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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

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of sympathy to India

YANGON, 15 July — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, President of the Republic of India on the loss of lives and destruction to property caused by recent monsoon flooding in the north-eastern part of India. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of sympathy to Bangladesh

YANGON, 15 July — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on the loss of lives and destruction to property caused by recent monsoon flooding in Bangladesh. — MNA

Chief of Army of Malaysian Armed Forces calls on Vice-Senior General Maung Aye

YANGON, 15 July — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received visiting Chief of Army of Malaysian Armed Forces General Dato' Seri Mohd Azumi Bin Mohamed and party at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthar at 3.30 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win.

The Malaysian General and party were accompanied by Malaysian Ambassador Dato' Cheah Sam Kip and Defence Adviser Col Hj Abbas bin Hj Mat. — MNA

*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye meets
Chief of Army of Malaysian Armed
Forces General Dato' Seri Mohd
Azumi Bin Mohamed and party at
Zeyathiri Beikman. — MNA*

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Beikman. — MNA*



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Build the nation under the correct leadership of the Government

Every region in the country is developing markedly thanks to assistance provided by the State, efforts made by service personnel and cooperation of local people and social organizations.

One can witness vividly some border towns are developing like other major cities in the country. With easy access to one region from the other, friendship among national brethren has been forged and Union Spirit consolidated.

Now, there are favourable political, economic and social conditions for the country to become a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Under these circumstances, all are to build the country with might and main.

On 6 July, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win met with members of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council, departmental personnel, local authorities, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations and townsenders.

On the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that during his inspection tour of Nawngkhio, Kyaukme, Hsipaw, Namtu, Mongyai, Tangyan, Kunlon, Namhkam, Muse, Kutkai and Hsenwi townships, he had attended to the needs of the people and that the regions in the nation will enjoy equitable development through fulfilling the requirements and upgrading the facilities.

The State Peace and Development Council's correct leadership, efforts of those in charge and respective departmental officials and active participation of the people and social organizations resulted in all-round development of the nation.

The development is due to restoration of peace and tranquillity across the nation. After assumption of the State's duties, the government gave the top priority to community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order as well as to national reconsolidation.

After peace and stability had been restored and national solidarity built, the Government placed emphasis on development projects, resulting in development the length and breadth of the nation.

So, it can be said that in a short time the Government has built firm economic, social and transport foundations necessary for respective regions all over the country.

We firmly believe that through the collective efforts of the entire national people under the leadership of the Government, a modern and developed nation will emerge in the near future.

Vietnamese delegation calls on Director-General of Myanmar Police Force

YANGON, 15 July — The visiting Vietnamese delegation led by Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Madame Nguyen Thi Hoai Thu called on Director-General of the Myanmar Police Force Secretary of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) Brig-Gen Khin Yi at the meeting hall of Myanmar Police Force head office at 10 am today.

Deputy Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win, CCDAC Joint Secretary Police Col Kham Aung and senior police officers were also present on the occasion.

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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

Talks on MWAFF held

YANGON, 15 July — Talks on Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation were held on second floor of Cooperative Trade Centre (Saya San Plaza) on Saya San Road here this morning. MWAFF Vice-President Daw Than Than Nwe gave talks. Also present were Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo and wife Daw Ni Ni Win, MWAFF Secretariat member Dr Daw Khin Mar Tun, Yangon Division Organization for WA Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay and others numbering over 500.

Similarly, talks on Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation were given at a ceremony held at the head office of Public Works on Shwedagon Pagoda Road here at 1 pm today. MWAFF Vice-President Daw Khin Khin Win gave talks. Also present were MWAFF Secretariat member Dr Daw San Shwe, Construction Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun's wife MWAFF girl-child working group Advisor Daw Myint Myint Ko, staff and others. — MNA

MWAFF counselling course concludes

YANGON, 15 July — A training course for those who will perform duties at counselling centres of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation concluded at the Social Welfare Training Institute at No 65, Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township at 3.30 pm today.

The closing ceremony was attended by MWAFF Vice-Presidents Prof Dr Daw May May Yi, Daw Than Than Nwe, Daw Khin Khin Win, General Secretary Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win, Secretariat members, Yangon Division Organization for WA Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay and others.

MWAFF Vice-President Prof Dr Daw May May Yi delivered an address and presented certificates to the trainees. A girl trainee spoke words of thanks.

The course was attended by 36 trainees from Kayin, Kayah, Mon and Rakhine States and Yangon, Ayeyawady, Tannithayi and Bago Divisions. — MNA



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at the coordination meeting. — MNA

School Textbooks Printing and Distribution Committee meets

YANGON, 15 July — A coordination meeting of School Textbooks Printing and Distribution Committee was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information on Theinbyu Road here this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of School Textbooks Printing and Distribution Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present on the occasion were member of School Textbooks Printing and Distribution Committee Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Brig-Gen Than Tun and committee members, Chairman of School Textbooks Printing Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein and sub-committee members, Chairman of School Textbooks Distribution Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min and sub-committee members and officials of departments concerned.

At the meeting, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan made a speech, saying that in accord with the guidance given by the Head of State, school textbooks have already been distributed to the students in 2004-2005 academic year and the purpose of the meeting was to print and distribute school textbooks for the next academic year of 2005-2006. In printing and distributing school textbooks, the minister urged officials to distribute

the textbooks to the students at reasonable price in 2005-2006 academic year, to produce quality textbooks by State-owned presses as many as possible, to practise thrift in printing the textbooks, to use the textbooks through relay system in order to reduce production of new textbooks.

Next, Chairman of School Textbooks Printing Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein and Chairman of School Textbooks Distribution Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min presented reports on printing and distribution of the textbooks in 2004-2005 academic year. In response to the reports of those present, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan gave supplementary reports and attended to the needs and made concluding remarks. — MNA



Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein accepts the books. — MNA

NC delegate U Aung Hkam Hti donates K 1 m to Military Hospital

YANGON, 15 July — In honour of Tatmadawmen in forward areas, national convention delegate of Shan State (South) special region-6 chairman of the Union Pa-O National Organization U Aung Hkam Hti and family donated K 1 million to Defence Services General Hospital for the hospitalized Tatmadawmen. Commandant Brig-Gen Than Sein, officials and the family of wellwisher attended the cash donation ceremony.

U Aung Hkam Hti explained why he donated cash to the hospital saying that he recovered his health thanks to the care of the leaders of the State as well as of the officials of the hospital, in his illness while he was attending the National Convention, and he would serve the State for national interest. Next, the donated cash was handed to the commandant who presented certificate of honour to the donor. — MNA

Books donated to libraries of IPRD

YANGON, 15 July — Wellwishers this morning donated books to the libraries of the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information at the IPRD here. Information Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein accepted the library books and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

A total of 3,362 books including magazines, books on general knowledge and periodicals worth K 1,805,880 were donated. The deputy minister spoke words of thanks on the occasion. It was also attended by IPRD Director General U Chit Naing, Managing Director of the News and Periodicals Enterprise Col Soe Win and officials. The wellwishers explained the purpose of the donation.

The books will be distributed to libraries of the IPRD and self-reliance libraries. — MNA

Governor of Mosul among 22 dead in fresh wave of violence in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 14 July—A suicide car bomb killed 10 people outside the Iraqi government's compound in Baghdad while a dozen others, including the governor of Mosul, died as a fresh wave of violence swept Iraq.

The Philippines government and a Saudi company meanwhile ceded to kidnappers' demands to save hostages, a day after a Bulgarian truck driver was beheaded by militants who had demanded the release of Iraqi prisoners.

Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi, who was put under a

new death threat Wednesday, the second in less than a month, called the car bombing "naked aggression against the Iraqi people."

The morning rush hour blast detonated near the heavily guarded entrance to Iraq's main government offices in the central Baghdad compound known as the Green

Zone, which also houses the US Embassy.

The attack, the bloodiest since the interim government took over from the US-led occupation in June, killed three Iraqi national guardsmen and seven civilians and injured at least 40.

Governor Ussama Kachmula of the northern city

of Mosul and two of his bodyguards were shot dead by four attackers as they traveled from Mosul to Baghdad.

"Four attackers in a car opened fire with automatic weapons on the governor's convoy, killing him and two of his bodyguards," said the governor's spokesman, Hazem Jalawi.

He said a firefight ensued in which the four attackers were killed by guards.

In the flashpoint city of Ramadi, clashes between insurgents and US Marines left five Iraqis dead and another 21 wounded, hospital and police sources said.

Witness said a convoy of around 10 US military vehicles was moving near the entrance to the city when attackers opened fire with Kalashnikov assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades.—*Internet*



An American soldier races to the scene of a car bomb explosion in Baghdad on 14 July, 2004. — *INTERNET*

"AIDS" robs 15 million children of parents

BANGKOK, 15 July — The AIDS epidemic has robbed 15 million children of one or both parents and reversed a trend toward fewer orphans driven by better health and nutrition, a UN report said on Tuesday.

With HIV infection rates rising and the incurable disease taking 10 years to kill without treatment, an estimated 18.4 million children will have lost at least one parent by 2010, according to the UNICEF report released at the 15th International AIDS Conference.

"It is a tidal wave of children who have lost one or more of their parents," Carol Bellamy, executive director of UNICEF, the United Nations children's agency, told *Reuters*.

"Fifteen million globally, close to 12 million in sub-Saharan Africa alone," she said. "It has the possibility of destabilizing societies quite dramatically."

Without the AIDS epidemic, which has already killed 20 million people worldwide and infected 38 million, the numbers of orphans would be falling because of better health care and nutrition.

AIDS has reversed the trend.

MNA/Reuters

Kuwait urged to eliminate obstacles facing transport cos

KUWAIT CITY, 15 July—An official in charge of the Group Six United Company of Kuwait urged authorities concerned to eliminate all obstacles that hinder ground transportation companies which deliver goods from Kuwait to multinational forces in Iraq, the *Kuwait News Agency* reported.

Walid Al-Bader, general manager of the company, said Tuesday that the northern area of Kuwait should be prepared for the major exportation activity to the Iraqi market and to the multinational forces there.

He said the main problem facing ground transportation companies is the scarcity of parking space, adding that trucks are not authorized to park in open areas.

The services provided in the roads in the north of Kuwait are not sufficient for the daily transportation traffic in that area he said and added that the roads, especially motorways, lack rest areas that offer full services such as fuel, maintenance, tyres change, restaurants and convenience stores.

MNA/Xinhua

Cathay Pacific sets record cargo operation in June

HONG KONG, July 15 — Cathay Pacific Airways said Tuesday that the airline carried a record 76,769 tons of cargo in June, traditionally a quiet period of the year.

The volume of cargo carried in the first six months of the year rose by more than 15 per cent over the same period last year.

