Four political objectives
* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
* National reconciliation
* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives
* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives
* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Vietnam

YANGON, 2 Sept — On the occasion of the 59th Anniversary of the National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, which falls on 2 September 2004, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Tran Duc Luong, President of the SRV. — MNA

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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife see off visiting Royal Thai Army Commander-in-Chief and wife

YANGON, 1 Sept — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San saw off Thai goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra and Madame Veena Shinawatra who will visit Bagan Ancient Cultural Region and Mandalay, at Yangon International Airport this morning.

State Peace and Development Council Member General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, State Peace and Development Council Members Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thin, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and their wives, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, senior military officers and Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and officials also saw off the Thai General and delegation at the airport.

At 7.30 am, the Thai goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra and wife arrived at Yangon International Airport where they were cordially greeted by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife at the VIP Lounge. Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented an album and video tape of the goodwill visit to the Thai General. Next, the Thai General and party, accompanied by Brig-Gen Kyaw Han of the Ministry of Defence and Thai Military Attaché Col Kasam Nakpun, left for Bagan Ancient Cultural Region by special flight of Royal Thai Army and they were seen off by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and members. — MNA

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**People’s Desire**

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

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**FM U Win Aung sends felicitations to Vietnam**

**Yangon, 2 Sept — On the occasion of the 59th Anniversary of the National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, which falls on 2 September 2004, U Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Mr Nguyen Dy Nien, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. — MNA**

**Myanmar delegation arrives back from PRC**

**Yangon, 1 Sept — The Myanmar delegation led by Col Soe Win, Managing Director of the News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information, arrived back here by air this afternoon after attending the 2nd China-ASEAN Seminar on Mass Media Cooperation held in Nanning and Beijing of the People’s Republic of China from 26 to 31 August.**

The Myanmar delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads of the ministry, Director (News) of NPE U Win Tin, Director (Admin) U Soe Win, Chief Editor of the Myanma Alinn daily U Ye Myint Pe, Deputy Director (News) U Swe Than Ko, Deputy Director (Admin) U Mya Hline, officials, and the families of the members of the delegation.

Together with NPE Managing Director Col Soe Win, U Maung Maung Aye, Chief Editor of the New Light of Myanmar daily, and U Ye Tun, Assistant Director (Programme) of Myanma Radio and Television, also arrived back on the same flight. — MNA

**Literary Charity**

The second ceremony to donate cash, books and periodicals for self-reliant village libraries will be held as follows:

- Date: 7 September 2004
- Time: 2 pm
- Venue: Ministry of Information (Meeting Hall)

All are invited to participate in Book Charity. The Ministry of Information Information & Public Relations Department # 2224 Pantanaw Road, Yangon. Tel: 371339, 379769, 379771 and 252451 — MNA

**Wellwishers invited for tube-wells**

**Yangon, 1 Sept — The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce. One 200 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 250,000, one 400 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000; and one 200 feet deep four-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000. Those wishing to donate cash for the tube-well sinking projects for rural areas may contact the Director-General (Tel: 01-245420 & 253088), the Deputy Director-General (Tel: 01-240118), the Director (Engineering) (Tel: 01-291967), the Directors (Irrigation Division DAC) (Tel: 071-210121), the Director (Magway Division DAC) (Tel: 063-231641) and the Director (Mandalay Division DAC) (Tel: 02-54674) — MNA**

**Book Charity to be held on 7 September**

Let’s render helpful hands to establishment of self-reliant libraries at every village

As of 31 August 2004, altogether 6,750 self-reliant libraries have been opened nationwide

Books and periodicals can be donated at District/Township Information & Public Relations Departments

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**Perspectives**

**Thursday, 2 September, 2004**

**Strive for national interests**

The Government, with the cooperation and participation of the entire national people, has been striving for peace and all-round development of the Union of Myanmar. There are three main prerequisites for the development of a nation—community peace and prevalence of law and order, strong national economy, and national solidarity.

Only with community peace and prevalence of law and order will the administrative machinery at different levels be effective, systematic measures can be taken for national development. As regional economic development surely contributes to the national economic development, departmental personnel at all levels and local people will have to work in concert for the economic development of their respective regions. And only with the national spirit, patriotic spirit, national unity and Union Spirit will all the national people be able to work in the interests of the Union and in their own best interest.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, during his trip to Bago Division on 29 August, met members of Yadase Township Peace and Development Council, departmental personnel and members of social organizations at the Aung San Hall of Yadase Basic Education High School.

In his address at the meeting, the Prime Minister said that as the national development depends on that of rural areas and townships, it is necessary for township-level departmental personnel to take a leading role and cooperate with social organizations, townsenders and all the local people in carrying out the development work of their respective regions.

The Government has been systematically implementing a number of national development plans including the five rural development tasks for the harmonious development of all the regions in the Union.

Now, peace is prevailing all over the nation and all the national people are striving energetically for socio-economic development in their respective regions. It is necessary for the entire people living in the Union to make collective efforts in the interests of the country under the leadership of the Government.

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**Senior CPC official meets participants to China-ASEAN media seminar**

**Beijing, 1 Sept — Li Changchun, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, said here Tuesday that media cooperation between China and ASEAN members would enhance mutual understanding and friendship in the region. While meeting with some participants to the second China-ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) Media Cooperation Seminar, which was held from August 26 to 27 in Nanning, capital of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Li said that China and ASEAN nations are good neighbours and share similar cultures. With principles of treating neighbours well and taking neighbours partners as well as good-neighbourly foreign policy, he said, China attaches great importance to cultivate friendly cooperation with ASEAN nation. China is willing to shape a strategic partnership toward peace and common prosperity with ASEAN nations on the basis of the Five Principles of Peace and Co-existence and the ASEAN Treaty of Amity and Cooperation, Li said. He said media play an important role in realizing mutual understanding and promoting friendly cooperation. And he hopes media become bridges and links between China and ASEAN nations for their strategic partnership, which might contribute to world peace and prosperity. Prapat Parameswaran, culture programme coordinator of the ASEAN Secretariat, praised China’s efforts to enhance media cooperation with ASEAN nations. He said the ASEAN is willing to push forward the strategic partnership with China through friendly and sufficient cooperation. — MNA/Xinhua
Nepal in shock at hostage execution claim in Iraq

LEEDS, 1 Sept.—Nepal was thrown into shock and disbelief after Islamic militants in Iraq claimed through a grisly video to have killed 12 labourers who had left the cash-strapped Himalayan kingdom to earn money.

Hordes of tearful villagers crowded around the humble home in Lele village of Ramesh Khadka, 19, who was among allegedly murdered.

"We were expecting their safe return. This is very shocking. This is completely unexpected," said Sudarshan Khadka, Ramesh Khadka’s brother.

