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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects building of the underground power plant of Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project on 5-7-2004.— MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project, development of Pyawbwe, Meiktila

YANGON, 7 July — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, ministers, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Chief of Staff (Navy), deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials, left Pyinmana by helicopter at 8.30 am on 5 July and arrived at the site of Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project where Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Myo Myint and officials welcomed them.

In the briefing hall, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint reported on progress of the main embankment being built by Irrigation Department, the spillway and completion of other irrigation facilities and Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Myo Myint on completion of the diversion tunnel and other structures and the power intake being built by Hydroelectric Power Department, construction of the underground power plant and installation of turbines, test-running of power plant and cooperation among the departments. The Prime Minister urged them to cooperate between the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Electric Power for timely completion of the tasks.

Next, the Prime Minister and party went to the project site and inspected building of the main dam with the use of heavy machinery.

The Prime Minister and party also inspected building of canal of the spillway and phases 1, 2, 3 and 4 of stable tanks. At the underground power plant, the Prime Minister and party inspected installation of turbine No 1, No 2, No 3 and No 4. Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Myo Myint and officials conducted the Prime Minister and party round the plant.

The turbine No 4 has been installed. So, it will be possible to generate 70 megawatts of electricity soon.

Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected the power

control room. Director (Machine/Electric Installation) U Saw Lwin reported on matters related to the control room. The Prime Minister and party also inspected transformers at the transformer tunnel.

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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



General Thura Shwe Mann and party being welcomed in Sumprabum by departmental officials and local national races. — PUPR

General Thura Shwe Mann tours Putao, Machanbaw

YANGON, 7 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Members of SPDC Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, senior military officers and departmental officials, on 2 July morning arrived in Myitkyina, Kachin State.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of the Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Deputy

Commander Brig-Gen San Tun and senior military officers, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

General Thura Shwe Mann and party, together with Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, proceeded to Putao, Kachin State, by air. At Putao Airport, Col Khaing Soe of Putao Station, Putao District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Myint Soe and departmental officials and social organizations welcomed them.

Afterwards, they arrived at the 700 feet by six feet Malikha Suspension Bridge linking Naungkhaing and Machanbaw villages across Malikha River.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Towards successful realization of five rural development tasks

Out of the fifty-three million people in Myanmar, seventy per cent lives in rural areas and therefore agriculture is the main pillar of the national economy and the main industry of the rural people. This being the case, efforts will have to be made to boost the agricultural production for strengthening the national economy and at the same time special emphasis given to the development of rural areas.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance on easy and smooth transportation, supply of potable water, higher educational standard, better health care services and development of agriculture and livestock breeding in rural areas.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, on his inspection tour of Upper Myanmar, met district- and township-level departmental personnel, members of social organizations and townsmen in Yamethin on 6 July. On the occasion, the Prime Minister urged the departmental personnel to try to meet the needs and wishes of local people, to be in one with them and to lead and organize them in such a way that they will come to take part in the national endeavours as well as in their respective regional development tasks.

Yamethin Township is 75.73 per cent sufficient in rice, 257.80 per cent sufficient in edible oil and 247 per cent sufficient in beans and pulses. Local people are required to try their best to boost the yield of agricultural produce by making the most of dams and lakes in their area and by seeking the assistance of Irrigation Department and Myanmar Agriculture Service.

As Yamethin District is covered by the project for greening the dry zone, the Forest Department is to make the district green and pleasant by carrying out forest conservation and reforestation work. Development committees have to take all the necessary steps for easy and smooth transport in rural areas.

As rural development is important to township development, we call on township-level departmental personnel to make field trips to rural areas more often and work in concert with social organizations for successful realization of the five rural development tasks.

Film entertainment for National Convention delegates at Nyaungnapin Camp

YANGON, 7 July — The Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee is organizing entertainment programmes for delegates to the National Convention daily at the gymnasium of Nyaungnapin Camp. Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained with a film entitled "Myint Myat Hnlontha" directed by Wai Hmaing Nyo and starring Lwin Moe, Soe Myat Thuza, Zin Waing, Htet Htet Moe Oo, Aung Khaing, Khin Soe Paing and Shumawa San San Aye. — 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



General Thura Shwe Mann delivers an address in meeting with departmental personnel and officials of social organizations in Banru Hall of Sumprabum. — MNA

General Thura Shwe Mann ...

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They inspected wards, new operation theatre, X-ray unit and out-patient department. Next, General Thura Shwe Mann attended to the needs for a 100-bed extension to the hospital. Next, General Thura Shwe Mann met officials at township levels, members of social organizations and townsmen at Phonkanrazi Hall in Putao.

First, the General Thura Shwe Mann presented TVs for Putao Township Myoma Basic Education Middle School and Mulashidi Basic Education Middle School to Headmaster U Chit Hlaing and In-charge Junior Assistant Teacher U Phan Hsin Hson respectively.

Afterwards, General Thura Shwe Mann said that they were there to fulfil the requirements in regional development. It can be witnessed the development of the region compared to that of pre 1988 period, he said. It was due to collective efforts made hand in hand by local people, service personnel, the Tatmadaw and the government and it was sure that more success would be achieved in regional development tasks, and in the education, health and transportation sectors through the combined efforts, he added.

The government has laid down the seven-point policy programme and is implementing it for the Union of Myanmar to be a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

It is known to all that the National Convention which is the first step among the seven-point policy programme, was held on 17 May with delegates from 8 representative groups and met with success and the delegates to the National Convention are now presenting their proposals, he said. With the leadership of the State, service personnel and local people are to actively participate in endeavours for building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation upholding the Our Three Main National Causes namely non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of the national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty, he elaborated.

Together with departments concerned, members of social organizations, on their part, are also to take part in efforts for regional stability and development tasks which are fundamental for national development, he stressed.

As the region is blessed with natural resources, it is incumbent upon local people and service personnel to carry out the regional development tasks successfully based on assistance provided by the State and local authorities, he said. In conclusion, General Thura Shwe Mann urged service personnel, Tatmadawmen and local people to strive unitedly for regional development enabling the local people to enjoy the assistance provided by the State. After the ceremony, General Thura Shwe Mann greeted those present.

Afterwards, General Thura Shwe Mann and party proceeded to Sumprabum by helicopter and arrived there at 1.30 pm. They were welcomed there by the chairman and members of Township Peace and Development Council, departmental personnel, members of social organizations, local national race, teachers and students.

At Banru Hall of Sumprabum, General Thura Shwe Mann met officials at township level and members of social organizations. First, Chairman of Sumprabum Township Peace and Development Council U Khin Zaw reported to General Thura Shwe Mann and party on location, area, climate, ward, village tract and population of



General Thura Shwe Mann cordially chats with the headmaster, teachers and residential people at Hsarkhundam village post-primary school in Putao Township. — MNA

the township, crops cultivation and yield in 2003-2004, and cultivation of crops in 2004-2005, local food sufficiency, measures taken for education, health and regional development and requirements. Next, Township Education Officer U Tiltong, Township Health Officer Dr Daw Khin Naw Zar Aye and officials reported on work being carried out sector-wise and requirements. Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo gave supplementary reports.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe reported on assistance provided by local authorities for development of Sumprabum Township and arrangements being made for better transport for service personnel.

After fulfilling the requirements, General Thura Shwe Mann said that transportation plays a vital role for regional development and thus the State has been implementing plans for better transport throughout the country.

At the same time, Myanmar Agriculture Service is distributing quality strain seeds and agricultural methods to local farmers with the aim of ensuring local food sufficiency and surplus, he said. As tea is thriving in Sumprabum Township, Myanmar Agriculture Service is to organize farmers to grow tea and to provide agricultural methods and other necessary assistance. On behalf of the government, service personnel assigned duties in the region are to strive for regional development and uplift the education, health and economy of local people, he added.

General Thura Shwe Mann urged the service personnel to make earnest efforts with goodwill for regional development assuming the region as their own. He continued to say that local people are brethren and thus service personnel are to lend themselves to efforts for raising the education, health and socio-economic of the local people. General Thura Shwe Mann also urged the service personnel to make endeavours for regional development enlisting the strength of such social organizations as the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Organization for Women's Affairs, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades.

Next, General Thura Shwe Mann presented exercise books for Sumprabum BEHS to Headmaster U Shwe Hla and clothes for local people to the chairman of Township Peace and Development Council. After the ceremony, General Thura Shwe Mann greeted those present cordially. General Thura Shwe Mann and party arrived back Myitkyina in the evening. — MNA

Four US Marines killed in Iraqi operation

BAGHDAD, 7 July — Four more United States Marines have been killed in action in Iraq's restive Al-Anbar Province, the US military said, taking its death toll in the region to 14 in just over one week.

US officials suspect alleged Al Qaida militant Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi and his supporters are operating in Fallujah and surrounding Al-Anbar Province.

"Four marines assigned to First Marine Expeditionary Force were killed in action July 6 in the Al-Anbar Province while conducting security and stability operations," the US military said in a statement.

US-led military forces have carried out several air raids over the past week on what they say are Al Qaida safe houses in Fallujah.

On Monday, two marines were killed in

action and one died later from wounds received during an operation in the area.

An Islamist website later carried a statement attributed to a Zarqawi group claiming responsibility for the deadly attack. "Thanks be to God, the toll was two helicopters down, including an MH-47 Chinook, and two Humvees destroyed with their occupants on board," it said on the a website.

The claim has not been verified.

The latest deaths raised to at least 644 the number of US soldiers killed in action in Iraq since last year's US-led invasion.

Internet



US Army soldiers question a local man after a suicide car bomb exploded at a funeral gathering in Al-Khalis, north of Baghdad, on 6 July, 2004. — INTERNET

Chinese, Mongolian Presidents agree to enhance eco, trade cooperation

BEIJING, 6 July — Chinese President Hu Jintao held talks here Monday with Mongolian President Nachagyn Bagabandy, and they agreed to put first emphasis on some important areas to enhance the overall economic and trade cooperation.

"Resources exploration and infrastructure cooperation should be at the top of the agenda, and the projects agreed by the two sides should be initiated at an early date," Hu told Bagabandy, who is paying a six-day state visit to China. The two countries also signed two documents Monday on trade and banking cooperation, as well as an agreement on offering economic aid to Mongolia after the talks. A diplomat on the scene said that the signing of the documents can be taken as an actual step to realize the consensus reached last June by the two heads of state when Hu paid his first state visit to Mongolia.

During that visit, the two heads of state had agreed to further cooperation on finance, infrastructure, and sandstorm prevention. Hu had put forward a four-point proposal to promote Sino-Mongolian relations, including conducting economic and trade cooperation of reciprocity.

The two countries also had established the good-neighbourly partnership of

mutual trust during Hu's trip.

During Monday's talks, Hu reaffirmed the main content of his proposal, as well as the importance of economic and trade cooperation, saying that it has witnessed remarkable results.

Bagabandy spoke highly of Hu's view on developing the bilateral cooperation, pledging to follow the principles of the joint documents to further the cooperation in the economic field and resources exploration, as well as in the other areas.

In fact, pushing forward

economic cooperation is one of the purposes of Bagabandy's China trip. Minister in charge of finance and economy, president of the Mongolian bank, and other senior trade officials are among his 72-member entourage.

Bagabandy told the Press that the two countries still have great potential for increasing economic and trade cooperation, and how to dig out more cooperative areas should be the top concern of the two governments.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese general leaves for visit to Russia, Egypt, S Africa

BEIJING, 6 July — General Guo Boxiong, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of China, left Beijing Monday on an official good-will visit to Russia, Egypt and South Africa.

Guo is expected to meet with government officials and military officers of the three countries during his visit and exchange views with them on issues of mutual interest, the Foreign Affairs Office of the Defence Ministry said in a Press release.

His entourage is composed of senior officers of the Beijing Military Area Command, the Second Artillery Corps, the Chinese Navy, the Air Force, among others.

MNA/Xinhua

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Gas pipeline set ablaze north of Iraq, poses threat to power supplies

KIRKUK, 7 July — A gas pipeline feeding electricity power plants in central and northern Iraq was attacked and set ablaze near the oil city of Kirkuk, energy officials said, warning of more power cuts.