Cumulative figures for the first six months of the year show steady growth. The airline carried 1.142 million passengers, up from 1.06 million carried in May.

Officials of the airline said figures were boosted by the advent of successive public holidays that encouraged leisure travellers to take long weekend breaks.

The number of passengers carried by the airline was up by more than half over the same period in 2003, which was heavily affected by SARS, and by about 8 per cent on the first half of 2002.

MNA/Xinhua

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

BAGHDAD, 14 July—As of Wednesday, 14 July, 883 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 653 died as a result of hostile action and 230 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 59 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 745 US soldiers have died — 544 as a result of hostile action and 201 of non-hostile causes. The latest deaths reported by military:

—Two US soldiers were killed and two were injured Wednesday in a vehicle accident near Tall Afar. The latest identifications reported by the military:

—Army Pfc Torrey D. Harris, 21, Chicago; died Tuesday in Tikrit of non-combat injuries; assigned to the 12th Chemical Company, Kitzingen, Germany.

Two soldiers died Sunday in a vehicle accident near Hillah; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery Brigade, Baumholder, Germany.—*Internet*

Saudi company "ready" to withdraw from Iraq to save life of kidnapped Egyptian driver

CAIRO, 14 July—A Saudi company employing an Egyptian driver held hostage by an insurgent group in Iraq said Wednesday it was prepared to leave the country to win the captive's freedom.

Faisal al-Naheet, spokesman for the unidentified Saudi company, told Al-Jazeera television his company was "ready to end its work in Iraq to fulfill the kidnappers' demand to release the Egyptian driver."

It was unclear if al-

Naheet meant the company was about to leave Iraq or was awaiting developments in the hostage's case before withdrawing.

Earlier Wednesday, Al-Jazeera reported that the Iraqi Legitimate Resistance group that kidnapped the Egyptian,

42-year-old Alsayeid Mohammed Alsayeid Aljarabawi, demanded the Saudi company leave Iraq within 72 hours. The group issued no specific threat. Al-Naheet said the kidnappers were also demanding a \$1 million ransom, but he said the company would not pay.

Aljarabawi appeared last week in a videotape released by the group and broadcast on Al-Jazeera, showing him kneeling and holding his passport in front of a group of armed militants.

The group said Aljarabawi was snatched from a fuel truck he was driving from Saudi Arabia to the US military in Iraq.

Internet

China to host 89th International Esperanto Conference

BEIJING, 15 July—The 89th International Esperanto Conference will be held here from July 24 to 31, with nearly 1,800 delegates from more than 60 countries and regions to attend, organizers said Wednesday.

This is the second time for China to host the largest

and most important meeting for Esperanto, following the 71st International Esperanto Conference in 1986, according to sources at a Press conference given by the Information Office of the State Council, China's cabinet, Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua



Filipino protesters in military uniforms march towards the Presidential Palace in Manila calling for the withdrawal of Philippine troops from Iraq and protesting against the hostage situation of a Filipino overseas workers held by Iraqi militants, in Manila on 14 July, 2004. — *INTERNET*

Stunned Bulgarians begin to question Iraq policy

SOFIA, 14 July—Stunned by the beheading of a Bulgarian truck driver by militants in Iraq, Bulgarians questioned on Wednesday their government's staunchly pro-US stance on Iraq.

"It is high time for Bulgaria to pull out of this adventure," said painter Valentin Borisov, 43. "We shouldn't have walked in there. I don't justify the cruelty (of militants), they really are terrorists. But what are we doing there?"

The government of the ex-communist country stood firm, saying it was keeping its 470 troops in Iraq and sticking to its foreign policy despite the execution of one Bulgarian hostage and the threat that still hangs over another.

"The battle to defend uni-

versal values against fanaticism requires consistency, courage and stamina," a joint statement by the president, the prime minister and parliament said.

Analysts said the killing had shocked the nation but was unlikely to bring protesters on to the streets or threaten the pro-Western government of ex-king Prime Minister Simeon Saxe-Coburg.

"Despite the fact that people are full of resentment, it was not the state that sent the two to Iraq," Kancho Stoichev, an analyst with Gallup Bulgaria said. "This is a tragedy

... but I do not think we can expect anti-war protests."

Truck drivers Georgi Lazov, 30, and Ivailo Kepov, 32, worked for a provincial Bulgarian company transporting cars to Iraq. Local media reports said a 15-day trip would earn them \$1,000, compared to average monthly salaries of \$150 at home.

Bulgaria fought a five-day diplomatic battle to save the two men, held by a militant group threatening to kill them unless US-held Iraqi prisoners were released.

Al Jazeera television said it would not air a video show-

ing the beheading because it was too gruesome. The militants said they would kill the second hostage by 2000 GMT on Wednesday if their demands were not met.

Bulgarians interviewed said they believed their government was doing its best to resolve the crisis but that the two men were victims of Bulgaria's policies abroad.

"Bulgaria must very seriously reconsider its foreign policy," said Dimitar Venkov, a 42-year-old historian. "Being so closely tied with the United States is wrong." —*Internet*

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New UN envoy to Iraq: 'exciting challenge' ahead

UNITED NATIONS, 14 July—The new UN envoy to Iraq says he's looking forward to what he calls the exciting challenge of helping Iraq make the transition to democracy.

It could also be a dangerous job. The last envoy was killed in the August bombing of U-N headquarters in Baghdad. After a second bombing in October, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan ordered all international staff out of the country.

The new envoy, Ashraf Jehangir Qazi (AHSH'-rahf je-HAHN'-geer KAH'-zee), is currently the UN ambassador from Pakistan. He says the U-N's role in Iraq is critically important. He's expected to arrive in Baghdad later this month or in early August.

Annan has had trouble filling the post. Several candidates accepted, then withdrew after their families objected.

—*Internet*

Gunmen kill senior Iraq industry official

BAGHDAD, 14 July—Unknown gunmen shot dead a director-general of Iraq's Industry Ministry as he left his Baghdad home to go shopping, a ministry spokesman said on Wednesday.

The attack occurred on Tuesday morning as Sabir Karim was leaving his home in Sadiya district to shop before heading to work.

"He was shot by gunmen using a silencer," spokesman Seif Abdel-Rahman said. "We don't have any idea who carried out the attack, it's still under investigation."

Abdel-Rahman said Karim was a manager in the auditing department of the ministry.

Assassinations have been common in Iraq in the 15 months since the overthrow of Saddam Hussein's regime.

On Monday, the head of Iraq's Olympic committee, Ahmed al-Samarrai, survived an assassination attempt in central Baghdad in which insurgents opened fire and threw hand grenades at his two-vehicle convoy.

In June, guerrillas tried to kill a senior official of the Interior Ministry with a car bomb.

In May, the head of the then Iraqi Governing Council was assassinated in a suicide car bomb attack as he drove into the Green Zone, a heavily defended compound in central Baghdad.

—*Internet*



American soldiers arrive at the scene of a car bomb explosion in Baghdad, on 14 July, 2004. — *INTERNET*

Pakistan, Italy discuss defence cooperation

ISLAMABAD, 14 July — Pakistan and Italy defence officials on Monday reviewed defence production projects between them and discussed future areas of cooperation during the Joint Committee of Pakistan and Italy on Defence Collaboration meeting in Rawalpindi, the twin city of Islamabad.

The Pakistani side was led by Air Marshal (Retd) Zahid Anis, Secretary Defence Production Division, while the Italian side was represented by General Gianni Botondi, the Secretary General of Defence and National Armaments Directorate.

Zahid Anis gave a detailed perspective of projects between Pakistan and Italy, highlighting specific areas of defence requirements of Armed Forces of Pakistan, said a statement issued by Pakistani Defence Ministry.

Zahid Anis told the de-

legation that it was essential to further enhance cooperation and interaction between the two countries. He asked General Gianni Botondi to encourage Italian defence industry to come forward and offer hi-tech equipment to Armed Forces of Pakistan. — *MNA/Xinhua*



British Army soldiers stand guard in the southern Iraq city of Basra on 14 July, 2004. — *INTERNET*

HKSAR to mark 55th founding anniversary of new China

HONG KONG, 14 July — Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) will host a series of activities to mark the 55th founding anniversary of the People's Republic of China (PRC) that falls on 1 October.

A preparing committee of the Hong Kong compatriots, which consists over 800 personnel from various walks of life in Hong Kong, was established here Tuesday to make arrangement for the celebration activities.

The preparing committee announced that a grand singing and dancing performance will be held on 2 October to celebrate the 55th founding anniversary of the new China, and two other activities will also be held to

deepen the citizens' understanding of the motherland and the Chinese nation.

A logo designing contest will be held in Hong Kong middle and primary schools, as well as in the whole community. The result of the contest will be announced at the beginning of October. The chosen logo will be used in celebration activities.

The preparing committee, headed by Henry Ying Tung Fok, Vice Chairman of the National Committee of

the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), will fund a number of sports games to be held during the National Day holiday.

Peng Qinghua, deputy director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in HKSAR said at the preparing committee's inauguration ceremony that seeking stability, development and harmony is the common aspirations of Hong Kong people. — *MNA/Xinhua*

China hopes foreign agronomists make more suggestions

BEIJING, 14 July — China hopes agronomists from the World Food Prize Foundation will offer more suggestions to China for its agricultural development, said a senior official here Tuesday.

Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu made the remark when he met with Norman Borlaug, chairman of the World Food Prize Foundation.

Hui said China is a big agriculture nation and thus it is the priority task for the government to properly handle the work related to agriculture, rural areas and farmers.

China has scored tremen-

dous achievements in agricultural development since the opening-up and reform policy was adopted in the late 1970s, Hui acknowledged. "With only 9 per cent of plowland and 5 per cent of freshwater resources, China is able to sufficiently feed its population, which accounts for 21 per cent of the world total."

He said China attaches great importance to grain

production, which should be increased by relying on the use of science and technology, energy-saving and species-optimizing.

Borlaug, a noted expert on wheat and a Nobel Laureate for his contribution to world agriculture, said he appreciates the achievements China has made in agriculture and the living standards of the people.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

Iraq intelligence report likely to embarrass Blair

LONDON, 15 July — Prime Minister Tony Blair and Britain's secret services faced fresh embarrassment over Iraq on Wednesday from a report expected to pick holes in London's case for war against Saddam Hussein.

Five days after a Senate committee lambasted US intelligence services for exaggerating the threat of Iraqi weapons, Lord Butler's report is likely to subject British spy agencies to similar tough scrutiny.

"There has been difficulty on both sides of the Atlantic regarding intelligence," said Charles Kennedy, leader of Britain's third party the Liberal Democrats, who opposed war in Iraq. "It will be fascinating

to see this report."

