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*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt
on 14 July observes the
Three Gorges Dam Project being
implemented on
Yangtze River. — MNA*

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Belgium

YANGON, 21 July— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty King Albert II of Belgium, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Belgium, which falls on 21 July 2004.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and Hubei Province Governor discuss economic cooperation prospects between Myanmar and Hubei Province, especially in hydel power projects based on mutual interest PM General Khin Nyunt visits world famous Three Gorges Dam

YANGON, 20 July — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and Myanmar goodwill delega-

tion left Beijing by special flight for Yichang in Hubei Province on 13 July evening. They were accompanied by Ambassador of China to Myanmar Mr Li

Jinjun and wife, officials of the PRC Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador of Myanmar to China U Thein Lwin and wife and Military Attaché Col Sein

George and wife.

On arrival at the Yichang International Airport at 8 pm, they were welcomed by Yichang Mayor Mr Guo Youming, high level officials

of Yichang and Hubei Province and the welcoming party. They took a rest at Taohualing Hotel, where they would temporary stay. Accompanied by

Yichang Mayor Mr Guo Youming, they left the hotel for Three Gorges Dam Exhibition Centre in Hubei Province at 9 am on 14 July by car. They were welcomed by General Manager Mr Li Yongan of China Yangtze Three Gorges Project Development Corporation and officials. General Manager Mr Li Yongan reported to the Prime Minister and party on drawing of the design of the Three Gorges Dam Project with advanced techniques by local technicians. The Three Gorges Dam project is the largest dam in the world and will supply electricity to
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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party pose for a documentary photo together with Chinese experts at the Three Gorges Dam Project site on 14 July. — MNA

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

Donate blood

890 US soldiers killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq last year

BAGHDAD, 19 July—As of Monday, 19 July, 890 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 658 died as a result of hostile action and 232 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 60 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 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 752 US soldiers have died — 549 as a result of hostile action and 203 of non-hostile causes. —Internet

Death threats haunt Iraq's outspoken academics

BAGHDAD, 19 July—Ripping open an envelope containing a small, hard object, Sadoun al-Dulame discovered the unwanted gift Iraq's academics have learned to dread.

"They sent me a bullet," he said, describing the letter he received last month. "They said in Arabic: 'You cost us just one bullet, no more, so shut your mouth'."

Death threats and assassinations are teaching Iraqi academics to watch what they say.

Iraq's new interim government says 31 university lecturers have been murdered since last year's US-led invasion and many more have

received warnings to keep quiet.

While the motives for the killings vary, academics argue that the climate of fear they create risks stifling voices of moderation needed to help Iraq establish democracy.

"The extremists have very evil plans to control the Iraqi mind," said Dulame, a sociologist who returned to Iraq from 17 years of exile after Saddam Hussein was over-

thrown.

"We don't need single-minded personalities; we need flexible minds to deal with the situation in Iraq," he said.

Dulame believes the threat was sent by militants angered by criticisms he made on the Arabic television channel Al Jazeera of Islamic extremists in the city of Fallujah.

Other groups have also been blamed for intimidation.

Early this year, the head of political studies at Baghdad's Mustansiriyah University, Abdul Latif al-Mayyah, criticized Saddam loyalists in a television interview.

He was shot dead outside his house the next morning.

Colleagues hired extra security. A hulking 22-year-old body builder now stands guard outside the office of one senior academic, a handgun hidden discreetly under his shirt. — Internet

Filipino troops complete Iraq pullout

MANILA, 19 July—The pullout meets deadline set by captors of a Filipino truck driver. Philippine troops started arriving home from Iraq on Monday after the government withdrew the contingent to try to save the life of a Filipino hostage.

The head of the contingent, Brigadier-General Jovito Palparan, arrived early on Monday morning on a commercial flight in advance of the remaining 50 troops who are due to return this week.

The withdrawal meets a deadline of 20 July set by the captors of Filipino truck driver Angelo de la Cruz. They threatened to kill him unless Manila withdrew from Iraq.

"I am happy to be back," Palparan told reporters at Manila's international airport.

An air force official said 10 troops who left Iraq last Friday had not boarded their scheduled flight from Kuwait on Monday, but would be home within days.

The remaining 40 troops were due to leave for Kuwait on Monday as announced by the Foreign Ministry on Sunday. — Internet

Indian, Pakistani diplomats to hold peace talks

ISLAMABAD, 19 July— Top diplomats from Pakistan and India will hold talks on the sidelines of a regional conference to help sustain a tentative peace process between the nuclear-armed neighbours, a Pakistani spokesman said on Sunday.

The fifth meeting this year between the heads of the two foreign ministries will prepare the ground for talks between ministers later this week in the Pakistani capital.

Pakistani Foreign Secretary Riaz Khokhar and his Indian counterpart Shashank (eds: one word), will review the progress of peace talks, Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman Masood Khan told reporters.

The diplomats are expected to meet on Monday, before a conference of foreign ministers of seven South Asian nations begins on Tuesday to take stock of efforts to launch a free trade area in one of the world's poorest regions, home to about 1.4 billion people.

Leaders of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) agreed in January to launch a free trade area from 2006 to boost regional commerce, which accounts for less than 5 per cent of member states' global trade.

SAARC's charter does not cover political issues, but the forum brought together Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf and then Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee in January for a landmark meeting at which they agreed to revive peace talks. —MNA/Reuters

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British military helicopter crashes in Iraq, one airman dead

BASRA, 19 July — The British military said one of its helicopters crashed in a suspected accident in Basra, southern Iraq, on Monday killing one airman and injuring two others.

"A helicopter crashed inside the airstrip in Basra," said British Major David Steel. Flight Lieutenant Mike Cannon said the dead and wounded servicemen belonged to Britain's Royal Air Force.

"Early indications are that it was a tragic accident," he said, but added that an investigation was ongoing.

Britain leads a multinational contingent in southern Iraq, which is relatively calmer than the rest of the country. — Internet



A US military policeman waves to Philippine Army soldiers driving to the Iraq-Kuwait border on 19 July, 2004. The Philippine soldiers left a Polish-controlled military base in Hilla, 120km south of Baghdad where over 50 soldiers were based, heading to the Iraq-Kuwait border as part of a withdrawal plan. — INTERNET



A US Black Hawk helicopter prepares to land in Saint Michael Camp in Mahmudiyah on 17 July. A majority of Americans surveyed for a New York Times/CBS News poll said the United States should not have launched the war in Iraq. — INTERNET

Beijing hosts international biology symposium

BEIJING, 20 July— About 350 leading global bioscientists are meeting to discuss academic frontiers in life sciences and biotechnology at the 10th International Symposium of the Society of Chinese Bioscientists in America (SCBA), which began in Beijing on Monday morning.

The five-day symposium, hosted by the SCBA, the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), the Natural Science Foundation of China, the Chinese Academy of Engineering, Beijing University and the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, will focus on genome research, gene therapy, immunity identification, neural system research and new drug development.

