Danañ ca, generosity; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Federative Republic of Brazil

YANGON, 7 Sept —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 Luís Inacio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, on the anniversary of the Independence Day of the Federative Republic of Brazil which falls on 7 September 2004. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of condolence and sympathy to Russia

YANGON, 6 Sept — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of condolence and sympathy to His Excellency Mr Vladimir V Putin, President of the Russian Federation, concerning the attacks perpetrated by the terrorists on a school in Beslan, Russian Federation, last week, in which hundreds of innocent people, including young schoolchildren, were killed or injured. — MNA

Four political objectives

* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
* National reconsolidation
* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Education sector is to produce well-rounded human resources to build and safeguard a new nation in a new era with new system

Special Refresher Course No 21 for Basic Education Teachers opened

YANGON, 6 Sept — The Special Refresher Course No 21 for Basic Education Teachers was opened at Yadana Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, this morning, with an address delivered by Myanmar Education Committee Vice-Chairman and State Peace and Development Council Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Chairman and Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, the ministers, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, deputy ministers, member of CSSTB U Hla Myint Oo, the Mandalay mayor, Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Lat, Deputy Attorney-General U Han Shein, senior military officers, responsible officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authoritaries, the rector and the protector of CICS and heads of departments, lecturers, course instructors and others. Speaking on the occasion, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said the reason for the attendance of the course by the basic education teachers who are bringing about human resources on which the State can rely in the future is to make them understand the transitional process, the development trends of world nations, the educational reform programmes in Myanmar as truly as the way they are. Moreover, they will also come to know more clearly the value and dignity of teachership.

The present era has seen the incredible progress of Information Technology. The volume of global changes is immeasurable. It has become a reality that a certain event of the other part of the world can be known and seen by the rest of the world within an hour or two. These days, a scientific discovery... (See page 8)

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
New Pakokku airport, prerequisite for better transport of Magway Division

The government has been making all-out efforts for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. In the process, it has been giving priority to better transport.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance, saying that better transport will bring about economic development in the region and further strengthen friendship among the national brethren through their frequent contacts; and that it is therefore imperative to place emphasis on better transport for national development.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, transport infrastructures, the essential prerequisite for national development, are being built on a self-reliant basis. In this context, energetic efforts are being exerted on building new airports, upgrading the old ones, extending road and railroads, building bridges, large and small, and jetties.

New Pakokku Airport in Pakokku, Magway Division, was opened at a ceremony held at the airport on 5 September, with an address by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint.

Pakokku is strategically located on the west bank of Ayeyawady River, Magway Division, Central Myanmar. Moreover, Pakokku region is not only a gateway to southern Chin State, but also a pivotal region for development of education and health sectors and socio-economic life of the western region of Magway Division and Chin State.

Pakokku region, where industrial crops such as cotton, pulses and beans and edible oil crops are thriving, has been striving for development of the national and private industrial sectors.

At such a time, the emergence of the new Pakokku airport, where jet aircraft could take off and land, will contribute much to development of economic and social sectors of Magway Division. At a time when strenuous efforts are being made for ensuring better transport that contributes much to development of socio-economic life of the entire nation, all are urged to make good use of the fruitful results of better transport.

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

Directorate of PRPW holds 4th cultural performing arts

YANGON, 6 Sept — The 4th competition of cultural performing arts of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Welfare under the Ministry of Defence continued for the second day at the theatre hall of No 3 Mobile Public Relations Unit, Mandalay Division yesterday morning. Present on the occasion were senior military officers, members of board of judges, competitors and audience.

The competitions of Men’s and Women’s oldies and modern songs were held in the morning. Men’s and Women’s modern songs and Men’s and Women’s dance, in the afternoon and Anyen Yaw, in the evening.

Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin and Myanmar delegation seen at the airport on their arrival. — MNA

Myanmar industry delegation arrives back

YANGON, 6 Sept — Myanmar industry delegation led by Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin arrived back here from Thailand yesterday evening.

The delegation went to Thailand at the invitation of the minister for industry of Thailand and discussed bilateral cooperation in industrial sector and visited factories there.

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and officials welcomed the delegation at the Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Journalism

Course trainees visit printing house

YANGON, 6 Sept — Trainees of the Journalism Course No 1/2004 conducted by the News and Periodical Enterprise under the Ministry of Information this morning visited the Photolitho Printing House in Bahan Township and observed the function of the press.

Factory Manager U Han Sein explained facts about the factory. — MNA

Trainees of Journalism Course visit Photolitho Printing House. — MNA


YANGON, 6 Sept — A ceremony to honour Nibban Electric and Electronics of Myanmar for receiving (ISO 9001:2000) was held at Traders Hotel yesterday.

Present were Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Thakaya Industrial Zone in-charge Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myo Myint, heads of departments, sale agents and guests.

Ministers U Aung Thaung and Brig-Gen Pyi Sone delivered speeches.

General Manager Dr Aung Thein of Nibban Electric and Electronics reported on procedures to receive ISO 9001:2000 and Managing Director Mr Ho Yoon Sin of Daya Manusahaan Sdn Bhd of Malaysia on the certificate.

Proprietor U Thein Kyi of Nibban Electric and Electronics presented gifts to those who rendered assistance to receive the certificate.

The guests viewed new product UPS and antenna.

An official of Nibban Electric & Electronics presents gift to one of those who rendered assistance to receive ISO 9001:2000. — MNA

Literary Charity

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

Date — 2 September 2004
Time — 2 pm
Venue — Ministry of Information (Meeting Hall)

All are invited to participate in Book Charity organized by Ministry of Information Information & Public Relations Department, No 2/224 Pansodan Street, Yangon.

Tel: 371339, 379769, 379771, 252451.

MNA

Book Charity to be held on 7 September

YANGON, 6 Sept — A meeting to coordinate measures for opening self-reliant libraries at various villages under the aegis of the Information & Public Relations Department will be held in conjunction with the ceremony to donate books and printed materials at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information at 2 pm on 7 September 2004.

Those wishing to donate printed materials for the libraries can contact the IPRD through Tel: 01-252457, 252458, 371339, 379769, 379771 and 252451. — MNA
Body of Egyptian found in Iraq, France waits word

BAGHDAD, 5 Sept—The body of an Egyptian who was kidnapped last month has been found in northern Iraq, police said on Sunday, while French leaders held a crisis meeting in Paris on the fate of two French hostages.

Police said the body of the Egyptian, who was snatched on 27 August, was found on Saturday at a roadside near the town of Baiji, 112 miles north of Baghdad. It said the body bore signs of torture, with hands and legs bound together.

The man disappeared after assailants killed another Egyptian. Both men were working in Baiji. Militant groups waging a bloody insurgency against the US-backed interim Iraqi government have turned to kidnapping foreigners as part of a campaign to force firms and foreign troops to leave Iraq. About two dozen foreign hostages have been killed, some of them beheaded. The grim news came as French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier, in Paris after returning empty-handed from a Middle East rescue mission, met President Jacques Chirac on the fate of journalists Georges Malbrunot and Christian Chesnot.