Crucial to Blair's political future is whether Butler blames only the intelligence-gatherers or extends his criticism to the politicians who used their information to justify war.

"There can be no doubt this inquiry will be about failure. It has now been evident for months that intelligence assessments prepared before the Iraq invasion were so wrong that no amount of political manoeuvring can

cover the credibility gap," said an assessment from the Jane's intelligence think-tank.

Butler's findings will be published at 12.30 pm (1130 GMT), with Blair due to respond to Parliament an hour later.

Like his ally US President George W Bush, Blair has seen his popularity tumble over Iraq and faces an election soon.

But despite the political toll of Iraq, most analysts

still think Blair will lead his ruling Labour Party into a general election expected for 2005, and probably win it.

Even so, Butler's findings will make him squirm and probably fuel another round of speculation over his leadership.

Media and political circles have been awash with gossip in recent weeks about the supposed rivalry between Blair and his presumed successor, Finance Minister Gordon Brown.

MNA/Reuters

Second oil tanker refuses to load at Iraq's Basra

LONDON, 15 July — A supertanker owned by a South Korean oil company has refused to load at Iraq's Basra oil terminal because of security concerns, the second Asian-owned tanker that has refused to load there this week, shipping brokers said on Wednesday.

Brokers said the SK-Corp owned supertanker the *C Champion* refused to load at the terminal and was replaced by another tanker owned by Tankers International that was willing to load there.

Earlier this week a Hong-Kong registered supertanker refused to dock at the terminal citing safety and security concerns, brokers said.

"We're hearing that the *C Champion* refused to go there because of security and threats against shipping circulating on this site," a broker said, referring to an Iraqi-based web site that allegedly carried a warning from an extreme Islamist group threatening to attack merchant ships that transport supplies for the US Armed Forces. The site has strongly denied it carried such a warning. At the weekend South Korea warned the country's shipping firms of possible attacks following threats by a militant group posted on an Iraqi-based site albasrah.net. — MNA/Reuters



An unidentified injured man arrives at a hospital following a car bomb explosion in Baghdad, Iraq, on Wednesday, 14 July, 2004.

INTERNET

Study says Gulf War veterans show fertility problems

LONDON, 14 July — Veterans of the first Gulf War are showing signs of fertility problems compared with Armed Forces colleagues who did not serve there, according to a new study published on Wednesday.

The postal survey by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine showed a slight increase in infertility and still-birth among the veterans of the 1990-91 war in Kuwait and Iraq compared to non-deployed servicemen.

"The difference is small but statistically significant," researcher Pat Doyle told Reuters. "What we have to do now is conduct further studies — particularly among soldiers returning now from Iraq."

The survey found 3.4 per cent of veterans and their partners had not conceived or had a live birth after trying for a year against 2.3 per cent of non-veterans.

It involved 24,379 veterans and 18,439

servicemen who did not serve in the first Gulf War.

The study, the first in Britain into fertility among Gulf War veterans, was published by the *British Medical Journal's* online service.

A previous study in Denmark found no differences in fertility, while one in Australia was inconclusive.

Gulf War veterans, who have complained for years of health problems since serving there, welcomed the study but agreed more research was needed.

"The study confirms that Gulf War veterans report significantly more symptoms of disease," the National Gulf Veterans and Families Association said. — MNA/Reuters

YUKOS hopes to pay tax bill in cash within days

MOSCOW, 15 July — Russian oil giant YUKOS will try to find cash to cover a 3.4-billion-US-dollar tax bill "in the next few days", a company lawyer said on Tuesday signalling a new compromise offer in its struggle for survival.

But analysts said it would be a difficult task for the company, which already has a one-billion-US-dollar loan from a group of foreign banks which has declared YUKOS in default, although they have not pressed for repayment so far. "The board meeting, which ended an hour ago, stressed that the company will

carry out all decisions confirmed by court in the nearest time," YUKOS lawyer Dmitry Gololobov told Ekho Moskvy radio.

"The company... will put all effort into accumulating cash and will try to pay off the tax debt to the maximum possible extent using cash," he added.

Tax authorities are seeking almost seven billion US dollars from YUKOS in back taxes for 2000 and 2001 and analysts say the sum could reach 10 billion US dollars after an audit for later years.

MNA/Reuters

ADB approves grants to help China vs destructive floods

MANILA, 14 July — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a 500,000-US dollar technical assistance (TA) to help China fight the destructive effects of floods by developing an integrated flood mitigation and flood management strategy.

The TA will draw up a framework for flood mitigation and floodplains management, balancing structural and nonstructural measures, the Manila-based ADB said Tuesday in a statement.

It will also recommend action plans to integrate flood mitigation and floodplains management, producing a handbook on effective flood management for policymakers and local government officials. The TA will be carried out over 12 months beginning September 2004.

In the wake of the 1998 flood, Chinese Government announced a policy that moves toward natural resource management as a long-term, holistic way of flood plain management. — MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi police foil attempt to smuggle drugs

BAGHDAD, 14 July — Iraqi police that patrolled in the city of Missan in the south of Iraq foiled an attempt to smuggle about 500 kilos of drugs, local newspaper *Al-Mu'tamar* reported on Tuesday.

"We received information about a group of smugglers trying to transfer drugs in a Mercedes, and when the car arrived at one of the Iraqi police checkpoints, the narcotics were found after an extensive search of the car," police colonel Ismael Arar Al-Majedi, chief of Missan police, was quoted as

saying.

"The drugs were packed in milk bags and covered it with animal fodder, and the policemen arrested the driver and confiscated the narcotics that were found in the car," added the police colonel.

Iraq is witnessing many operations of smuggling be-

cause of the insecurity situation and the open borders with the neighbouring countries, and the occupations forces dissolved the Iraqi Army and security forces without providing the alternative for the new Iraqi Government to preserve the security of the borders.

MNA/Xinhua

Sicily police arrest women 'bosses' in Mafia swoop

PALERMO (Sicily), 15 July — Police in Sicily have arrested 23 people suspected of Mafia crimes, including two women accused of heading the clan in the city of Trapani.

The overnight swoop around the port in the northwest of the island followed a two-year investigation, police said. They used sophisticated bugging devices to gather information.

The two women, both wives of known Mafiosi, headed a sort of "management board" that ran a network of extortion rackets, police said.

One of the women arrested is accused of being in charge of liaising with jailed Mafia bosses during prison visits, exchanging information by means of secret codes such as underlined letters on labels of bottles of water.

Interior Ministry Undersecretary Antonio d'Ali praised the police blitz, codenamed Tempest, as "another positive result" against organized crime in the Trapani region.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi woman weeps next to a seriously injured relative at the al-Kark Hospital in Baghdad on 14 July, 2004, after a car bombing at the main entrance to the heavily-fortified Baghdad compound that houses the Iraqi Government and the US Embassy. — INTERNET



Smoke rises from the site of an explosion at the entrance to the so-called 'Green Zone' in Baghdad, Iraq, on 14 July, 2004.



An Iraqi woman weeps after her house was damaged in a car bomb explosion in central Baghdad, on 14 July, 2004.



An Iraqi man is treated for injuries received when a suspected car bomb exploded near the so-called Green Zone in central Baghdad, on 14 July, 2004.



A scene of bomb blast on 14 July, 2004 near the so-called Green Zone in central Baghdad.

Images of Iraq



An Iraqi boy is treated for injuries received when a suspected car bomb exploded near the so-called Green Zone in central Baghdad, on 14 July, 2004.



Debris seen after a suspected car bomb blast near the so-called Green Zone in central Baghdad, on 14 July, 2004.



A badly burned girl arrives at a hospital following a car bomb explosion in Baghdad, Iraq, on 14 July, 2004.

To fulfil electricity needs of rural people



Kyeinkharankha hydro power station built in Myitkyina, Kachin State, is generating 25 kilowatt and supplying electricity to villages in the township.— KYEMON



Mone Creek Hydel Power Project in Sedoktara Township, Magway Division. — MNA



Hydel-power station in Mongla, Shan State (East) for rural electrification. — IPRD



Canal and intake structure of Zawgyi Hydroelectric Power Plant seen in Yaksawk Township, Shan State. — MNA



Wife of Chief of Army of Malaysian Armed Forces General Dato' Seri Mohd Azumi Bin Mohamed seen at the dinner hosted by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San at Zeyathiri Beikman.

(News on page 16)—MNA

Malaysian Chief of Army and wife arrive

YANGON, 15 July — At the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, a nine-member goodwill delegation led by Chief of Army of Malaysian Armed Forces General Dato' Seri Mohd Azumi Bin Mohamed and wife arrived here to pay a goodwill visit at 12.45 pm today.

The Malaysian delegation led by Chief of Army of Malaysian Armed Forces General Dato' Seri Mohd Azumi Bin Mohamed and wife were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lieutenant-General Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Marlar Tint, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Win Myint and wife, Maj-Gen Mya Win and Brig-Gen Kyaw Han of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, Defence Advisor Col HJ Abbas bin HJ Mat and wife from the Malaysian Embassy and officials.

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Government's endeavours and assistance result in emergence of outstanding and dynamic educated persons

Kyaunggon Village post-primary school building, BEHS multimedia classrooms opened in Htantabin

YANGON, 15 July—The opening ceremony of Kyaunggon Village post-primary school building and the multimedia classrooms of Basic Education High School in Htantabin Township, Yangon North District, took place at the schools this morning, attended by Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Also present on the occasions were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Education U Than Aung, Deputy Minister Col Aung Myo Min, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, service personnel, local authorities, school heads, members of school boards of trustees, teachers, wellwishers, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations, students and guests.

The opening of the post-primary school building in Kyaunggon Village, Htantabin Township, was held at the school at 7 am today. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister U Than Aung and wellwisher Major Saw Tun Kyaw (Retd) formally opened the building.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected the facility and cordially greeted the students, the wellwisher and officials. Next, they attended the opening of the multimedia classrooms of Htantabin BEHS. The outstanding students of the school unveiled the stone inscriptions bearing the motto "Myanma Education Goal" and the signboard "Build A Modern Developed Nation Through Education".

The inauguration of the multimedia classrooms followed. The commander, the minister and Chairperson of the School Board of Trustees Daw San Yu Tin cut the ribbon to open it. The MEC Vice-Chairman pressed the button to unveil the facility. The Secretary-1 and party looked into electronic media video room, language lab, computer aided instruction room, computer application room, electronic media audio room, reading corner, painting room and domestic science room.