Five Nobel laureates, among them David Baltimore, are attending the symposium, which is also joined by dozens of academicians from the CAS or the US National Academy of Sciences. Two Nobel laureates and other well-known bioscientists are scheduled to deliver speeches at plenary sessions, workshops or roundtable meetings.

A biotechnology exhibition on the latest technologies and products is also organized during the symposium.

Lu Yongxiang, president of the CAS, said at the symposium's opening that science and technology are among the most powerful engines pushing forward economic development and social advancement.

Scientists achieved great progress in science and technology in the 20th Century, he said. New academic frontiers might lead to breakthroughs in the 21st Century.

Although rich in biological resources, China's ecological system has seen continuous deterioration, he said. "We need more biological solutions for bettering our life," said Lu, who himself is a CAS academician. — MNA/Xinhua

Container transport route of Japan-China-Vietnam launched

HANOI, 19 July — The container transport route of Japan-China-Vietnam was launched on Sunday, helping develop trade among the three countries, according to Vietnam News Agency on Sunday.

Under a contract signed by Japanese shipping company NYK and the Quang Ninh Port Authority in northern Quang Ninh Province, which manages Cai Lan deepwater port, container ships dock at Cai Lan every Sunday after passing through many seaports in the three countries.

Now, three operational quays of Cai Lan are able to receive 40,000-dwt ships all day and night. One of the quay houses container-lifting equipment which is the largest and the most modern in Vietnam.

The Cai Lan deepwater port, whose annual loading capacity will stand at 17 million tons of cargoes in 2010, is also expected to facilitate transport of goods between Vietnam's northern economic zone comprising Hanoi capital, Hai Phong city and Quang Ninh Province, other northern localities, Laos' northern region, and China's Yunnan Province.

MNA/Xinhua

Blast kills at least nine in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 19 July—A suicide bomber has blown up a fuel truck near a Baghdad police station, killing at least nine people, wounding 62 and destroying cars and buildings.

The Baghdad attack was the latest of at least five suicide bombings over the past week aimed at Iraqi police, National Guard or senior members of Iraq's new government which have killed more than 35 Iraqis in a seemingly accelerated campaign.

Iraq's Health Ministry said it had so far recorded nine dead and 62 wounded

but expected its death toll to rise. It said bodies were still being brought to hospitals and boxes of remains had yet to be sifted through.

At the scene of the blast, US Army Lieutenant Colonel Bill Salter said between 10 and 15 people had been killed in an attack he said was probably carried out by a suicide bomber.

"We believe it was possi-

bly a fuel-truck type vehicle," Salter told reporters. Witnesses said they saw a fuel tanker racing towards the police station moments before the explosion.

Reuters Television pictures showed flames still licking the wreckage of burnt-out cars an hour after the blast, and smoke rising from smouldering buildings. Bystanders gathered up the body parts of

the dead, filling several boxes with remains.

In the latest assassination of senior bureaucrats, Defence Ministry official Issam Jassem Qassim was shot dead outside his home by three gunmen late on Sunday, a ministry spokesman said, a day after a failed attempt on the life of Iraq's justice minister which killed five bodyguards. —Internet

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Iraq senior defence official shot dead in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 19 July—A senior official in Iraq's Defence Ministry was shot dead late yesterday in Baghdad, *Agence France-Presse* reported, citing a ministry spokesman.

The official was identified as Issam Jassem Kadhém, a director general in the Defence Ministry, *AFP* reported. He was killed last night at about 10 pm local time "by unknown attackers who opened fire on him in the Saydia neighbourhood where he lives," spokesman Radhi Badr told *AFP*. The killing took place in the same area where a truck bomb outside a police station killed nine people today. —Internet



An American soldier and Iraqi police stop traffic as a US military convoy passes through a busy intersection in Baghdad, Iraq, on 13 July, 2004. — INTERNET

Sri Lankan Prime Minister on visit to India

NEW DELHI, 19 July—Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapakse is on a three-day visit to India aimed at boosting economic cooperation between the South Asian neighbours, the Indian Government said in a statement on Sunday.

Rajapakse, who arrived in New Delhi late on Saturday, met Indian Finance Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram during a visit that will include talks on sectors such as energy, agriculture, fisheries and rural infrastructure.

Economic ties between the two countries, part of the seven-member South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, have strengthened in recent years.

"Relations between India and Sri Lanka are characterized by close political understanding, growing economic relations and expansion and consolidation in other areas of collaboration," the Indian statement said.

Last year, state-run energy firm Indian

Oil Corp bought 100 petrol stations and a share of storage and pipeline facilities from state-owned Ceylon Petroleum Corp for 75 million US dollars.

The state-owned telecoms carriers of both countries are increasing contacts and reviving microwave links to cut the costs of international calls.

The statement said India remains committed to the unity of Sri Lanka and peace between its government and Tamil rebels.

India, which has had a long and complex involvement in Sri Lanka, has been a strong supporter of peace efforts to end the country's 21-year-old civil war.

MNA/Reuters

Two dead as floods batter western Japan

TOKYO, 19 July—Heavy rains battered part of western Japan on Sunday, sending rivers surging over their banks, causing two deaths and forcing the evacuation of thousands.

Nearly 40,000 households in Fukui Prefecture were urged to evacuate after the area was hit by torrential rains accompanied by thunderstorms and strong winds.

Two people had died in Fukui and one was missing, police said. The number of people dead after torrential rains last week in the northern prefecture of Niigata rose to 15.

Some 284mm (11 inches) of rain fell in parts of Fukui from Saturday evening to Sunday morning, with 120mm (4.7 inches) predicted to fall by midnight, the Meteorological Agency said. — MNA/Reuters

Duty on raw materials affects Bangladesh's ceramic export

DHAKA, 20 July—Ceramic export from Bangladesh which fetches 28 million US dollars a year, is faced with tough competition following sudden increase of tariff in this year's national budget.

Major problems of this sector include high rates of bank interest and rising gas and electricity tariffs, *The New Nation* newspaper reported Monday.

Ceramic exporters would face new difficulties due to the increase of import duty on raw materials in the current fiscal year.

Import duty on raw materials has been increased to 15 per cent in the current fiscal from 7.5 per cent during the last fiscal.

Urging the government to declare ceramic a thrust sector, the exporters called for reducing import duty on raw materials.

MNA/Xinhua

Egyptian trucker freed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 19 July—An Egyptian truck driver, kidnapped in Iraq almost two weeks ago, has been freed, the pan-Arab television station Al-Jazeera reported tonight.

Alsayeid Mohammed Alsayeid Algarabawi, was reported captured on July 6 when a group calling itself the Iraqi Legitimate Resistance released a video showing him surrounded by masked gunmen.

The group, which snatched him as he drove a fuel truck from Saudi Arabia to the US military in Iraq, made a series

of demands on his Saudi company, including asking for a million dollars ransom and insisting it stop doing business in Iraq.