"My brother went there just to earn a living. He had nothing to do with the Americans. We are helpless against fanatics," the 23-year-old told AFP in this village 20 kilometers (12 miles) south of the capital Kathmandu.

Khadka’s father Jit Bahadur Khadka wept hysterically upon hearing the report of his son’s death from a representative of a labour agency, witnesses said.

A statement posted on a website by the Army of Ansar al-Sunna was accompanied by pictures of what was claimed to be the bodies of the hostages. One of them was apparently beheaded while the rest were shot.

The government said it had no independent information on the alleged killings but that Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba would hold an emergency cabinet meeting late Tuesday to discuss the situation.

"We express deep sorrow over the reports of the killing of these 12 innocent Nepalese," said Ministry of State for Foreign Affairs Prakash Shariat Mahat to reporters in Kathmandu.

He pointed the finger at employment agencies, accusing them of putting economically desperate Nepalese in harm’s way in search of profits.

Sheikh Karim Feraj al-Bakhati (L), a tribal leader from Baghdad’s impoverished Sadr City slum, speaks during a three-hour long meeting with Iraqi government officials, on 31 Aug, 2004. —Internet

Poor, homeless rally against Bush in New York

NEW YORK, 31 Aug.—Several thousand protesters staged demonstrations and marches against the Bush administration’s economic policies on Monday.

An estimated 1,000 people rallied on behalf of the homeless opposite the United Nations headquarters, and several thousand others marched to within two blocks of the Madison Square Garden convention area in a demonstration accusing Republicans of ignoring the poor and those living with HIV and AIDS.

The protests came as Republicans began their convention to nominate President George W. Bush for a second four-year term. He faces Democratic candidate Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts in the November 2 presidential election.

At the rally near UN headquarters, protesters watched by at least 100 police officers in riot gear carried signs with slogans saying “The Poor Will Be Heard” and “Housing is a Human Right.”

“All we have is our voice and a deep commitment to ending poverty in this country. We hope to build a multiracial movement for poor people in America to help raise the standard of living for all of us,” said Cheri Honkala, a formerly homeless mother who belongs to the Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign.

Despite not having a permit to march, Honkala led the rally out of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza and into the street for a two-mile march to a protest area near Madison Square Garden, escorted by police on foot, bicycles, motorcycles and cars.

Honkala’s group has been touring New York and New York in recent weeks with a shanty town dubbed “Bushville” made of nylons tarps, wood and mattresses. The group dismantled the structure on Monday after completing their tour, which aimed to draw attention to America’s poor, homeless and people without health care.

An estimated 85,000 people are homeless in the United States on any given night, according to advocates for the homeless.

About 45 million people without health care insurance for part of 2003, according to advocates for the homeless.

The estimate total has grown by about 1,500.

The vast majority of casualties have been Marines and Army soldiers, although the Pentagon announced on Tuesday the 13th member of the Air Force to die in Iraq.

Airman 1st Class Carl L. Anderson Jr., 21, of Georgetown, SC, was killed by a roadside bomb on Sunday near the northern city of Mosul. He was assigned to the 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron based at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. —Internet

India seeks greater educational ties with India

KOLKATA, 31 Aug.—Australia, an emerging destination for Indian students looking for further education opportunities abroad, is looking for greater educational ties with this country while expecting about 37 per cent increase in student inflow from here to Down Under during 2004-2005.

“During the past three years, links in education and training have become one of the strongest and most distinctive features of the relationship between Australia and India. We are looking for greater ties in the field of education,” Tony Burchill, commercial manager of the Australian Government, said here on Monday. He said the number of Indian students going to Australia for higher education is expected to increase by about 27 per cent to 20,000 during 2004-2005.

“From less than 500 Indian students at the start of the 1990’s we expect that by the end of 2004-2005 there will be about 20,000,” he said.

Burchill, having 39 universities, offered quality education at cheaper costs compared to the US and European nations, Burchill said. —MNA/PTI

US troops wounded in Iraq near 7,000

WASHINGTON, 1 Sept.—The number of American troops wounded in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003 is approaching 7,000, according to figures published Tuesday by the Pentagon. The death toll for US military personnel is 975, plus three Defense Department civilians.

The wounded total has approximately doubled since mid-April, when casualties and deaths mounted rapidly as the insurgency intensified. The death toll up that period has grown by about 300.

The Pentagon, which generally updates its casualty count each week, said the number of wounded stands at 6,916, up 226 from a week earlier. In the two months since the United States headed over political sovereignty to an interim Iraq government, the US troops wounded in Iraq near 7,000.

The government said it was recently impressed by its performance.

The ALH, named ‘Dhruv’ (Pole Star), is a multi-role, multi-mission, new generation helicopter in the 5.5 ton weight class. It had military capability and was being used for heliborne assault, logistic support, casualty evacuation, reconnaissance and training, an official release here said.

Indian DM says huge export potential for “ALH”

THELUYANANTHAPURAM, 31 Aug.—India’s Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee on Monday said there was a huge export potential for the country’s indigenously developed Advanced Light Helicopter.

Mukherjee, after a familiarization sortie in the helicopter, told reporters that the ALH was recently demonstrated in Chile and they were impressed by its performance.

The ALH, with its manoeuvrability, speed and automation was most modern and up to date. The helicopter was being inducted into the Air Force and other branches, he said.

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Police officers deploy in the Sadr City neighbourhood of Baghdad for the first time after three weeks of clashes as a truce was declared between US soldiers and militants loyal to rebel Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, Baghdad, Iraq, on 31 Aug, 2004. —Internet

975 US troops killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq last year

BAGHDAD, 1 Sept.—Ats of Tuesday, 31 August, 975 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 729 died as a result of hostile action and 246 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 64 deaths: July, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, 10; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 837 US soldiers have died —620 as a result of hostile action and 217 of non-hostile causes, according to the military’s numbers Tuesday.

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Philippines, US hold anti-drug exercises

The US and Philippine troops and anti-drug personnel have started a month-long training on anti-narcoterrorism in the northern province of Benguet and the southern city of Davao.

Baker Piston 04-2, starting on Monday, is the first joint exercise to tackle narcoterrorism in the country, the Philippine Daily Inquirer reported Tuesday.

"The war on drugs is a fight for everyone and a better-trained police officer and agent only makes our communities safer against the intimidation and fears brought by drugs," the Philippine military said in a Press statement.

Ten American narcotics experts and 100 participants from the Armed Forces, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency and the Philippine National Police will take part in the training, the report said.

The participants are expected to learn the methods of drug seizure, including the gathering, identification and preservation of pieces of evidence in the war against drugs using state-of-the-art technology like geo-spatio-temporal positioning systems, which is a technology dependent on satellites to help locate persons, structures or remote areas.

"Baker Piston 04-2 is designed to enhance the inter-operability between the military, federal and civil agencies," the military statement said.