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US military injuries in Iraq reach record level

BAGHDAD, 5 Sept—The number of US troops injured in Iraq totalled 1,112 in August, the most in a month since the war began, amid battles in Najaf, Baghdad and other cities, the Washington Post reported. The Post cited Global Security, whose Web site tracks such casualties.

Sixty-six military personnel were killed in Iraq last month, the highest since May's 80 fatalities though lower than 135 in April, according to the Defence Department, the Post said. Armoured vehicles and a surgical station at Babylon, a short helicopter ride from Najaf, helped save lives, the Post reported.

The injuries may have been more severe than in previous months, the Post said. In August, three of every four emergency-room patients at the 31st Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad were "acute" cases, compared with about half normally, the newspaper reported. The hospital admitted a record 425 patients last month, the newspaper said.

Eight Iraqis killed, 40 wounded in fierce clashes near Mosul

BAGHDAD, 5 Sept—Eight Iraqis were killed and 40 others wounded in heavy clashes between US forces and guerrillas in Tall Afar, west of the northern city of Mosul, medics said.

The clashes erupted Saturday morning as US tanks rushed into the town, some 390 kilometres north of Baghdad, intending to conduct searches in the area. According to hospital sources, the casualty number was expected to rise further since more wounded were brought into the hospital.

Gunfire and explosions could be heard and helicopter gunships were seen flying overhead, witnesses said.

Two new insect species discovered in China

NANCHANG, 6 Sept—Chinese scientists have discovered two new insect species in Guanshan Nature Preserve Area in the northeastern part of Jiangxi Province, east China.

After thorough research, scientists have confirmed that this is the first time such insects have been found. Both insects are stinkbugs and have been temporarily named Jiangxi Pentatomidae and Guanshan Pentatomidae.

According to Ding Dongsun, a senior engineer of the Jiangxi forest insect pests bureau, and Lin Yujian, a professor of the Jiangxi Forestry University, the discovery is significant for insect research as experts never knew the existence of the insects.

In addition, they also captured several rare insects, including Nacutudae and Geometridae, two moth species found for the first time in the province. — MNA/Xinhua

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Iraqi soldiers and policemen look at one of the cars damaged in a car bomb explosion that killed at least 20 and injured 36, in Kirkuk, Iraq, on Saturday, 4 Sept, 2004. A suicide attacker detonated a car bomb outside the police academy, killing at least 20 and injuring 36. —INTERNET

Philipp Mathew new elected Chairman of ‘PTI’

NEW DELHI, 4 Sept—Philipp Mathew, Managing Editor of leading newspaper group Malayala Manorama, was on Friday unanimously elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Press Trust of India (PTI) after the company’s 56th Annual General Meeting here.

A 57-year-old Mathew, who is also the Vice-Chairman of the Vienna-based International Press Institute (IPI) and was PTI’s Chairman earlier in 1993-94, succeeds M P Veerendrakumar, Chairman and Managing Director of the Mathrubhumi group of newspapers.

The Kerala-based group publishes the mass-circulated daily Malayala Manorama and leading English news weekly Week besides a host of other publications. Mathew is a Council member of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) in which he had served as Chairman in 2002-03 and a trustee of the Press Institute of India where he also was a Chairman earlier.

Syria accuses US of using UN to make revenge

DAMASCUS, 6 Sept—Syria accused Saturday the United States of using the UN Security Council for reprisal against its opposition to the Iraq war.

Syrian Minister of Information Ahmad al-Hassan made the remark at a Press conference in defiance of the newly adopted UN resolution warning against outside interference in Lebanon.

“...It is trying to exploit the Security Council as a cover to continue what it failed to achieve in its world war— not on terror, as the neo-conservatives in the American administration claim, but to spread American imperialism,” he said.

“The reasons for the latest Security Council resolution come under the headline of settling scores with Syria and Lebanon over their opposition to this war,” he added.

Al-Hassan asserted Syria was sorry that the Security Council had "given in" to the US pressure to intervene in the internal affairs of a sovereign state.

MNA/Xinhua

17 killed in Kirkuk

BAGHDAD, 5 Sept—After a relative halt in violence in recent days, a suicide bomber detonated his vehicle near a police academy in the city of Kirkuk on Saturday, killing at least 17 people and wounding 36, in the latest attack on Iraqi security forces.

Police said the head of the bomber, with a long beard, was found among the debris scattered by the blast around 150 yards from the police building. Four civilians and one police car were destroyed.

The attack came as hundreds of police were leaving the building and the street was crowded, police said, adding that at least 14 policemen were killed and three civilians.

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Iraq violence leaves 40 dead

BAGHDAD, 5 Sept — Fighting and a suicide bombing killed at least 40 people across Iraq in weekend violence.

The figure includes a revised death toll of 15 from a car bomb in Kirkuk Saturday, down from an initial figure of 25.

The two soldiers inside were unharmed, the spokesman said. The raid was conducted in coordination with the Iraqi government, the statement said. Kirkuk’s police chief Sunday revised the death toll in Saturday’s car bomb attack down to 15, instead of the 25 initially reported killed. The dead include three civilians, students and members of the Kirkuk police academy, General Torhan Youssif said. Thirty-six others were wounded Saturday when an explosives-laden car — driven by a suicide bomber — detonated next to the police academy the northern Iraqi city, Iraqi National Guard officials told CNN. The explosives-laden car rammed the security barricades of the academy as police and civilians were leaving the facility, officials said. A second bomb nearby was remotely detonated at the same time the car bomb exploded. The car bomb did not reach the actual grounds of the academy.

Violence elsewhere on Saturday included an oil pipeline attack just north of Basra, which caused “huge fires,” according to a police official in the southern Iraqi city.

Senior CPC official underscores Sino-Japanese relations

BEIJING, 5 Sept — The Chinese Government attaches great importance to relations with Japan, which are related to fundamental interest of the two peoples as well as prosperity and stability of Asia and the world at large.

Li Changchun, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, made the remark here Saturday in meeting with the Social Democratic Party of Japan delegation, headed by its leader Fukushima Mizuho.

The guests came to China to attend the third International Conference of Asian Political Parties.

The Sino-Japanese relations are in a crucial stage currently, said Li, expressing his hope that the two sides will take joint effort to construct new type of bilateral relations on the basis of friendship, cooperation, mutual trust and win-win result.

Philippines media hail fruits from Arroyo’s visit to China

MANILA, 5 Sept — The Philippines media Saturday hailed the economic fruits from the state visit by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to China from September 1 to 3, which resulted in a near one-billion-US-dollar package of investment and loan agreements.

Several major Manila-based English dailies reported on front-page the signing of four investment and other business agreements Friday night in Beijing between Chinese and Philippine enterprises which, together with an earlier agreement on Chinese Government loan to build a railway in Luzon, northern Philippines, are worth 992 million US dollars in value.

President Arroyo personally attended the signing ceremony during which she thanked China for showing confidence in Philippine economy by pouring in those investments.