The company refused the ransom, but agreed to end its business in Iraq. The trucker was taken to the Egyptian Embassy in Baghdad, witnesses said.

Internet

Malian President calls for further cooperation with China

GUANGZHOU, 19 July—Visiting Malian President Amadou Toumany Toure said here Sunday that cotton textile enterprises in south China's Guangdong Province are welcome to run business in his country.

Toure, who arrived here Sunday afternoon to continue his state visit to China, made the remarks in a meeting with Guangdong Provincial Governor Huang Huahua.

Noting that Mali and Guangdong share potential in economic and trade cooperation, Toure said that Chinese enterprises are welcome to Mali for cotton purchase, and to provide help for the local cotton planting industry.

Toure also expressed his hope that enterprises from Mali and China will enhance cooperation, and that cotton can be directly

exported from Mali to China.

The two sides should seek new methods to further promote the economic and trade exchanges, he said.

Huang Huahua briefed the guests on Guangdong's economic and social situation, noting that Guangdong and Mali have witnessed a rapid development in economic and trade cooperation in recent years, with trade volume between the two sides reaching over 16 million US dollars in the first five months of this year, up 220 per cent year-on-year.

Guangdong and Mali complement each other in

economy, Huang said, adding that Mali's cotton, cowhide and natural resources are needed by Guangdong, and Guangdong's motorcycle, electric appliance, and textile goods satisfy Malian consumers' demand.

Toure's visit will inject new vitality into the economic cooperation between the two sides, Huang said.

Guangzhou is the third leg of Toure's China visit at the invitation of Chinese President Hu Jintao, following Beijing and Shanghai. Toure is scheduled to leave here for home on 20 July.

MNA/Xinhua



An American soldier takes cover behind a concrete barrier as fire bellows from a fuel tanker hit by an air strike in Latefia, 40 kms south of Baghdad, Iraq, on 18 July, 2004. The multinational force asked Prime Minister Allawi for permission to launch strikes on some specific places. — INTERNET

Blair warned of legality of Iraq war

LONDON, 19 July — Prime Minister Tony Blair was warned before the Iraq war by British Attorney General Lord Goldsmith that a world court could rule Britain's invasion unlawful, *The Independent* newspaper reported Sunday.

The warnings were in Goldsmith's so far undisclosed legal opinion from 7 March last year, less than two weeks before the United States and Britain launched war against Iraq, the paper said. Fearing that the International Court of Justice could rule it was illegal to go to war without the express authority of the United Nations Security Council, Goldsmith put senior barristers and international legal experts on standby to help prepare the government's defence if needed, legal sources were quoted as saying.

Senior international legal experts have accused the British Government of invading Iraq illegally, because it failed to get Security

Council authority and there was no immediate threat to Britain's security.

The British Government has so far refused to publish Goldsmith's legal advice to the government before the Iraq war, insisting that the Attorney General is bound by rules of lawyer-client confidentiality and that publication would undermine his freedom to give frank opinions to government officials.

According to the paper, as Blair prepares for the Tuesday parliamentary debate on the Butler inquiry, pressure on him to publish all Goldsmith's legal advice leading up to the Iraq war would be intensified.

MNA/Xinhua



US Army troops and an Iraqi man view a massive crater left after a suspected car bomb blew up outside a police station in south western Baghdad on 19 July, 2004. The bomb killed at least nine people, wounded dozens and left tangled wreckage of burned out cars and destroyed buildings. — INTERNET

British Army sanctions hooding Iraqi prisoners

LONDON, 19 July — The routine hooding of Iraqi prisoners was sanctioned by British Army commanders despite repeated warnings that the practice broke human rights laws, *The Independent* newspaper reported on Sunday.

According to the paper, British ministers have also admitted for the first time that hooding was banned only because its use played a direct part in the death of an Iraqi hotel receptionist, who was allegedly killed by British troops last September.

Baha Mousa, son of an Iraqi colonel, was allegedly tortured and beaten along with seven other men who had been arrested at a

hotel in the southern Iraqi city of Basra by British troops, the report said.

Five of the men have alleged that British soldiers placed two or three hoods over their heads while they were beaten and abused in cells at the British Army's headquarters in Basra, it added.

The report said the men claimed in witness statements that the hoods were only lifted immedi-

ately before they were interrogated by an officer who threatened them with further violence if they failed to give him information about an Iraqi fugitive.

It also revealed that British Armed Forces Minister Adam Ingram admitted last Thursday that Mousa's death had forced British military commanders in Iraq to issue new orders banning the use of hoods.

British ministers have repeatedly denied that the Army used hooding during interrogation.

However, the report said, British officials, intelligence officers and Army commanders were warned on at least three occasions that hooding during questioning was illegal under International Law, and also posed a serious risk to detainees' health.

MNA/Xinhua

Polish forces in Iraq to be reduced significantly

KUWAIT CITY, 19 July — Visiting Polish Prime Minister Marek Belka announced in Kuwait on Sunday that the Polish forces serving in Iraq would be significantly reduced starting next year, the *Kuwait News Agency* reported.

In remarks upon his arrival for a two-day visit to Kuwait, Belka announced that "our decision is to reduce our presence in Iraq significantly as of the beginning of next year".

"The political process in Iraq is going forward swiftly and decisively and we think the situation will allow us to reduce the size of our contingent as the Iraqis take their business into their own hands," he added.

The official said that the mandate of the Polish soldiers is to stabilize the situation in Iraq, and part of this task was to train the Iraqi police and the self-defence forces and most importantly the Army.

While in Iraq, Belka met with Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi and renewed his country's commitment to support the government and people of Iraq.

During his visit in Iraq, he attended also a ceremony to change the commandship of the formerly Polish-led multinational forces in Iraq.

The ceremony was held in the Hilla City, where the Polish forces are based. There are about 2,500 Polish soldiers in Iraq. — MNA/Xinhua

TCL, Genesis Microchip to set up joint lab

BEIJING, 19 July — TCL Corp, a leading Chinese consumer electronics manufacturer, and Genesis Microchip, a US-based image processing chip provider, have announced plans to set up a joint digital video laboratory in China.

The lab, which will be located in south China's Shenzhen City, will focus on R&D of quality-improving technologies for TCL's televisions. The two sides will co-develop DDHD (Digital Dynamic High Definition) chips for the Chinese market, said Shi Wanwen, head of TCL's multimedia business department.

TCL's four major products — LCD TV, plasma TV, projection TV and CRT TV — will use the co-branded chips, he said but declined to give any details.

According to Eric Erdman, CEO of Genesis Microchip, TCL will manage the daily operations of the lab; Genesis will oversee engineering, technological and marketing support for the project.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan PM lauds ties with China

ISLAMABAD, 20 July — Pakistani Prime Minister Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain here Monday said Pak-China friendship is a model friendship and the relations between the two countries have stood the test of time, the *Associated Press of Pakistan* reported.