"It will improve their abilities to identify and preserve evidence, evacuate casualties, gather intelligence and instruct others to fight narcotics," it added.

The Philippines is considered one of the three largest producers of shabu, said a United Nations world drug report. Shabu from the Philippines is considered one of the country’s major source of marijuana.

Japan may seek change in US forces deal

Tokyo, 31 Aug — Japan’s Defence Minister said on Sunday Japan may have to consider negotiating changes in the agreement that governs the status of US forces in Japan following a dispute over the management of a US helicopter crash in the southern prefecture of Okinawa earlier this month.

"If the Status of Forces Agreement has been used arbitrarily, we have to discuss ways of preventing this from happening," Shigeru Ishiba said on a programme broadcast by public television.

"If the discussions make no progress, the issue of revision will arise," he added. Japan lodged a protest with the US Embassy last week after the United States flew CH-3D Sea Stallion helicopters over its territory without having provided a full explanation for a August 13 crash involving the same model of helicopter.

The aircraft crashed into a university in Okinawa, damaging buildings, but causing no injuries. Japanese police were initially kept out of a probe into the crash.

The US Embassy on Saturday announced that all CH-3D flights within Japan had been suspended until a safety review is completed. The Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) defines the status of the 48,000 US military personnel based in Japan. Its terms are often criticized by Japanese angered by crimes committed by US servicepeople, particularly the 1996 rape of a 12-year-old girl by three US military personnel.

France races to save Iraq hostages

MANNI, 31 Aug — A 24-hour deadline set by kidnappers of two French journalists in Iraq expired late on Tuesday with no word on their fate after a day of frantic efforts by France to drum up Arab support to free them.

The kidnappers holding reporters Christin Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot have demanded France scrap a ban on Muslim headscarves in schools. The killing of 12 Nepali hostages by a separatist group of Iraqi militants heightened the gravity of their plight.

Arabic television station Al Jazeera quoted a statement on Monday evening from the Islamic Army in Iraq saying they had extended a previous deadline to France by 24 hours to repeal its ban on Muslim headscarves in schools.

However, a senior Arab League official said on Tuesday that contacts in Iraq said had seen the deadline would pass on Wednesday rather than Tuesday. Al Jazeera’s 4 pm EDT news bulletin, 24 hours after it broadcast the statement, passed with no report of any new statement or news on the fate of the hostages.

China launches science satellite

JIUQUAN (Gansu), 31 Aug — China on Sunday launched a recoverable science experimental satellite into a preset orbit, atop a Long March 2C carrier rocket from a launch centre in northwest China.

Space officials said the satellite was launched at 3:50 pm from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in Gansu province, northwest China and the satellite is orbiting normally. They said it is the 19th recoverable science experimental satellite China has launched.

The satellite would remain in orbit for a few days before returning to Earth, and the satellite is mainly for space scientific research, land surveying, mapping and other scientific experiments, said the officials.

The Long March 2C carrier rocket used in the launch was developed by a Beijing-based rocket carrier research institute affiliated to the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp.

The launch is the 78th by the country’s Long March carrier rockets since 1970, and the 36th consecutive successful launch since October 1996.

The Xi’an Satellite Monitor and Control Centre, based in the capital city of northwest China’s Shaanxi Province, will monitor and control the orbiting of the satellite and recover its re-entry module as scheduled, the officials said.

Marine from Austin dies in Iraq

BAHDAD, 1 Sept — The Department of Defence says a Marine from Austin has been killed in Iraq. Authorities say Lance Corporal Nickalos N Aldrich, 21, died Friday from a non-hostile vehicle accident in the Al Anbar Province. Aldrich was assigned to the Second Battalion, Fourth Marine Regiment, First Marine Division of the First Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton, California.

French implants may help save lives

The success rate of heart implants may double after using a new technology that allows stem cells to be tracked in the body.

Kidney patients live longer

The use of kidney transplants from living donors will be doubled in the UK this year in a bid to save lives, it has been announced.

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**US oil prices edge up on Iraq exports woes**

**LONDON, 31 Aug—** US oil prices rose on Monday as Iraq’s oil exports continued at more than 30 per cent below normal after sabotage attacks on pipelines.

US light crude climbed 29 cents to 43.47 US dollars a barrel, following a string of losses last week that took oil more than 6 US dollars below the record peak at 49.40 US dollars struck on 20 August.

Brent crude trade on London’s International Petroleum Exchange was shut for a public holiday.

Iraqi oil exports ran at a reduced 1.4 million barrels per day (bpd) on Monday, compared with two million bpd a week ago, and an Iraqi oil official said work to repair sabotaged pipelines would take five days.

Firefighters on Sunday battled to put out a blaze in the South Rumailia oilfield after spilt oil and gas from damaged pipelines ignited.

Tumour in Iraq and frequent attacks on oil infrastructure have been a major factor in underpinning the sharp rally in crude prices this year.

But last week US oil slid more than 6 US dollars after its failure to break through the 50 US mark triggered a stretch of profit taking. US Commodity Futures Trading Commission data on Friday showed that many speculators had taken their profits from the rally.

Despite last week’s slide that knocked US crude down 13 per cent from its peak, prices are still 33 per cent higher than at the end of 2003 as producers pump close to full tilt to match soaring demand.

The head of the OPEC producers’ cartel said on Monday that the group, which controls more than half of world oil exports, aimed to increase spare output capacity by about one million bpd in the next few months in an effort to bring down sky-high prices.

The Organization of the Petroleum-Exporting Countries is estimated to be pumping close to 30 million bpd, its highest level since 1979, in an effort to dampen this year’s price rally.

In response to expected demand growth in the near future, member countries have plans in place to further increase production capacity by around one million bpd towards the end of this year and into 2005,” OPEC president Purnomo Yusgiantoro said in a written statement handed to reporters in Jakarta.

“In addition, plans for additional capacity expansions are available and could be enacted soon. However, this capacity would, typically, become available around 18 months after commencement of this process.” — MNA/Reuters

**Shots fired at US diplomatic car in Saudi Arabia**

**JEDDAH, 31 Aug—** Gunmen opened fire on Monday at a US diplomatic car near the US consulate in the Red Sea port city of Jedda in Saudi Arabia but there were no injuries, a Western diplomat said.

The diplomat told Reuters that the occupants of the car escaped unhurt.

“The preliminary information received an hour ago indicates that shots were fired at a US consulate car. Everyone in that car is in good health,” the diplomat told Reuters.

He did not give any details about the car’s occupants or their number.

Security sources told Reuters that an unidentified gunman opened fire at the car carrying one passenger plus the driver, both of whom escaped unhurt.

There were no further details but militants loyal to Saudi-born Osama bin Laden have been waging a 15-month campaign of suicide bombings and attacks against Western citizens and oil sites.