Afterwards, the handing over of the post-primary school in Kyaunggon Village and the multimedia classrooms of Htantabin BEHS took place. The students presented entertainment programmes. The Secretary-1 said that the government has been putting the plans into motion systematically for all-round development in the educational sector. In this regard, he added that it has also been taking measures for ensuring enrolment of all school-going-age children in cooperation with the parents and social organizations and the drive has now covered nearly 96 per cent of the plan. So it can be said that nearly cent per cent of the school-going-age children have enjoyed the golden opportunity to attend the classes. Moreover, the middle school education is within the reach of the students who have passed primary level, he said. The opening of the multimedia teach-



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and wife welcome Chief of Army of Malaysian Armed Forces General Dato' Seri Mohd Azumi Bin Mohamed and wife at the airport. MNA

ing centres enables the students to study and learn the subjects effectively in a short time. Monthly tests and constant holding of examinations have resulted in emergence of well-educated persons. Students, parents and teachers are to make concerted efforts in order to bring about those wishing to serve the interest of others and reliable ones, he said. The government has been providing all necessary assistance for the students to enable them to pursue basic education as well as higher education in all parts of the nation, resulting in emergence of outstanding and dynamic educated persons, who are responsible for building up a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Therefore, the government will exert continuous endeavours to produce more intellectuals and intelligentsia in respective regions, he noted. The nation has enjoyed fruitful results of basic foundations in political, economic and social sectors in addition to the education area.

Now, two of the four political objectives — "Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution" and "Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution" — are being translated into reality through implementation of the State's seven-point policy programme, he said. Now, the National Convention is being held successfully as the first phase for the emergence of the State Constitution. Thus, the State, the people and the Tatmadaw are to be united for successful implementation of the State's future programmes phase by phase, he remarked.

The Secretary-1 presented a computer to the school through Headmaster U Nay Tun. The officials presented K 300,000 donated by Chairman of the MEC Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, K 100,000 by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, K 623,380 by Yangon Command Headquarters, and K 1.57 million by the Ministry of Education to the school through the Secretary-1.

Next, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs presented K 100,000 each; the Yangon Mayor, K 560,000; the parent-teacher association and the school board of trustees, K 2,763,072; Htantabin Township PDC, K 1 million; Township USDA, 150,000; Township Rice Millers' Association, K 289,000; U Soe Lwin, K 200,000; U Swami and Daw Win Win Khaing, K 150,000 each; U Htay Myint Aung, K 100,000; U Kyaw Win, K 92,200; and U Soe Win-Daw Aye Aye Nyein, K 300,000 to the commander and the deputy minister.

Secretary of the school board of trustees U Thein Yee and the headmaster reported on efforts made for opening the multimedia classrooms. The wellwisher explained the purpose of the donation and handed over the documents to Director-General of No 3 Basic Education Department U Aye Kyu. The 98-foot-long and 25-foot-high two-storey building consists of eight classrooms and it was built at a cost of K 21.8 million.

U Hla Thway-Daw Kyi Myint of Htantabin donated exercise books worth K 100,000 to Kyaunggon Village post-primary school through Headmistress Daw Naw Mya Kyin, who then thanked the donor. The Secretary-1 and party posed for a documentary photo together with officials, wellwishers and students. Then, the Secretary-1 and party looked into the progress of the region. They also inspected progress in constructing Htantabin-Yangon West University Road and buildings of the university. — MNA



New building of Kyaunggon Village post-primary School in Htantabin Township. MNA

Transport development helps improve rural and urban economic, health, education standards

Lt-Gen Ye Myint attends opening of North Yama Creek Bridge in Sagaing Division

YANGON, 15 July — The new North Yama Creek Bridge, which links Yontaw Village in Salingyi Township and Aungchantha Village in Yinnabin Township, situated on Monywa-Pale-Gangaw Road and Monywa-Salingyi-Pakokku Road, was opened with ceremony this morning.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence delivered an address and unveiled the stone inscription of the bridge.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Col Nyo Tun of North-West Command and senior military officers, local authorities, heads of departments, members of social organizations and locals totalling over 15,000.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that transport was difficult in the past in the rainy season due to the strong current of Yama Creek. Passengers had to travel from northern Sagaing Division to southern Sagaing Division and to Magway Division via Monywa. People from the regions located on the west bank of Chindwin between the Hsinbyushin Bridge and Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) had to rely on ferry boats.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, Monywa-Pakokku road has been upgraded into an all-weather facility with the participation of departments and local people. The bridge was built on self-reliant basis. It is a combination of a 697-foot wooden structure and a 250-foot Bailey bridge. Its total length is 947 feet.

The Government has built roads and bridges and a network of rural roads to facilitate the transport sector. Improvement of transport will help develop economy and further strengthen amity among national races. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe said, "Regional roads as well as roads connecting the regions should be improved for its development. Transport development will lead to economic, social and administrative development of a region."

Regional development will lead to progress of all areas of the nation. The Government has been implementing the 24-development-zone project, the five rural development

tasks and the border areas development projects for cent per cent development of the nation. Transport development will help improve the health, education and economic standards in the rural and urban areas. As the Government is always laying down and implementing programmes for the public interest, the people are now enjoying the fruits. Time and again, the Head of State has given guidance, saying that transport infrastructure is important to systematically carry out the national development programmes. In accord with the guidance, the Construction Ministry is laying down and implementing short-term and long-term plans. At the same time, motor roads, railroads, airports are being built in various parts of the nation to accelerate development undertakings. At present, there are 18,436 miles of roads in the whole nation, up 4,801 miles from 13,635 miles in 1988. In Sagaing Division alone, there are now 2,094 miles of roads, up 762 miles from 1,332 miles in 1988. Moreover, 172 over-180-foot long bridges have been built in the nation. Twelve has been opened in the division.

The construction of the bridge began on 15 January 2004 and it was completed on 27 June. It was built of the Bailey suspension section and the wooden section. The bridge is 947 feet long and it can withstand 30-ton loads. At the same time, the 7.5 miles long gravel road linking Salingyi and Yinnabin townships to be connected with Pale-Gangaw Road and Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa Road was completed. Local authorities, local people and



Lt-Gen Ye Myint formally unveils the stone inscription of North Yama Creek Bridge. — MNA

entrepreneurs participated in building roads and bridges on self-reliant basis. Hence, a total of 56,695 miles and four furlongs of roads have been built in the entire nation. Nowadays, Sagaing Division produces over 117 million baskets of paddy and it is having food surplus. So, it can be called the granary of Upper Myanmar. In the division, the government had provided assistance to agriculture, industry, education, transport and human resource development sectors. Hence, it is a division on which the State can rely. Realizing the aim and attitude of the government, all are to conscientiously make concerted efforts for achieving more progress in their regions and Sagaing Division as well as the State. North Yama Creek Bridge opened today was built with farsightedness and genuine goodwill of the government. In addition, a 15 miles long new road linking Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa Road, Monywa-Yinnabin-Pale-Gangaw Road and Monywa-Pakokku Road was also built. Basic social needs of economic, education and health of the local people lagged behind development

due to natural barrier of rivers and creeks. Local students had faced difficulties in their learning because of rivers and creeks. At present, local people can enjoy better transportation.

In conclusion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged the local people to safeguard and maintain the bridge and road section for their durability and strive for gaining more progress in their region. Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye made an address. In his address, he said that as there were no river-crossing bridges in Monywa District in the past, there were many difficulties in transportation. According to the guidance of the Head of State, the Hsinphyushin Bridge crossing Chindwin River was built in 1998 and Latkhokpin-Yagyi-Myoma-Kalewa Road was inaugurated in 2001.

Senior-General Than Shwe formally opened the Chindwin River crossing Bridge (Monywa) in 2003 and Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inaugurated Myitha Bridge (Kalewa) on 12 June this year. Therefore, the areas in the western part of Chindwin River and Chin State have gained better transportation and border

trade has also increased, he added. Because of this new road which links Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa Road, Monywa-Pale-Gangaw Road and Monywa-Salingyi-Pakokku Road and North Yama Creek Bridge, socio-economic development of the local people will be achieved, he said. Now, there are 14 bridges which are 180 feet and above long and 3,424 bridges which are less than 180 feet in the region. Moreover, construction of Ponnya Hill railroad tunnel has been completed in ChaungU-Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay rail road section. For the smooth air transportation, Monywa, Kalay, Hkamti and Homalin airports were also upgraded, he noted. Next, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein gave a speech. Similarly, a local people thanked for construction of the bridge.

Afterwards, the commander presented certificates of honour to those who participated in building the bridge and gifts to Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the deputy ministers and guests.

At the auspicious time, the commander and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint

Thein formally opened the bridge. Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveiled the stone inscription and sprinkled scented water on it. They then posed for documentary photos together with local people. Afterwards, they passed through the bridge. The bridge is 12 feet and six inches wide. Water clearance is three feet at the highest level. A part of the bridge is wooden and the others is concrete Bailey. It can withstand 30-ton loads.

Thanks to opening of the bridge, over 80,000 People of Salingyi and Yinnabin townships can travel to Monywa, Pakokku, Salingyi and Yinnabin through the bridge.

After the opening ceremony, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected the road linking Monywa-Pale-Gangaw Road and Monywa-Salingyi-Pakokku Road.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended the tree planting ceremony of Sagaing Division and planted a neem tree. The commander, deputy ministers and officials participated in the tree planting ceremony together with local people. At the ceremony, 15,000 trees were planted.

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The North Yama Creek Bridge linking Yontaw village of Yinnabin Township and Aungchantha village of Salingyi Township. — MNA

A historical milestone leading the nation to a new age — 2

Aung Moe San

As Myanmar is a member of the global family, it is changing together with the globalization process. The centralized socialist system collapsed in the world, and it also happened in Myanmar. As almost all the world nations are transforming themselves towards the market-oriented economy and democracy, so also is Myanmar. Every nation is following its own way in the globalization process. Different ways are being used by the respective nations according to their diverse social systems and different historical backgrounds. The changes in East European countries and those in the People's Republic of China are much different from one another. In transforming one system to another, the nations are facing new problems, although their old ones have died down. In this regard, leaders of the respective nations choose the least painful way in making changes. Only then, will they be able to transform their nations into modern and developed democratic ones soonest, while facing fewer problems.

At present, Myanmar is at a turning point. It is in the process of building a democratic nation after laying down the seven-point future policy programme. The unity of the entire national peoples is needed at this critical time. We cannot afford to be disunited. We must not be swayed by the words of outsiders to cause dissension among us. We should show our unity in this critical time, while all the national races are building a democratic nation in harmony and unison.

A society cannot overcome its difficulties just by enacting a law. And the risky acts cannot overcome them either. According to a law of modern political economy, there will be fewer number of new problems for a nation only if it can march on the correct way, after discovering the truth concerning the developments of the human history.