"A device exploded along the pipeline about 90 kilometres (55 miles) south of Kirkuk, sparking a fire," said Huner Hassan, the head of Northern Gas Company which is based in Kirkuk, 255 kilometres north of Baghdad.

Hassan said the "strategic" pipeline served many electricity power stations in the north as well as a gas canister factory in Taji, north of Baghdad — a key source of power for people's homes.

"This is going to affect electricity production for the country and the production of gas for domestic use," he added, without giving figures for the extent of the impact.

The head of electricity for northern Iraq, Sabah Chakur, warned that "electricity production will be affected" by the attack. "The fire is still raging," he added.

The two officials said the gas line linked the treatment centre for the Northern Gas Co to gas fields in Abu Ajil, which stretched to the Tikrit and Taji areas, passing several power stations in northern Iraq.

Only hours earlier, Prime Minister Iyad Allawi said militant attacks on Iraq's fuel trucks and pipelines had resulted in a huge drop in electricity production in the past three days. — Internet

Foreign Minister says India will not send troops to Iraq

NEW DELHI, 7 July — India will not send troops to Iraq but will help in humanitarian and rehabilitation work, including training Iraqi oil industry personnel, Foreign Minister Natwar Singh told Parliament on Tuesday.

Last month after a meeting with US Secretary of State Colin Powell in Washington, Mr Singh had said India could take a fresh look at sending troops following the handover of power to an interim Iraqi administration. When that statement drew criticism from opposition parties and communist allies supporting ruling Congress party, the foreign minister said there was "no reconsideration" of India's decision not to send troops to Iraq.

The question of sending troops to Iraq does not not arise," he was quoted as saying by the Press Trust of India news agency.

"Even if asked, India will not send its troops... I am saying it in black and white," he said. India's previous Hindu nationalist government, which was ousted by Congress in recent elections, had opposed the US-led invasion of Iraq and turned down US requests to send troops to Iraq without a clear UN mandate. — Internet

Philippines seeks US technical assistance for anti-drug fight

MANILA, 6 July — The Philippine Government has asked the United States for more technical assistance in its anti-drug fight, a local newspaper report Tuesday.

Philippine *Daily Inquirer* said that Jose Calida, justice undersecretary and executive director of the Dangerous Drug Board (ddb), made the appeal to the US Drug Enforcement Administration in a recent seminar on Clandestine Laboratory Site Safety in Metro Manila.

Calida said that the US technical support could help a lot in accurate drug identification, technically advanced investigation of drug cases and the use of technical knowledge on illegal drug matters.

The support should also include employable anti-drug strategies and tactics against drug lords

and traffickers, he added.

Meanwhile, Calida noted the peculiarity in the country's experience on illegal drugs. "It is this peculiarity of the Philippine experience that makes some of our drugs cases unique and the responses to peculiar incidents demands local knowledge."

MNA/Xinhua



A bystander complains to an American soldier at the scene of a car bomb that exploded on 6 July, 2004, in Khalis, Iraq, northeast of Baghdad, killing 13 people who were attending a wake for the victims of a previous attack. — INTERNET

Allawi says no need for troops from Iraq's neighbours

DUBAI, 6 July — Iraq does not want peacekeeping forces from neighbouring countries, to protect sensitivities among its myriad ethnic groups and religious sects, interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi said in remarks aired on Monday.

"There is a decision taken by the Governing Council when it was still in office. This decision took into consideration sensitivities in Iraq...." Allawi told Al Arabiya television in an interview due to be aired in full later on Monday.

"We decided that it would be better to avoid raising sensitivities we don't need right now...."

"Our neighbours, however, can help us more by protecting their borders and curbing infiltrations," Allawi added.

MNA/Reuters

Iraq group says US Marine taken to safety

DUBAI, 6 July — An Iraqi group said it had moved abducted US Marine Wassef Ali Hassoun to "a place of safety" after he pledged not to return to the American Armed Forces, Al Jazeera television said on Monday.

Al Jazeera said the announcement came in a statement it received from the Islamic Response Movement, the same group it reported on June 27 as claiming to have kidnapped Hassoun and threatening to behead him. In the statement the group did

not say where Hassoun had been taken, Al Jazeera said. It gave no further details.

Eight days ago Al Jazeera showed a video of a blindfolded man dressed in camouflage sitting in a chair with a hand holding a sword above his head. A Marine Corps identity card named him Wassef Ali Hassoun. It quoted the Islamic Response Movement as saying it had kidnapped a US Marine after luring him from a US base.

MNA/Reuters

Group claims abduction of Egyptian in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 July — A guerilla group in Iraq said Wednesday they had kidnapped an Egyptian truck driver working in the country and released video to the al-Jazeera television station of the man.

The group, calling itself the "Iraqi Legitimate Resistance," said they took the man, who identified himself as Alsayed Mohammed Alsayed Algarabawi, captive while he was driving a truck of fuel for US forces from Saudi Arabia. In the video, members of the group stood armed and masked around Algarabawi. The station did not say whether the group made any demands or threatened to kill its captive. Al-Jazeera spokesman Jihad Ballout in Qatar said the channel received the video Tuesday.

Other militant groups have captured and threatened to behead several foreign Muslim hostages, creating an uproar among many Muslims, including other militants. Nearly all the captured Muslims have been released unharmed.

Internet



US troops arrive on the scene of a car bomb in Khalis, Iraq, on 6 July, 2004.

INTERNET

Families of Canadian soldiers hope US pilot will be punished

OTTAWA, 6 July — Families of Canadian soldiers bombed by US Air Force in Afghanistan expressed the hope that the US military will punish the pilot who dropped a bomb in Afghanistan that killed and wounded their sons, local Press reported Monday.

Mary-Anne Perry, a family member of a Canadian victim of the "friendly bombing", said her heart sank when the US authorities dismissed dereliction-of-duty charges last week against Major Harry Schmidt, the pilot who dropped the bomb.

Schmidt was originally charged with manslaughter and aggravated assault for dropping a laser-guided bomb from his fighter jet on April 18, 2002, near Kandahar, Afghanistan, killing four and wounding eight Canadian soldiers who were conducting live-fire exercises.

Schmidt later said he released the bomb

because he mistook the Canadians' gunfire for an attack from Taliban soldiers. A military investigation found that Schmidt should have flown out of the area.

Doreen Coolen, whose son was killed in the incident, said while justice must be served, nothing the US authorities could impose will assuage the feelings of rage and sadness she still feels.

For Coolen, Schmidt's decision to drop the bomb was not a so-called "friendly fire" incident, but a murder. "I say murder because in my opinion that is exactly what the US pilot did," Coolen told local reporters.

MNA/Xinhua

Portugal provides Mozambique with fund for cholera prevention

MAPUTO, 6 July — Portuguese Ambassador to Mozambique Antonio Sennfelt has given 10,000 US dollars to Mozambique in order to support cholera prevention actions in this southern African country, local media reported on Monday. Sennfelt said that the money is the contribution of his government to the fight against the epidemic, particularly in the central region of Mozambique.

Mozambican Health Minister Francisco Songane promised that the money will be used for the intended purpose and in the indicated place. He lamented the fact that cholera is a cyclical epidemic in Mozambique, saying that better sanitation is the solution to the problem. — MNA/Xinhua

Nigeria earns \$6b annually from gas sector

ABUJA, 6 July — Nigeria's gas sector now generated six billion US dollars per annum from zero dollar before 1999, head of the giant state-run oil firm NNPC Funsho Kupolokun said here on Monday.

"In 1999, President (Olusegun Obasanjo) wrote to us in NNPC (Nigerian National Petroleum Co.), directing that by the turn of the decade we must have as much revenue from gas as from oil. We are on the right track," he said.

He noted that the west African country has made a lot of efforts to earn more revenue through world-class gas utilization projects, from which lots of jobs were also being created. — MNA/Xinhua

US study says overweight children risk iron deficiency

CHICAGO, 6 July — Overweight children are at double the risk of being iron deficient, perhaps because of bad diet or lack of exercise, a study said on Tuesday.

Iron deficiency is a global problem most commonly found in poorer people lacking proper nutrition, but the study concluded that the rising number of obese people in the developed world should be checked and treated for it.

Too little iron in the blood can cause anemia and lead to learning and behavioral problems as well as pose limits on work and exercise.

One out of seven US children is overweight, a three-fold increase in the past 30 years, and many do not get screened for iron deficiency, Yale University researcher Karen Nead wrote in the journal *Pediatrics*.

In her study of 10,000 children aged two to 16, nearly one in 10 of the overweight

teenagers was iron deficient. Among two- to five-year-olds, 6 per cent were iron deficient.

Overall, the rate of iron deficiency was double among overweight children compared to normal-weight children and was more likely the higher the children's body mass index, a ratio of weight to height known as BMI.

The association between iron deficiency and being overweight may be caused by lack of exercise or a diet lacking in iron-rich foods, the study said.

It also said that genetics could play a role, and that overweight girls tend to grow faster than their peers, making it difficult for them to keep up with their bodies' iron requirements. — MNA/Reuters

US authorizes non-emergency personnel to leave Bahrain

WASHINGTON, 6 July — In the third recent warning by the United States that terrorist attacks may be imminent in Bahrain, the State Department has authorized what it called the voluntary departure of its employees' families as well as non-emergency personnel at the US Embassy there, the *New York Times* reported Monday.

Between 50 and 100

State Department employees are affected by the latest alert, the report cited US officials as saying.

The warning came two weeks after authorities in Bahrain arrested, then abruptly released, six men who were initially suspected of planning attacks.

The rapid-fire series of events fuelled speculation that the militants who planned recent attacks in

Saudi Arabia might have travelled across the short causeway to this island country, said the report. The State Department alert followed an order by the Pentagon on Friday to pull out of the families of defence personnel and other employees at a major Bahrainian base that supports the US Navy's Fifth Fleet operating in the Gulf.

MNA/Xinhua



An American soldier walks by the remnants of a vehicle which lie where they landed following a car bomb that exploded on 6 July, 2004 in Khalis, Iraq, northeast of Baghdad. — INTERNET

US troops kill Iraqi child in checkpoint shooting

BAGHDAD, 7 July — US soldiers killed an Iraqi child and wounded another when they fired on a car that failed to stop at a checkpoint in Baghdad, the Army said on Tuesday.

"Soldiers fired on the vehicle after the driver failed to obey verbal and visual instructions to stop, switched off the vehicle lights, and forced guards out of the way as he attempted to bypass the checkpoint," a US military statement said.

It said the incident happened late on Monday. The statement said the mother and the wounded child were taken to hospital while the father, who was driv-

ing, was questioned by police.

Many Iraqis accuse US soldiers of being too hasty to open fire and of killing many innocent civilians. Baghdad residents say they often fail to notice poorly-lit and unannounced checkpoints while driving at night. Power cuts regularly plunge streets into darkness, making checkpoints even harder to spot.

MNA/Reuters



A man is body-searched in front of a Christian church in Baghdad, on 6 July, 2004. Minutes before, the American soldiers had shot and killed a motorist there who had been driving close behind them, according to witnesses at the scene.

INTERNET

Canadian couple jailed for keeping boys in cages

OTTAWA, 7 July — A Canadian couple who often kept their two adopted sons chained in cages over a 13-year period were jailed for nine months on Monday, CTV television said.

The 42-year-old woman and 51-year-old man, who cannot be named in order to protect the boys' identities, pleaded guilty to charges of forcible confinement, failure to provide the necessities of life and assault with a weapon.

The two boys were the couple's nephews and had lived with them from an early age in a small farming community northeast of Toronto.

The court heard the boys had initially been locked in wire-mesh enclosed baby cribs for hours on end every day for years and later moved to cages, CTV said.

Police said the boys were badly malnourished and had been beaten. They were discovered after a tip-off in 2001. — MNA/Reuters

French FM stresses China-France global strategic partnership

PARIS, 7 July — French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier on Monday stressed the global strategic partnership between China and France.

"Our two countries, permanent members of the (UN) Security Council, have the same concerns to act in considering the world's complexity," he said at a Press conference on the conclusion of China Year in France.