The daily Manila Standard reported on front-page the news with the title “One billion US dollars deals cap visit to China — GMA (abbreviation for the name of Arroyo) wowed by Chinese display of confidence”.

“She was in seventh heaven. This was how President Macapagal-Arroyo described her feelings yesterday as she prepared to fly back to Manila from a three-day state visit to China, bringing with her a harvest of nearly one billion US dollars’ worth of investments and soft loans,” said the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

The pro-government daily Manila Bulletin carried on its front page a photo of Arroyo making her keynote speech at the Third International Conference of Asian Political Parties in Beijing, and a story on her ending the visit to China with the title of “Bilateral ties strengthened following trip”.

The local Chinese-language newspapers also reported widely the economic agreements reached between China and the Philippines during Arroyo’s visit, and all of them described the visit by the President as “one of grace and honour”.

MNA/Xinhua

Turkish company withdrawing from Iraq

ANKARA, 5 Sept — A Turkish company said Sunday it was withdrawing from Iraq a day after Iraqi militants threatened to behead its employee unless it ceased operations in the country, the Anatolia news agency reported.

The group released a tape showing a bearded man, purported to be the Turkish truck driver, sitting in front of a black banner bearing the group’s name in gold Arabic characters.

The group threatened to behead the Turk unless his employers and their Kuwaiti contractor end operations in Iraq. The videotape was aired on Al-Arabiya television on Saturday.

Renay International transportation company based in Antakya, southern Turkey, announced Sunday that it was ending operations in Iraq, the Anatolia news agency reported.

“Our company is ending activities in Iraq. We hope that our driver is safely returned to our country and to his family,” Anatolia quoted Edip Rende, a partner in Renay company as saying.

Anatolia identified the captured Turk as Mithat Civi.

MNA/APTI

Pakistan Foreign Secretary arrives India

NEW DELHI, 4 Sept — Pakistan Foreign Secretary Riaz Khokhar Friday night said he viewed Saturday’s talks with his Indian counterpart Shyam Saran “positively” and stressed that while the dialogue process is important, “time is also important”.

Kokhar, who arrived by an Indian Airlines flight from Lahore, was asked by reporters at Delhi airport how he approached his upcoming parleys. “Positively,” he responded and went on to add that “our talks are a lot simpler. We will have a joint review of the entire gamut of the composite dialogue process and prepare the agenda for the meeting between Indian Foreign Minister K Natwar Singh and his Pakistan’s counterpart Khurshid Mehmood Kasuri on September 5 and 6. About Kasuri proposing to meet Hurriyat leaders during his stay here, he said “it is the Foreign Minister’s privilege”.

MNA/PTI

Austin Marine killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 Sept — A Marine who called Austin home is one of the latest American casualties in Iraq. 19-year-old Lance Corporal Nicholas Perez, based with the First Marine Division out of California, was killed Friday in western Iraq. He and another Marine died fighting guerrillas in the Al-Albar Province. There have been 979 military deaths in Iraq, 733 were killed in action.

An US soldier stands guard near a damaged car after an explosion targeting an US patrol in the Karrahead neighbourhood of Baghdad, Iraq, on 4 Sept. 2004. One civilian was killed and four persons wounded including two policemen.

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**Guerillas blow up oil pipeline in southern Iraq**

BAGHDAD, 5 Sept — An oil pipeline in southern Iraq was on fire Saturday morning after guerillas attacked the country’s crucial oil industry, Iraqi police and oil officials said.

The attack, near the town of al-Hartha, some 30 kilometres north of Basra, took place around 8.30 am (0430 GMT) near the area of al-Hartha, some 30 kilometres north of Basra. Firefighters have been struggling to extinguish the blaze, Iraqi police said.

Iraqi technicians said they were forced to close the pipeline which carries 15,000 barrels per day of crude oil from the oilfields of Basra to the storage tanks in Faw peninsula, an official in the South Oil Company said.

The attack, which came out of the well at the MSEA-01 well of the oil deposit, is at the rate of 776 barrels per day, said the official.

**US soldier convicted of trying to aid al-Qaeda**

SEATTLE, 5 Sept — A US Army soldier was convicted of trying to aid al-Qaeda by detailing ways to destroy US weapons and kill soldiers to undercover agents, Army officials said on Friday.

Special Ryan Anderson, 27, was convicted on all five counts of attempted treason and related charges by a panel of nine officers in a court-martial that concluded on Thursday.

Defence attorneys had argued at the start of the court martial on Monday in Fort Lewis, 50 miles south of Seattle, that Anderson was filled with grand visions of his own importance that led him to lie and seek out representations of al-Qaeda, blamed for the September 11, 2001, attacks on America.

The vote is kept secret, although only a two-thirds vote by the nine-member panel is needed for a conviction.

Anderson, a convert to Islam, faces up to life in prison.

Sentencing deliberations were ongoing, military officials said, and the base commander would also have to affirm the verdict.

Anderson, a tank loader, was scheduled to ship out to Iraq when he began posting messages on extremist Muslim websites seeking to contact al-Qaeda. He was caught in a sting operation in which he was videotaped blasting US leaders over the war.

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**Indonesian energy firm discovers oil deposits**

JAKARTA, 5 Sept — Indonesian energy firm PT Energi Mega Persada (EMP) has discovered oil deposits in its two concessions, the Makassar Straits block in Riau and the Brantas block in East Java.

The firm said it had "accidentally" discovered the oil deposit in the Brantas block while it was measuring the size of the gas deposit in the Tanganlalang-3 well, the Jakarta Post newspaper reported on Saturday.

"While our drilling targeted the delineation of gas reserves in the deeper horizon, the Tanganlalang-3 well struck an oil accumulation in the shallower region," the company was quoted as saying in a statement.

Oil flowed out of the well at the rate of 776 barrels per day (BPD), it said.

EMP also discovered an oil deposit at the MSEA-01 well of the Malacca Straits block. Oil came out of the well at the rate of 550 BPD.

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**Cyprus wants British peacekeepers to leave**

NICOSIA, 6 Sept — The Cyprus Government has expressed its position that Britain should withdraw its contingent in the UN peacekeeping force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), local media reported on Saturday.

The reports said the reason for adopting such a position is the hostile stance of Britain, towards Greek Cypriots, Britain, together with the United States, has repeatedly accused the Greek Cypriots of rejecting a UN peace plan on Cyprus reunification in a referendum in April this year.

The Cyprus Government, the report said, has asked for the withdrawal of part or entire British UNFICYP contingent if the UN decisions to cut its troop levels in Cyprus, the reports said. The British contingent numbers 414 out of a total of around 1,272 UN troops.

A team of four UN experts has been on the island since last week to review the operations of the peacekeeping force as requested by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Its main task is to make a first-hand evaluation of the situation.

The government is opposed to any change in the force’s mandate because it considers that the situation on the island has not changed and that the peacekeeping mission is still necessary.

But media reports said that the government has suggested to the team to partially or entirely remove the British UNFICYP contingent if they decided to downsize the force.