Our nation is now in the course of implementing the seven-point future policy programme of the State in accord with the law. But at this critical time, why cannot all the national forces do the job in unity? Why can't they strive for restoring national reconsolidation and unity while extending mutual tolerance and forgiveness among themselves? Why can't there be any consideration that disunity among the national races, who are the descendants of the same family living on the same land, has no benefits at all? Why can't the united efforts be made at the National Convention for the sake of the nation's own future? If we perceive the truth, we will be able to find the answers to the questions. Man should understand the two visions — the correct vision and the wrong vision. Because of ego, excessive pride and passion, man follows the wrong way.

The wrong vision is the result of one's own self-centred point of view and favoritism. One will be able to purify his mind only if one can discard his ego and prejudices through systematic and skillful practices, that will make him understand what evil or defilement is.

The entire national people of Myanmar had faced the evil consequences of internal armed conflict ignited by the organizational, personal and ideological prejudices that disintegrated national unity soon after the regaining of independence. The consequences disturbed the nation for over half a century, and it is time we took the lessons of the past and built national reconsolidation. Because, the National Convention is going to lay down basic principles for emergence of a democratic nation. The National Convention Convening Commission, the National Convention Convening Work Committee and the National Convention Convening Management Committee held their 12/2004 meeting on 18 June. At the meeting NCCC Chairman Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein said:

"The National Convention has already passed its fifth week. With the passage of time, the National Convention is gaining momentum and reaches its important point. Individually or in groups, the delegates have frankly presented their proposals concerning the basic principles on sharing of the legislative, executive and judicial powers, explained by the Work Committee Chairman. These are encouraging signs for the future new democratic nation. Of the seven points of the future policy programme, the National Convention is the initial step, and a place where basic principles are being laid down for drawing a constitution, the most basic part of the democratization process.

"As the delegates include people from all walks of life, and of various national races and of multi organizations, at the initial period, they attended the Convention with various aims, goals and desires. But as time passes by, they are presenting positive discussions and submissions with the united and sole aim — the National Convention must be successful. It is also a very encouraging sign."

In this regard, all the national forces will have to join hands at a time while changes are being made to build a democratic nation in accord with the seven-point future policy programme. Because the seven-point future policy programme is a historical milestone leading the nation to enter a new age.

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South Africa, Burkina Faso boost diplomatic, mining ties

PRETORIA, July 15 — South Africa and Burkina Faso cemented their young relationship on Tuesday, promising to trade ambassadors and cooperate to exploit mineral resources in the impoverished West African nation.

The two countries' foreign ministers signed a framework agreement to boost bilateral cooperation during a working visit to South Africa by Burkina Faso's President Blaise Compaore.

"Burkina Faso has quite huge mineral deposits and we are quite keen, along with the Burkina Faso Government, to attract investment into this area," South African President Thabo Mbeki told a joint news conference in Pretoria. "We have agreed that we will try and access the capacity that exists in this country for exploration, geosciences and so on, to really try and build up as comprehensive a base of knowledge as is possible about the deposits in Burkina Faso."

Burkina Faso, sandwiched in West Africa

between Africa's second and third biggest gold producers Ghana and Mali, has deposits of gold, zinc and manganese and at least one South African company is involved in zinc extraction there, South Africa's Foreign Ministry said. Mbeki said Compaore would meet potential investors from South Africa's mining sector during his trip. Compaore was to meet officials from Randgold Resources before returning home. Mbeki said he and Compaore had agreed to post permanent ambassadors in each other's countries to strengthen diplomatic ties only established over the past two years. At present Burkina Faso's ambassador in Ethiopia is also accredited to South Africa, while Pretoria's envoy to Ivory Coast also serves Burkina Faso's capital Ouagadougou.

In a further boost to relations with West Africa, Mbeki said he would attend a special summit in Ghana on July 29 to try to resolve an impasse in Ivory Coast's peace process designed to end a civil war that began in 2002.

The war officially ended last year but Ivory Coast, the world's top cocoa producer and among the biggest economies in sub-Saharan Africa, is still effectively divided in two between the government in the south and rebels in the north, with French and regional troops patrolling a no man's land in between. To the north, Burkina Faso has accused Ivorian planes of violating its airspace. Ouagadougou has a fraught relationship with the government of Ivory Coast, where millions of Burkinabe citizens live as economic migrants. *MNA/Reuters*

Spain seizes 4.5 tons of cocaine off south coast

MADRID, July 15 — Spain said on Tuesday it had seized around 4.5 tons of cocaine from a fishing boat off its southern coast in a joint operation with Greek authorities.

Five Greek crew members and one Italian were arrested on the vessel *Africa*, which Customs officials boarded some 100 miles southwest of Cadiz late on Monday.

Customs authorities in Spain — which lies on trafficking routes to Europe from both South America and North Africa — have captured more than 170 tons of drugs so far this year.

MNA/Reuters

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

Heat wave hits Cyprus

NICOSIA, July 15 — The island of Cyprus is currently experiencing the first heat wave of 2004 and the temperature is expected to reach up to 44 degrees Celsius on Wednesday, the local Press reported.

The scorching heat wave, which reached 42 degrees Celsius on Tuesday, settled over Cyprus three days ago.

The director of the weather services, Kyriacos Theofilou, said the temperatures have reached a record level in 100 years.

Meanwhile, doctors warned the heat wave could cause health problems across the island. Teams of doctors from the casualty department at Nicosia

General Hospital are on the alert and ready to tackle any health problems faced by the public due to the unbearable heat.

They also advised people to take precautionary measures against the high temperatures.

Nicosia became a ghost town this weekend as thousands of people flocked around beaches and swimming pools to escape the unbearable heat.

MNA/Xinhua

Russian border guards seize 118 kilos of heroin

Moscow, July 15 — Russian guards patrolling Tajikistan's border with Afghanistan have seized more than 118 kilos of heroin, *Interfax* news agency reported Tuesday.

The news agency quoted the border guards' Press service as saying that the drugs were found in three sacks left by five men on Monday who attempted to illegally cross into Tajikistan from Afghanistan.

The trespassers managed to escape when border

guards tried to detain them, but left the sacks on the spot, the Press service said.

In the first half of this year, Russian border guards have confiscated over one ton of drugs, including about 550 kilos of heroin, on the Tajik-Afghan border.

MNA/Xinhua

Regional development measures inspected Sagaing Division

YANGON, 15 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, together with Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, departmental officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and the ministries, flew to Kalay, Sagaing Division, on 13 July morning.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye and Col Nyi Tun of Kalay Station, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party attended the opening ceremony of main building-A and operation theatre at Kalay People's Hospital (200 bed).

At the ceremony, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo formally opened the buildings. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint opened the stone inscription of the buildings. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected the operation apparatus being set up in operation rooms No-1, 2 and 3 on the first floor of the Hospital as well as the Theatre Septic and operation patient room. He also inspected the Delivery room on the ground floor.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended the cash donation ceremony for operation theatre building and Sangha hospital. Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo and Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour. The ceremony ended after Dr Tin Tun explained history of the hospital. Today's donation totalled up to K 26.5 million. After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected the intensive care unit and treatment of patients as well as installation of equipment and gave necessary instructions.



Minister for Labour U Tin Winn and wife being welcomed by Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam to Myanmar Pehin Dato Haji Hussin Bin Haji Sulaiman at a reception held to mark the 58th Birthday of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Petruan of Brunei Darussalam on 15 July 2004 evening. — MNA



Myanmar Youth Association member Professor Daw Win Win Kyi speaks on the donation of books. — MNA

Books donated to various ministries

YANGON, 15 July — Wellwishers donated various topics of books to be used in education promotion programme of the State to the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Science & Technology, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Transport, at the Tatmadaw Guest House on Inya Road this morning.

On behalf of the wellwishers, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win handed over donations. Col Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence introduced representatives of respective ministries to visiting member of Myanmar Youth Association Professor Daw Win Win Kyi.

Prof Daw Win Win Kyi explained the purpose of the donations and cooperation of NGOs from the US in the Myanmar education sector. On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General



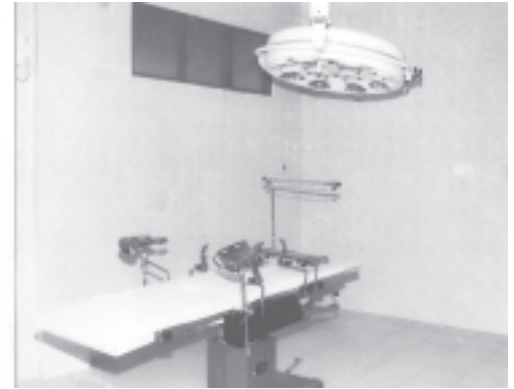
Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party view round the newly opened operation theatre of the Kalay People's Hospital. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander and party then arrived at outpatient department and inspected the laboratory, the blood bank, the theatre, the dental clinic and anti-TB department. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected the installation of equipment in the X-Ray room and Ultrasound room and gave necessary instructions. They also inspected the Ubok Creek crossing bailey bridge constructed by Public Works and the 6-room two-storey building for nurses, the 4-room two-storey building for doctors and the Sangha ward donated by the people.

After viewing the situation of the bridges and roads along Kalay-Kyigone-Indaine-Sakangyi-Kanlay road they proceeded to Kantharya village of Kangyi village tract, Kalay township, at 10.30 am. On hand to meet them were Col Zaw Win of Kyigone Station, Col Htay Win of Kalay Station, local people and townsenders.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party attended the merit-sharing ceremony for Sasana Waiponla (Aye Pa Say) building constructed with the donation of Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and wife Daw Wai Wai Khaing and family in the compound of Kanthaya Village monastery in Kangyi Village-tract, Kalay Township. Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander and wife, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo and military officers offered alms to the Sayadaw.

The cash donations presentation for building of Yayhsangyun Buddha Image and Gantakutitaik of Kantha Village monastery followed. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and wife Daw Tin Lin Myint and family presented K 300,000; Sagaing Division PDC, K 300,000; the commander, officers and other ranks of North-West Command, K 200,000; Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and family, K 100,000; Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye-Daw Wai Wai Khaing and family, K 100,000; and Kalay Station Commander Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye-Daw Hta Ei Hlaing and family, K 50,000 to Kalay District PDC Vice-Chairman Lt-Col Aung Moe Myint. Lt-Col Aung Moe



Myint presented K 500,000 donated by departments in the districts and townships to Deputy Commissioner U Ngwe Tun Oo. Member of Sagaing Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha Sayadaw Bhaddanta Agga Sara delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained. After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander and party paid homage to Yayhsankyunmyat (Hindu temple), where the Buddha image is to be built.