He described Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit to France in January and French President Jacques Chirac's upcoming visit to Beijing in October this year "a historical event" and "a strong sign showing the solidarity of global strategic partnership between China and France".

The two countries "share the conviction that the future is necessarily to be built on the basis of dialogue and respect for identity in a world of diversity and multi-polarity", the minister said.

Barnier said his government believes it is important to preserve in this world "a diversity of culture and identity".

"That's why we are Europeans," he said, noting "China can sit at this table as a great power".

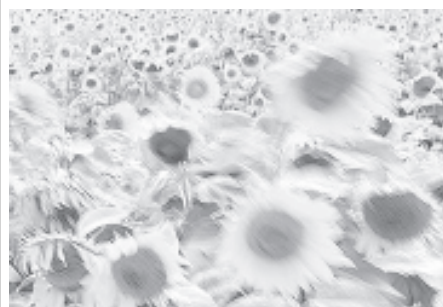
The minister, while hailing the success of China Year in France, made wishes for the forthcoming France Year in China which is scheduled to start in October.

MNA/Xinhua

4,010 kilos of hashish seized in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 6 July — Pakistani police have seized 4,010 kilos of hashish in Lahore, the country's second largest city.

A report of the Dawn newspaper Monday quoted police sources as saying that a police team Sunday stopped the suspected truck at a check post on road, recovered the contraband and nabbed one drug-smuggling suspect. Local police have registered a case against the accused and investigations are underway, said the Dawn. — MNA/Xinhua



Sunflowers in the wind : People stroll through a sunflower field swaying in the wind in Kisarazu, suburban Tokyo. —INTERNET

Over half of Britons favour troops pullout from Iraq

LONDON, 7 July — Half of the British public want British troops to be withdrawn from Iraq as soon as possible, nine percentage points more than those who want the troops to stay until there is a stable democracy, according to a poll published Tuesday.

The Times newspaper quoted the latest Populus poll as showing that 51 per cent of the respondents believed British forces stationed in Iraq should "leave as soon as possible" while 42 per cent want them to "stay for as long as it takes".

The poll, which re-

vealed continuing deep divisions on Iraq in Britain, found that over half of the British people thought the US-led war against Iraq was wrong while less than 40 per cent believed it was right.

According to the poll that came after the US-led coalition transferred power

to the interim Iraqi government, there was a big gender gap on whether British troops should leave or stay. Men favoured British troops staying in Iraq by 52 to 43 per cent, while women thought they should be withdrawn by 58 to 43 per cent.

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China, Kuwait to further bilateral relations

BEIJING, 7 July — China is willing to work with Kuwait to push forward the comprehensive development of the friendly relations between the two countries as well as other Arab states of the Gulf, said Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing here Monday.

In his meeting with visiting Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Li expressed appreciation for Kuwait's support for China on the Taiwan and human rights issues, and China's bid for the 2008 Olympic Games.

Li said China spoke positively of the efforts of Kuwait, which is currently holding the rotating presidency of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, to push forward the bilateral cooperation.

Muhammad appreciated China's successful holding of the third foreign ministers' meeting of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue on 21 June and 22 in Qingdao, a coastal city in east China's Shandong Province.

He emphasized the importance of their current China tour, noting that it is the first leg of the first official visit of Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah since he took office in 2003.

Muhammad said Ku-

wait is ready to further develop the friendly cooperative relations with China in various fields. Muhammad is visiting China with Sheikh Sabah. During their eight-day official visit to China, Sheikh Sabah will have talks with Chinese President Hu Jintao, Premier Wen Jiabao and Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Wu Bangguo. Sheikh Sabah and his delegation will also visit Shanghai in east China.

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Abdullah calls for respect for all nations' sovereignty

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 July — Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmed Badawi said that there is a vital need to respect the sovereignty of all nations which make up the international system.

Malaysia believes that only a universal commitment to multilateralism would avert the destruction of the international system, Abdullah said when opening the Malaysian Heads of Mission Conference in Putrajaya, Federal Administrative Centre.

In this regard, the Prime Minister said that the United Nations must be empowered not only to maintain peace and security but also to be

the reliable guarantor of national sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries.

He said that what happened to Iraq has shattered the confidence of the world's people in the inviolability of national sovereignty.

"Events surrounding the case of Iraq are symptomatic of the prevailing dominance of unilateralism over multilateralism. For the survival of the international system, we need to promote a return to reason and moderation through dialogue and

reconciliation," said Abdullah.

Abdullah said Malaysia welcomes the transfer of sovereignty to the interim government of Iraq, hoping that UN will play an important role not only in the transition process but also in the reconstruction of Iraq.

On 28 June, the United States handed over sovereignty to the Iraqi Interim Government two days earlier than scheduled, with a surprise ceremony formally ending 14 months of occupation.

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UN seeks aid to prevent W Africa locust plague

ROME, 7 July — Aid is urgently needed to contain the most serious desert locust swarm of the past 15 years engulfing West Africa, a United Nations agency said on Monday.

The desert locusts have shifted from breeding areas in northwestern Africa to countries including Mauritania, Senegal and Mali and are likely to multiply over the next few weeks, said the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The last locust plague in 1987-1989 cost more than 300 million US dollars to contain and control operations were carried out in 28 countries compared with some nine million US dollars pledged to this year's campaign, the Rome-based agency said in a statement.

"International aid is urgently needed to supplement the major efforts already made, in particular by the countries concerned, and to prevent the situation from developing into a plague," the agency said. Although more than four million hectares (10 million acres) have been treated with pesticide, including land in Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya and Mauritania, the FAO said more was needed because of the size of the swarm. — MNA/Reuters

To make collective efforts for rural water supply

Article by Maung Ba Pe (Oktha); Photos by Ko Ko Soe Nyunt (NLM)

Over 20 per cent of the nation's population are residing in 12 per cent of the total area of the country and they are facing the daily problems of unavailability of clean domestic water. Thus, it is a great chance for service personnel to make efforts for ensuring the supply of clean potable water and domestic use.

Truly, central Myanmar is an arid zone having annual rainfall of less than 100 inches. In that arid region, there are 15,802 villages in 85 townships constituting Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions. Caused by the nature, there were less social infrastructures in that region. Of the social infrastructures, the availability of clean potable water is of great importance and a difficult social issue at the water-scarce arid region.

In the arid region, the majority basic water resources are storage ponds of rain water. Rain water can be stored in those ponds and those water can be used for a certain period in the post rainy season. Those rain water storage ponds are generally about one mile away from village and sometimes when there was no water left in those ponds, the rural people had to fetch water at other ponds which are 4 or 5 miles away from the village. Hence, the villagers had to spend 3 or 4 hours daily to fetch water for domestic use. One-third period in daily life went into fetching water apart from the times for doing business, pursuing education and earning

livelihood.

Moreover, scarcity of water leads to poor care in personal hygiene as well as outbreak of diseases such as dysentery, cholera, diarrhoea, trachoma, etc.

To relief the social problems encountered by the rural people in the arid region, the Head of State gave guidance for tapping underground water there. The Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was assigned duties for sinking tubewells. In fact, it is the realization of one of the five rural development tasks which calls for supply of sufficient water in rural areas.

The Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for PBANRDA exerted efforts in the implementing the noble task of rural water supply. Energetic efforts were made to accomplish the task before the target 10-year period. At the annual work co-ordination meeting for fiscal 2003-2004 of the Development Affairs Department held on 29-6-2003, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gave instructions for paying serious attention to ensuring better transportation and water sufficiency supply in rural areas in line with the five rural development tasks. Accordingly, the Development Affairs Committees made earnest efforts.

The Development Affairs Department has drawn up 10-year plan for sufficient supply of water in the rural areas. The plan

began in 2000-2001 and will end in fiscal 2009-2010. At the completion of the plan, each and every village in Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions will get at least one water supply system. Of 15,802 villages in the three divisions, only 7,760 villages are getting sufficient water and the water supply projects are to be implemented in 8,042 villages. Of those villages, 535 villages which can rely on no other water resources except rain are given first priority. 3,677 villages which did not get water sufficiently are given second priority. The third priority is given to 3,830 villages which did not get clean potable water.

The 10-year water supply plans are also drawn up in other States and Divisions. There are 36,208 villages in other States and Divisions. Of them, 15,183 villages need to have water supply projects. To be exact, 344 villages have difficulties in obtaining water, 5,489 villages are having insufficient water and 9,350 villages are not having clean drinking water.

The Development Affairs Department started to implement the ten-year plan beginning 2000-2001. Up to fiscal 2003-2004 the department has implemented water supply projects for four years. In fiscal 2000-2001, altogether 1,053 water supply projects were implemented in 714 villages. In fiscal 2001-2002, altogether 1,920 water supply projects were implemented in 1,425 villages. In fiscal 2002-

2003, altogether 1,967 water supply projects were implemented in 1,578 villages. In fiscal 2003-2004, altogether 2,383 water supply projects were implemented in 1,190 villages. In so doing, K 443.58 million contributed by the State, K 1,139.82 million from the funds of the Department and K 797.86 million, US\$ 67,722, FEC 10,012, Euro 270 were spent.

With the funds of the State and the Department, 4,745 water supply projects were implemented in 3,545 villages. With the funds donated by wellwishers, 1,151 water supply projects were implemented in 1,027 villages. The USDA and MMCWA implemented 937 water supply projects in 180 villages. In cooperation with UNICEF, 416 water supply projects were implemented in 84 villages. In cooperation with BAJ and JICA, 74 water supply projects were implemented in 71 villages. As a total, 7,323 water supply projects have been implemented in



A tube well being sunk for rural water supply in arid region in central part of Myanmar.

4,907 villages so far.

In other States and Divisions, 8,392 water supply projects were implemented in 5,695 villages during the period of four years from 2000-2001 to 2003-2004. Water supply projects are left to be implemented in 9,488 villages. In the entire country, 15,715 water supply projects in 10,602

in the tropical region because of water could be decreased. For example, though the trachoma caused at 2,363 children and adults in 1988, there were 435 trachoma patients only in 2003. Similarly, occurring of the diseases concerning the water decreased. In the entire nation, over nine million people from 10,602 villages can now enjoy



Village belles fetching potable water conveniently from a concrete tank in Myoma Kaungpinsi village in NyaungU Township, Mandalay Division.



Villagers of Myoma Kaungpinsi village in NyaungU Township, can now get sufficient potable water.

villages out of 23,225 villages have been carried out. In so doing, all the projects were implemented spending K 3,575.91 million, US \$ 67,722, FEC 10,012 and 270 euro. For sinking tubewells against the target yearly, geologists had conducted survey of ground water with the use of modern machines and they sank the tubewells with the use of machines which can drill 1,000 feet and 1,500 feet, 800 feet, 600 feet and 400 feet wells.

Nowadays, over 6.6 million of population from 4,907 villages in tropical region can use clean and potable water thanks to four-year efforts for implementation of the water supply project. As a result of using clean potable water, diseases which cause

benefits of the water supply projects.

To mark the sufficient water supply in entire townships, signboards were put up with ceremonies in Myinmu, ChaungU, Taungdwingyi, Minbu, Aunglan, Kyaukse, Myittha and Myingyan townships. Such ceremonies will also be held in 12 more townships. Service personnel of the DAD made enthusiastic efforts for rural water supply and it is very meritorious for them. In cooperation with USDA, MMCWA, UNICEF, BAJ and JICA, the department has accomplished 61 per cent of the 10-year plan. Continued efforts are certainly be made.

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Delegate group of State service personnel...

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Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization (Ya La La Pha), New Mon State Party, Democratic Kayin Buddhist Association (DKBA), Haung-thayaw Special Region Group, the Nyeinchanyay Myothit Group of Hpa-an Township of Kayin State which exchanged arms for peace, Shan State National Army, the group led by U Saw Tun Oo of Rakhine State, Homein Region Welfare and Development Group, Shwepyithar (MTA) Group, Manpan Region Militia Group, Mon Armed

man of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members and NC delegates signed in the attendance registers at Pyidaungsu Hall where the National Convention is being held and the Recreation Centre.

National Convention Convening Work Committee member Daw Khin Nu presided over the meeting together with U Tun Yin Law of Delegate Group of Political Party, U Yaw Aye Hla of Delegate

the National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi as co-master.