Some 90 police officers and civilians, many of them foreigners, have been killed.

— MNA/Reuters

**Mubarak to meet Russian FM over Mideast issues**

**CAIRO, 31 Aug—** Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will meet on Saturday with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov over the Middle East situation, Egypt’s official MENA news agency reported Monday.

During his stay here, Lavrov is expected to hold talks with his Egyptian counterpart Ahmed Abu Gheit on ways to expand bilateral relations, and the two sides will also discuss the latest regional and international developments, especially in Palestine, Sudan and Iraq, the report said.

Earlier on Monday, the Russian Foreign Ministry announced in a statement that Lavrov would kick off his maiden Middle East tour on September 3 in a bid to help resolve problems in the region. — MNA/Xinhua

**US oil prices rose on Monday as Iraq’s oil exports continued at more than 30 per cent below normal after sabotage attacks on pipelines.**

**Saboteurs hit Iraq internal oil pipeline**

**BAGHDAD, 31 Aug—** Saboteurs blew up an internal oil pipeline on the edge of Baghdad on Monday, in the latest of a series on attacks on the country’s internal and export pipeline network, witnesses said.

Reuters Television footage showed firefighters working on putting out the pipeline fire in the southeast New Baghdad District. A US soldier on the scene said the oil pipeline was attacked earlier in the morning.

**Vietnam spends more on fertilizer imports**

**HANOI, 31 Aug—** Vietnam imported over 2.3 million tons of fertilizers, totalling 426 million US dollars in the first eight months of this year, down 4.5 per cent in volume but up 21.6 per cent in value over the same period last year. Of the volume, 976,000 tons were urea with import turnovers of 187 million dollars, down 15.7 per cent in value, said the General Statistics Office on Monday.

“Although Vietnam’s fertilizer production increased 13.9 per cent to roughly 1.1 million tons between January and August, the country still heavily depended on import missions with increasing prices. To cope with the hike, the Ministry of Trade has recently proposed the government slash the value-added tax on fertilizers to zero from current 5 per cent.”

— MNA/Xinhua

**Laos to open online border control centre**

**BANGKOK, 31 Aug—** Thailand and Laos have planned to establish an online computer system to regulate and monitor cross border movements and reduce the flow of illegal drugs, the Thai News Agency reported Sunday.

The two sides agreed on the scheme at a bilateral meeting on Saturday, head of the Thai delegation Charnwut Watchapug, who is also head of Border Immigration, which was quoted by the news agency as saying. The two countries have made joint efforts to promote tourism which resulted in a rising number of tourists crossing the Thai-Lao border each year.

Local immigration officials have requested more staff to improve services to tourists and the public at the border crossings, Charnwut Watchapug said.

— MNA/Xinhua

**Chile to serve as bridge between Asia, MERCOSUR**

**BUENOS AIRES, 31 Aug—** Chile will serve as a bridge between the economies of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum (APEC) and those of the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR), Chilean President Ricardo Lagos said on Monday.

Lagos said the APEC economic leaders’ meeting scheduled for November 20-21 will open new possibilities and ties for the integration between the two blocks.

He said the gathering “will configure a network of simultaneous possibilities for this region of the world as seldom seen before.” “MERCOSUR seems to have reached a greater presence and solidarity” and Chile will contribute to forming a bridge between the bloc and the rest of the Asia-Pacific economies, he said.

— MNA/Reuters
Fast development in border regions

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 region. — MYANMAR A LIN

Developing Tachilek in eastern Shan State. — MNA

The Government is paying serious attention to border area development. Photo shows the development of Panwa in Kachin State. — PANRDA
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In addition, under the guidelines laid down by the Head of State, plans and projects are being implemented to ensure adequate provisions of rice paddy and other essential crops in all regions and townships of the country. But more than that, not only is everything being done systematically to make sure that there is sufficient production of food, but the health sector in concert is educating the public to learn about nutrition and the consumption of food that is healthful.

Specialists and scientists in medicine and health today agree that nutrition and health are interrelated. In developing countries over 50% of the mortality of children below the age of 5 years is due to nutrition deficiency. They also concur that nutrition deficiency and anaemia in expectant mothers lead to complications in childbirth and other related diseases that are life threatening. Anaemic mothers also often give birth to children who are underweight.

Therefore, efforts are now underway to raise the standard of nutrition in the country, to eliminate nutrition deficiency and encourage the cultivation of good eating habits as well as to prevent diseases related to over eating. In accordance with these aims those responsible in the health sector are now implementing various initiatives such as the administration of vitamins to supplement the diet of those who are undernourished; to produce nutritious food for consumption and to provide much needed information on the importance and need for nutritious food.

In the developing countries at one time, children suffered from blindness due mainly to lack of vitamin A and these children who turned blind because of lack of vitamin A, soon died within one or two years due to many other complications. So the world community of nations introduced a systematic programme for regular administration of vitamin A as supplement. Today, thousands of children worldwide are protected from the danger of losing their eye sight and life. On our part, Myanmar, has been carrying out a systematic programme for administering vitamin A capsules to children once every 6 months to prevent vitamin A deficiency, building up their resistance and immunity against infectious diseases of all kinds and bringing about the incidence of disease and the rate of infant mortality.

Suitable doses of vitamin A supplements are systematically administered to the children countrywide during the National Nutrition Week campaign and also during the period of the National Immunization Campaign together with the oral Polio vaccine. Due to these efforts it can be said that overall there has been nearly a hundred percent success rate.

Hence, today there are now little or no cases of children losing their eye sight due to lack of vitamin A in Myanmar. However, the vitamin A supplement campaign will have to be continued as part of the programme for bringing down the under-5 years child mortality rate. At one time also, a widespread systematic campaign had to be launched in Myanmar against iodine deficiency that caused the disease known as goiter. Today, 86% of households in the country are now taking the necessary iodine salts.

Myanmar, being a member of the WHO and the World Food Programme has closely collaborated with UN organizations, other international organizations and with member countries both from within and without the region to enhance implementation of the nutrition programme. The National Nutrition Week Movement of 2003 was a resounding success due to the enthusiastic participation of the people and the support of government departments and voluntary social organizations.

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These are the positive results of all the efforts that have been made, and we believe it will contribute greatly towards the success of the present Nutrition Week Movement the objective of which is the total elimination of iodine insufficiency in 2005 and the advancement of the comprehensive Vitamin A supplement campaign. In addition, in this year’s Nutrition Week Movement iron tablets will be distributed to expectant mothers and there will be a competition for the cooking and preparation of the most nutritious food for children below 5 years of age. We believe fervently that all these endeavours will greatly aid the Millennium Development Goals which the government has set in the rate of children below the age of five suffering from malnutrition and a decrease in the maternal mortality rate.