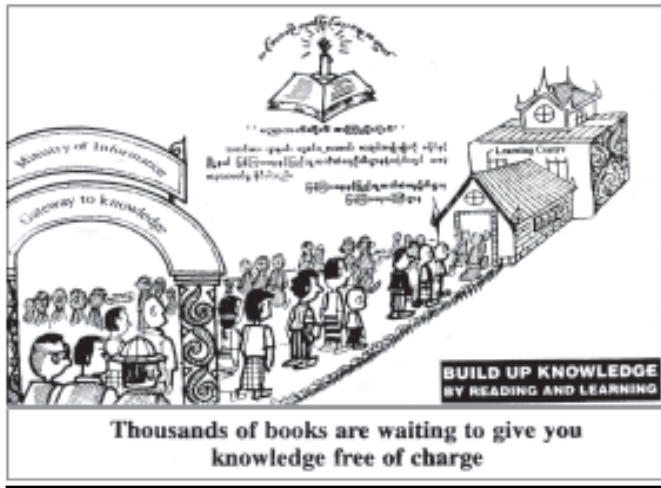
In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Ye Myint held a meeting with departmental personnel and members of social organizations at Khampak in Tamu Township. Officials reported on location of respective departments, education and health sectors and requirements. The commander and responsible persons gave supplementary reports. Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended to the needs, saying that Khampak has enjoyed smooth transport as it is located on Tamu Road. The government has been implementing border areas development project, the 24 development regions project and the five rural development tasks for ensuring equitable development of all regions of the nation and now the drive is in full swing, he said. Being located in a strategic area, Khampak has been formed with more officials in charge from respective ministries with the aim of speeding up tasks thoroughly for rapid development. Hence, service personnel assigned duties in the region are to take responsibilities for regional development. Strengths and weaknesses are to be reviewed in carrying out development undertakings with the assistance and under supervision of district and township level officials, he said.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented a computer set and Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, 40 dozens of exercise books to the BEHS through the principal. Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander and party comforted the patients in Khampak People's Hospital and looked into operation theatre and X-ray room and gave instructions on realization of the projects in line with the objectives of the ministry and making trips right down to the grassroots level. They also inspected computer room and language lab of Khampak BEHS. Lt-Gen Ye Myint fulfilled the requirements and presented K 300,000 for sinking a tube-well and building of a water tank.

At the meeting with officers and other ranks and their families in Kyikon Station, Lt-Gen Ye Myint elaborated on acceleration of agriculture and livestock breeding tasks for raising their income and taking production measures on a manageable scale. They arrived back at Kalay in the evening. Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, who accompanied Lt-Gen Ye Myint, accompanied by Director of the Health Department Dr Tin Min, attended to the requirements of Khampak People's Hospital. He also saw over Tamu People's Hospital and gave instructions and fulfilled the needs. Director of the Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department U Kyaw Hsan, who also accompanied Lt-Gen Ye Myint, attended to the requirements for progress of Tamu. Chief Engineer of the Ministry of Construction U Kyaw Lwin, who also accompanied Lt-Gen Ye Myint, inspected repairing of the bridge between Khampak and Tamu and fulfilled the requirements. He also looked into conditions of the bridges and road sections along Kalay-Tamu Road. — MNA

Heroin seized in Ye Township, further action being taken

YANGON, 15 July — A combined team led by Mon State Police Force investigated the case that a trawler was sunk in Ye Township, Mon State on 9 July 2004. They could expose that heroin on board the trawler was hidden in a village and they seized it. The weight of the heroin is being checked. The authorities continue to investigate to extract further information. — MNA



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Decaf coffee find percolates into international spat

LONDON, 14 July — The discovery of a coffee plant with naturally low caffeine and high sales potential to coffee lovers around the world has sparked an international tug of war over its ownership, legal and agricultural experts said.

In an industry which the International Coffee Organization (ICO) estimated in 2002 generated some 70 billion US dollars in global retail sales, the stakes are high as Brazil and Ethiopia spar over the ownership of the plant found growing in Ethiopian forests by a Brazilian scientist.

International conventions regulating the ownership of indigenous plants seem to favour Ethiopia, one expert said, but the plant samples were collected before the rules came into force.

"The Convention is not retroactive, so the Brazilian may not be bound by it," the legal source said late on Monday. Paulo Mazzafera of the Universidade Estadual de Campinas in Brazil announced his discovery of the first naturally decaffeinated arabica plant in the prestigious science journal *Nature* last month.

Ethiopian officials reacted angrily, saying they had not been consulted and urging Mazzafera to explain under what conditions he was able to take 6,000 coffee specimens from Ethiopia in the 1980s.

Ethiopia is hoping for a mutually agreeable solution. "We feel that it is possible for us to come up with a 'win-win' solution that would benefit both Ethiopia and Brazil," Ethiopian Prime

Minister Meles Zenawi told *Reuters* in Addis Ababa earlier this month.

A spokesman for the ICO, the largest inter-governmental group representing producing and consuming countries, declined comment.

Mazzafera was not immediately available but experts say his find could have a significant impact on the world coffee market.

"Naturally occurring decaffeinated coffee, rather than something occurring through a chemical process, could provide an important boost to coffee consumption," David Hallam, chief of the tropical and horticultural products service of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), told *Reuters* from FAO's Rome headquarters.

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188 countries discuss phase-out of ozone-depleting substances

GENEVA, 14 July — Representatives of the 188 member governments of the Montreal Protocol on Substances That Deplete the Ozone Layer met here Tuesday to adopt recommendations on how to advance the global campaign to save the stratospheric ozone layer.

The meeting will run through until Friday, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) said in a Press release.

The most high-profile issue on the agenda involves

requests by developed countries for "critical use exemptions" that would permit them to use the ozone-depleting pesticide methyl bromide beyond the end-2004 deadline for specific applications that have been approved by the Protocol.

The Montreal Protocol, signed in 1987, allows governments to apply for exemptions from the ban on using controlled substances when there are no technically or economically feasible alternatives or for health

or safety reasons.

It was widely noted that governments and the private sector will have to work much harder to speed up the development and spread of ozone-friendly replacements, said UNEP.

Also to be discussed at the meeting are requests for exemptions to the chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) phaseout in order to supply the metered dose inhalers used by asthmatics.

Other issues on the agenda this week include incentives for making the transition to CFC-free refrigeration equipment in developing countries, and the use and emissions of n-propyl bromide, a newly marketed ozone-depleting substance that is not covered by the Protocol.

Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 19th July (Monday) Martyr's Day 2004, being public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

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NASA delayed for a fourth time the launch of the *Aura* satellite, shown here on 12 July atop a Boeing Delta II rocket awaiting launch at the Vandenberg Air Force Base.— INTERNET

US biotech Panacos unveils new kind of "AIDS" drug

BANGKOK, 15 July — A new kind of AIDS drug, which interrupts the last of the six stages in the life-cycle of HIV, has cleared the initial hurdle of clinical development, its developer said on Wednesday.

Privately held US biotech firm Panacos Pharmaceuticals told scientists at the 15th International AIDS Conference the oral maturation inhibitor was well tolerated at various doses in a Phase I study and reached required levels in patients' blood.

The company now plans to start intermediate Phase II studies, which will look at exactly how well the

drug fights the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes AIDS. Panacos believes it will be suitable for taking as a once-daily pill.

"If all goes well, we would hopefully be able to file for regulatory approval sometime early in 2007," Dr Carl Wild, Panacos' Chief Science Officer, told *Reuters*.

The product, known by the codename PA-457, is one of a number of new anti-AIDS drugs researchers announced at the Bangkok meeting and which may offer a lifeline for patients who have developed resistance to existing treatments.

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Experts say keep "Hubble" repair options open

WASHINGTON, 14 July— NASA should not rule out sending a shuttle to fix the aging *Hubble Space Telescope*, an expert panel told the space agency on Tuesday, six months after a planned repair mission was dismissed as too risky.

"NASA should take no actions that would preclude a space shuttle servicing mission to the Hubble Space Telescope," the panel's chairman, Louis Lanzerotti, wrote in a letter to NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe.

O'Keefe had asked a panel of the National Academy of Sciences, which included experts within and outside of the space agency, to assess options for extending *Hubble's* life.

If its steady gyroscopes and aging batteries are not replaced, the orbiting telescope is expected to lose its ability to support scientific investigations by 2007 or 2008.

Beyond these repairs, *Hubble* was due to get a new wide-field camera and a new spectrograph that the expert panel estimates would vastly improve

its ability to view cosmic objects in our solar system and learn more about the birth and death of stars.

O'Keefe said in January a shuttle servicing mission to *Hubble* set for 2005 or 2006 would not fly. He cited safety recommendations of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board, which probed the in-flight disintegration of the shuttle *Columbia* in 2003, which killed the seven astronauts.

After intense public outcry, O'Keefe said a robotic repair mission was possible, and NASA has been studying that option. The agency is also considering a robotic mission to safely bring *Hubble* down out of orbit at the end of its useful life.

But the expert panel found current proposals for a robotic mission to

Hubble had "inherent uncertainties", and noted the *Columbia* accident report did not specifically ban sending shuttle astronauts to fix the telescope, as they have four times in the past.

The panel members recommended vigorous pursuit of the robotic option, while keeping the shuttle option open.

They also urged that NASA work closely with the US Air Force and the Pentagon's Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency, where robotic missions are also being developed.

Hubble is one of NASA's most popular instruments, but Lanzerotti said there were skeptics on the panel who initially questioned whether a repair to the 14-year-old craft was worthwhile.

MNA/Reuters

Study says kids face more problems after beating cancer

WASHINGTON, 14 July—Two-thirds of children who survive cancer go on to face higher risks of another cancer, heart disease, or other health problems as they grow up, US researchers reported on Wednesday.

They need to take special care of their health, watching their weight, eating especially healthily, exercising as much as possible and getting screened for cancer and heart disease, the researchers said.

The report, published in the July-August issue of *CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians*, finds the problems affect up to 250,000 Americans because so many people now survive childhood cancer.

Last month, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 79 per cent of children under the age of 15 with cancer now live five years or more. That compares to 56 per cent in the mid-1970s.

"People are ready to close the door on cancer and forget they ever had it; yet, it affects their health for the rest of their life," said Dr Kevin Oeffinger of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Cen-

tre at Dallas.

Oeffinger and Dr Melissa Hudson of St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, looked at all the studies they could find on the later health effects of childhood cancer for their report.

They found the children risk secondary cancers, heart disease, infertility, early menopause, neurocognitive defects, depression, anxiety and moderate to extreme physical pain.—MNA/Reuters

Guangzhou's cyber cafes refuses entry of minors

GUANGZHOU, 14 July— Ten network companies in Guangzhou, capital of Guangdong Province in south China, jointly proposed Tuesday that local cyber cafes should join hands to deny the entry of minors.