The master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the meeting chairman as attendance was listed at 1069 out of 1088, accounting for 98.25 per cent.

Next, delegates from delegate group of State service personnel read proposals concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of



NCC Commission Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein signs in attendance Register of Plenary Session. — MNA



Members of Panel of Chairmen and delegates at the Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA



Peace Group (Chaungchi Region), Mon (Splinter) Nai Saik Chan Group and Arakanese Army (AA) which exchanged arms for peace.

Before the start of plenary session of the National Convention, Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chair-

man of Representatives-elect, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races, U Mya Aye of Delegate Group of Peasants, Dr Myo Thant Tin of Delegate Group of Workers, Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw of the Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia and Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Delegate Group of State Service Personnel and U Tun Aung Chein of the Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons.

Director (Meeting) U Than Aung of the Office of

power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in drawing the State Constitution.

Delegate U Thaung Htike of the Ministry of Sports submitted proposal regarding defence and security and foreign affairs.

Next, U Than Nyunt of Ministry of Finance and Revenue read proposals on finance and planning regarding detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing and distribution of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in

writing the State Constitution.

At 10.05 am, the plenary session went into recess.

At 10.35, the plenary session resumed. U Yan Naing of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism presented the proposal on economic, agriculture and livestock breeding sectors which related to detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in writing the State Constitution.

Afterwards, the

plenary session recessed at 11.30 am and resumed at 2 pm.

U Hla Thein of Ministry of Mines then presented the proposal on energy, electricity, mineral, forestry and industry sectors which related to detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in writing the State Constitution.

U Hla Thaung Myint of Ministry of Rail Transportation read out proposal on transportation, construction and

communication sectors.

Afterwards, the plenary session took a break at 2.55 pm and continued at 3.15 pm.

Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin of Ministry of Health presented the proposal on social sector concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of power in the legislature, the executive and judiciary to be included in writing the State Constitution.

After that, the plenary session went into recess at 4 pm. It continues on 9 am on 8 July. — MNA



Delegate Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin of the Ministry of Health reads the proposal.

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Delegate U Thaung Htike of the Ministry of Sports reads the proposal at the Plenary Session.

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Delegate U Hla Thaung Myint of the Ministry of Rail Transportation reads the proposal at the Plenary Session. — MNA



Delegate U Hla Thein of the Ministry of Mines reads the proposal at the Plenary Session.

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Delegate U Yan Naing of the Ministry of Hotels & Tourism reads the proposal at the Plenary Session. — MNA



Delegate U Than Nyunt of the Ministry of Finance & Revenue reads the proposal at the Plenary Session. — MNA



Director (Meeting) U Than Aung and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi emcee the Plenary Session. — MNA



Delegates at the Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA



Delegates sign in attendance register at the Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects ...

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Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party arrived in Pyawbwe by helicopter at 9.40 am. In Amayhtein Hall in Pyawbwe, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party met township level departmental officials, social organization members and local people.

Chairman of Pyawbwe Township Peace and Development Council U Khin Kyi reported on the location and area of the township, population, land resource, cultivable land, rice and edible oil sufficiency, education, health, agriculture, livestock breeding, social and transport sectors.

After hearing the reports, the General fulfilled the requirements for education, health, water supply for cultivation and transport matters.

Next, the General presented TVs, VCRs and computers to school heads of respective Basic Education High Schools.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister delivered an address, saying that they fulfilled requirements for education, health, transport and economic development tasks in Yamethin, Tetkon and Pyinmana townships of Yamethin District yesterday. Today, he said, requirements have already been fulfilled in economic development tasks, social sector, education, health, transport matters and regional developments in Pyawbwe Township. The government, on its part, plans to spend a large sum of money to bring about arid Meiktila plain including Pyawbwe Township to become greening and favourable weather area.

In so doing, he added that the plan will be implemented with three methods. About 30,000 acres of land will be reclaimed under the methods. For the first phase, the government will carry out the greening project based on practice of thrift by the easiest method, spending separate expenditure. Tasks will be implemented step by step in accord with the guidance of the Head of State that all the dry and arid regions are to be turned into greening ones based on financial development of the government.

He said that as the said projects will contribute towards development of respective townships, officials of Irrigation, Agriculture, Forest and Development Affairs Departments should make necessary preparations for development of their respective townships. In addition, township departmental officials are to organize the committees for implementing the plan laid



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivers an address in meeting with faculty members at Meiktila University. — MNA

down by the government and development of their township with collective efforts.

He pointed out that a township is set up with rural areas. Development of the rural areas will contribute towards improvement of the entire township. Thus, township level departmental officials should place emphasis on development of rural regions. With the aim of ensuring development of the township and sufficiency of food, clothing and shelter of the people who are residing in the township and raising their living standard, as administration and management machinery of the township have been formed systematically, departmental officials are to strive to be one with the people, holding a concept that they are assigned duties to meet requirements of the people. And, if they should submit the reports to above levels to solve the problems which they do not have authority to solve it at their levels, the township will have progress rapidly.

Furthermore, he said, social organizations in the township are to participate in development tasks of the township. In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged them to make concerted efforts harmoniously for development of their township.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister cordially greeted those present.

On arrival at Pyawbwe Township Hospital, the Prime Minister and party inspected the medical stores, the operation theatre, the maternity and delivery room. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions to officials.

At 12.30 pm, the Prime Minister and party flew to Meiktila by helicopter. They were welcomed there by senior military officers of Meiktila Station, local authorities and officials.

First, Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party went to Meiktila University where Deputy Director-General U Soe Myint of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar), Pro-Rector U Hla Thein and

faculty members welcomed them.

Pro-Rector U Hla Thein reported on courses being conducted at the university, number of students, subjects, organizational set up and academic and management matters.

Managing Director U Chit Khaing of Aden Group Co Ltd reported on the design of the main building and construction matters. The Prime Minister gave instructions on building of the university on a grand scale. Next, the General inspected the computer training centre. He also inspected the site for the main building.

They arrived at the site for building the 200-bed Hospital Project and the Nursing Training School. The Prime Minister and party heard reports on project presented by Managing Director U Ye Tun of Myanma Industrial Construction Service.

At Kandawmingala Hall in Meiktila, the Prime Minister and party met township level officials and social organization members.

Chairman of Meiktila District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Kyaw Kyaw Oo reported on location and area of the district set up with townships, population, economic, education, health, agriculture, monsoon and summer paddy cultivation, production of various crops, cultivation of high yield paddy strain, local food sufficiency and greening tasks.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt fulfilled the requirements of education and health sectors in Meiktila Township and presented TVs, VCRs and computers for six basic education schools in the township to the school heads and officials. The Prime Minister said he and the ministers had fulfilled requirements for regional development including education, health and transport of Yamethin, Pyawbwe, Tatkon and Pyinmana Townships.

During his inspection tour, he had fulfilled requirements on development of human resources such as opening and upgrading of schools in education and

upgrading of hospitals and dispensaries for promotion of public health care.

He said there is insufficiency of potable water and for agricultural purpose as Meiktila District is in the dry zone. There is less agriculture and no rice sufficiency in the region, he said.

Therefore, he said, the government is drafting a project for greening of the district and pleasant climate, especially greening of Meiktila Plain spending a large sum of money. In doing so, three methods will be utilized, he said. The project will supply water to 29,000 acres of farmlands and agriculture will develop under the project. He spoke of the need for local people to make efforts for rice sufficiency and extended cultivation of crops.

He said local authorities, Myanmar Agriculture Service, Irrigation and Forest Departments are to co-operate with local people and farmers in implementation of the Meiktila Plain Greening Project. He said he believed that the project would be successful. He called on local authorities, departmental officials, local people and the ministries to provide assistance for realization of the project.

He said there is scarcity of drinking water in Meiktila every year. The Meiktila Lake dried up due to weather changes and there was shortage of potable water. In order to overcome the difficulties, arrangements have been made for dredging of northern part of Meiktila Lake in summer as the first phase.

On completion of the first phase, the main lake will be dredged next year. By so doing, the Meiktila Plain will become green and pleasant and there will be sufficient drinking water for local people and agricultural sector will develop. The government is implementing the project with the concept of carrying out the tasks for raising of living standard of the people, he said. The government has built infrastructures as Meiktila is a city of plain region of Myanmar. Meiktila University, Institute of Economics, Myanmar Aerospace Engineering



University, Technological University, Institute of Education and Computer College were opened. So Meiktila region is a place where human resources can be produced. Local people are to provide necessary assistance to students of states and divisions learning at the universities and institutes, he said.

Continuing, he said, Meiktila is a region of oil crops, cotton, beans and pulses and various kinds of kitchen crops. He spoke of the need to cultivate other crops. The government has to imported edible oil yearly, spending a large sum of foreign currency as there is no self-sufficiency. This being the case, efforts are to be made for extended cultivation of edible oil crops to save foreign currency spent on edible oil and they are to be used in national and regional development undertakings. Therefore, all are to make relentless efforts for development of production including agricultural sector.

Rural development is a prerequisite for regional development. Only when there is development of rural regions which are the most basic requirement will townships that made up of villages be developed. Therefore, departmental officials are to strive together with members of social organizations and local people in successful realization of the five-rural development tasks. In making all-out efforts for bringing about equitable and harmonious development the length and breadth of the nation, the government is giving priority to improvement of the living standard and socio-economic life of the people. That is why the entire national people are to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts for all-round development of the Union, realizing endeavours and goodwill of the government. Accordingly, the entire national people are to make concerted efforts in successfully implementing the seven-point future political programmes of the State by doing their bit with Union Spirit for the emergence of a peaceful modern developed and discipline-

flourishing democratic nation.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister greeted those present on the occasion.

Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University in Meiktila where they were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Nyi Hla Nge, professor, professors, heads of department, faculty members, officials and students.

At the hall of the university, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Nyi Hla Nge reported on kinds of courses conducted at the university, subjects taught, organizational set-up of staff, arrangements for opening of post-graduate diploma courses, communications between the university and international universities and organizations, and academic and administration matters.

Afterwards, Managing Director U Tint San of ACE Co reported on matters related to staff quarter zone, academic zone, workshop, main building of the university, electricity and water supply, parking, canteens, construction of archway and entrance road and greening tasks to the Prime Minister who attended to the needs.

Next, the Prime Minister and party viewed students learning at the flight simulator room and the library and resource centre.

Next, the Prime Minister and party arrived at the Institute of Economics in Meiktila. The Prime Minister and party inspected construction of the main building of the institute. At the hall of the institute, Pro-Rector U Thein SWE reported on courses conducted, major subjects, number of the students, IT rooms complete with computers and academic and administration matters.

Minister for Education U Than Aung gave a supplementary report. Next, the Prime Minister gave instructions on academic and administration matters and construction of the main building in accord with the set standard. Next, the Prime Minister and party arrived back here by air in the evening. — MNA



State Peace and Development Council Member General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence donates cash for Kaunghmulon Pagoda in Machanbaw Township. (News on page 1) — MNA



State Peace and Development Council Member General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence inspects Malikha suspension bridge across Malikha River. (News on page 1) — MNA



State Peace and Development Council Member General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence inspects the People's Hospital in Machanbaw Township. (News on page 1) — MNA

Commander inspects livestock breeding farms of Yangon Command

YANGON, 7 July — Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe this afternoon inspected No 1 livestock breeding farm in Insein Township and attended to the needs. At the briefing hall, responsible officials reported to the commander on farming of broilers and layers, breeding of fish and pigs and selling of chickens and eggs.

Afterwards, the commander and party went to the central fish breeding farm of Yangon Command in Mingaladon Township. An officer of the farm reported to the commander on hatching of fingerlings, breeding of fish and pigs at the farm.

After hearing reports, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions on selling of meat, fish and eggs at the tax-free markets in Yangon.

Next, the commander and party inspected hatching of fingerlings, breeding of fish and pigs and layers.

Similarly, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and party proceeded to No 3 livestock breeding farm at Danyingon in Insein Township and inspected the farm and fulfilled the requirements.

Over 150,000 chickens have been sold till today.