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**Canadian official attacks US protectionist organizations**

OTTAWA, 5 Sept — Protectionist organizations in the United States could prolong the ban on live cattle imports from Canada for another two years, a Canadian official said recently.

Premier Ralph Klein of Canada’s Alberta Province said that the protectionist organizations will do what they can to delay as much as they possibly can the opening of the border for Canadian cattle.

"The reason by the end of last year accounted for more than a quarter of the world’s total recoverable oil resources, which is nearly one trillion barrels. Aramco, which controls the country’s hydrocarbon reserves, told experts at the International Energy Agency (IEA) that the mammoth increase in the recoverable crude resources is real and that the kingdom can pump as much as 15 million barrels per day for many years.

"We can immediately produce around 10 million BPD for one full year without having to use its rigs to boost capacity, Amin Naser, who recently made a presentation to IEA and other Western oil officials, was quoted as saying.

"Aramco can use some rigs in case we want to continue producing that amount for more than a year; we have the capacity to reach 15 million BPD by 2009, according to the company’s five-year plan, which was released in May, " added Amin Naser. — MNA/Xinhua
ASEAN to commence FTA talks with Australia, NZ next year

JAKARTA, 6 Sept — The economic ministers of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Australia and New Zealand agreed here Sunday to recommend their leaders that negotiations on the free trade area be commenced in 2005.

“The ministers agreed that the free trade area will be fully implemented within 10 years (from now) and the negotiations will commence early in 2005 to be completed in two years,” Indonesian Industry and Trade Minister Rini Sunwardi told a joint Press conference told after the ninth economic consultation of ASEAN, Australia and New Zealand.

Leaders of the three sides are expected to meet in Laos later this year to endorse the recommendation.

“If ASEAN, Australia and New Zealand achieve a higher level of economic integration, it will double approximately the size of an effective joint market and then will enable a significant increase in the level of specialization which can drive productivity,” New Zealand Minister for Trade Negotiations Jim Sutton said.

“I do see a win-win situation for all the participating countries, from the most developed like Singapore and Australia down to newer ASEAN members... For Southeast Asia, the economic integration will drive for political stability and security,” he added.

According to a statement, the bilateral trade between ASEAN countries and Australia and New Zealand grew significantly by 33 per cent to 27.56 billion US dollars in 2003 when compared to the previous year.

In the period, both countries’ foreign direct investment stocks in ASEAN rose to 3.1 billion dollars from 1.8 billion.

ASEAN consists of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam.

India-Thailand relations “excellent”

BEIJING, 6 Sept — India and Thailand enjoy an “excellent” all-round relationship and recent high-level exchanges have cemented bilateral ties, Thailand’s Foreign Minister Surakiart Sathirathai said here on Sunday.

“Thailand and India have excellent relations. Not only in the economic field but also in political and security cooperation,” Sathirathai told PTI.

“The visit of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to Thailand and my official visit to India recently have cemented the ties between our two countries,” he said.

Singh had visited Thailand to attend the first BIMSTEC summit in late July. Congress president and Chairperson of United Progressive Alliance, Sonia Gandhi had also visited Thailand soon after the new government was formed in New Delhi to attend the World HIV Conference in Bangkok.

“We also have a good relationship with Indian political parties,” Sathirathai, who is also the deputy leader of the Thai Rak Thai Party, said on the sidelines of the third international conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP).

During the ICAPP, Sathirathai also briefly discussed with senior Congress leader and MP Saifuddin Soz matters concerning India hosting the fourth session of ICAPP in 2006.

Initiated in 2000, the first two ICAPP conferences were held in the Philippines and Thailand in September 2000 and November 2002 respectively.

India and Thailand recently signed a protocol to implement the Early Harvest Scheme (EHS) under the Framework Agreement on Free Trade Area (FTA) between them which is a major milestone in their bilateral ties.

The launch of the implementation of the EHS provides for elimination of tariffs on a common list of 82 items over a period of two years.

The list covers nearly seven per cent of bilateral trade and includes items which are of export interest to both countries.

The total trade between India and Thailand has almost doubled from 1.8 billion to 3.1 billion dollars in 2003-04.

Philippines hopes to host next ASEAN-UN summit

MANILA, 6 Sept — The Philippines hopes to host a summit between the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the United Nations, reported local daily Manila Bulletin on Sunday.

The daily quoted Philippine Ambassador to the United Nations Lauo L. Baja Jr as saying that such a summit will be discussed in the annual luncheon of the ASEAN foreign ministers with UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the president of the 59th UN General Assembly in New York on September 28.

“The time is ripe to hold a second summit,” said Baja, citing the increasing ASEAN-UN cooperation in various fields since the first ASEAN-UN summit in Bangkok in February 2000.

He said the Philippines hopes the summit would be held in Manila, or in New York during the Summit on Millennium Development Goals in September next year, when the Philippines assumes the presidency of the UN Security Council.

China to further promote ties with Vietnam

BEIJING, 6 Sept — China will further promote its relations with Vietnam, Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju said here on Sunday.

The China-Vietnam ties have developed smoothly under the guidelines of “long-term stability, looking forward to the future, good-neighborliness and all-round cooperation,” said Huang, also member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee.

China is willing to make joint efforts with Vietnam to achieve the goal of the two countries being good neighbours, friends, comrades and partners, he said when meeting with Vu Khoan, Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister and member of the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Vietnamese Communist Party, who is in Beijing to attend the Third International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP).

Delegates from 81 political parties and organizations of 35 Asian countries gathered at the conference, which began Friday. It was the first such meeting ever hosted by the CPC.

The Chinese Vice-Premier also congratulated Vietnam on the achievements in its own reform and opening-up cause, which was initiated in 1986.

Vu said the conference reflected the common aspiration of the Asian parties to seek peace, cooperation and development, as well as the increasing influence of the CPC in Asia and the rest of the world.

China to build more hydropower plants on Jinsha River

KUNMING, 6 Sept — Four new hydropower plants will be constructed on the Jinsha River in the upper reaches of the Yangtze River, according to information from the provincial government of Yunnan in southwest China.

The hydropower plants will have a combined generating capacity of 3.85 million kilowatts and located on the middle and upper reaches of the Yangtze River, according to information from the provincial government of Yunnan in southwest China.

They will be developed by the Three Gorges Project Development Corporation, the developer of the famous Three Gorges Project being built in the middle of the Yangtze.

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Efforts to nurture outstanding youth in the basic education sector in all regions of the nation
Education sector is to produce well-rounded...

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can now be put into practice within a very short
time. In this fast-developing world, every nation
is making efforts to take everything into account by
calculating their national interests to shape their
future. The Secretary-2 continued that in such an
age the onus is on every world nation to produce
educated persons capable of braving and surmount-
ing future challenges and to take constant steps to
readjust educational systems in their respective
countries.

In the efforts to turn our country that lags be-
hind in development for various reasons into a
modern and developed one that can keep pace with
other nations as quickly as possible, simultaneous
measures are being taken to reshape all sectors like
politics, economy, transport, education and health
in the country.