The ten network companies, including Guangdong Xingmeng Network Co., Ltd. and China Unicom's Guangzhou branch, made the call at a meeting on exchanging and popularizing the experience of local cyber cafes in prohibiting juveniles from entering.— MNA/Xinhua

Sharon Stone to return for "Basic Instinct" sequel

LOS ANGELES, 14 July— Hollywood actress Sharon Stone, out of public sight for a long time, is set to return to the big screen to star in a sequel to her classic thriller "Basic Instinct", according to TV reports Tuesday.

Stone told the "Access Hollywood" TV that she is now on track after a protracted legal dispute that was eventually dropped.

Stone, 46, said that the development on "Basic Instinct 2" was in the early stages, and the production schedule was not set yet.

"We are putting it together now," she said.

The original 1992 film made a household name of Stone, who starred opposite Hollywood star Michael Douglas as novelist and key murder suspect Catherine Tramell. Douglas cast as a troubled cop who falls prey

to the sexual wiles of the suspect in a gruesome murder investigation.

Stone also denied the film had been delayed by her purported list of demands. "Well funny enough, we are making the movie now, and nothing has changed, so there you are," she said.— MNA/Xinhua

US plans rigorous English test for immigrants

WASHINGTON, 14 July— The US Government plans to introduce by late 2006 more rigorous testing in English language, US history and civics for immigrants hoping to become citizens, the programme director said on Tuesday.

Gerri Ratliff, director for the naturalization redesign project at US Citizen and Immigration Services, told a Press briefing that current tests for prospective new citizens varied widely from office to office.

"We want a test that is more meaningful, reliable and fair, focusing on concepts that will ensure that applicants will be able to function as new citizens," she said at the briefing organized by the Centre for Immigration Studies, a think-tank that argues for a slowing of immigration to the United States.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese language education attracts more overseas students

BEIJING, 14 July—The number of overseas Chinese and students from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan studying the Chinese language has surged in recent years. More domestic colleges have begun to target the growing group.

For example, at prestigious Jinan University in southern China's Guangdong Province, The number of overseas Chinese, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan students majoring in Chinese at Jinan University

has jumped from 3,568 in 1999 to 7,772 this year.

Jinan University has devoted great efforts and investment to forming a professional work committee to map out the general planning for its Chinese language

education. The university has trained additional teachers and the textbook for the foreign students, which has been issued about 4 million volumes in more than 40 countries and regions.

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A model presents a creation by Indonesian fashion designer Didi Budiardjo during Hong Kong Fashion Week for Spring/Summer 2005, in Hong Kong on 13 July, 2004.— INTERNET

SPORTS

Portsmouth sign LuaLua and Unsworth

LONDON, 14 July — Portsmouth have completed the signings of striker Lomana LuaLua and defender David Unsworth after the pair passed medical examinations on Monday, the Premier League club said.

LuaLua spent the last four months of last season on loan at Portsmouth from Newcastle United and the 23-year-old Democratic Republic of Congo international was a big hit with the fans.

"He is an exciting player with terrific pace, strength and skill," Portsmouth manager Harry Redknapp told Sky Sports News after signing the striker for an undisclosed fee on a three-year deal.

"The crowd loves him and I'm pleased to have him back."

Unsworth, 30, joined on a free transfer from Everton. Redknapp previously signed the centre back when he was manager of West Ham United.

"I will always be a big Evertonian, I had 12 great years there but its time to move on and I have a great relationship with Harry," said Unsworth.

MNA/Reuters

Bergkamp ready for final assault on Europe with Arsenal

LONDON, 14 July — Dennis Bergkamp has won countless domestic honours in his nine years at Arsenal but in what is likely to be his farewell season, the Dutch striker has his eyes on European glory.

Bergkamp, who turned 35 in May, was handed a one-year contract extension at the end of Arsenal's record-breaking 2003-04 season and now hopes he can contribute to an assault on the club game's biggest prize, the Champions League.

"I feel we are getting better in that we are getting more experience in it," said Bergkamp, who arrived at Arsenal a year after their last European success, the 1994 Cup Winners' Cup.

"I feel you need a little bit

of luck as well and if you look at the two games we played against Chelsea last year, normally we would have done better against them and then you go through to the semi-finals and who knows what happens then?"

"We are playing well enough, we just need a little bit of luck as well I think."

Premier League champions Arsenal lost to their London rivals in the Champions League quarter-finals last season, continuing a poor run in a tournament in which they

have never reached the last four.

Bergkamp's involvement in the European campaign is likely to be limited not only by his fear of flying but by the other strikers in the squad, where Thierry Henry and Jose Antonio Reyes are the established front two.

The laid-back Dutchman says, however, that he will be doing all he can to force his way into manager Arsene Wenger's plans for the season and that he still has the hunger for the game. "My aim is to play as many games as possible and to go out and be one of the 11 players again," said Bergkamp, who was speaking at the British Formula One Grand Prix at Silverstone on Sunday.

"I know I can still do it. There are a lot of young players coming through and trying to get that position, but I just want to hold on. I just love football. I want to do it every day. As long as I have that hunger then I will be okay."

Bergkamp played 38 games, nine as a substitute, in all competitions for Arsenal last season, playing an important role in their remarkable 38-game unbeaten Premier League season.

MNA/Reuters



San Jose Earthquakes' Landon Donovan (news) (10) and Brian Ching, rear, try to steal the ball from Portland Timbers' Lee Morrison (24) while Timbers' Shawn Saunders tries to help Morrison out, during the first half of a US Open Cup match on Wednesday, 14 July, 2004, in Portland. — INTERNET

Real Madrid still on look-out for new 'galactico'

MADRID, 14 July — Real Madrid chief Florentino Perez says that after his landslide victory in Sunday's presidential election he is now aiming to recruit one of the world's top players to join the club before next season.

"This business works by winning trophies and by signing a 'galactico' each season," Perez was quoted as saying by Spanish sports daily AS on Tuesday. "I am going to continue the policy of bringing one in every year."

"The result of the election obliges me to do this more than ever. We have to construct a competitive team."

The Spanish sporting media have reported that England striker Wayne Rooney, Dutch centre forward Ruud van Nistelrooy, Italy's Francesco Totti and French

internationals Patrick Vieira and Thierry Henry are all on Real's target list.

Perez, who won over 90 per cent of the votes of club members in Sunday's election, declined to reveal the names of the potential new recruits but said that he was not put off by clubs who said their players were not up for transfer. "There are no players that are not for sale," he said. "The only problem is the money."

Real have made just one signing since they ended last season without a major trophy

for the first time in five years, buying Argentine centre back Walter Samuel from AS Roma for 25 million euros.

The club has also been negotiating with Porto with a view to signing central defender Ricardo Carvalho and midfielder Costinha and they have been in talks with Real Sociedad over Spanish international Xabi Alonso.

Perez was scheduled to meet coach Jose Antonio Camacho on Tuesday to discuss the players they would like to recruit before the start of next season. — MNA/Reuters

Van Basten tipped to become Netherlands' coach

AMSTERDAM, 14 July — Former internationals Marco van Basten and John van't Schip are being tipped to become the new Netherlands coach and assistant.

Dutch newspaper Algemeen Dagblad said on Tuesday that Netherlands soccer great Johan Cruyff proposed the duo to the Dutch soccer association (KNVB) at a meeting in Barcelona where former Ajax Amsterdam player and Barca coach Cruyff lives.

Cruyff, the inspiration behind the great Dutch side of the 1970s, is still revered nationally and has a big influence with the KNVB.

A KNVB spokesman confirmed that KNVB manager Henk Kessler and a member of the KNVB supervisory commission met Cruyff in Barcelona on Monday but did not confirm the names of any potential coaches.

"It is clear that, with a friendly against Sweden on August 18, the decision on the new coach needs to be taken in the short term," the KNVB spokesman said.

Van Basten and Van't Schip are currently in charge of the Ajax reserve team.

Former Netherlands coach Dick Advocaat stepped down on July 6 after public criticism of his performance during Euro 2004 in Portugal where the Dutch made it to the semi-finals before losing to the hosts.

Algemeen Dagblad said Van Basten had told his friends that he was very enthusiastic about the possibility of becoming national coach.

Now 39, Van Basten played for Ajax and AC Milan before persistent ankle problems forced him to quit in 1995. He was a member of the Dutch team that won the 1988 European Championship, scoring with a memorable volley in the final against the Soviet Union.

Van't Schip played for Ajax, Italian club Genoa and the national side as a midfielder. — MNA/Reuters



Chilean Ismael Fuentes (L) tries to stop Costa Rica's Junior Diaz during the second half of their Copa America match in Tacna, Peru, on 14 July, 2004. Costa Rica won 2-1. — INTERNET

Piterman takes control of Alaves

MADRID, 14 July — Ukrainian-born American businessman Dmitry Piterman announced on Monday that he had bought a majority shareholding in Spanish Second Division club Alaves.

Piterman, who was president of Primera Liga side Racing Santander for six months last year, bought 51 per cent of the club's shares from Alaves president Gonzalo Anton who has been in control of the Basque side for 15 years.

Anton decided to sell the majority of his holding to Piterman after an attempt to offer shares to the club's fans failed to arouse sufficient interest.

Piterman, a former track

and field athlete, is expected to take over the presidency of the club and bring in coach Chuchi Cos, who worked with him at Racing.

The 41-year-old businessman hit the headlines at the start of last year when he bought a 24.6 per cent stake in Racing, taking a hands-on role by running training sessions and sitting in the dug-out during matches.

He was forced to relinquish his position in July last year after being outma-

neuvred by the club's other leading shareholder Santiago Diaz, but has made no secret of his desire to renew his involvement in the sport.

Alaves, who reached the final of the UEFA Cup in a fairytale debut European campaign in 2001, were relegated at the end of the 2002-2003 campaign and narrowly missed out on a return to the top flight last season.

MNA/Reuters

Two riders excluded over doping case

LIMOGES (France), 14 July — Italy's Stefano Casagrande and Slovenia's Martin Hvastija were kicked off the Tour de France on Monday after doping allegations were made aware to Tour organizers.

"We received a letter from financial investigators from the (Italian) city of Padova advising us that the two riders are under investigation on doping grounds," Tour director Jean-Marie Leblanc told a news conference.

"We have told their team directors that they were no longer welcome on the Tour de France."

Casagrande, 31, who rides for Italian team Saeco, and Alessio rider Hvastija, 34, are both involved in an investigation surrounding an Italian doctor, Enrico Lazzero, which climaxed with police raids on the Giro d'Italia in 2001.