The Myanmar Government having found the rural folk and those in the isolated border areas greatly in need of health care and health education drew up systematic plans and programmes for development projects in the border and rural areas which are now in process. The government, at great expense to the budget has given priority to health care projects in the rural areas and remote border regions. Consequently the maternal and child mortality rate in these areas have been significantly reduced. Furthermore, the government together with philanthropic citizens has made available pure drinking water in the rural areas where water is scarce.

Then dams, reservoirs and canals were constructed in regions that were not self-sufficient in food; this has thus enabled them to cultivate crops year-round—in summer, rains and the cool season. With cultivation water available the whole year, these regions are now able to cultivate paddy and other diverse crops which has thus raised productivity and increased food sufficiency. These developments can be attributed to the close cooperation among the government and the people, the representatives of UN organizations and other voluntary welfare organizations. It should be especially noted that the mutual goodwill that exists between the government and the people and their close cooperation and participation are vital factors in the successes so far achieved in development.

In conclusion I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to government departments who so ably carried out their responsibilities for the promotion of the health of the people, particularly in providing the nutrition of mothers and children and to the voluntary welfare associations, UN organizations and national race entrepreneurs who gave so generously of their help and support. And may I express the sincere wish that beginning from this Nutrition Week, the world may soon develop into a world of sufficient nutrition for all.

After the opening ceremony, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party viewed the booths displayed at the International Business Centre to mark Nutrition Promotion Week. Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party and guests fed vitamin-A tablets to children under five. Next, they also distributed ferrous sulphate tablets to expectant mothers. The opening ceremony was also attended by National Health Committee Vice-Chairman Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, ministers, deputy ministers, the committee members, ambassadors of the ASEAN member countries, resident representatives of the UNICEF and other UN agencies, chairmen and officials of the social organizations, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, members of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Nutrition Promotion Week, members of the Central Committee for Elimination of Myanmar Iodine Deficiency, directors-general, deputy directors-general, rectors, pro-rectors and superintendents under the Ministry of Health, resident representatives of NGOs and guests.

Minister for Industry-2 leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 1 Sept — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin left here by air this morning to hold discussions on bilateral industrial cooperation and visit factories in Thailand at the invitation of the Thai Minister of Industry, the government and the people, and other diverse crops which has thus raised productivity and increased food sufficiency. These developments can be attributed to the close cooperation among the government and the people, the representatives of UN organizations and other voluntary welfare organizations. It should be especially noted that the mutual goodwill that exists between the government and the people and their close cooperation and participation are vital factors in the successes so far achieved in development.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt views round the exhibition to mark the Nutrition Week. — MNA

Thai Public Relations delegation arrives

YANGON, 1 Sept — A six-member delegation of Public Relations Department of Thailand arrived here by air this morning.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Director (Admin) U Phone Myint of Myanmar Radio and Television of the Ministry of Information and officials. At 10.30 am, the Thai delegation called on Director-General U Khin Maung Huy of MRTV at the meeting hall of MRTV on Pyay Road, here. The director-general extended greetings and explained facts about MRTV. The guest viewed functions of MRTV. In the afternoon, they visited the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road and the National Museum on Pyay Road. In the evening, they visited Myanmar Gems Emporium on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road. — MNA

The Thai delegation seen at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Artifacts of Pyu Period found

YANGON, 1 Sep—Based on the facts described in religious treatises, Myanmar historical treatises and records and artifacts excavated by the Archaeology Department, the staff of the department and archaeological researchers carried on their research work.

During August, they found 23 urns and goglets in plot No 1 and 12 urns and goglets in plot No 2 as a whole at a site at the southeast corner of Basic Education High School in Tagaung. The news appeared in the 19 August issues of Myanmar Alin, Ayeyarwady and the New Light of Myanmar dailies.

The group comprising Deputy Director U Aye Maung of AD (Upper Myanmar), U Pandita Nanda (U Min Han), Tampawady U Win Maung, U Tin Win Oo and guardian U Aye Lwin also discovered 21 urns and goglets in plot No 3 and eight urns and goglets in plot No 4. Altogether 64 urns and goglets have been unearthed so far. Some bricks with lines made by fingers were also found under the urns in the plot No 3. The evidences have proved that like Pyu ancient cities such as Hanlin, Beikthano and Srikhestra, Tagaung was also a civilized region with high culture of Pyus. The artifacts are of invaluable historical value for the archaeological researchers.

The site where 64 Pyu Period artifacts were excavated. — CULTURE

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Because of certain circumstances, I cannot help refuting the slanders of the VOA concerning its interview with a man of letters or a writer-cum-poet and a journalist, two big cheese of their profession. The VOA aired an interview with them on 7 August 2004.

In the interview, the man of letters said that according to his experience, the four-8 unrest is much like that of the 1300 peasant uprising in essence; that the unrest did not fail, but has achieved success to a certain degree; that as evolution or revolution never ends, the main success of the unrest is that it was able to do what was presumed impossible in the past; and that because of the four-8 democracy movement, many unexpected things will occur in the future.

I cannot understand him, as he, a writer-cum-poet of peace, who says that he has no enemies, but only friends, is praising the four-eight anarchy he has never witnessed. I dare say that his intention of comparing the 1300 uprising and the four-8 unrest is not sincere. Because the 1300 uprising is a national movement to oppose the colonialists for the national independence, while the four-8 anarchic disturbance is a work of leftist and rightist aboveground and underground organizations, expatriates including colonialist minions and persons, who were dismissed from the Burma Socialist Programme Party or their job, to take advantage of the growing public discontent over the then existing BSPP government to grab power through short cut. Whether the unrest is analyzed from the historical point of view or logical point of view, the truth cannot be hidden. But, so pitiful is the writer-cum-poet that he is not able to see things in an objective way, instead, he is always adhering to the old and outdated ways. Thus, he is facing opposition from his own disciples, and I hope that all the people of Myanmar tired of reading about it in the journals.

In an interview, aired on 5 and 6 August 2004, U Win Naing, a corrupt politician, also said that the four-eight unrest ended in a failure. But what the man of letters, the so-called man of peace, said in the interview is like trying to incite the people for the eruption of another unrest. Because of certain circumstances, I cannot help refuting the slanders of the VOA’s interview with an experienced journalist and a private tuition teacher. He is worse than the writer-cum-poet. During the interview, the journalist said that the unrest can be compared with the civil commotion of Paris, as people of all ages from very young students to elderly persons took part in it; that the State power fell into the people’s hand as the law enforcement operations and administrative machinery came to a stop; that it was wrong to make useless demands instead of strengthening the power that was already in the hands of the people; that not with the Tatmadaw’s sole decision but only with the comprehensive agreement and participation, will the success be achieved in finding the way out of the present situation; and that a true national convention is required for this end.

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Instead of speaking about peace and national re-consolidation, they are trying to incite the people to violence and to cause instability and civil commotion. So I would like to say that he is a blood-thirsty man of peace. But I try to understand him as a person who knows nothing about a nation’s objective condition, but being deceived by his own community and some foreign radio stations.