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Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and wife being welcomed by Mr Dilip Kumar Paudel, Charge d'Affaires ai of the Embassy of Nepal in Myanmar and wife to the reception to mark the birthday of the King of Nepal on Wednesday evening.

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Commander inspects development tasks

YANGON, 7 July—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, accompanied by Secretary Lt-Col Myint Kyi and departmental officials, this morning inspected the site for construction of Yezin bridge in Seikkyi-Khanaungto Township and fulfilled the requirements.

Next, the commander and party inspected progress of digging the 600 feet long, 600 feet wide and 8 feet deep tank being undertaken by Yangon City Development Committee. Head of Engineering Department U Thaung Yin reported on storage of over 18 million gallons of potable water, arrangements for digging of two more lakes in the township and supply of sufficient potable water to the commander who attended to the needs. Next, the commander inspected progress in construction in new two-storey building for Seikkyi-Khanaungto Basic Education High School and students learning at the new school building and other school buildings. Next, the commander met township level departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsenders at the meeting hall of the Township Peace and Development Council Office. The commander made a speech on the occasion. He said that efforts are being made to narrow the development gap between Yangon and Seikkyi-Khanaungto. With the emergence of more new school buildings, students in the township will be able to pursue education with peace of mind. Meanwhile, people of the township will be able to enjoy better health care services as the 16-bed hospital was upgraded to 25 bed. To ensure potable water supply, a tank with a storage capacity of 40 million gallons was dug. Therefore, departmental officials are to make relentless efforts with goodwill for raising the living standard of local people while striving for regional development. Next, Chairman of the Township Peace and Development Council U Tint Naing reported on work being carried out for development of the township, future tasks and requirements. Next, officials of social organizations and townsenders reported on assistance to be provided for regional development. In response to the reports, the commander fulfilled the requirements to officials. Next, the commander and party looked into construction of operation theatre, male and female wards for upgrading the 16-bed Township hospital into 25-bed facility. Officials reported on matters related to upgrading the hospital. In response to the report, the commander gave instructions on timely completion of the task and fulfilled the requirements.—MNA

Seven Myanmar students awarded Petronas scholarships

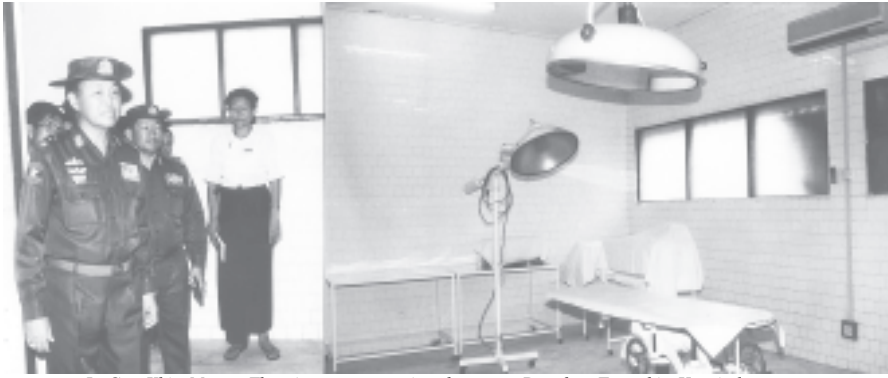
YANGON, 7 July — A ceremony to award scholarship to seven outstanding Myanmar students by Petronas, Malaysia's National Petroleum Corporation, one of the collaborating oil companies with the Ministry of Energy, was held at Sedona Hotel this morning.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Mr EN Rahim Ismail of Petronas Oil Co delivered speeches. Present were Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, heads of departments under the ministry, Petronas Country Manager for Myanmar Mr Abu Baker Saleh and officials of the Ministry and the company.

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi awarded scholarships to the students. The scholarships cover all expenses for education at UTP. On completion of their studies, they will serve the Ministry of Energy. It is the first time that Petronas has awarded scholarship to Myanmar students. — MNA



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and officials pose for a group photo with seven persons who won Petronas scholarship. — MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects operation theatre at Danubyu Township Hospital.— MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects agriculture, livestock breeding in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 7 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments concerned, left here by car for Ayeyawady Division to inspect agriculture and livestock breeding on 6 July morning.

At Bo Myat Tun Bridge, they were welcomed by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and officials. Accompanied by the commander and officials, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected completion of monsoon paddy cultivation and regional development.

At Basic Education High School in Danubyu, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met local authorities and local people. The chairman of Township Peace and Development Council reported on matters related to the township. The commander also reported on arrangements for extended cultivation of monsoon paddy. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party cordially greeted those present.

In Danubyu Township, 58,732 acres of land have been put under monsoon paddy against the target of 93,673 acres in 2004-2005. Multiple cropping could be produced by 212.48 per cent in Danubyu Township in 2003-2004. Thus, it could stand in the second position of the multiple crop production in Ayeyawady Division. At Danubyu Township Hospital, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected wards and units and gave instructions on sanitation and repair works to be carried out. Next, he donated K 100,000 for repair of the ceiling of the hospital.

They then paid homage to Manaungmyin Pyidawbyan Buddha Image in Zalun and gilded part of the Image. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than signed in the visitors' book and made cash donations.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected upgrading of Hinthada-Zalun Road between mile posts 2/7 and 15/1. The road section, 13 miles and seven furlongs long, is being upgraded to 18 feet wide repaved road.

In Hinthada Township, they attended the ceremony to demonstrate cultivation technique on 400 acres of

model plot in Indawei Village-tract. The demonstration was held with the aim of getting adequate quality paddy seeds and enabling paddy to meet the target of 100 baskets per acre. In Myanadi Hall, he met departmental officials. The chairman of Hinthada Township Peace and Development Council U Soe Thein reported on matters related to the township.

The district chairman and the commander gave supplementary reports. After the meeting, he cordially greeted those present.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents cash assistance for renovation of Danubyu Township Hospital to an official.— MNA

Drug dealers sentenced

YANGON, 7 July — A combined team comprising members of Local Intelligence Unit and Tachilek Special Anti-Drug Squad, acting on information, on 12 December 2003, searched the renting house of Aryan (a) Sein Shwe Maung of 2nd Khatta Street, Sangsai Ward, Tachilek and seized him together with 4,600 stimulant tablets.

In connection with the case, action was taken against the suspect, son of U Sai Soe Maung, at 2 Khatta Street, Sangsai Ward, Tachilek under Section 15/19 (a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law by Tachilek Police Station. He was sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment under Section 15 and 19 years' imprisonment under Section 19 (A) by Tachilek District Court on 16 March 2004.

Similarly, A combined team comprising members of Local Intelligence Unit and policemen of Zeyawady Police Station, action on information, searched the house of Zaw Lwin, 1st Aungmingala Street, Zeyawady on 23 November 2003 and seized him together with 1.0777 kilos of marijuana.

In connection with the case, action was taken against the suspect, son of U Hla Myint of 1st Aungmingala Street, Zeyawady under Section 15/19 (a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law by Zeyawady Police Station, Phu Township.

Court of Deputy Bago District Judge on 10 February, 2004 handed down Zaw Lwin to five years' imprisonment under Section 15 and 15 years' imprisonment under Section 19 (a). — MNA

Tree Planting Ceremony for greening of Bago Yoma held

YANGON, 6 July — With the aim of greening the Bago Yoma Monsoon Tree Planting Ceremony was conducted this morning by the Ministry of Forestry on the border between Mingaladon and Hlegu townships in Yangon North District. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung formally opened the

ceremony and planted the saplings. Next, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Deputy Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and officials distributed the saplings to the members of NGOs and local people.

Over 5,000 saplings were planted on both sides of No 3 Highway in Barlar Region in Yangon North District. — MNA

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Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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

မိုးညိုကျနှင့် မိုးရာသီတွင်ဖြစ်တတ်သော

ရောဂါများအတွက်နူးဆော်ချက်

၁။ မိုးညိုကျရာသီတွင် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ကူးစက်တတ်သောရောဂါများ ပုံမှန်ဖြစ်ပွားလေ့ရှိပါသည်။

(က) ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှောနှင့် ကာလဝမ်းရောဂါများအပါအဝင် ဝမ်းနှင့် ပတ်သက်သည့် ရောဂါများ၊ အသည့်ရောင်အသားဝါရောဂါနှင့် သံကောင် တုပ်ကောင်ရောဂါများ

(ခ) သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးနှင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ

(ဂ) တုပ်ကွေး၊ နှာစေးချောင်းဆိုးနှင့် အဆုတ်အဆေးမိရောဂါ

၂။ ဖြစ်ပွားရသည့်အကြောင်းရင်းမှာ-

(က) မိုးညိုကျလာပြီဖြစ်၍ လှိုင်းလိုင်းပေါ်လာသည့် အချို့ဓာတ်ပါသော သရက်သီး၊ ပိန္နဲသီး၊ ဖရဲသီး၊ ကြက်ဓာတ်သီး၊ မင်းဂွတ်သီး စသည့်သစ်သီးဝလံများ၏ အခွအစေ စသည့်များကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ မဆင်မခြင် စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းကြောင့် ယင်းပေါများခြင်း

(ခ) ရာသီဥတုအပြောင်းလဲမှုနှင့် များသောအားဖြင့် စားသုံးခြင်း

(ဂ) မိုးရွာပြီးရေတင်ရေဝပ်သဖြင့် ရေအိုင်၊ ရေဗွတ်၊ ရေမြောင်း၊ ပိတ်ခြင်းနှင့် ချွန်ယိတ်ပေါင်းတူထပ်၍ ဖြစ်ပေါက်ပွားခြင်း

(ဃ) ရာသီဥတု အပြောင်းလဲမှုဖြစ်၍ အပူရပ်ခြင်း၊ အအေးပတ်ခြင်း

(င) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းမှုနှင့် တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းမှု နည်းပါးခြင်း

(စ) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သည့်အသိပညာနှင့် အလေ့အကျင့်အားနည်းခြင်း

၃။ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါတို့ကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးခြင်းဖြင့် ဖော်ပြပါ ရောဂါများ ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်တားဆီးနိုင်မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

(က) အမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ခ) ယင်နာစာများကို မဆင်မခြင် စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ဂ) စားကြွင်းစားကျန် အမှိုက်သရိုက်များနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးများကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) မိသားစုအတွင်းကျန်းမာရေးအသိပညာဖြန့်ဝေပါလိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးပါ။

(င) တစ်ကိုယ်ရေ သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ဂရုပြုလိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(စ) ရေကိုကျိုချက်၍ သောက်ပါ။

(ဆ) လက်ဆတ်သန့်ရှင်းသည့် အသီးအနှံနှင့် အစားအစာများကို ပူပူနွေးနွေး ချက်ပြုတ်စားသုံးပါ။

(ဇ) ရာသီဥတု အပြောင်းအလဲကြောင့် အလတ်ကို သတိရှိပါ။

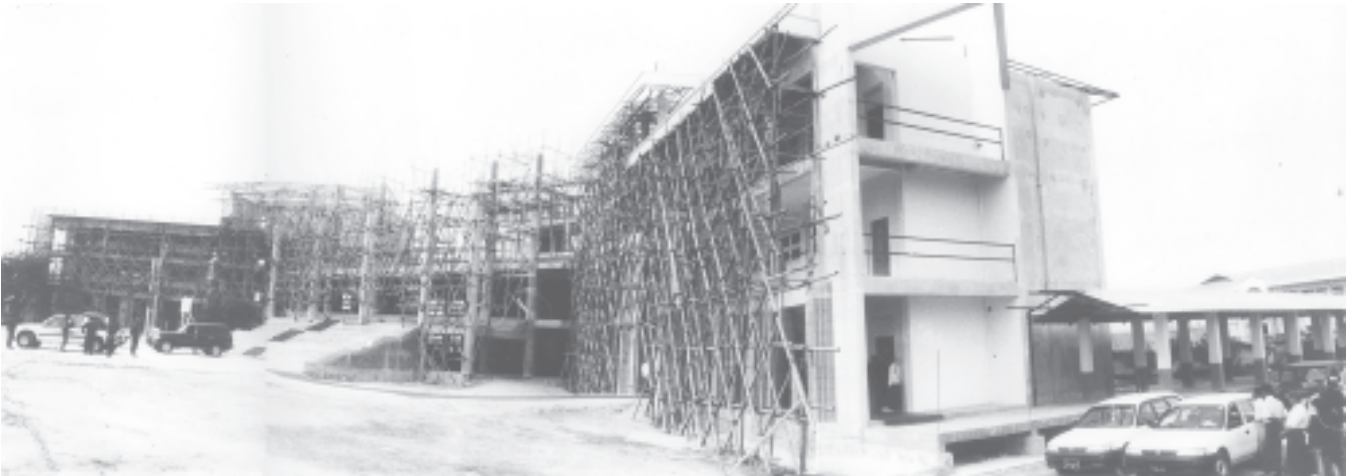
(ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် ဖြစ်နိုင်ပါက ရေ လုပ်ငန်းများကို အမျိုးသား၊ ရေအမြင်ဖြင့် ဝိုင်းဝန်းစုပေါင်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပွားပျံ့နှံ့ပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်သတင်းပို့ပါ။

(ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာဆေးပေးခန်းဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီသွားရောက် ပြသစစ်ဆေး ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။ **ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန**



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects the Paunglaung multi-purpose dam project on 5-7-2004. (News on page 1) — MNA



The progress of work in construction of main building of the Institute of Economics in Meiktila seen on 5-7-2004. (News on page 1) — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects the flight stimulator room at Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University in Meiktila. (News on page 1) — MNA



Construction works near completion at the MAEU in Meiktila. (News on page 1) MNA



Paunglaung multipurpose dam project being implemented with use of heavy machines. (News on page 1) — MNA



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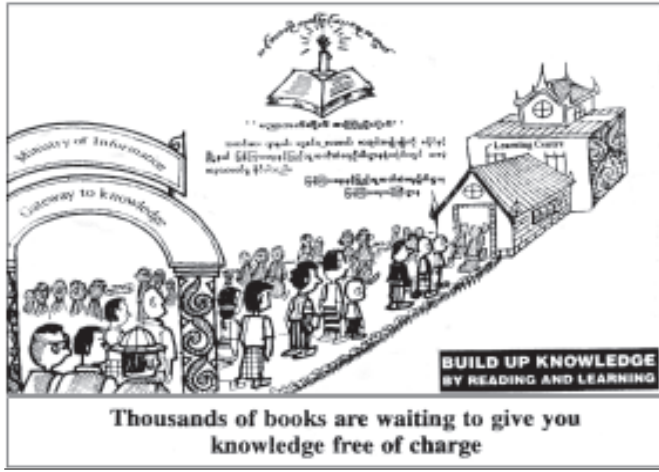
Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 7 July — The Nursery Market Festival continued at Myay Padetha Park in Bahan Township here today for providing assistance to growers and attracting the public to be interested in agriculture, horticulture, livestock breeding and vegetable farming. Poultry farming and fish breeding are also exhibited there. Educational booklets and pamphlets on modern cultivation technology are also available there.— MNA

Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 7 July — The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for PBANRDA 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 Director (Sagaing Division DAC) (Tel: 071-21012), the Director (Magway Division DAC) (Tel: 063-23164) and the Director (Mandalay Division DAC) (Tel: 02-54657).— MNA



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US to ratify FTA with Central America next year

SAN JOSE, 6 July — Two senators of the United States confirmed here Monday at the end of their Central America tour that their country will ratify the free trade agreement (FTA) with the region next year.

In a statement to the Press after talks with Costa Rican President Abel Pacheco in San Jose, capital of Costa Rica, US Republican senators Richard Shelby and John Cornyn said the treaty will be ratified next year.

The FTA, which requires the legislative approval by the countries involved, will "not come into

effect" this year because of the coming US presidential elections in November, said the statement.

The two senators started their regional trip on June 25 and completed on Monday.

The general negotiations on the agreement between US and five Central America countries (Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica) completed at the beginning of 2004.

The FTA aims at realizing extensive free trade between US and Central America.

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Mexico, Italy join efforts against organized crime

MEXICO CITY, 6 July — Mexico and Italy Monday signed an agreement on jointly combating organized crime in Rome, news from Rome reaching here reported.

Under the memorandum of understanding signed by Mexico's Attorney General Rafael Macedo de la Concha and Italian anti-Mafia director Piero L. Vigna, the two countries will exchange information and technical assistance in the fight against organized crime and drug trafficking.

Macedo told the Press after talks with Vigna that there is possibility of having communication and information on organized crime operating in Italy and Mexico.

"The basic idea is that we depend on real-time information and could jointly work in any action against criminal organizations in an immediate way without bureaucratic delay," Macedo said. Vigna said that international cooperation is fundamental to combating organized crime which has become internationalized.

MNA/Xinhua

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CPPCC discusses Scientific Concept of Development

BEIJING, 6 July — The sixth standing committee meeting of the 10th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) National Committee opened here on Monday, with theme of the Scientific Concept of Development.

The Scientific Concept of Development is of great importance to the all-round construction of the Xiaokang (relatively well-off) society as well as the reform and opening-up causes, said Jia Qinglin, chairman of the CPPCC National Committee at the meeting.

Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan made a report at the meeting, placing emphasis

on the urban and rural development, regional balanced development, social policies, culture and education, sustainable development and participation in economic globalization.

"The current Chinese economic situation is good in general, and we should focus on the adjustment of economic structure, reform of economic systems and change of ways of economic growth," Zeng acknowledged.

He called for further improvement of socialist market economy systems, enhancement of legal systems and speed-up of shifting governmental functions.

MNA/Xinhua

United Airlines to launch direct flight linking Shanghai, Chicago

SHANGHAI, 6 July — Passengers can travel directly from Shanghai to Chicago from October 31 onwards, according to sources with the carrier United Airlines.

The American company announced the decision shortly after a new Sino-US aviation cooperation agreement was reached.

Nowadays travellers have to connect flight in one of the three cities of Tokyo, San Francisco and Los Angeles when going from China to the east coast in the United States. The new Shanghai-Chicago route will cut the whole journey by five hours and reduce flight fare by one third.

According to the UA arrangement, Boeing 777 will be used to fly the daily route. Other specifics about the flight are still subject to further approval by the Chinese and American governments.

Flights connecting China and the United States have been pretty busy in recent years. The occupation rates of UA flights linking Shanghai and San Francisco exceeded 90 per cent in the past months.

The new flight is widely expected to better serve the needs of increasingly frequent travelling exchanges between the two countries, experts say. —MNA/Xinhua

Russian ship sinks off Bulgaria, two missing

SOFIA, 6 July — Two sailors from a Russian cargo ship are missing after it collided with a Georgian container ship and sank in the Black Sea off Bulgaria's north coast late on Sunday, Bulgaria's Transport Ministry said on Monday.

Rescue efforts to locate the two missing crewmen from the sunk Russian ship *Volgo-Don 5025* were continuing, the ministry said. Ten other crewmen were picked up by the other vessel, the Georgian-flagged ship *SunRays*, after the accident, it added.

"The rescued sailors are all in good condition. No one is injured," the ministry said in a statement.

"SunRays has a hole in its

bow, but is able to sail on its own and is still in the accident area," the statement said.

A team of specialists has been sent to the site of the accident — about 23 nautical miles northeast of the Bulgarian town of Shabla, to investigate the cause of the collision.

"Investigators will have to figure out what caused the accident, but the sea was not rough last night," a Bulgarian Sea Administration official told Reuters.

The 3,940-ton Russian ship was transporting about 4,000 tons of scrap metal from Russia to Turkey, while *SunRays* was on its way to the Romanian port of Constanta, the ministry said.

MNA/Reuters

The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago.

The second best time is now.

ပညာရေးနှင့် ဓနကိစ္စများကိုတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်မှု

Long nursing shifts raise error risk

WASHINGTON, 7 July — Nurses in US hospitals about 40 per cent of the time are working long shifts that raise the risk of medical mistakes such as giving the wrong medication or the wrong dose, a study released on Wednesday said.

The likelihood of a hospital nurse making a mistake was three times higher once a shift stretched past 12.5 hours, according to a study published in the journal *Health Affairs*.

The study, led by researchers at the University of Pennsylvania, tracked 393 hospital nurses and found about 40 per cent of their shifts exceeded 12.5 hours over a four-week period.

Extended nursing shifts are growing more common as hospitals struggle with a shortage of registered nurses. Working more than

40 hours per week or working unscheduled overtime also made errors more likely.

The researchers called for fewer long shifts and less overtime. "Routine use of 12-hour shifts should be curtailed, and overtime — especially that associated with 12-hour shifts — should be eliminated," they wrote.

Data on the impact of long nursing shifts have been limited, although many studies have linked sleep-deprived physicians to medical mistakes, the study's lead author said.

"There are over 50 stu-

dies of physicians' work schedules, but we have never looked at our largest group of health-care providers, which are registered nurses," Ann Rogers, the study's lead author, said in an interview.

Rogers, an associate professor at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Nursing, and colleagues reviewed logbooks from 393 registered nurses throughout the country who worked full time in hospitals. The study analyzed data from 5,317 shifts over a four-week period. The longest shift lasted 23 hours and 40

minutes.

During the 5,317 shifts, there were 199 medical errors. Most were medication errors such as administering the wrong drug or the wrong dose, or giving medication later than scheduled. The study did not assess the impact of the errors on patients.

The nurses also reported 213 near errors, cases in which the nurses caught themselves before they made a mistake.

Working overtime raised the chances of making at least one error, regardless of how long the shift was originally scheduled to last, the study said.

MNA/Reuters

Study finds early vitamin use linked to asthma

CHICAGO, 7 July — A study of more than 8,000 infants found a possible link between the use of multivitamin supplements and the risk of asthma and food allergies, researchers said on Tuesday.

The report from Children's National Medical Centre in Washington and other research centres said the reason for the apparent link was not clear. It suggested more study is required to find if the link is a factor in an increase in asthmatic and allergic disease in recent years.

The research was based on data from a government study that began following mothers and infants in 1991.

It found "an association between early infant multivitamin intake and asthma among Black infants and an association between early

infant multivitamin intake and food allergies in formula-fed infants".

It also found an increased risk of food allergies among all children given multivitamins at age 3.

The researchers said more than half of all toddlers in the United States are taking multivitamins, which are also often added to infant formula. The report said animal tests have found certain vitamins may cause cell changes that can increase the odds of an allergic response when certain antigens are encountered.

MNA/Reuters

Study finds cough drugs no better than sugar syrup

CHICAGO, 7 July — Two ingredients commonly used in cough syrup are no better than sugar water in suppressing night-time coughing in children, according to a study published on Tuesday.

The two ingredients are dextromethorphan — often listed on labels as "DM" — and diphenhydramine, an antihistamine. The former is the most common non-prescription cough suppressant on the US market, and commonly abused by adolescents who try to get high on cough medicine.

"Consumers spend billions of dollars each year on over-the-counter medications for cough," said Ian Paul, a physician and assistant professor of paediatrics at Penn State Children's Hospital.

"Our study showed that the two ingredients used in most over-the-counter medications were no better than a placebo... in providing night time relief for children with cough and sleep difficulty as a result of upper respiratory

infection," he added. Paul was the chief author of the study appearing in the July issue of *Pediatrics*, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The findings were based on 100 children aged 2 to 18 with upper respiratory infections. Their parents were quizzed about the severity of the children's cough and how well both parents and children slept the previous night.

In the evening of the day the parents were questioned the children were given either one of the commercial preparations or an inert placebo — in this case simple syrup.

"There was a significant improvement for all symptoms over the previous night, which should reassure clinicians and parents that, regardless of treatment, the natural

history of an upper respiratory infection favours resolution of symptoms with time," Paul said. In an interview, Paul said the improvement in symptoms across-the-board was due to both the natural progression of an infection easing one day to the next and the well-documented "placebo effect", where symptoms diminish because a patient believes a treatment is helping. He said the sleep of both parents and children improved but the improvement was the same in the group given sugar syrup as for the children given the drugs.