The Prime Minister made the remarks while meeting with a 13-member Chinese media delegation.

Hussain added that Pakistan was consolidating its economy and China's role has been laudable in this regard.

He said media cooperation between Pakistan and China will greatly help promote closer ties between the two brotherly countries. On the Pak-Indo relations, Hussain said that Pakistan believes in resolution of all disputes with its neighbouring countries through dialogue.

Earlier Monday, Broadcasting and

Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed also met the Chinese delegation, during which he said the Pak-China friendship is gaining strength day by day.

He said a number of big projects have been underway in Pakistan with cooperation and assistance from China, which is clear proof of the friendship between the two countries.

He said China has always extended its full support to Pakistan in all difficult circumstances and added that Pakistan is proud of its friendship with China.

MNA/Xinhua



US Army and Iraqi security forces inspect the site of a suicide car bomb attack near a police station in southern Baghdad. The truck bomb blast near a Baghdad police station killed nine people, while the last Philippine soldier left Iraq to save a hostage threatened with beheading and whose fate remains a mystery. — INTERNET

Canada plans to issue high-tech passports

OTTAWA, 19 July — Canada plans to issue high-tech passports with digitized photographs next year, *Canadian media* said on Sunday.

Dan Kingsbury, a spokesman for the federal Passport Office, said the e-Passport will be distributed on a trial basis to Canadian diplomats sometime in the first half of 2005.

"If the initial implementation goes well, we'll begin issuing the e-Passport to the general public afterwards," Kingsbury said.

The project is the latest government initiative to track and control the flow of people across borders more closely following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States.

The government is pushing ahead with the plan despite objections from privacy and information specialists who argue it is unduly intrusive and unlikely to enhance national security. — MNA/Xinhua

Peru airlines boost flights for stranded tourists

LIMA (Peru), 19 July — Airlines in Peru said on Sunday they would increase their domestic flights to aid thousands of passengers stranded after the government grounded the country's biggest airline over an insurance dispute.

"Conscious of the emergency situation in the airline industry in Peru: Aerocondor, Atsa, LanPeru, LC Busre, Magenta, Star Up, Taca Peru and Tans have united ... so that those who would use the suspended airline can reach their destinations," the companies said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters

Secretary-1 addresses coord meeting ...

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Technicians of the Ministry of Commerce have produced small rice mills that can also be used in the fields, meeting the standard of international level. Therefore, the industrial zones, according to the samples, are to continue producing the devices.

Likewise, priority is to be given to producing small hydel power turbines and small bio-gas powered generators that can generate electricity on a wider scale, which contribute to power supply in rural areas and efforts are to be made for establishing crude palm oil plant and palm oil refinery at home based on extended cultivation of oil palm. With such great efforts, the industrial sector will make progress beginning 2004-2005 realizing the goals of the State. Afterwards, Secretary of the Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung made a speech. He said that industrial development is a prerequisite for the emergence

the Sub-Committee are exerting energetic efforts for the industrial development and it is incumbent upon officials of the respective industrial zones and entrepreneurs to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts for more and more industry-wise development.

Next, Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development

Government and private industries produce 20,000 units of power tillers annually

Work Committee Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin reported on purchase of equipment for foundry and supply of equipment for assembling the vehicles and other points. Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone reported on innovation of small rice mills and edible oil refinery.

The Secretary-1 gave instructions on formation of iron and steel development subcommittee. Next, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win delivering an address to the Coordination Meeting No 3/2004 on Industrial Development. — MNA



of a new modern and developed nation. Emphasis is to be placed on agro-based industrial development for ensuring all-round industrial development.

The wider use of machinery in the agricultural sector will contribute to boosting the living standard of farmers saving the cost of agriculture. The industrial zones are required to widely produce farm equipment and equipment for industrial use. In the process, the government has been providing necessary assistance to Mandalay Industrial Zone, Monywa Industrial Zone and Taunggyi (Ayethaya) Industrial Zone for the emergence of foundries and arrangements have been made for disbursing loans to the industrial zones. The Committee, the Work Committee and

reported on requirements for Pakokku industrial zone, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint on Kalay industrial zone and Minister for Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein on Myeik industrial zone. Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw reported on import of parts for iron foundry and forging factories and the arrival of equipment. Minister U Aung Thaung reported on points to be observed in assembling the vehicles in industrial zones in accord with the set rules.

Next, the Secretary-1 gave instructions. He said the Head of State practically gave encouragement to development of industrial sector. The Head of State gave

guidance on five points — workmanship, precision, quality metallurgy, modernization and innovation.

By following the guidance of the Head of State the industrial zones will be able to manufacture finished products of higher quality that can penetrate into new markets. It is sure that the industrial sector will develop, he said. He called for efforts for continued progress of the industrial sector. After the meeting, the Secretary-1 and party and rice millers observed foreign-made modern small rice mill, modern small rice mill innovated by Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading and their uses, rice, broken rice, bran, paddy husks and spare parts. The Secretary-1 presented cash awards to experts of MAPT. — MNA

Letyetsan village in Thanlyin Township gets new school building

YANGON, 20 July — A newly-completed school building was opened this morning at a basic education primary school in Letyetsan village, Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District. The ceremony was attended by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman and Yangon

Commander Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Education U Than Aung, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Foreign

Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yuji Miyamoto, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan wellwisher Mr Toshiaki ENDO and other wellwisher members, Commander of Thanlyin

Station Col Maung Oo Lwin, Commander of No 1 Military Region Col Tun Kyi, departmental officials, local authorities, members of NGO social organizations, students, band troupes, pompom troupes and local people.

The ceremony started with the song 'Myanmar

School' sung in chorus by students. On the occasion, U Than Aung, Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Mr Toshiaki ENDO cut the ribbon to mark the opening of the school. Next, Maj-Gen Myint Swe pressed the button to unveil the bronze inscription of the newly-opened school building.

Maj-Gen Myint Swe together with wellwishers sprinkled the bronze inscription with scented water. The commander, the ministers, the mayor, officials and wellwishers viewed the school building.

Mr Toshiaki ENDO explained the purpose of donating the new school building and handed over documents related to the school to Col Aung Myo Min, who presented certificates of honour to seven wellwisher members of the House of Representatives of Japan. U Than Aung, on behalf of the Ministry of Education as well as teachers, students, parents and local populace, expressed his gratitude to the seven wellwisher members of the House of Repre-

sentatives of Japan for their donation of the school building. He also said that the school will further forge the friendship between Myanmar and Japan, adding that it will also contribute to the drive to bring about well-educated students who will help shape a modern and developed nation through education. The donation of the school by Japanese wellwishers coincides with the time when education promotion campaigns are being conducted. He continued that the number of basic education schools have now stood at 40,505, and that of universities at 156. The Japanese wellwishers also gave pencils, erasers, exercise books and raincoats to students as presents. Managing Director of ACE Co U Tin Hsan also donated 300 dozens of exercise books. Later, the commander, the ministers, the mayor, officials, the wellwishers, teachers and students posed for a group photo in front of the new school, which was built at a cost of US\$ 60,000.

MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wellwishers look into the new building of Letyetsan Village Basic Education Primary School in Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District. — YGN COMMAND

A historical milestone leading the nation to a new age – 4

Aung Moe San

Today, some elements from inside and outside the nation are applying pressure on Myanmar demanding her to speedily strive for national re-consolidation and democracy. But it is a method to remedy only the effects, but not the cause. For example, instead of curing the side effects resulting from malaria infection, we must cure the main disease — the malaria itself.

Some of the representatives-elect and some students left the country, and are trying to install democracy through the hard way. Some are trying to install it, while relying on aliens. The forces which want to install democracy through peaceful means continue to practise the policy of fighting instead of building national re-consolidation. Their common policy is not to negotiate with the Tatmadaw. All the national forces including the Tatmadaw have the same aim of building democracy. But why do they (some of the forces from inside and outside the nation) choose the policy of 'no negotiations'? Why do they choose the policy although they have witnessed the seven-point future policy programme or the road map to democracy? We will have to consider the problem from its root cause. The ones that led the mass movement of the 1988 unrest were mostly intellectuals and intelligentsia including lawyers, doctors and artists and mini capitalist or the middle class. The mass movement was not firmly based on the rising capitalist class as those of the historic capitalist revolutions of the

Western Europe. Thus, the old ideas of longing for persons who would perform miracles came out then.

Thus, the reforms that occurred in Myanmar in 1988-89 and those in the East European countries have the following three significant features:

1. There was no strong opposition from the ruling elite as it was in the past capitalist revolutions of the European countries. During the time, the rulers themselves had accepted the reforms and were in favour of them.
2. As in the past capitalist revolutions, there emerged the leadership role of the mini capitalists.
3. In accord with traditional beliefs of the out-dated societies, the reforms were dominated by the idea of longing for a miracle ruler.

Most of the persons of the middle-class who took the leadership role in the mass movement, joined various political parties and were active in them. Modern political science experts said that the educated mini capitalists did not represent the production sector; that they were always in a place where they could reach the status of a capitalist or could fall into the status of a worker; that they were not in a firm position; that their thoughts and actions were not firm enough to complete a political job; that they were quick to make changes; and that they were moving between the two extremes.

Till now, the political parties under their influence are not stable yet, moving between the policy of consolidation and the policy

of confrontation for a long time. If those political parties cooperate with the Tatmadaw from the start, Myanmar would be speedier than the ASEAN and the Republic of Korea in setting up democracy. Sadly, the dreams of those parties have become an obstacle to national re-consolidation and democracy.

In accordance with the law of social science — Ordinary people are nearer to the truth than the persons with prejudices — the people enjoying the fruits of market-oriented economy are taking part in the democratization process more objectively than the persons claiming themselves as democracy activists. The ordinary people have now come into existence as hard-core forces of democracy.

A summary of a book on a scientific approach to Buddha's teachings compiled by Ashin Nandavamsa (MA) is as follows:

Thinking and consideration is a dutiful work of farsighted persons. Doubt comes from stubbornness of narrow-minded persons, who are lazy to destroy their ego and who confined themselves in their narrow world. Thus, thinking and consideration is totally different from doubts. Thinking and consideration has the power to see things clearly and thoroughly from the start to the end. Thinking starts with a problem and ends with an answer. Thinking has the power to know things that were unknown at first. If one does not think, his mind will be under the influence of evil. Thinking will give one the power to see the truth; it will light up the darkness;

it is the work of brains. Wavering will weaken the thinking power. But there are also strong thinking and consideration power and weak thinking and consideration power. A person with strong thinking and consideration power can easily solve difficult problems. But a person with weak thinking and consideration power will find difficulties in solving even an easy problem. Doubt closes the door of intelligence. A person with doubt will have to live in his small egoism world, and thinking himself of too high. He cannot see the wider world of truth. But thinking and consideration starts with something unknown, and becomes complete when it is known.

The following four

factors were drawn from the social science point of view to differentiate between right and wrong: To consider with the intelligent eye instead of blindly believing a thing; to discard the beliefs accepted without consideration, and to rely on intellectual power; to discard a life lacking systematic study but to base our lives on profound philosophy; ordinary people are nearer to the truth than those adhering to old prejudices.

The two factors required for national re-consolidation and flourishing of democracy in Myanmar are: the parties, organizations and forces accepting democracy in the dreams will have to make changes through self-criticism, while upholding a law of social

science — the best way towards acquiring knowledge is to overcome the bitter experiences learning from their own mistakes. There is no other way towards building a democratic nation except from striving to develop and modernize the production forces and to develop the capitalists and workers. The entire national people will have to collectively strive to implement the seven-point future policy programme for the successful accomplishment of the two factors or in other words, the two national tasks. Because the seven-point future policy programme is a milestone leading the nation to a new age.

(Myanma Alin + Kyemon; 17-7-2004)

(Translation: TMT)



HARVEST OF SUMMER PADDY: Harvest of Shwe Yin Aye summer paddy was held at Ngwetaung plantation in Dimawhso Township in Kayah State on 16 July. Eastern Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects the fertile paddy strain. — MNA

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Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and wife being welcomed by Ambassador of Egypt to Myanmar Mr Mohamed Mohamed Minessy and wife at the reception to mark the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt held on 20 July. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt observes the Three Gorges Dam Project site on 14-7-2004. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party enjoy acrobatics at Shanghai Centre Theatre on 14-7-2004. — MNA

PM General Khin Nyunt and Hubei Province Governor...

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northern and eastern regions of the People's Republic of China, he said, explaining the development endeavours covering the economic and social sectors of the region where the dam is located, land reclamation project inclusive in the Three Gorges Dam Project, construction of related buildings of the project, rock and sand production, concrete mixing system, diversion work, building of a temporary waterway, building of permanent waterway, erection of a concrete dam, installation of hydroelectric power station, and the benefits of the project.

The project officials showed the documentary of the project with audio-visual aids. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and General Manager Mr Li Yongan exchanged gifts. The Prime Minister then signed in the distinguished visitors' book.

At the project, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party observed the erection of a concrete dam on Yangtze River, facilities including five sectors of the waterway and the current of the Yangtze. General Manager Mr Li Yongan and Chinese technicians explained the salient points of the project. The Prime Minister and party posed for photo together with Chinese technicians. At the main concrete dam erection project, the Prime Minister and party were briefed on implementation of the project. Chinese technicians answered the questions raised by the Prime Minister,

ministers, and departmental heads.

At the hydroelectric power generation station, the Prime Minister and party observed the completed six 700-megawatt turbines, installation of more turbines, and functions of the control centre. The concrete dam of the Yangtze is 594 feet high and 7,575 feet long. Twenty-six 700-megawatt turbines will be installed to generate 84,700 million kilowatt hours of electricity per year.