Everybody knows that bullying, killing, torching, beheading and looting were a common scene during the unrest. And Myanmar had never faced such a terrible situation in any part of her past history. The unrest created a terrible situation that is totally against the nature and culture of civilized Myanmar people. Sadly, the words of the writer-cum-poet are in support of the anarchy.

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These tasks are to be carried out as far as possible, he added.

He said significant achievements can be seen in all sectors such as agricultural, livestock breeding, industrial and transport sectors.

In the education sector, basic education schools, universities and colleges and science and technological and medical institutions were opened and educated persons needed for the State are being produced similarly.

cooperating with the local people or with the departments concerned, and the undertakings are for short-term as well as long-term interest of the respective regions. As the work depends on the people’s willingness, they should be organized to actively take part in it and to have the self-reliant spirit for regional development. Concerning the sectors that have bright prospects, efforts will have to be made in cooperation with the departments concerned to implement them.

In carrying out regional development undertakings, the association is	

for the departments to reach. Only with hard work, the members will be able to know the true situation of the grassroots. The

— have already been restored. And the seven-point future policy programme has already been laid down to implement the other two — Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution; and Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution. A modern and developed discipline-flourishing nation will emerge only when the seven-point future policy programme can be implemented successfully.

In this regard, the USDAs at different levels are energetically talking part in the work to materialize the programme. All the association members should implement the task with goodwill, unity and energy as they are connected with the nation’s future.

In conclusion, he urged all members to understand and value the loneliness and vitality of their national tasks; to take pride of the fruits produced by their efforts; to effectively make use of the favourable conditions created by the Head of State; to be able to have the power to differentiate between good and bad and the nation-building task and destructive persecution; and to effectively make use of the prevailing situation to organize the people. The USDA is a sole national organization serving the interest of the entire nation. It will stand firm as the vanguard of the nation. Thus, the trainees will have to make further studies to enhance their knowledge and to organize the people of the entire nation to take part in building a new nation.

The Secretary-1 cordially greeted the trainees.—MNA

Construction Minister inspects Pathein, Pamawady bridges

YANGON, 1 Sept —Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein and officials of Public Works went on inspection tour of Pathein bridge construction project on 31 August.

On arrival at Pathein bridge construction project site, Deputy Superintending Engineer U Khin Maung Win of bridge construction project welcomed them and presented reports to them on progress of constructing the bridge, future tasks and availability of construction materials. In response to the reports, the minister gave instructions on measures to be taken for construction of the bridge in time and meeting set standard, minimizing loss and wastage and worksite safety.

Next, Senior Engineer of Pathein District U Myint Thein presented reports on damaged roads and bridges in Pathein District due to heavy rains and floods during August.

The minister instructed officials to repair roads and bridges as quick as possible. Pathein bridge situated on Pathein-Phwaye-in Hlaing river of reinforced concrete. The bridge will be 2,140 feet long and 28 feet wide and each pedestrian will be four feet wide. Its clearance is 840 feet wide and 33 feet high. It can withstand 75 tons of load.

Upon completion, one can easily go to Chaungtha and Ngabaung beaches.

The minister and party went to Pamawady bridge (Myinkaseik) at milepost No 22/2 of Pathein-Myawady road.

At the briefing hall, Senior Engineer In-Charge Daw Si Than presented reports on progress in constructing Myawady bridge.

Pamawady bridge is located on Pathein-Myawady road which is built across Pamawady river. The main bridge is 540 feet long and of steel cable suspension. The approach bridge is built of reinforced concrete.

Total length of the bridge is 1,260 feet. The main bridge is 16 feet and 4 inches wide. The approach bridge is 20 feet wide and each pedestrian is 3 feet wide.

On completion, the distance between Myawady and Pathein would be only 32 miles instead of 65 miles. The bridge will contribute much towards development of education, health, social and economy of local people residing along Myawady-Pathein road.

Environment conservation course opens

YANGON, 1 Sept —Three-day course on environment conservation for Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoological Gardens (Yangon) organized by the Work Committee for All-round Upgrading of Environments of Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoological Gardens (Yangon) was opened this morning at Kandawgyi Gardens.

A total of 76 trainees are attending the course. The course aimed to disseminate knowledge on conservation and to disseminate conservation methods through the trainees, said Chairman of the work committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe in his opening address.

After the opening ceremony, Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspected sale of farm equipment, seeds, pesticides and books on agricultural technology at the shop of Myanmar Agriculture Service and arrangements for agriculture museum at Education Zone in the gardens.

Next, Maj-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected the progress of beautifying tasks being implemented by Yangon City Development Committee in the relaxation zone and construction of the elephant plaza. —MNA
Deaths of suspected hepatitis E reported in Darfur

GENEVA, 31 Aug — A total of 2,431 cases and 41 deaths of suspected hepatitis E was reported from health clinics in the Darfur region of Sudan from May 22 to August 20, the World Health Organization (WHO) said Monday.

The most affected area is west Darfur which has 66 percent of the total reported cases, WHO said in a Press release.

The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) is continuing to work with federal and state ministries of health and non-governmental organizations to increase the quality and quantity of water supply.

Field investigations conducted by Epicenter and EPiTheMe (European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training) are underway to assess the epidemiology of hepatitis E and to focus on the most appropriate prevention and control measures.

This outbreak is a consequence of the inadequate and unsafe water supply and poor sanitary conditions the Darfur population has experienced during the crisis since February 2003. According to the United Nations, the worst humanitarian crisis now.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SEA BRIGHT VOY No (647)

Consignors of cargo carried on MV SEA BRIGHT Voy No (647) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2-9-2004 and cargo will be discharged in the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk 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. No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Uganda vigilant against locust threat

KAMPALA, 11 Aug — The Ugandan Government is alert to fight a locust threat after a report said that a swarm of locusts from the Saharan region is heading for Uganda, local media reported on Monday.

Ugandan Prime Minister Apolo Nsibambi has instructed the Agriculture Ministry to secure emergency means to contain the impending catastrophe.

He asked the ministry to contact the Desert Locust Control Organization of East Africa for help.

Angolan border police arrest 163 illegal immigrants

Luanda, 31 Aug — Angolan National Border Protection Police have arrested and repatriated at least 163 illegal immigrants from the Democratic Republic of the Congo who entered into the Angolan territory illegally in the last 12 months.

The information was announced by Angola’s Eastern Lunda-Sul Province’s provincial commander of the Border Police, Domingos Manuel, while assessing the activities carried out by his unit during August 2003, up to this month, according to Angolan news agency Angop on Monday.

The foreigners who tried to enter illegally were arrested and repatriated through the Services for Foreigners (SMDE),” he said.