Asked what parents should do, Paul said "my advice has been to do things that are harmless but could help — saline nose drops, good hydration and humidified air". — MNA/Reuters



Mooshu, an older neighbourhood cat who has lived most of his sixteen years in the Lanikai section of Kailua, Hawaii, takes a cat nap on a skateboard belonging to his owner's children, on 5 July, 2004. — INTERNET

Forest clearing threatens mountain gorillas

JOHANNESBURG, 7 July — Africa's endangered mountain gorillas have suffered a fresh blow from illegal settlers who have cut a swathe of forest out of their Congo home, conservation group WWF International said on Monday.

There are only about 700 mountain gorillas left in the world in the lush mountains and volcanoes straddling Rwanda, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and any loss of remaining habitat can push them closer to extinction. "Over the last two months, 15 square kilometres or six miles of prime mountain gorilla habitat have been cleared by illegal settlers in Virunga National Park, a World Heritage Site," Swiss-based WWF said in a statement.

"Since April, convoys of people from Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo have destroyed large tracts of the park, home to the mountain gorilla and other endangered species, to create agricultural and pastoral land," it said.

In all of Virunga there is only about 425 square kilometres of suitable gorilla habitat and so the loss of even 15 square kilometres is huge.

"This is particularly significant since it is encroaching on an area where gorillas live. There are three family

groups in that area comprising about 50 animals," said Dr Peter J Stephenson, WWF's African Great Apes Programme coordinator. WWF said evidence of the deforestation was uncovered by the Congolese Institute for the Conservation of Nature and that most of the damage took place from early May to June. "Several thousand people moved in to the area to farm illegally in Virunga... The forest has been entirely cut down and turned into timber or charcoal," WWF said.

MNA/Reuters

German mountain climber feared dead in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 6 July — A German mountaineer in his 60s was feared dead after a fall while descending Pakistan's second highest peak, Nanga Parbat, expedition officials said on Monday.

The man was part of a six-member German expedition that set off in May to climb the 26,658-foot peak, whose name in Urdu means "Naked Mountain".

The accident happened last week ahead of the 51st anniversary of the peak's conquest by a German climber.

"He slipped when he was descending along with his colleagues," said Esar Karim,

the tour operator who organized the trip, adding that the team had successfully reached the summit.

The remaining members of the expedition returned safely, added Karim, who identified the missing man as Gunter Jung.

A German Embassy spokesman confirmed a national was feared dead, but declined to give his name. — MNA/Reuters



A piglet sleeps on a tiger at Siracha Zoo, 80 km east of the Thai capital Bangkok, on 2 July, 2004. The zoo is trying to boost visitor numbers by teaching domestic animals such as pigs, and wild animals such as tigers, to live together in harmony from an early age. — INTERNET

SPORTS

US Open champion Goosen climbs to sixth in world rankings

LONDON, 7 July—US Open champion Retief Goosen moved up one spot to sixth in the world rankings after his five-shot victory at the European Open in Ireland on Sunday.

The 35-year-old South African, who fired a four-under-par 68 at the K Club to complete back-to-back wins in successive starts, dislodged 2003 US Masters winner Mike Weir in the global pecking order.

Weir, who missed the cut at last week's Western Open on the PGA Tour, slipped to seventh.

The rest of the top 10 remained unchanged with Tiger Woods retaining his monopoly at number one for a record 256th consecutive week and 326th overall.

The 28-year-old American is five weeks short of Greg Norman's 331 weeks in top spot, the record since the official rankings were introduced. On the PGA Tour, Canada's Stephen Ames clinched his maiden title with a two-shot victory at the Western Open on Sunday and jumped 14 places to 17th in the world. — MNA/Reuters

Lazio release coach Mancini as Inter move in

ROME, 7 July—Roberto Mancini moved a step closer to becoming coach of Inter Milan on Tuesday, when Serie A rivals Lazio released him from his contract.

The 39-year-old has been widely reported as being on the brink of taking charge at Inter ever since Alberto Zaccaroni's resignation last month.

Lazio's director general, Giuseppe De Mita, announced the decision to let Mancini go at the end of a shareholders meeting on Tuesday.

"We've resolved all our outstanding issues as regards Roberto Mancini. As far as we're concerned he's released (from his contract). Now he's Inter's problem," De Mita was quoted as saying by Italian Press agency ANSA.

Mancini's agent, Giorgio De Giorgis, said he expected his client's move north could happen as early as Wednesday.

"Everything's OK between Lazio and Inter, and Lazio and Mancini," he said.

"Mancini doesn't yet have a formal agree-

ment with Inter and I don't expect his move there to be made official this evening."

The former Italy international, whose deal with Lazio was not due to expire until 2008, is considered one of the brightest young coaches in Serie A.

Having started out as assistant to Sven Goran Eriksson at Lazio, Mancini took over Fiorentina during the 2000-2001 season, leading them to the Italian Cup in his first season in charge.

He quit the following year as Fiorentina spiralled towards bankruptcy before rejoining Rome-based Lazio in August 2002.

Mancini again had to cope with serious financial problems that forced the departures of players Alessandro Nesta and Hernan Crespo, but guided the club to fourth place in Serie A and the semi-finals of the UEFA Cup in the 2002-03 season. — MNA/Reuters



Paraguay soccer players train in front the Misti volcano, at Sachaca Stadium in Arequipa, on 6 July, 2004. Paraguay will face Costa Rica on 8 July in the first round of the Group C of the Copa America 2004 tournament. — INTERNET

Sanz announces agreements with Euro 2004 trio

MADRID, 7 July—Real Madrid presidential candidate Lorenzo Sanz said on Tuesday that he had reached agreements to sign Czech Republic internationals Milan Baros and Tomas Rosicky as well as Portugal midfielder Maniche.

"We were at the final of Euro 2004 and made important agreements with three players while we were there," Sanz told a news conference at his election headquarters.

"If we win the election, Maniche and Baros will be at the disposal of Real Madrid coach Jose Antonio Camacho from next Monday. Rosicky will be available to sign for the club in a year's time."

When pressed on the exact terms of the agreements Sanz said that with regard to Porto midfielder Maniche he had approved the deal with both the player and his club.

However he said he had not yet spoken to the clubs of Liverpool forward Baros and Borussia Dortmund playmaker Rosicky.

Baros was one of the outstanding players at Euro 2004, scoring five goals as he helped the Czech Republic into the semifinals of the tournament.

Maniche also had an excellent tourna-

ment, scoring a spectacular long distance curler in his side's 2-1 win over the Netherlands in the semifinals.

Agreements such as those announced by Sanz have become regular features of presidential elections at Spanish clubs.

His defeat in the 2000 election was in large part due to Florentino Perez's promise to pay the \$56 million needed to buy Portugal midfielder Luis Figo out of his contract from arch-rivals Barcelona.

Last year Joan Laporta won the Barcelona presidential election partly on the basis of a promise to sign England captain David Beckham after reaching an agreement with his then club Manchester United.

Laporta failed to live up to his pledge, though, as Beckham refused to agree to the move and instead joined Real Madrid. Sanz is standing against Perez and businessman Arturo Baldasano in the election. — MNA/Reuters

Greek President urges Rehagel to stay on as coach

ATHENS, 7 July—Greece's President joined the chorus of voices pleading with German coach Otto Rehagel to stay on at the helm of the triumphant national team on Tuesday.

"We (Greeks) plead with him to stay in Greece," Costis Stephanopoulos said in response to media speculation that the Germans want Rehagel, affectionately known as King Otto, to return to Germany as national coach before the 2006 World Cup.

"Mr Rehagel is not a Greek, but he has become something more than a

Greek," added Stephanopoulos during a reception to honour the 2004 Euro champions.

"I won't ask him, as some journalists did, if he will stay in Greece... that's up to him. I want to tell him that if he stays in Greece he will satisfy us all. And if he leaves, we will love him, we will think of him and always respect him."

Greece's staggering success in winning Euro 2004 prompted delicious celebrations by millions of ecstatic fans across Greece and around the world.

Greece, who started the tournament as 80-1 outsiders, stunned the soccer world on Sunday by defeating hosts Portugal 1-0 in Lisbon, a feat seen by many as the country's greatest sporting achievement.

On Tuesday, Rehagel thanked the President and praised the performance of his players. "We are very proud of our team which played very well... and we are proud of our fans," he said.

Stephanopoulos presented the players and their German manager with honorary national pins usually reserved for military heroes. The team was also honoured by Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis.

The Greeks' unexpected success at the European championships has united the country and made fans out of people who had never before watched a soccer match.

MNA/Reuters



A Turkish man watches as the Olympic flame crosses from Europe to Asia by boat, centre, in Istanbul's Bosphorus, Turkey, on Tuesday, 6 July, 2004, during the Olympic torch relay. The torch is being carried by athletes through all five continents with destination Athens for the opening of the Olympic Games in August 2004. The Byzantine era monument of Hagia Sophia is seen in the background. — INTERNET

Thai brewer set to sign Everton shirt deal

BANGKOK, 7 July—A Thai brewer is set to sign a shirt sponsorship deal with English Premier League side Everton in Bangkok, a company official said on Tuesday.

Thanit Thamsukati, an adviser at Thai Beverages, producer of Thailand's best-selling Beer Chang, declined to confirm media reports the deal was worth 1.5 million pounds (2.75 million US dollars) for three years from the start of the new season in August.

"The figures came from their dreams," Thanit told Reuters. "Details of the deal will be disclosed tomorrow at the signing."

Thawatchai Satchakul, one of the negotiators of the agreement, told Reuters last month Thai Beverages would pay 900,000 US dollars per year to Everton, whose shirts were previously emblazoned with the logo of Chinese mobile phone company Kejian.

Everton would not comment on the deal on Tuesday.

Striker Wayne Rooney, if he is not sold to another club, and his team mates will be wearing the shirt with a new logo showing Beer Chang's label of two elephants facing each other with a fountain in the middle. Chang means elephant in Thai.

The firm, led by one of Thailand's richest men, Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi, also produces several top selling brands of whisky such as Mekong and Saeng Som. The company makes a profit of more than \$250 million a year.

Thanit said Beer Chang remained interested in also becoming the shirt sponsor for Everton's neighbours and rivals Liverpool, whose kit bears the logo of its rival Danish brewer Carlsberg.

MNA/Reuters

Over 36,000 police officers to watch over Copa America 2004

LIMA, 7 July—Approximately 36,500 police officers have been deployed to protect smooth running of the Copa America 2004, it was announced on Monday by the General Director of the National Police of Peru (PNP), general Felix Murazo.

According to the security plan, operational since Friday, July 3, when the participants in the event started to arrive, 16,000 police officers are to be deployed in the seven stadiums of the event and 20,000 more will guard hotels, airports and other strategic points at this capital and in the provinces of Piura, Chiclayo, Trujillo, Cusco, Arequipa and Tacna.

Murazo presented during a Press conference the logo that symbolizes the police institution "Polito, your friend the police officer", in the opening of the operation.