Leblanc said Tour organizers had sent faxes to Padova officials and the prosecutor's office in San Remo requesting information about the riders involved in the case. — NA/Reuters



Brazil's Luis Fabiano (R) challenges Paraguay's Fredy Bareiro during the second half of their first round Copa America match in Arequipa, Peru, on 14 July, 2004. Paraguay won the match 2-1. — INTERNET



16-7-2004 (Friday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)

9:00	Signature Tune Greeting
9:02	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights “Myanma Pano- rama & Myanma Sen- timent”
9:06	Lucky Bamboo
9:10	Headline News
9:12	Enjoy our Shan Food
9:15	National News
9:20	Melodious Myanmar Harp
9:25	Myanmar National Races Cultural Dances (U Shwe Yoe & Daw Moe)
9:30	National News
9:35	Traditional Weaving Art
9:40	Song “Land of Beauty”
9:42	Mingun Bell
9:45	National News
9:50	Let’s have fun watch- ing Chinlone Games
9:58	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights “Come and See Myanmar”

16-7-2004 (Friday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)

15:30	Signature Tune Greeting
15:32	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights “Mingalabar”
15:36	Lucky Bamboo
15:40	Headline News



Friday, July 16
View today:

- 7:00 am
1. မောက္ခဇနီ မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်
တရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံယောဇဉ်
ယာကအဖွဲ့ အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊
အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာရဋ္ဌဂ္ဂ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာ
မဟာသန္ဓေ၊ ဓမ္မာဘိက၊တိပိဋကဓမ္မ၊
ဓမ္မဘာဠာဂါရီတ ခရုဆေးဘိက္ခုနီ
မိတ္တိသရဉ်သီလ၊ ပရိဘာရဆရာတော်
- 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. ရိုးရာဓားလတ်ကစားစဉ်း
- 8:00 am
6. The mirror images of the
musical oldies
- 8:10 am
7. အတိတ်နှင့်

15:42 Enjoy our Shan Food
15:45 National News
 15:50 Melodious Myanmar
 Harp
 15:55 Myanmar National
 Races Cultural Dances
 (U Shwe Yoe & Daw
 Moe)

16:00 National News

16:05	Traditional Weaving Art
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16:15	National News
16:20	Let’s have fun watching Chinlone Games
16:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights “Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment”
16:30	National News
16:35	Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake (Part-I)
16:40	Excursion in Yangon River
16:45	National News
16:50	Myanmar Marine Products For All Nations
16:55	Long Drum Folk Song & Dance
17:00	National News
17:05	Myanmar’s Pride & Glory
17:10	Myanmar Modern Song “A Way for Lovers”
17:12	Greening of the Hills and Ranges, in order to achieve climate change (Shinmataung) (Magway Division)
17:15	National News
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Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)

19:30 Signature Tune

	Greeting
19:32	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Pano- rama & Myanma Sen- timent"
19:36	Mandalay, A Close distance
19:40	Headline News
19:42	PaO Traditional Bag
19:45	National News
19:50	The Rakhine Traditional Wrestling
19:55	Tu Hna Thwe
20:00	National News
20:05	Myanma Traditional Musical Instruments Brass Cymbal (Ling- guin)
20:10	Song "Heralding Cloud"
20:15	National News
20:20	Prospective Ostrich Farming
20:25	Songs on Screen "Horse Cart"
20:30	National News
20:35	Central Agricultural Research Institute
20:40	Photo by Artist Photo Show (Min Wai Aung)
20:45	National News
20:50	Fabulous Bagan (II)
20:55	Art of Carving On Fruits
21:00	National News
21:05	Women with Remarkable Necks
21:10	Myanmar Modern Song "Rain, Please Tell My Lover"
21:12	A Lonesome Song
21:15	National News
21:20	The Beauty of Zwegabin and Livelihood of Kayin National
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21:30	Naga Traditional Handicrafts

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Rainfall on 15-7-2004

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighboring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 15 July, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours
MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Taninthayi Division and rain have been isolated in Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, scattered in Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in upper Sagaing Division and isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Homalin (3.74) inches, Kyauktaw (3.11) inches and Sittway (2.99) inches.

Maximum temperature on 14-7-2004 was 29.0°C (84°F). Minimum temperature on 15-7-2004 was 20.5°C (69°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 15-7-2004 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 14-7-2004 was nil. Rainfall on 15-7-2004 was (0.82 inch) at Yangon Airport, (0.63 inch) at Kaba-Aye and (0.55 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1443mm (56.81 inches) at Yangon Airport and 1380mm (54.33 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1375mm (54.13 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from South at 06:43 hours MST on 15-7-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observations at 09.30 hrs MST today, a low pressure area over North Bay and West Central Bay still persists. Monsoon is strong in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 16-7-2004:** Rain will be isolated in Mon, Kayah and Kayin States, Taninthayi Division, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%). **State of the sea:** Occasional squalls with rough seas are likely off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Scanty rain in southern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-7-2004:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-7-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Flood Warning

(Issued at 11:00 hrs MST on 15-7-2004)

According to the 06:30 hrs MST observation today, the water levels of Ayeyawady River may reach their respective danger levels of (1260 cm and (1150 cm) at Mandalay and Sagaing during the next (3) days and the danger level of (2120 cm) at Nyaungoo during the next (5) days commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Dokhtawady River at Myitnge may reach its danger level of (870) cm during the next (3) days commencing noon today.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 11:00 hrs MST on 15-7-2004)

According to the 06:30 hrs MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Hkamti may remain above its danger level of (1360) cm during the next (4) days commencing noon today.



Friday, July 16
Tune in today:

8.30 am	Brief news
8.35 am	Music: I'll be waiting there for you
8.40 am	Perspectives
8.45 am	Music: See sight through you
8.50 am	National news/ Slogan
9.00 am	Music: Shake it
9.05 am	International news
9.10 am	Music: Come & get your love
1.30 pm	News/Slogan
1.40 pm	Lunch time music -In love with you -Secret
9.00 pm	World of music -Songs from Japan, Germany and Philippines
9.15 pm	Article
9.25 pm	Music at your request -What can I do -When
9.45 pm	News/Slogan
10.00 pm	PEL

8:20 am
8. ဂိုဏ်းပြိုင်ဆိုင်မှုများ
8:30 am
9. International news
8:45 am
10. English for Everyday Use
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
4:30 pm
3. Practice in Reading
4:45 pm
4. Musical programme
5:00 pm
5. အလေးသင်တန်းသို့ လေ့လာရေး
ရပ်စဲခြင်းကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယပိုင်း
(ခါးကပ်အားပြု) (ခါးကပ်အား)
5:15 pm
6. Song of national races
5:30 pm
7. ရှည်ကြီးမှုနှင့်အားကစားအခြေခံ
5:40 pm
8. ဟင်းခတ်ရေးဆွဲခြင်း
5:50 pm
9. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာ
6:00 pm
10. Musical programme
6:10 pm
11. Discovery

6:20 pm
12. Songs of yesteryears

6:30 pm
13. Evening news

7:00 pm
14. Weather report

7:15 pm
15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းစဉ်
"နီးနတ်မယ်" (အစီအစဉ်-၄၀)

7:35 pm
16. မြန်မာ့စုံစာရည်ပင်လုပ်ငန်းသုတေသန
နတ်မုရားခြံ (မုရားခြံ)

7:45 pm
17. နိုင်ငံတော်အသံအသွယ်
ဆံတော်စုစေတီတော်

8:00 pm
18. News
19. International news
20. Weather report
21. Myanmar video feature
"မြစ်တစ်ခင်းရဲ့ဟင်းလင်းပြင်"
(အစီအစဉ်-၂)
လူမင်း၊ ရဲအောင်၊ နီ၊ မြတ်နိုးရှင်
သိရိတိသာ-မောင်မောင်

22. မင်းကွန်မင်တေကတော်ဘုရားကြီး
ဦးစီးကြီးသားကတော်သမီး
အရပ်အယားမြန်မာ၊ မေတ္တာ
သာသနာ့အသံမြင်းတရားတော်

23. The next day's
programme

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San host dinner to visiting Chief of Army of Malaysian Armed Forces and wife

YANGON, 15 July — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye hosted a dinner to visiting Chief of Army of Malaysian Armed Forces General Dato' Seri Mohd Azumi Bin Mohamed and party at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthar here at 6.30 pm today.

Also present on the occasion together with Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein and Commander-in-



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Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and their wives, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-

Gen Myint Swe, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Win Myint, Vice-Adjutant-

General Brig-Gen Hla Shwe and Vice-Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Htin Aung Kyaw and their wives and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin

Maung Win. Also present together with the visiting Malaysian General and wife and party were Defence Adviser Col HJ Abbas bin HJ Mat and of-

ficials. During and after the dinner, various songs and dances were presented by artistes of Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt sends message of sympathy to India

YANGON, 15 July — General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Dr Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India on the loss of lives and destruction to property caused by recent monsoon flooding in the north-eastern part of India. MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt sends message of sympathy to Bangladesh

YANGON, 15 July — General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of sympathy to Her Excellency Begum Khaleda Zia, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on the loss of lives and destruction to property caused by recent monsoon flooding in Bangladesh. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects bran oil mills, rice reprocessing plant

YANGON, 15 July — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, this morning, inspected bran oil mills and

the rice reprocessing plant under the Ministry of Commerce and gave necessary instructions to officials.

At 2.30 pm, the Secretary-1 arrived at No 03 Bran Oil Mill (Insein) of Myanmar Agricultural

Produce Trading of the Ministry of Commerce in Ywama West Ward, Insein Township, where Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun and officials welcomed him. In the briefing hall, the

minister reported on producing of edible oil by bran oil mills under the ministry for ensuring edible oil sufficiency of the State and measures being taken for production of purified oil from crude palm oil.

Managing Director

U Min Hla Aung of MAPT reported on data related to No 03 Bran Oil Mill (Insein), operation of the mill since 1964, yearly production of edible oil, requirements of adequate fresh bran, innovative measures for machine parts at the mill and needs of crude palm oil. The Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions and inspected the mill. No 03 Bran Oil Mill (Insein) can mill 25 tons of bran per 24 hours and produce 10 tons of bran oil per 24 hours. The mill produces not only bran oil but also palm oil.

They proceeded to No 01 Bran Oil Mill (Hline) on Bayintnaung Road in Ward 4, Hline Township. Mill Manager U Myint Soe reported that the mill started its functions on 1962. The mill can crush 20 tons of bran per 24 hours and produce 10 tons of crude bran oil per 24 hours. The Secretary-1 and party inspected the production process of the mill.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party went to No 272

360-ton Rice Reprocessing Plant in Hline Township. Plant Manager U Maung Myint reported on history of the plant and tasks being carried out. Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone gave a supplementary report. After hearing reports, the Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions and inspected sample reprocessed rice and operating of the plant.

MNA



State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects No 01 Bran Oil Mill in Hline Township. — MNA

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