Drive with care

Nigeria to enact law against cyber crime

LAGOS, 31 Aug — The Nigerian legislature has begun preliminary investigations on the nature and depth of cyber crime in the West African country with a view to passing appropriate laws, a government official said here Monday.

The proposed law would stem the tide of cyber crime to save the image of Nigeria, which had been battered by credit card scams and fake websites, he said.

Units of computer systems always end up in the laps of the various agencies trying to reach Europe.

Illegal immigrants rescued off southern Italian island

ROMO, 31 Aug — The Italian Coast Guard Monday rescued 139 would-be immigrants packed aboard a boat off the southern Italian island of Lampedusa, local media reported on Monday.

According to the report, the 12-metre-long boat was intercepted and towed to shore after its passengers had been helped aboard three police and Coast Guard vessels that had rushed to the scene.

Most of the immigrants said they were Palestinians and some from Bangladesh but they did not have identity cards. Lampedusa, closer to the coast of Tunisia than to Italy, is often in the headlines because of the large number of illegal migrants arriving. The problem was highlighted last week when 275 immigrants, including 89 children, arrived from August 22.

Tunisia and Italy have agreed to set up joint land, sea and air patrols, as well as reception centres in Libya, to stem the tide of migrants from the north African country, a major staging post for immigrants trying to reach Europe.

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Sr. No. Tender No. Description Quantity
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2004-2005

High- 40 inch

Width- 20 inch

Length - 30 inch

Closing Date - 30.9.2004 (Thursday) (12.00) Hours.

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanmar Railways, Corner of 51 Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon starting from 31.8.2004 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 291982, 201555 Ext-602, 605, 612

Deputy General Manager

Supply Department, Myanmar Railways, Botataung, Yangon

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4. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender documents officially from Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director,
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise
Study shows most heart attacks easily predictable

MUNICH, 31 Aug — Virtually the entire risk of heart attack can be predicted and the impact of factors causing attacks is the same whether you live in a rich country or a poor one, a global study released on Sunday showed.

Results of the study of more than 29,000 people in 52 countries, released at a meeting of the European Cardiology Society, showed that two factors alone — an abnormal ratio of bad to good cholesterol and smoking — were responsible for two-thirds of the global risk of heart attack.

Other risk factors were high blood pressure, diabetes, abdominal obesity, stress, a lack of daily consumption of fruits and vegetables, and lack of daily exercise.

Drinking small amounts of alcohol regularly was found to reduce risk slightly.

“This convincingly shows that 90 per cent of the global risk of heart disease is predictable,” researcher Salim Yusuf, a professor of medicine at McMaster University in Ontario, Canada, told a news conference.

In a statement issued here, the department said that the first round of inspection to detect existence of avian flu within a 10-kilometre radius of Baru Pasir Pekan Village in Tumpat, north state of Kelantan, where two cockerels tested positive for the virus two weeks ago, had been completed.

“Initial test results on the samples were negative and no HPAI (Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza) virus was detected,” the statement said.

The department said monitoring and inspection on poultry and pet birds nationwide would be continued.

After the occurrence of the bird flu case in the Kelantan village, a total of 352 poultry livestock like chickens, ducks and pet birds within one-kilometre radius around the village were exterminated to prevent the spread of the virus.

A 10-kilometre radius quarantine has also been imposed as a precautionary measure to check the bird flu.

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No new bird flu case detected in Malaysia

American learning “fusio” yoga

WASHINGTON, 31 Aug — Yoga continues to attract many in the United States with practitioners not only learning the discipline but also combining yoga exercises with Eastern martial arts and conventional exercises, calling it “fusio” yoga, according to a media report.

A report in the Washington Post said traditional Yoga has been “reincarnated as fusion fitness”. Yoga is increasingly being offered under different names and under different styles to suit even sceptics, including weightlifters.

“Classes sound like yoga but in one exercise, each practitioner is squeezing a grapefruit-size blue rubber ball between his or her thigh,” the Post said.

Styles are offered under various names, including YogaBatt; Yoga-Pilates-Resist-a-Ball; YogaBar for weight exercises, calling it “fusion” yoga, according to a media report.

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AIDS researchers call for 10-15b euros for vaccine

ZURICH, 31 Aug — AIDS researchers need some 10-15 billion euros over the next decade in order to fully develop potential vaccines for the disease as HIV infection rates continue to climb, delegates at a conference said on Monday.

Delegates at the AIDS Vaccine '04 conference held in Lausanne this week called for more political and financial commitment towards developing AIDS vaccines.

“Due to an alarming increase in the number of HIV infections, whereby it is anticipated that an additional 45 million new infections will occur by 2010, there is an urgent need for a preventative vaccine,” conference chairman Giuseppe Pantaleo said in a statement.

Delegates also acknowledged the need for research to be more collaborative and better organized in order that more vaccine candidates can be taken to the final stage of testing, the clinical Phase III trial.

Some 800 researchers attended the conference, organized by the Lausanne University Hospital and EuroVacc — a Swiss-registered foundation whose aim is to develop a vaccine against the HIV virus which causes AIDS.

Rolls-Royce still sees 1,000 Phantom sales in 2004

MUNICH, 31 Aug — Rolls-Royce is sticking to its goal of selling 1,000 Phantom luxury limousines this year even though it had sold only 358 in the first seven months, the head of the BMW division told a newspaper.

“We are still well on the way there,” Karl-Heinz Kallflell was quoted on Monday as telling Automobilwoche, noting many customers tend to buy late in the year when bonuses arrive. But he stressed that the division would not sacrifice margin for the sake of sales. “We have the same targets here as do other BMW group brands,” he said.

He said the brand may be able to sell 1,200 units in 2005, while 2006 sales could benefit from a long version of the car and a cabrio model.

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Ronaldinho doubtful for Bolivia match

Rio de Janeiro, 31 Aug.—Brazilian striker Ronaldinho is doubtful for Sunday’s World Cup qualifier at home to Bolivia due to ankle ligament damage, coach Dunga said on Monday.

Ronaldinho, who missed Barcelona’s opening match of the Spanish league on Friday, was examined in Brazil on Sunday after injuring his ankle during training on Saturday.

Inamota signs for West Bromwich Albion

London, 1 Sept.—Japanese midfielder Junichi Inamoto has joined West Bromwich Albion from Gamba Osaka, the Premier League club said on Tuesday.

The 24-year-old, who recently ended two years on loan at Portuguese club Vitoria Setubal, has signed a contract for two and a half years with the club taking out an option for another year, West Brom said in a statement.

He is West Brom’s second signing this week following the transfer from Cardiff City of Wales striker Robbie Earnshaw, who signed on Monday for a club record fee of £3.0 million (5.39 million US dollars).