Tasks for reconstruction of a new nation are
varied as well as complex and delicate. Almost
every sector of the country is faced with shortage
and requirements. This being so, simultaneous as-
stance is being provided for these weaknesses. To
build and safeguard a new nation in a new era with
the new system, the education sector is to produce
qualified human resources. Only then will the fu-
ture of our country and people thrive.

In his guidance on the importance of education
in nation-building tasks, Head of State Senior Gen-
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Myanmar is among the Asian nations enjoying
higher school enrollment rate and literacy rate. It
is the success of teachers and parents, people, social
organizations, local authorities, who are collectively
taking part in the education promotion programme.

The teaching methodology should be used to
ensure that students are doing well at their studies
of different grades while enhancing their knowl-
edge and gaining good moral conducts. Students
are to be nurtured to become polite and gentle.
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society.

The encouragement and guidance of the Head
of State, the supervision of the MEC and coordina-
tion of the educational staff have culminated in the
emergence of national education promotion plans.

This education goal has been laid down with
the aim of ensuring perpetual existence of the na-
tion and the people. So, the teachers and educa-
tional staff are to always pursue this goal regard-
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Moreover, the teachers are to guide and nurture
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sia, while fuelling the students’ desire to
pursue education and to master their studies. The
teachers are also to be capable of ensuring
all-round development of the students in all
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* To prevent influence of alien culture

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Audit General Moj-
Gen Lan Maung delivers
an address at coordina-
tion meeting of state/
division auditors. (News on page 16) MNA

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Regional development measures inspected in Mon and Kayin States

YANGON, 6 Sept — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, accompanied by Director-General of the Education and Training Department Col Than Win and officials of the Development Affairs Department, inspected tasks for regional development and development affairs in towns of Mon State and Kayin State on 4 September morning.

In his inspection tour of Thaton Township Development Affairs Committee in Mon State, an executive officer of the township development affairs committee reported on measures being taken for construction of roads and bridges, supply of water, the beautifying of the region, income appropriation, collection of revenues, and strength supply of safe drinking water are the major tasks of the committee. Next, the minister gave instructions on tasks for keeping the region clean and tidy, and the machinery in perfect condition. Later, the minister and party inspected tasks being taken for the beautifying of the region. In Hpa-an, the minister attended a coordination meeting and heard reports on regional development measures and the conducting of vocational courses.

The inspection saw the minister and party inspected the women’s vocational training school (Hpa-an) and heard reports on the functions of the school. The minister also went to the border areas and to the border areas of staff. The director of Mon State DAD gave supplementary reports. Officials also briefed on efforts being made for regional development and the requirements to be fulfilled.

In his response to the reports, the minister said the township development affairs committee is responsible for rural development and the five rural development tasks, rural transport and revenue, and strength provision.
It is high time the US put an end to their foolish behaviour

Aung Moe San

(Continued from yesterday)

What are the benefits of the NLD’s anti-dictatorship campaign and attempts to introduce democracy at home and to grab the State power by creating public demonstrations alongside the interventions and interferences of the Western bloc led by the US in the Myanmar’s internal affairs by imposing economic sanctions and political pressure on the nation?

In fact, these destructive acts have not made even any impact on the Tatmadaw Government nor contributed to the flourishing of democracy in the country, but a great adverse effect on the nation and its people, because these have caused a huge hindrances to foreign investments. Under the pressure, many foreign companies left Myanmar. Besides, the unemployment rate was 21%, the Philippines 21%, Sri Lanka 25%, the US 21%, the UK 28%, the Netherlands 29%, India 21%, and Latin America 25%. Under-nourished people make up only seven per cent of Myanmar’s population, standing at the lowest rate in the list. It reflects Myanmar people are enjoying better human rights if compared with her neighbours. Because, the goal of human rights is to live long leading a peaceful life.

Today, farmers and agricultural producers have a position that they can sell or export their produce at any markets freely. Thus, they have upgraded their living standard to a higher level with fine residences furnished with luxury goods such as motorcycles, television, video cassette players and VCDs in addition to small farm trucks, power-tillers, tractors, combined harvesters and other machines. No matter how much the fabrication says that Myanmar’s education standard is at the lowest level, 92 per cent of its people are literate ones. In the past, there were no universities nor colleges in the rural areas, but now children of farmers and peasants in these regions can pursue higher education. And almost all the children in the States and Divisions have been facilitated with a primary school each.

Regarding the health sector, hospitals and health care centres have been established everywhere necessary in villages and townships. The Government has been upgrading the living conditions in townships and villages and districts. There have emerged mushrooming private clinics and specialists clinics in every township, district and division.

With respect to the transport sector, there were many unsafe railways, roads and waterways and whenever people tried to travel on those routes, they were afraid of being attacked with planted bombs, ambushed or shot. By contract, now the people can use these transport facilities in safety at any time. Local people in some regions where there was only one transport way each previously can now travel by boat, by car or by rail.

Some towns and villages where there was no electricity have been shining with electric lights. Such fruitful results are due to relentless efforts of the Tatmadaw Government.

Now, there are many persons who are sticking to their unjust old policy and dreaming about overthrowing the Tatmadaw Government as well as grabbing the State power through mass demonstrations and foreign pressure. And there are also many persons holding subjectivity who are so blind to the truth that one is only creator of one’s fate. These persons are doing nothing in the interests of the people but expecting that if they are just criticizing and accusing constantly the existing Government of violating human rights, the people will get involved in the democracy affairs at risk to get prison terms, being arrested and their lives for the sake of the NLD. Actually, they are building castles in the air.

The Vietnam war which occurred after the World War II vividly showed that seeking own castles in the air.

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rebuilt superstructures, and the US does not differentiate about its rapid economic progress after the World War II and attempting to get oil in

Iraq through a war. But, it does not contribute towards recovery from its economic decline and its economy is still moving downwards. And the US and its old friendly nations become disillusioned and it is suffering a loss of prestige and influence on other countries.

The European Community is finding it difficult to do business in ASEAN as a result of isolating Myanmar. No one can ever remain in power no matter how much assistance one received from the big country, if there lack favourable economic, political and social climates. The Haitian president is a living proof for this.

The AFPFL is another example. Although it came to power winning a landslide victory and governed the country, it was short-lived on account of a lack of correct policies of economy, politics, and social welfare.

There were two presidents in the neighbouring countries who were elected president but ousted by the people in a matter of one year as they were not qualified for the post. For a person or a party to remain in or come to power, it depends on to what extent they win the public trust when it comes to economic, political and social security. It does not depend on taking advantage of the situation in which the public misunderstanding the ruling government for a certain period. Nor does it depend on cheating the public support with the use of big words like ‘democracy’ and ‘human rights’.

(1) Therefore, if the US government and the west blocs really want to introduce a democratic reform in Myanmar, to do business in ASEAN market, one of world’s biggest markets, they should abandon the habit of putting a lopsided pressure economically and politically and that of installing a puppet government. They should also turn to the practice of mutual cooperation and constructive engagement in such a way as ASEAN does.