Hubei Province, especially in the hydel power projects based on mutual interest, and further strengthening of friendly relations between Myanmar and China.

Governor of Hubei Province Mr Luo Qingquan hosted a luncheon in honour of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and members of the delegation at Taohualing Hotel in Yichang.

After the dinner, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and members went to World Peace Park in Yichang and planted a tree and had

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At noon, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met with Governor of Hubei Province Mr Luo Qingquan in the Spring of Peach Blossom Hill Room of Taohualing Hotel. Also present were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, ministers, deputy ministers, the Myanmar Ambassador to PRC, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office and departmental heads, the Yichang Mayor, the PRC Ambassador to Myanmar and senior officials. The cordial discussions were centred on economic cooperation prospects between Myanmar and

photos taken.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and members arrived at Yichang Airport. They were seen off at the airport by Mayor of Yichang Mr Guo Youming and officials.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and members arrived in Shanghai by special aircraft of China Airlines at 5 pm local time.

They were welcomed by Vice-Mayor of Shanghai Mr Tang Deng Jie and officials. They proceeded to Jin Jiang Tower Hotel in Shanghai.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party being briefed by Mr Li Yongan on world famous Three Gorges Dam Project at Shanghai Centre Theatre in Hubei Province. — MNA

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In the evening, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and members watched demonstration of acrobatics, magician's shows and other skill demonstration at Shanghai Centre Theatre.

On 12 July, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wife of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by Daw Khin Lay Myint, wife of member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Daw

gifts to him.

On 13 July, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party went to All China Women's Federation in Beijing where they were welcomed by officials.

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe met Vice-Chairperson of All China Women's Federation Ms Chen Xiurong. Present on the occasion were Daw Khin Lay Myint, wife of member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Daw San Yon, wife of Minister



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party at the luncheon hosted by Hubei Province Governor Mr Luo Qingquan on 14 July. — MNA



General Khin Nyunt meets Hubei Province Governor Mr Luo Qingquan at Taohualing Hotel in Yichang. — MNA

Daw San Yon, wife of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Daw Nwe Nwe Han, wife of Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Myanmar Military Attaché Col Sein George and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Oo, Counsellor Daw Than Than Htay, visited the National Museum of China in Beijing. They were welcomed by Deputy Director Guo Ping and officials.

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party observed the booth on history of the Chinese people for one and half hour. Next, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party posed for souvenir photo together with officials of the museum.

Deputy Director Guo Ping presented a book about the museum. Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe also presented

for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Daw Nwe Nwe Han, wife of Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Daw Kyi Kyi Oo, wife of Myanmar Military Attaché Col Sein George and Counsellor Daw Than Than Htay. Vice-Chairperson Ms Chen Xiurong was accompanied by members of the Secretariat. They discussed women affairs of both countries, implementation of the tasks and work to be done. Next, they exchanged gifts and had photos taken.

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Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin met President Mr Ma Yanli and members of China Metallurgical Construction Corporation, President Ms Luo Yang and members of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd, Mr Shou Jinsong and members of Scivic Engineering

of Shandon Weichi Import and Export at the State Guest House. They discussed investment in agriculture and irrigation sector.

Also present were Director-General of Irrigation Department U Kyaw San Win. Minister for



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party being welcomed by Shanghai Vice Mayor Mr Tong Deng Jie on 14 July. — MNA

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt plants a commemorative tree at the World Peace Park in Yichang on 14 July. — MNA

Equipment Engineering Group (MCC), economic organizations of China, at the State Guest House. They discussed mutual co-operation in industrial sector. Also present at the call were Director-General of Prime Minister's Office U Soe Tint and Director-General of Directorate of Industries U Kyaw Myint.

On 12 July, Minister for Agriculture and

Corporation, President Mr Sun Longpin and members of Shandon Boshan Pumps Co Ltd, President Mr Tang Rouxin of China Export and Credit Insurance Corporation (Sinosure), Vice-President Mr Cao and members of China National Machinery Equipment Import and Export Corporation (CMEC) and Managing Director Mr Wong Fengyi and members

Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, who accompanied the Prime Minister, on 12 July afternoon met President of Tianjin Machinery Import & Export Corporation Mr Sun Jin Rong and party, President of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd Ms Luo Yang and party, Vice-President of China National

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Building Material Equipment Corporation (CBMEC) Ms Feng Feng and party, President of China National Technical Import & Export Corporation (CNTIC) Mr Jiang Xin Sheng and party, Vice President of China Textile Machinery and Technology Import & Export Corporation Mr Cheng Jing and party, Vice President of China National Pharmaceutical Foreign Trade Corporation Mr Li Zhixin and party, Director of Beijing Bridge Machinery & Electric Co Ltd Mr Joseph Zhao and party, President of Yinshan Ceramics Co Ltd (Boshan Shandong) Mr Zhao Qin Lei and party, President of Chenda Engineering Corporation of China Mr Cao Guang and party, Vice President of China National Machinery & Equipment Import & Export Corporation (CMEC) Mr Zhou Li and party, President of China Hairan Jiayi Machine Import & Export Co Ltd Mr Zhang Sheng and party,



A&I Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin meets presidents of Chinese economic organizations. — MNA



Industry-1 Minister U Aung Thaung meets presidents of Chinese economic organizations. — MNA

President of Hongga International Trading Co Ltd Mr Bai Wei Hua and party at the State Guest House in Beijing. The meeting focused on industrial cooperation between the two countries. Also present at the call together with Minister U Aung Thaung were Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein and Director-General of Industries U Kyaw Myint.

Member of the Myanmar delegation Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint met President of China Nonferrous Metal Mining & Construction Co Ltd (CNMC) Mr Zhang Jian and party, President of China Wanbao Engineering Corporation Mr Li De and party at 1.50 pm in the State Guest House in Beijing. They discussed matters related to bilateral cooperation in the mining sector. Also present at the call together with Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint were Director-General of Prime Minister's Office U Soe Tint and Myanmar Gems Enterprise Managing Director U Khin Oo.