The Copa America will start on Tuesday and conclude on June 25, with the participation of 10 South American teams and two guests from outside the region (Mexico and Costa Rica). — MNA/Xinhua



Maria Sharapova, the 2004 women's Wimbledon champion, helps Austin Chen, 4, of Ellington, Conn., during a tennis street clinic in New Haven, Conn., on Tuesday, 6 July, 2004. Sharapova, ranked 8th in the world, has committed to play in the Pilot Pen Tennis tournament in New Haven in August. — INTERNET

MRTV-3
**8-7-2004 (Thursday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 Ancient Htoke Kan
Thein Temple
- 9:10 National News**
- 9:12 Shan Market Day
- 9:15 National News**
- 9:20 A Day in the life of the
PaO Family
- 9:25 The Golden Jubilee
Celebrations of the
Rawan Literature and
Culture Society
- 9:30 National News**
- 9:35 Ancient City, Pakhan-
gyi
- 9:40 Song "Journey To-
wards A New Golden
State"
- 9:45 National News**
- 9:50 Lifestyles along The
Ayeyawady (Manda-
lay to Pyay) (Part-4)
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**8-7-2004 (Thursday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
- 15:36 Ancient Htoke Kan
Thein Temple
- 15:40 National News**
- 15:42 Shan Market Day
- 15:45 National News**
- 15:50 A Day in the life of the
PaO Family
- 15:55 The Golden Jubilee
Celebrations of the
Rawan Literature and
Culture Society

- 16:00 National News**
- 16:05 Ancient City, Pakhan-
gyi
- 16:10 Song "Journey To-
wards A New Golden
State"
- 16:15 National News**
- 16:20 Lifestyles along The
Ayeyawady (Manda-
lay to Pyay) (Part-4)
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 16:30 National News**
- 16:35 Citrus Products of
Shwe Kyin
- 16:40 Naga Traditional Cul-
tural Showroom
- 16:45 National News**
- 16:50 Making of Traditional
Lacquerware
- 16:55 Sein-Kyaung-Nilar
Royal Group Dance
- 17:00 National News**
- 17:05 National Races Village
(Kachin, Kayah,
Kayin)
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "A Compassion-
ate Love Boat"
- 17:12 Modern Embroidery
- 17:15 National News**
- 17:20 Gold Honey, Honey
Gold
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

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

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 Pan-Say Region, Home
to Kho-Hlon-Lishows
- 19:40 National News**
- 19:42 Mythun (Counterpart
of Cattle)
- 19:45 National News**
- 19:50 Fantastic Scenic Sun-
sets of Myanmar
- 19:55 Kayin Dance (We Bu
(or) Paddy Winnowing
Dance)
- 20:00 National News**
- 20:05 Handiworks of Pride
- 20:10 Song "Moonlight
Flower"
- 20:15 National News**
- 20:20 Lifestyles along The
Ayeyawady (Manda-

- lay to Pyay) (Part-3)
- 20:25 Songs On Screen
"Heh! Little Girl"
- 20:30 National News**
- 20:35 Promoting Tourism
Through Music
- 20:40 Hninzigone, Home For
the Aged
- 20:45 National News**
- 20:50 How to Cook "The
Nga-paine Fish Curry"
- 20:55 Timing bell and
Clapper Dance
- 21:00 National News**
- 21:05 Myanmar Traditional
Snack "Dawei
Ngamoun" (Fish
Crispies)
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Missing you so
much"
- 21:12 Myanma Beauty &
Myanma Nature Photo
Contest
- 21:15 National News**
- 21:20 Baungte My Village
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 21:36 Ancient Htoke Kan
Thein Temple
- 21:40 National News**
- 21:42 Shan Market Day
- 21:45 National News**
- 21:50 A Day in the life of the
PaO Family
- 21:55 The Golden Jubilee
Celebrations of the
Rawan Literature and
Culture Society
- 22:00 National News**
- 22:05 Ancient City, Pakhan-
gyi
- 22:10 Song "Journey To-
wards A New Golden
State"
- 22:15 National News**
- 22:20 Lifestyles along The
Ayeyawady (Manda-
lay to Pyay) (Part-4)
- 22:25 Songs On Screen
"Through My Eyes"
- 22:30 National News**
- 22:35 Citrus Products of
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Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**8-7-2004 (Thursday) &
9-7-2004 (Friday)
Evening & Morning
Transmission
(23:30 - 1:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 23:36 Ancient Htoke Kan
Thein Temple
- 23:40 National News**
- 23:42 Shan Market Day
- 23:45 National News**
- 23:50 A Day in the life of the
PaO Family
- 23:55 The Golden Jubilee
Celebrations of the
Rawan Literature and
Culture Society
- 24:00 National News**
- 00:05 Ancient City, Pakhan-
gyi
- 00:10 Song "Journey To-
wards A New Golden
State"
- 00:15 National News**
- 00:20 Lifestyles along The
Ayeyawady (Manda-
lay to Pyay) (Part-4)
- 00:25 Song of Myanmar
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Sights "Mingalabar"
- 00:30 National News**
- 00:35 Citrus Products of
Shwe Kyin

**Radio
Myanmar**
**Thursday, July 8
Tune in today:**

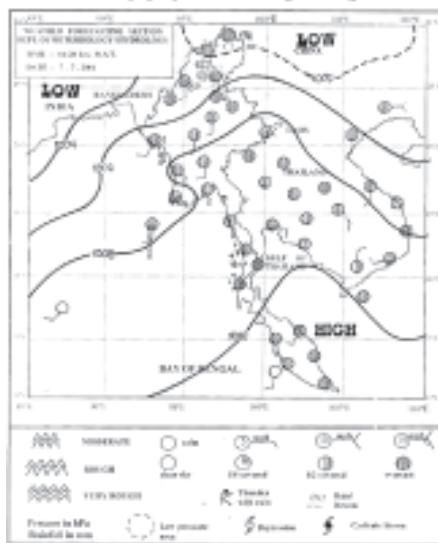
- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music: Wedgy
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music: Too late for
goodbye
- 8.50 am** National news/
Slogan
- 9.00 am** Music: My love is
real
- 9.05 am** International news
- 9.10 am** Music: Love fool
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Lunch time music
-Boys
-Beautiful
-If I let you go
-Higher than heaven
- 9.00 pm** Aspects of Myanmar
- 9.10 pm** Article
- 9.20 pm** Pourri
- 9.30 pm** Favourite songs
chosen by "Aye
Sandar"
-How do I live
-Love is strange
-Tonight's my night
-Nothing's gonna
change
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL

- 00:40 Naga Traditional Cul-
tural Showroom
- 00:45 National News**
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Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Rainfall on 7-7-2004

- 1.10 inches at Yangon Airport,
- 0.12 inch at Kaba-Aye and
- 0.20 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfall
since 1-1-2004 was 1330mm (52.36 inches) at
Yangon Airport and 1197mm (47.13 inches) at
Kaba-Aye and 1224mm (48.19 inches) at cen-
tral Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

WEATHER
Wednesday, 7 July, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Taninthayi Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin, Rakhine States, scattered in Shan, Chin, Kayin, Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (6.58) inches, Putao (4.68) inches and Myitkyina (1.85) inches.

Maximum temperature on 6-7-2004 was 31.0°C (88°F). Minimum temperature on 7-7-2004 was 22.4°C (72°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 7-7-2004 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 6-7-2004 was nil. Rainfall on 7-7-2004 was 1.10 inches at Yangon Airport, 0.12 inch at Kaba-Aye and 0.20 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1330mm (52.36 inches) at Yangon Airport and 1197mm (47.13 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1224mm (48.19 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from Northwest at 14:40 hours MST on 6-7-2004.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 8-7-2004: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin State, scattered in Chin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Weak monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-7-2004: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-7-2004: Partly cloudy.


**Thursday, July 8
View today:**

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw U
Ottamathara
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am**
5. Dance of national races
- 8:00 am**
6. အသံမြင်ပုံ
ခါနီးကား-နီနီ
- 8:10 am**
7. Dance variety
- 8:20 am**
8. နတ်သားတော်မူလှည့်တံခွန်
- 8:30 am**
9. International news
- 8:45 am**
9. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. English For Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm**
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm**
5. အဆာသင်တန်းသို့လဲ ပညာရေး
ရပ်ကွက်သို့သွားသင်ခန်းစာ
- တတိယနှစ်
(သန့်စာအုပ်ဖြင့်) (သန့်စာ)
- 5:15 pm**
6. Cute little dancers
- 5:30 pm**
7. "တစ်သံဝေ"
သတ္တိ၊ ဓမ္မသုတ္တံ၊ ဓမ္မာရုံ
ခါနီးကား-နီနီ
- 5:45 pm**
8. မြန်မာစာ ဖြန့်ချိပေးတာ

- 6:00 pm**
9. Musical programme
- 6:15 pm**
10. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သင်တန်းစုံဖြင့်
စိမ်းလန်းအေးရာမူပိုင်
- 6:30 pm**
11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းသို့
"နိုးရတယ်" (အရိုင်း-၃၇)
- 7:30 pm**
14. ရေလျှောက်သံသတိစွမ်း အထူးဆင်
- 7:40 pm**
15. "ဗုဒ္ဓ၏မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ"
- 8:00 pm**
16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. Myanmar video feature
"ရုပ်စုံရုပ်တိုက်" (အရိုင်း-၁)
ဓမ္မ၊ အိန္ဒြာဓကရုံစင်
ခါနီးကား- ဂျီနီ (အရိုင်း-၃)
20. The next day's
programme

General Thura Shwe Mann tours...

(from page 1)

First, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe reported to General Thura Shwe Mann on arrangement to upgrade the bridge. Next, General Thura Shwe Mann gave instructions on maintenance of the bridge and prevention of the erosion of the river bank. Next, General Thura Shwe Mann inspected the bridge and flow of the river. Afterwards, General Thura Shwe Mann met township level departmental officials at Machanbaw General Administration Department.

First, Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Col Aung Myo Min and Dr Mya Oo reported on tasks being undertaken for the development of Machanbaw Township.

After hearing reports, General Thura Shwe Mann attended to the needs and delivered a speech. Speaking on the occasion, he urged the officials concerned to carry out the tasks with a spirit of goodwill. He called for cooperation among the departments for the development of the region. The government has been providing assistance for regional development such as education, agriculture and livestock breeding, he said. Afterwards, General Thura Shwe Mann presented a colour TV for Machanbaw Township Basic Education High School to Township Education Officer U Kyaw Tun.

Later, they went to Machanbaw Township People's Hospital and inspected wards, operation room and store and fulfilled the requirements. Afterwards,

General Thura Shwe Mann and party proceeded to Mulashidi Suspension Bridge across Mula Creek and inspected the bridge. It is 600 ft long and 12 ft wide. General Thura Shwe Mann urged the officials concerned to make arrangements for prevention of erosion of the river bank and maintenance of the bridge.

On 3 July morning, General Thura Shwe Mann and party arrived at test cultivation of summer paddy by the Myanma Agriculture Services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. General Manager U Ohn Than of the MAS reported on thriving of test cultivation of paddy and arrangements for test cultivation of paddy strains. Next, General Thura Shwe Mann gave instructions on extended cultivation of quality strain paddy for local self-sufficiency in rice. He urged the officials concerned to disseminate the cultivation methods systematically.

Later, General Thura Shwe Mann and party visited Kaunghmulon Pagoda in Machanbaw Township, Putao District and donated cash there. They went to Sarkhundam Village Basic Education Post Primary School in Putao Township. General Thura Shwe Mann greeted the headmaster, teachers and townsenders and fulfilled the requirements for the school.

Afterwards, they arrived at Putao Township People's Hospital where Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Win and doctors welcomed them.

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General Thura Shwe Mann inspects Mulashidi suspension bridge in Putao Township.—PUPR

Delegate group of State service personnel submits proposal to Plenary Session of National Convention

YANGON, 7 July — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division at 9 am today.

Delegates of State service personnel, one of delegate groups to the National Convention, submitted their proposal paper concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in writing the State Constitution.

Present at the Plenary Session were Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the National

Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen and officials of the sub-committees, media personnel, delegates of political parties of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, National Unity Party, Union Kayin League, Union Pa-O National Organization, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent

representatives-elect, delegates of national races from Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Chin State, Mon State, Rakhine State, Shan State (South) and Shan State (North), Shan State (East), Sagaing Division, Taninthayi Division, Bago Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Yangon Division, Ayeyawady Division, delegates of peasants from Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Chin State, Mon State, Rakhine State, Shan State (South), Shan State (North), Shan State (East), Sagaing Division, Taninthayi Division, Bago Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Yangon Division, Ayeyawady Division, delegates of workers and delegates of intellectuals and intelli-

gentsia from Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Chin State, Mon State, Rakhine State, Shan State (South) and Shan State (North), Shan State (East), Sagaing Division, Taninthayi Division, Bago Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Yangon Division, Ayeyawady Division, delegates of State service personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President's Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the Multi-Party Democracy General Election Commission's Office, Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Yangon City Development Committee, Mandalay City Development Committee, ministries, individual persons of the other invited delegates and delegates of peace groups from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (East) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5 (KDA), Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Shan State (North) Special Region-7, Kachin State Special Region-1, Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayinni National Democratic Party (KNDP) Dragon Group, Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) (Splinter, Hoya), Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka Ma Sa Nya),

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The Plenary Session of National Convention continues at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township.—MNA

With hands linked firm around the National Convention.