(2) As for internal and external anti-government elements, they really want the true status of democracy activists and genuine democratic system in the country, there will be no other alternative but to join hands with the Tatmadaw Government and render assistance in political, economic and social tasks as well as in the drive for national solidarity.

Therefore, it is time to discard their motive to seize power through mass campaigns based on the wrong concept that the fall of the ruling government is the rise of democracy. The US should also stop making nonsense.

It is time to cooperate with the Government (Tatmadaw) in community welfare tasks.
Minister inspects fish breeding farm, pig farm

YANGON, 6 Sept — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thuin yesterday morning inspected the Lwinphyo fish breeding farm in Gwedanshe Village in Bago Township and attended to the needs. At the office of the Fisheries Department, Bago Division, he met the staff of the ministry and urged them to make more efforts for the development of meat and fish sector.

In the afternoon, the minister and party proceeded to DaikU Pig Breeding Farm and feedstuff factory in DaikU Township, Bago Division, where Factory Manager Dr Pyae Sone and Managing Director of the Livestock, Feedstuffs and Dairy Products Enterprise U Khin Maung Aye reported to the minister on work. DaikU Pig Breeding Farm is the largest one in Myanmar and there are over 20,000 pigs. He urged the officials concerned to produce more pedigree pigs and to make efforts for the development of meat and fish sector using modern farming methods.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thuin inspected the feedstuff factory and pig farm and fulfilled the needs. — MNA

Minister meets foreign guests

YANGON, 6 Sept — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung met Executive Vice-President Mr Noboru Ishizawa of Car Muscat Company of Japan and members at his office this morning.

Also present were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun and managing directors and directors-general of enterprises and departments. — MNA

Minister meets MD of Progressive Produce

Int’l of Australia

YANGON, 6 Sept — Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone met Managing Director Mr Jim Howson of Progressive Produce International of Australia and party at his office this morning.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, directors-general, managing directors and officials. — MNA

Paper reading session in commemoration of Int’l Literacy Day and UN Literacy Decade to be held

YANGON, 6 Sept — A paper reading session in commemoration of the 2004 International Literacy Day and the United Nations Literacy Decade will be held on 8 September, International Literacy Day, at the Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road at 1 pm in Kamayut Township.

Director-General of Basic Education Department U Tin Nyo will submit a paper on review on international and Myanmar literacy and Deputy Director of Myanmar Educational Research Bureau U Saw Aung on literacy in border areas (1996-2004). Interested persons can attend the session. — MNA

Minister for Mines receives guests

YANGON, 6 Sept — Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint received Mr Gordon Toll, Deputy Chairman of Ivanhoe Myanmar Holdings Ltd, and party this afternoon at his office here. At the meeting, they discussed matters on mutual interests.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein and officials concerned. — MNA

Workshop on Suppression of Trafficking in Persons Law held

YANGON, 6 Sept — A ceremony to open workshop on Suppression of Trafficking in Persons Law, jointly-organized by the Ministry of Home Affairs and UNIAP, was held at Drugs Elimination Museum this morning, with an address by Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Aung, Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, President of Myanmar National Women’s Affairs Federation Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-President Prof Dr Daw May May Yi, resident representatives of UN organizations, Assistant Project Manager of Mekong Delta Region Bangkok based UNIAP Dr Su Su Tha Tun, technicians at home and abroad, high ranking officers and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

During the workshop, UN Coordinator Mr Charles Petrie and Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin explained purpose of holding the workshop.

The workshop continues tomorrow. Technicians of UN, regional technicians and local departmental technicians would take part in the workshop for ensuring emergence of complete draft. — MNA

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Home Affairs Minister Col Tin Hlaing delivers an address at the opening ceremony of workshop on Suppression of Trafficking in Persons Law. — MNA

HK sees 25% more rain in August

HONG KONG, 6 Sep — Hong Kong saw 25 per cent more rain in August, with thunderstorm warnings issued for 18 days and 488.5 millimetres of rain recorded, a government Press release said here Saturday.

However, accumulated rainfall for the year is 1,568.6 millimetres, about 8 per cent below normal.

Total bright sunshine duration for the month was 165.9 hours, about 20 per cent below normal. It was sunny and hot on the first three days in August.

Showers and thunderstorms associated with a broad trough of low pressure which developed over southern China affected Hong Kong on August 4.

Heavy showers on August 6 brought over 150 millimetres of rain to Sai Kung and eastern Hong Kong.

Under the influence of a ridge of high pressure, the weather in Hong Kong became fine on August 7 and continued over the next three days.

With light winds on August 18 and 19, it was hot and hazy. Visibility fell to below one kilometre in some areas. Showers associated with a trough of low pressure cleared the haze on August 20. — MNA/Xinhua

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Venezuelan President swears in new ministers
CARACAS, 5 Sept—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez made a cabinet shuffle Friday by swearing in new ministers of the interior, information, food and housing.

Former Minister of Communication and Information Jesse Chacon became the interior minister, replacing Lucas Rincon Romero, who has been appointed as the Venezuelan ambassador to Hungary.

Andres Izarra, a former Press attaché at the Venezuelan Embassy in Washington and strategist for Chavez in the August small referendum, replaced Chacon as the communication minister.

Rafael Oropeza, former president of the Corporation for Agricultural Supply and Service (CASA), was sworn in to lead the newly created Food Affairs Ministry, and Julio Montes, as the head of the newly-created Housing Ministry.

MNA/Xinhua

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The New Light of Myanmar

Drive with care
Aziz inducts 27 more ministers in Cabinet

ISLAMABAD, 5 Sept— Pakistan’s new Prime Minister Shoukat Aziz Saturday expanded his Cabinet by inducting 27 new ministers and asserted that he would personally review the performance of every ministry on a quarterly basis.

President Pervez Musharraf administered the oaths of office to Sikandar Hayat Bosan, a Cabinet minister and 26 ministers of state, mostly young politicians from the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Q (PML-Q) and its allies.

The Pakistan federal Cabinet now has 59 ministers. Aziz now has 33 ministers of the Cabinet rank, six more than former Premier predecessor Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali and his successor, Shujaat Hussain.

The new ministers were sworn in against the backdrop of Aziz’ firm speech last night wherein he emphasized on “result oriented” administration.

Aziz, seen as a proponent of Musharraf, declared a “paradigm shift” in approach to administration with the focus moving from “activity oriented” to “result oriented” governance.

He said he would personally review the performance of the ministers and officials every three months to assess the results for himself.

“The philosophy of Pakistan is changing and changing for better,” said Aziz, a former Citibank Vice-President. MNA/PTI

Al Gore fined for speeding on highway

PORTLAND (Oregon), 5 Sept— Former vice-president Al Gore paid a 141-US-dollar fine for speeding on a highway last month near Oregon’s coast, a state police official said on Friday.

Gore, who carried Oregon in the presidential election, was driving in a rented car to visit family when he was issued a speeding ticket for going 75 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone on a highway between Portland and the Oregon coast, a popular summer destination.