Similarly, Minister for Rail Transportation Brig-Gen Aung Min met Executive Director of NORINCO Co of



Electric Power Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut meets presidents of Chinese economic organizations. — MNA

Import & Export Co Ltd Mr Yao Yuning and party, President of Alcatel Shanghai Bell Co Ltd Mr Yuan Xin and party, and Chief Representative of Yangtze Optical Fibre & Cable Co Ltd Mr Zhen Xin and party at the State Guest House in

Beijing on 12 July afternoon. They held discussions on making investment in Myanmar's communication sector. Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi met President of Dangsheng Petroleum Development Corporation, a branch of SINOPEC Co, Mr Liu Xiaoming and party, Mr Jiang Chengxun of China Worldbest Group Co Ltd and party, Vice President of China Aviation Gas Turbine Co Ltd Mr Yu Pei Min and party, President of China Huanqiu Contracting & Engineering Corporation Mr Wang Shi Hong, Vice President of Lanthon Petroleum and Chemical Machinery Works Mr Ye Ruic, Vice President of Nanyang Huamei Petroleum Equipment Co Ltd Mr Yin Yangjing and party, President of China Metallurgical Construction Corporation Mr Yanli Ma and party, President of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd Ms Luo Yan and party, Vice President of China National Petroleum Corporation Mr Zhan Jijing and party, Director of China National Offshore Oil Corporation



CPT Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw meets presidents of Chinese economic organizations. — MNA

the PRC Mr Li De and party, Deputy President of China Northern Locomotive & Rolling Stock Industry (Group) Corporation Mr Zhao Guangxing and party, President of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd Ms Juo Yan and party on 12 July morning and afternoon. They dealt with measures for contribution towards the rail transportation sector of Myanmar. Likewise, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe on 12 July afternoon called on his Chinese counterpart Mr Ihang Chuncan at the latter's office. The meeting discussed cooperation on a mutually beneficial basis in running journeys by sea and by air, spreading of wings of airlines, and operating of vessels in Mekong River.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw met Chinese Minister of Information Industry Mr Wang Xudong at Beijing Hotel on 12 July morning. They dealt with matters related to cooperation in Myanmar's communication sector. Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw also met President of Sichuan Machinery & Equipment



Energy Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi meets presidents of Chinese economic organizations. — MNA

Mr Sheng Jianbo and party, Vice President of China Petrochemical Corporation (SINOPEC) Mr Zhang Yaocang and party, President of China Petroleum Technology & Development Corporation (CPTDC) Mr Hanliang Zhang and party at the State Guest House in Beijing on 12 July morning and afternoon. They discussed matters pertaining to energy sector of the two nations. Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut met President of Yunnan Machinery & Equipment Import & Export Co Ltd (YMEC) Mr Feng Ke and party at the State Guest House in Beijing at 8.30 am on 12 July. They discussed matters relating to Paunglaung Hydel Power Project and Shweli Hydel Power Project. The minister met President of Sichuan Machinery & Equipment Import & Export Co Ltd (SCMEC) of the PRC Mr Yao Yuning and party at 9.30 am at the same venue.

They discussed matters on Shweli-Mandalay 230

KV Power Line Project and Shweli Hydropower Project. At

10.30 am, the minister met President of China National

Electric Equipment Corporation (CNECC) of the PRC Mr

Jia Ding and party.

They discussed matters on Ye Nwe Hydropower

Project and Yeywa Hydel Power Project.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe pay official visit to People's Republic of China



China thanks Myanmar for constant support to One China Policy. China will provide assistance for economic progress of Myanmar as much as possible and raise the momentum of bilateral cooperation in every sector. China will never interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs. Sino-Myanmar relations based on Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence remains unchanged. The relations have strengthened understanding and cooperation.

PRC President Mr Hu Jintao



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt calls on President of the PRC Mr Hu Jintao at Fujian Hall at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on 13 July. — MNA



Myanmar Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe being welcomed by Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao at the dinner on 12 July, 2004.—MNA

Friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and China is encouraging. Myanmar wants to cooperate with China on a mutually beneficial basis in energy, mining, hydel power, agriculture, communication, industrial and trade investment sectors. Myanmar and China have been cooperating in international affairs. Myanmar has pledged to adopt One China Policy in the international arena.

**Prime Minister
General Khin Nyunt**

China will pay special attention to Myanmar in dealing with neighbouring countries. China thanks Myanmar for her support to One China Policy. China wants the two countries to further maintain efforts in deepening friendship through exchange of visits by leaders of the two countries. China will provide aids to the best of her ability for economic development in Myanmar.

PRC Premier Mr Wen Jiabao



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets Chairman of the National People's Congress of China Mr Wu Bangguo on 13 July. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau Mr Luo Gan at the hall of the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on 13 July. — MNA

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China, Britain found mainland's largest diabetes hospital

BEIJING, 19 July — China and Britain jointly formed the Beijing Changyang Diabetes Hospital, the largest of its kind in the Chinese Mainland, on Sunday.

"It is a significant step for the two countries to work together in the field of diabetes research," said Wang Zhili, the president of the newly established hospital.

SR Bloom, president of the British Endocrine Society, said at the opening ceremony that with people's lifestyles changing faster and the aging problem becoming more imminent, the incidence and mortality of diabetes grow rapidly, which makes the related research a very important issue around the world.

The hospital, which occupies nearly 10,000 square metres, adopts the same diagnostic and therapeutic standards as the Royal College of Physicians in Britain.

Statistics show some 3.2 million people worldwide die of diabetes every year and the figure is still on rise.

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Zambia to provide ARV drugs to 10,000 AIDS patients

LUSAKA, 19 July — The Zambian Government is planning to provide anti-retroviral (ARV) drugs to at least 10,000 AIDS patients this year, the official *Zambia News Agency* reported Saturday.

A total of 8,181 AIDS patients are already receiving ARV drugs from the government through provincial health centres, Minister of Health Brian Chituwo was quoted as saying.

Chituwo said the government charged each patient 40,000 kwacha (8.2 US dollars) per month, out of a cost of 260,000 kwacha (53.1 dollars) per month. He said the cost sharing mechanism is designed for the purchase of more drugs.

The Health Minister also said the government has trained personnel to administer anti-retroviral therapy on AIDS patients at health centres in all the nine provinces of Zambia.

Chituwo said the government is targeting to supply ARV drugs to 100,000 AIDS patients by the end of 2005.

Zambia has seen a remarkable drop of its HIV/AIDS infection rate over recent years from 26 per cent to 16 per cent. —MNA/Xinhua

Zambia to draw law against AIDS stigma

LUSAKA, 19 July — The Zambian Government is working on the enactment of a law to punish workers who stigmatize workmates living with HIV/AIDS, local newspaper *Sunday Mail* reported.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Security would "soon put in place an act which will compel people to get to terms with HIV/AIDS" and would present the matter to Parliament for final decision, deputy minister Chile Ng'uni was quoted as saying by the newspaper.

"The penalty for those found guilty of stigmatizing the infected will either be a fine or imprisonment," he said, adding that it was sad that many workers suffering from HIV/AIDS were being stigmatized because there was no law to protect them.

MNA/Xinhua

Four killed in plane crash in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 19 July — Four men were killed when a small aircraft crashed into a bus depot in Germiston, east of South Africa's Johannesburg on Sunday.

Police spokeswoman Sergeant Zithini Dlamini said the single engine *Cessna Centurion* crashed at the Marcopolo bus depot near the Rand Airport around 12.20 (1020 GMT).