Robson sacked as Newcastle manager

Newcastle (England), 31 Aug.—Bobby Robson’s five-year reign as Newcastle United manager ended on Monday when he paid the price for his side’s poor start to the season and growing dressing room unrest.

Newcastle sacked the 71-year-old former England manager after Saturday’s 4-2 defeat at Aston Villa that left them 16th in the Premier League standings without a win from four games.

After a disappointing start to the Premier League season, the directors of Newcastle United have informed Sir Bobby Robson they have decided that he is to be replaced as team manager, a club statement said.

Thorn is no hesitation on the part of the club in recording its sincere appreciation for the way in which Sir Bobby has handled team affairs during that five-year spell which has seen a significant turnaround in the club’s fortunes,” said the statement on Newcastle’s official web site.

Newcastle’s defeat at Villa Park, for which talismanic England defender Jonathan Woodgate was sold to Real Madrid for 10 million euros, raised question marks over conditions at some of the country’s cash-strapped professional clubs, were discharged on Monday, medical sources said.

The team were travelling back to the mining town of Potosi after a shock 6-2 win to Away The Strongest in La Paz when their vehicle lurched off the road in the middle of the night and ended up on its side, players said. Potosi is 460 kilometres south of La Paz but the journey takes between 12 and 15 hours over treacherous and mainly unpaved mountain roads.

Forward Roberto Correa and midfielder Dayel Gutierrez were still in hospital in Potosi on Monday, the team’s doctor told reporters, though neither had broken any bones.

The Real Potosi players received a costly bill for traveling by land to their games,” said the newspaper La Razon in an editorial.

Juve sign Ibrahimovic in 16 million euro deal

Milan, 1 Sept.—Sweden striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic has joined Serie A club Juventus from Dutch champions Ajax Amsterdam in a 16-million-euro deal.

Juventus said on Tuesday in a statement to the Milan stock exchange that Ibrahimovic had signed a four-year contract with the Italian team.

The 22-year-old has scored 35 goals in 74 league appearances since joining Ajax in 2001.

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Manchester United held 0-0 by Everton

London, 31 Aug.—Manchester United were denied three times by the woodwork as they were held on Monday to a 0-0 home draw by Everton, the club whose England striker Wayne Rooney they hope to sign before Tuesday’s transfer deadline.

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The youngest daughter of U Tha Gwe-Daw Haing, beloved wife of Lt-Col Beng Chiang (Red.) @ Dr Thine Htike, beloved mother of Daw Lè Lè Win (G.M The Grand Mee Ya Hta Executive Residences S.P.A.) - U Soe Win, U Maung Maung (Frontier Drilling (Asia) Pte. Ltd)-Daw Thet Zaw, beloved grandmother of Win Hoe Htike (Bintai Kindenkon Myanmar) and Ma Thet Hoo Zaw, peacefully passed away on Tuesday 31-8-2004 at the residence at No.18 (E) Chadawngine, Kaba Ay Pagoda Rd. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 am on 2-9-2004, at Judsun Church and funeral will take place at Yaw Way Mortuary at 12:00 noon.

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WEATHER

Tuesday, 1 September 2004
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State, rain or thunderstorms have been isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in Kachin, Rakhine and Kayin States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Namsab (2.68) inches.

Maximum temperature on 31-8-2004 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 1-9-2004 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 1-9-2004 was 95%. Total sunshine hours on 31-8-2004 was 1.5 hours approx.

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Bay interference: Monsoon is weak in North and Central Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Special Features: According to the observations at 09:30 hours MST today, yesterday’s tropical depression over Gulf of Tokin crossed northern Vietnam coast near Hanoi and weakened.

Forecast valid until evening of 2-9-2004: Rain or thunderstorms will be isolated in Kayah State, Magway, lower Sagaing Divisions; scattered in Kachin, Chin, Shan, northern Sagaing, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: General decrease of rain in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-9-2004: Sunny period with one or two rain or thunder-showers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-9-2004: Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder-showers. Degree of certainty is 60%.
YANGON, 1 Sept — The Nutrition Promotion Week 2004, organized by the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Mines, UNICEF and WHO, was launched at International Business Centre on Pyay Road at 8 am today, with an address by Chairman of National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that the Government is firmly convinced that in the process of reconstructing the Union of Myanmar as a developed and modern nation that stands equal to the nations of the world, the health and education of its citizens who make up the principal human resources, is of primary importance. It has therefore firmly laid down as one of its objectives, the uplift of health and education of the entire nation and has set the achievement of these objectives as a national task.

In enhancing the health of the nation, we have been making concerted efforts for the prevention and cure of diseases and to raise the standard of health in order to lower the mortality rate and increase the life span of the people. But in raising the standard of health of the nation, nutrition plays an important role. That is why the Government has systematically drawn up plans and programmes to raise the standard of nutrition of the nation in all its aspects. In order to raise the standard of nutrition of the people, the government, while fulfilling the basic need to provide sufficient food, is simultaneously carrying out the important task of educating the people on the kind of food and diet that is nutritious as well as healthful.

At present it is systematically implementing plans in the agriculture sector to increase paddy yield which is the staple crop, to provide sufficient edible oil for domestic consumption and to increase yield of export crops, so that there will be sufficient food not only for domestic consumption but also for fulfilling regional and world needs. Myanmar has a long coastline together with many rivers, creeks and natural lakes endowed with a plentiful supply of fish and sea food. It has therefore made full use of these natural conditions to boost production in the fishery sector with projects for fish breeding and farming and thus ensure adequate food supplies for the people.

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Yango, 1 Sept — Myanmar Development and Studies Instructor Course No 4 sponsored by the Union Solidarity and Development Association was opened at Pyiddaungsu Hall of USDA Training School in Hmawby Township this morning, with an address by member of the Panel of Patrons of the USDA (Central) Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win. Also present were members of the Secretariat of the USDA, CEC members, officials of the USDA Headquarters, the Principal of USDA Training School, course instructors and trainees from states and divisions.

In his address, member of the Panel of Patrons of the USDA (Central) Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win said that courses are being conducted with the aim of turning out instructors who will take charge in state, division and district Myanmar Development and Studies Instructor Courses. Altogether 459 trainees were trained in course Nos 1, 2 and 3. A total of 200 trainees will be trained at the present course.

He said the number of trainees at state, division and district levels is now over 80 per cent. Heads of departments themselves will give lectures on national development, better infrastructures built in various regions day and night and better environment and opportunities, he added. Continuing, he said, in carrying out the tasks for development of every sector of the State, concerted efforts are to be made for development of urban areas as well as rural areas.

Organizational matters and rural development tasks are to be undertaken simultaneously, he said.

The association’s current community welfare tasks are five rural development tasks — narrowing the development gap between urban and rural areas, raising the quality of life of rural people, economic development in rural regions, supply of pure water, ensuring better rural roads and uplift of education standard and health care services — and supply of electricity in the rural areas.

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