“He was cooperative, polite and respectful,” said Dule Rutledge, spokesman for the Oregon State Police.

Gore mailed in his cheque for the ticket, well ahead of the deadline for contesting it on September 13, Rutledge said. MNA/Reuters

Five seats unopposed for 15-nation UNSC

UNITED NATIONS, 6 Sept— Argentina, Denmark, Greece, Japan and Tanzania are in line for unopposed seats on the UN Security Council.

In a Press release, UNICEF Executive Director Carol Bellamy lauded China’s “extraordinary efforts” to reach over 90 per cent of China’s 1.3 billion people with iodized salt, protecting a total of 133 million infants from brain damage due to iodine deficiency over the last 10 years.

In 2002 alone, 14 million newborns benefited from this extra iodine in their mothers’ diets, raising their IQ by 10 to 15 points, according to a newly released report by UNICEF.

“This is just one example of the substantial return countries can expect for what amounts to a tiny per capita investment in children’s physical and intellectual well being,” Bellamy said. The report, “Vitamin and Mineral Deficiency: A Damage Assessment Report for China”, was drafted by UNICEF and the Micronutrient Initiative, an Ottawa-based non-profit organization. Iron deficiency may be impairing cognitive development in over 20 per cent of Chinese children between six and 24 months, according to the report. MNA/Unhha

Chinese PM urges more achievements in creating more jobs

BEIJING, 6 Sept— Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here Saturday that the government will take more substantial, effective measures to score greater achievements in creating more jobs.

Premier Wen made the remarks at a ceremony honouring individuals and institutions that have made large contributions to improving the country’s reemployment. He said that people should understand better still the importance of employment reemployment and give the work a more prominent place in economic and social development.

Moreover, he urged local governments to implement proactive employment policies and pay special attention to developing labour-intensive industries and the private sector of the economy, while carrying out reemployment assistance policies to help laid-off people find jobs.

Vice-Premier Huang Ju also urged local officials to encourage people to find jobs on their own in the market economy with local government’s assistance.

Emphasis should be placed on the employment of disadvantaged people in poor regions and in difficult industries, he said, as well as on the improvement of employment service and occupational training and employment of college graduates and migrant workers.

A total of 524 institutions and individuals around the country were rewarded at the meeting for their eminent performance in reemployment work. MNA/Unhha

UN praises China’s efforts to cut vitamin deficiencies

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Sail boats that have come loose from their moorings run aground along the 79th Street Causeway in Miami, Florida, as category 2 Hurricane Frances gets closer to the Florida east coast. — INTERNET

Intensive care on the rise

SREBENICA, 5 Sept— The international community has intensified its efforts to protect the life and safety of the vulnerable inhabitants of Srebrenica.

The United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) have expanded their service network in the town.

The ICRC in cooperation with the UN has increased the number of family reunions, and the frequency of delivering goods, food and medicine.

The ICRC is also running food distribution programmes in the town, especially for the elderly.

Kosovo on the verge of independence

PRISTINA, 5 Sept— Kosovo’s top leadership has agreed to vote for independence on Friday, the first step toward breaking away from Serbia.

The Kosovo President and Prime Minister have agreed to put a draft referendum, declaring Kosovo independent from Serbia, to a vote in the 43-seat parliament.

Kosovo holds a referendum on independence on Friday. An overwhelmingly “yes” result would bring a quick end to the 22-year conflict and make Kosovo the first breakaway state in the Balkans. MNA/Reuters

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Belgium held to 1-1 draw by Lithuania

**CHARLEROI (Belgium), 5 September—** Belgium were held to a 1-1 draw by Lithuania as they got off to a disappointing start in their opening World Cup qualifier on Saturday. The Serbs, who failed to qualify for the World Cup in 2002 and the Euro 2004 finals, scored through striker Nenad Jestrovic, who hit the net twice, and midfielder Zvonimir Vukic.

Vukic opened the scoring in the 24th minute after collecting a rebound just inside the penalty area and beat San Marino goalkeeper Gianluca Zambrotta from the near corner. Jestrovic doubled Serbia’s lead in the 60th minute with a header after a good cross from Zoran Tosic.

Yet it was his defence that was so strong in the second half before coach Otto Rehhagel replaced Nikos Dabizas and Panagiotis Tsiartas.

Greece, who were without first-choice centre back Traianos Dellas, looked a shadow of the team that upset the odds to win the European championship. They had not won in Albania before and never looked like changing that statistic.

**World Cup qualifying campaign gets off to miserable start**

**VIENNA, 5 September—** England’s World Cup qualifying campaign got off to a miserable start on Saturday when they squandered a two-goal lead to draw 2-2 with Austria in Group Six.

England were scrappy throughout but looked to have done enough at the Ernst Happel Stadium after Frank Lampard gave them a 24th-minute lead and Steven Gerrard added a second with 26 minutes left on the clock.

But Austria replied with two goals in two minutes after a brilliant free kick from substitute Roland Kohlmann and a goalkeeping blunder by David James, who let skipper Andreas Ivanovitch’s shot squirm beneath him.

The result was bound to add to the pressure on England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson, already under fire from the British Press and reportedly some members of the Football Association for their Euro 2004 exit at the quarter-finals.

England, who face the second leg of their double-header in Poland next Wednesday, were badly missing their best player at Euro 2004, injured striker Wayne Rooney.

“It’s more important now to win and get the three points in Poland,” Eriksson said.

“I hope we go on playing as well as we did, especially in the first half. We defended well and I don’t recall any clear chance for Austria,” he told Sky Sports.

“I think we should have scored more and won,” he said.

“I was disappointed to see the free kick go in, I was disappointed to see our second goal when it went in, I was disappointed when we hit the post, that happens in football,” Gerrard said.

“We scored two good goals tonight and dominated for 70 minutes but we were all over the place for 20...Unfortunately, we let them back into it.” — MNA/Reuters

**Albania stuns Greece 2-1**

**THYANA, 5 September—** Albania stunned Euro 2004 winners Greece with two goals in the first 10 minutes of their World Cup qualifier on Saturday and then hung on to win 2-1 and send their fans into a frenzy as they celebrated with fireworks.

Edvin Murati scored in the second minute as he slammed a cross from Florian Myrtaj past goalkeeper Antonis Nikopolis before Adrian Alajaj’s powerful free kick from more than 30 metres gave the Greek keeper no chance eight minutes later.

Greece, who were without first-choice central defender Traianos Dellas, looked a shadow of the team that upset the odds to win the European championship. They had not won in Albania before and never looked like changing that statistic.

“We suffered the two goals very early in the match and we could not climb back,” said Greece coach Otto Rehhagel.

“The only thing we have to do is to make up (for the defeat) against Turkey,” he added referring to Wednesday’s match in Athens.

The Greeks struggled for most of the first half before coach Otto Rehhagel replaced Nikos Dabizas and Panagiotis Tsiartas.

“We have worked really hard all week,” said coach Anghel Iordanescu.

