in June after he initially denied the offence. Swiss media branded Frei a llama as the South American animal is known for spitting.

"I have taken over sponsorship of a llama in Basel Zoo so that in future llamas do not spit," Frei said in a letter published on the web site of Swiss daily Blick on Friday.

"I have learned a lot. This period has not been easy for me and I have needed support. Yes, I spit, and for that I must apologize."

Frei, who plays his club soccer for Paris Saint-Germain in France, was initially cleared after an investigation but was handed a three-match ban when new television evidence was presented.

The South American Football Federation (FSV) was heavily criticized over the incident after it emerged Frei had told press spokesman Pierre Benoit that he had indeed spit at Gerrard. The FSV have appointed lawyer Ulrich Faessler to investigate the trial of events. — MNA/Reuters

Man United, Real Madrid avoid Benfica in draw

London, 1 Aug — Former European champions Real Madrid and Manchester United avoided dangerous unseeded Florents Benfica and FC Basel in the draw for the third qualifying round of the Champions League on Friday.

Anderlecht were paired with Benfica, European champions eight times, twice in the 1960s and now undergoing something of a rejuvenation after years in the doldrums.

Inter Milan, who also won the European Cup twice in that decade, were handed the tricky task of facing Swiss champions Basel.

Real Madrid, nine times European champions but forced to qualify for the Champions League proper after finishing fourth following a disappointing end to last season's Spanish League programme, almost certainly face a trip to Portugal.

They were drawn to meet the winners of the second qualifying round tie between Vittoriale and Pro Patria Bosa.

AC Milan edge Man Utd 9-8 in penalty shootout

New York, 2 Aug — AC Milan squeezed past Manchester United 9-8 on penalties after two draws as the Champions World Series match 1-1 in New Jersey on Saturday.

The Americans won the shootout at the Giants Stadium in East Rutherford after United captain Roy Keane and goalkeeper Tim Howard hit the post with their penalties.

United, who also lost on penalties to Bayern Munich in Chicago and were beaten 2-1 by the Philadelphia Union in Friday, took a 33rd-minute lead through Paul Scholes in the final game of their US tour.

But Andy Shevchenko equalized in injury time for Milan, who next face Chelsea in Philadelphia on Monday.

The Champions World Series features 11 friendly matches, with eight venues across the United States and Canada, involving club sides from England, Italy, Scotland, Portugal, Germany and Turkey. — MNA/Reuters

Slovenian breaks record swimming China's Yangtze

Shanghai, 1 Aug — Slovenian Martin Strel broke his own world distance swimming record when he completed a 2,875-mile descent of the Yangtze River, Chinese media said on Saturday.

The 50-year-old reached Shanghai on China's eastern seaboard on Friday, 50 days after entering the river in Yunnan Province in the southwest, breaking his 2003 record when he swam the 3,800-kilometre length of the Mississippi River, the Shanghai Daily said.

"The extremely hot weather is hard to grapple with, but I had to choose this season because the tides are relatively easy to swim with," he quoted as saying.

Steel made it into the Guinness Book of World Records as the first person (SFV) to cover the length of the Danube: covering 3,0043 kilometres in 58 days.

The intrepid Slovenian also holds the world records for non-stop swimming which he set in 2001 by covering 504 kilometres of the Danube in 58 hours. — MNA/Reuters

AC Milan forward Kaka, of Brazil, during the first half of their friendly match at the Giants Stadium in East Rutherford. — Internet

Tyson faces uncertain future

Louisville (Kentucky), 1 Aug — Before fighting Danny Williams, Mike Tyson had an ambitious two-year schedule of seven fights planned to clear his massive debts.

After his stunning fourth-round knockout loss to Williams in East Rutherford, he said on Saturday the next two matches are both on the line.

"The fan base can no longer support a fighter who cannot make weight. My future is uncertain," Tyson's trainer Freddie Roach said.

Mike is 38. He took a lot of shots. He's got his best fights behind him. I would be too confident with Wiwsa for their second game in the series against Galatasaray on Sunday. — MNA/Reuters

Lampard, Terry back Eriksson

London, 1 Aug— Chelsea pair Frank Lampard and John Terry have followed David Beckham in backing his support for underfire English manager Sven-Goran Eriksson.

The Swede's future is in doubt after an affair with a Football Association (FA) secretary but England midfielder Lampard told British newspapers on Saturday: "People don't seem to take any notice of the loyalty the players have to the manager."

"It's strange because it counts for nothing outside but we see it inside the camp, where it counts for everything. The players are united in that feeling and they will give everything for him."

"Most of the players in the squad would say the same. It would be an absolute shame if he were forced out over this." Speaking after his club Real Madrid beat J-League team JEF United Ichihara 3-1 in Tokyo on Thursday, Beckham was asked for his opinion of Eriksson.

"As far as concerned he is a great man to me and a great man to the rest of the players," said the England captain.

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"The lads are all behind Sven and we'd like him to stay," Terry told British newspapers on Saturday. "He's a very good manager and he's got the full support of each and every person in the squad."

"We play for him every time we put the shirt on and he knows how to get the lads going. Everyone in the squad speaks very highly of him and, fingers crossed, he'll stay."

— MNA/Reuters

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Cooperates well with countries in the region

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Thus we have progressed to the point where the Government has been able to proclaim and lay down the 7-stage policy for democracy which is now being implemented for the establishment of a modern, developed and fully discipline flourishing democratic nation. In fact, the first and most important phase of this 7-stage policy, which is the holding of the National Convention, has partially been completed with successful results.

We have now been able to lay down firm foundations and reaped favorable results in reconstructing and shaping the future of our country as a nation infused with the true national spirit. One of the reasons for this success must be attributed to the cooperation of the entire nation, which includes the teachers of universities and colleges; they too have cooperated in this national reconstruction with right good will and patriotic spirit.

In the endeavours for the reconstruction of a modernized and developed nation, the educational sector plays a fundamental role. The Government acknowledges the fact that teachers of universities and colleges as well as that of the basic education sector play a most vital role in carrying out the many tasks such as educational reforms, implementing educational promotion programmes and nurturing young students to become future scholars and capable professionals and technocrats who will be a credit to the nation. So, I would like to urge teachers of universities and colleges to continue with their work with full patriotic fervour in our march forward on the 7-stage path towards democracy so that our national goals will be realized.

The Government, depending on and employing its own resources has been working with sincerity and integrity for this purpose. The Government is also a member of the Greater Mekong Sub-region. As a member of BIMST-EC Myanmar has actively cooperated towards regional security, economic and development affairs.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gives away a prize to a trainee at closing ceremony of No 5 Special Refresher Course for faculty members. — MNA

Well-trained students can look forward to their bright future and prosperous nation

Make full use of modern electronic equipment installed at the centres for enhancing educational standard

BEHS No.5 in Kamayut gets multimedia teaching centres

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Students welcomed the Secretary-1 and party singing a song “Myanmar School” with the accompaniment of band troupe of No 2 BEHS, Kamayut.

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