“I hope we go on playing as well as we did, especially in the first half,” he said.

“I was particularly pleased with the way the young lads handled themselves,” added the Italy coach. While De Rossi was outstanding, Alberto Gilardino, the other new cap in Lippi’s side, had a quiet start and will now face competition for a place in the starting line-up from the night’s hero Toni.

Lippi was missing the attacking trio used by his predecessor Giovanni Trapattoni at Euro 2004 with Alessandro del Piero and Christian Vieri out injured and Francesco Totti serving the final match of his suspension.

Yet it was his defence that was so suddenly exposed when Carew bostled through the right and his shot skidded low past Gianluigi Buffon to give the Norwegians the early lead.

The response was swift and determined. Within three minutes de Rossi met a low cross with the outside of his right foot to beat Espen Johnsnes and bring the Albanians back on level terms.

**Mutu helps Romania to 2-1 win over Macedonia**

**CRAIOVA (Romania), 5 September—** Chelseastriker Adrian Mutu scored two minutes from time to help Romania to a 2-1 win over Macedonia in their World Cup European Group One qualifier on Saturday.

Mutu sent a 22-metre free kick past Macedonian goalkeeper Petar Milosevski after he had been brought down by defender Aleksandar Mitrevski.

It was Romania’s second win after last month’s 2-1 victory over Finland and sent them to the top of the group.

“It was an important victory even if my players got it with great difficulty,” Romania coach Angel Iordache said.

“This win boosted my team for Wednesday’s match against Andorra but especially for next month’s key match against Czech Republic.”

Daniel Pancu had put Romania ahead in the 16th minute.

Sargis Sargsian, of Armenia, raises his arms in victory after defeating Paul-Henri Mathieu, of France, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on Saturday, 4 Sept, 2004.—INTERNET

**Honduras’ Maynor Figueroa, centre, reacts to missing a goal and crashing into Canadian goalie Pat Onstad’s knee as Atiba Hutchinson, left, looks during World Cup qualifying soccer action in Edmonton, on Saturday, 4 Sept, 2004. Canada tied Honduras 1-1. — INTERNET**
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WEATHER

Monday, 6 September 2004
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin State, lower Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Shan and Chin States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin States, upper Sagra and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Patao (2.87 inches), Homalin (1.85) inches and Kule (1.77) inches.

Maximum temperature on 5-9-2004 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 6-9-2004 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hour MST on 6-9-2004 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 5-9-2004 was 3 hours approx. Rainfall on 6-9-2004 was (0.83 inch) at Yangon Airport, (0.15 inch) at Kaba-Aye and (0.12 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 97.80 inches at Yangon Airport, 94.17 inches at Kaba-Aye and 95.25 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 6 mph from northeast at 08:25 hours MST on 6-9-2004.

Bay inference: Monsoon is generally weak in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 7-9-2004: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kayin State, lower Sagra Division and rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, widespread in Kachin and Mon States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Outlook for subsequent two days: Thunder conditions in northern Myanmar areas. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-9-2004: Some bright hours with one or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%)

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-9-2004: Partly cloudy.

“Earthquake report”
(issued at 23:00 hrs MST on today)
An earthquake of strength 7.1 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar about (2753) miles northeast of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (21) hrs (32) min (51) sec MST on 5th September 2004.
Mid-Year Gems Emporium in October

Yangon, 6 Sept — Myanma Gems Enterprise has requested all local merchants wishing to take part in the Mid-Year Gems Emporium to contact its office, Ahlon this morning.

Present on the occasion were Auditor-General Lun Maung, Deputy Auditor-General Daw Thin Thin, Acting Director-General U Myo Myint, Deputy Director-General (Inspection) U Khin Maung Linn, Acting Deputy Director-General (Admin) Daw Than Thanh Aye, directors, deputy directors and state and division auditors.

At the meeting, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung made a speech. He instructed state and division auditors to effectively carry out auditing, lay emphasis on not only auditing but also for work schedule, take measure for auditing in accordance with law, rules and regulations and instructions.

Next, auditors of states and divisions presented reports on accomplishment of states and divisions in 2004 and future tasks, progress in building office and staff quarters and resolutions passed at the previous meeting.

Regarding the reports, the auditor-general, the deputy auditor-general and the acting director-general replied to the queries. Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung made concluding remarks.

Coord meeting 2004 of state and division auditors held

Yangon, 6 Sept — A coordination meeting of state and division auditors of the Auditor-General’s Office for 2004 was held at the meeting hall of the office, Ahlon this morning.

Present on the occasion were Auditor-General Lun Maung, Deputy Auditor-General Daw Thin Thin, Acting Director-General U Myo Myint, Deputy Director-General (Inspection) U Khin Maung Linn, Acting Deputy Director-General (Admin) Daw Than Thanh Aye, directors, deputy directors and state and division auditors.

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Use Natural Gas Vehicles and save fuel oil

- In automobiles, natural gas can be used in place of petrol and diesel.
- The use of natural gas can not only save fuel oil but also extend engine duration.
- Natural gas exploited at home can be used effectively and safely.
- Natural gas burns cent per cent and is environment-friendly.
- Adequate supply of natural gas helps facilitate passenger and cargo transport.

Interpreting & Translating Course, Computer Network Course open

Yangon, 6 Sept — Interpreting and Translating Course No 1/2004 and Computer Network Course No 1/2004 conducted by the Ministry of Industry-1 were opened this morning at the training hall of the Ministry of Industry-1 here. Present were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun and officials.

The ministry has conducted regular courses, multipliers courses and advanced courses with the aim of the improvement of intellectual power and efficiency of the staff, the minister said in his opening address.

Ten trainees are attending the Interpreting and Translating course which will last 10 weeks and 32 are attending four-week Computer Network course.

Commander fulfils needs for regional development tasks in Seikkyi/Khanaungto Township

Yangon, 6 Sept — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, accompanied by Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Thaing, Joint-Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee U Aung Soe and officials, today inspected the regional development tasks in Seikkyi/Khanaungto Township and met township level departmental officials, non-governmental organizations and townselders at Seikkyi/Khanaungto Township Peace and Development Council.

At the meeting, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe accepted K 2.5 million donated by wellwishers for the regional development tasks.

Later, the commander went to Seikkyi Khaungto Township Hospital and inspected progress of construction work to extend wards, operation room and delivery room.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe urged the officials to make efforts for timely completion of work to accelerate the healthcare service.

PM General Khin Nyunt sends message of condolence and sympathy to Russia

Yangon, 6 Sept — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of condolence and sympathy to His Excellency Mr Mikhail Fradkov, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, concerning the attacks perpetrated by the terrorists on a school in Beslan, Russian Federation, last week, in which hundreds of innocent people, including young schoolchildren, were killed or injured.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects Seikkyi/Khanaungto Township Hospital — (VGN COMMAND)

Industry-1 Minister U Aung Thaung delivers an address at Interpreting and Translating Course and Computer Network Course opening ceremony.— (INDUSTRY-1)