Pilot Robert Guy Fletcher, John McKenzie and Richard Willus, all 55, and Nicholas Paumgarin, 23, were killed in the crash. The men and a dog died instantly. —MNA/Xinhua

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Patrons enter the Campus Theatre in Lewisburg, Pa, on Saturday, 17 July, 2004. The theatre's executive director, Eric Faden, offered to pay admission for any card-carrying Republican for a special Republicans-only showing of 'Fahrenheit 9/11,' Michael Moore's documentary indictment of President George W. Bush. — INTERNET

"Fahrenheit 9/11" breaks records before opening in Australia

CANBERRA, 20 July — The controversial documentary feature "Fahrenheit 9/11" has broken box office records in Australia almost two weeks before its opening in the country in July 29.

The gross of sneak previews hit 760,000 Australian dollars (about 547,000 US dollars) in Australian cinemas over the weekend, compared with the previous record of 405,000 US dollars made by "The Real Cancun", the *Australian Associated Press* reported Monday.

Sneak previews of the documentary, which criticizes the administration of US President George W. Bush's response to the September 11 attacks on the United States in 2001, are limited to only two sessions daily each on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Australia before its opening.

The film, released in the United States on June 25, took in a whopping 21.8 million US dollars in its first three days, becoming the first documentary to debut as Hollywood's top weekend film.

The film's Australian distributor Troy Lum has apologized to people who went to cinemas but missed out on seeing the feature over the weekend, saying the situation was above his expectations. — MNA/Xinhua

WHO urges bird flu protections for humans

WASHINGTON, 19 July — Outbreaks of a deadly bird flu in Asia require tough precautions against the emergence of a new virus strain that could sweep through the human population, the World Health Organization said.

Thailand, the world's fourth largest chicken exporter last year, has seen avian flu hit 15 of 76 provinces over the last two weeks. Since late last year, China, South Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam, Cambodia and Indonesia also have reported cases.

"While these outbreaks, thus far, remain restricted to poultry populations, they nevertheless increase the chances of virus transmission and human infection," WHO said in a statement issued late Friday.

The international health agency also warned of the possible emergence of a new virus strain that could spark a "global pandemic".

Among the precautions WHO urged were protective clothing for workers who might be exposed to the bird flu, which is easily transmitted, and vaccines for those workers.

WHO also urged countries with infected flocks to increase surveillance by local and national health officials and to set up procedures for quick sharing of virus samples.

"Without such virus samples, WHO will not be in a position to provide proper vaccine prototype strains and related guidance for vaccine producers," the agency warned.

MNA/Reuters

Floods threaten the Roof of the World

BEIJING, 19 July — Floods are threatening wide tracts of the remote Tibetan plateau after rainfall in some areas hit record highs, China's *Xinhua* news agency said on Sunday.

More than 31,000 people in 34 counties in Tibet had been affected by flooding, the official agency said.

Tibet's rainy season came earlier than usual this year and, in some places, rainfall in the May-June period was double the amount normally recorded, it quoted meteorologists as saying.

Recent storms have caused at least three deaths in the region, a plateau standing more than 13,000 feet high and known as the Roof of the World.

Two teenage Tibetans were washed away by a flash flood in the county of Xaitongmoin in July, *Xinhua* said. — MNA/Reuters

Mexican police seize over two tons of cocaine

MEXICO CITY, 19 July — Mexican police seized 2.26 tons of cocaine and arrested two people in connection with the case, the Federal Investigation Agency said on Saturday.

The agency found the drug inside a container in Manzanillo Port, the western Mexican state of Colima, on Friday.

The drug had been brought into the country by ship from Ecuador. Its final destination might be the United States.

The seizure is the largest in the past three years in Mexico.

MNA/Xinhua

Study says drug delays but does not prevent Alzheimer's

PHILADELPHIA, 19 July — A popular Alzheimer's drug appears to delay the onset of the disease among patients with memory loss although does not prevent it, researchers announced on Sunday.

Aricept reduced the risk of developing Alzheimer's among patients diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment, a memory disorder that is often a precursor to the brain disease, according to research released at the 9th International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.

But the risk reduction lasted for only 18 months of a three-year trial, said Dr Ronald Petersen of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, who led the study of 769 people. When patients taking Aricept

developed Alzheimer's they did so about six months later than those taking a placebo.

"This is the first study to demonstrate a positive treatment effect on progression to Alzheimer's disease from MCI," Petersen said.

"It looks like the drug had a modest, time-limited effect. Nonetheless, we are optimistic because we have begun to make progress toward delaying the development of Alzheimer's."

The study contradicts one published in the *Lancet* medical journal in June showing Aricept had no beneficial effect.

Japanese drugmaker Eisai Co Ltd co-markets with Aricept, known generically as donepezil, with US drug maker Pfizer Inc. Alzheimer's, an incurable and usually

fatal disease, impairs the ability to remember, learn, think and communicate. It affects an estimated 4.5 million Americans, a number that is expected to increase to as many as 16 million by 2050.

Former President Ronald Reagan died with Alzheimer's last month and his widow Nancy has called for increased government funding for research to find ways to prevent or cure it.

The move from normal age-related forgetfulness to mild cognitive impairment can be recognized when people start forgetting information such as appointments or social events, Petersen said.

"They are forgetting information that they used to remember easily," Petersen said at a news conference.

MNA/Reuters

Ministers seek EU-wide approach to flood prevention

MAASTRICHT (The Netherlands), 20 July — Reducing the risk of devastating floods such as those that hit Prague and Dresden two years ago demands more cooperation across Europe, European Union ministers said on Sunday.

Environment ministers, meeting in the Netherlands, which recently assumed the rotating EU presidency, gave their backing to an EU executive Commission proposal that calls for member states to collaborate on flood prevention.

"After seeing all of these catastrophes in the different European countries, we can't keep putting this off," Melanie Schultz van Haegen, Dutch state secretary for water management, told a news conference in the southern city of Maastricht.

"We received broad support for the Commission proposal to have a European approach," she said. "The sea and rivers don't take any notice of national borders."

In a proposal released last week, the Commission called for EU states to collaborate on flood prevention planning by focusing on

rivers at their sources so that problems are not passed on to downstream areas.

It also proposed creating "flood risk maps", which would pinpoint traditionally high-risk flooding areas and be used in flood contingency planning.

The Commission will assemble a flood action plan for further consideration later this year.

More than 100 major floods hit Europe between 1998 and 2002, the Commission said. About 700 people died as a result of those floods and about 500,000 were displaced.

The Commission said felling forests and rerouting rivers has increased flood risks. It added that rising sea levels and greater rainfall intensity — both symptoms of climate change — would continue to raise the risk in the coming decades.

MNA/Reuters



Diego Espinoza, plays with a tarantula during the inauguration of a zoo at the Quinta Normal Park in Santiago, Chile, on Thursday, 15 July 2004. The zoo will open to students for their winter season vacation.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Goalkeeper Rogerio scores twice in Sao Paulo win

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 July— Sao Paulo goalkeeper Rogerio Ceni scored twice as his team beat Figueirense 2-1 in the Brazilian championship at the weekend despite finishing with nine men.

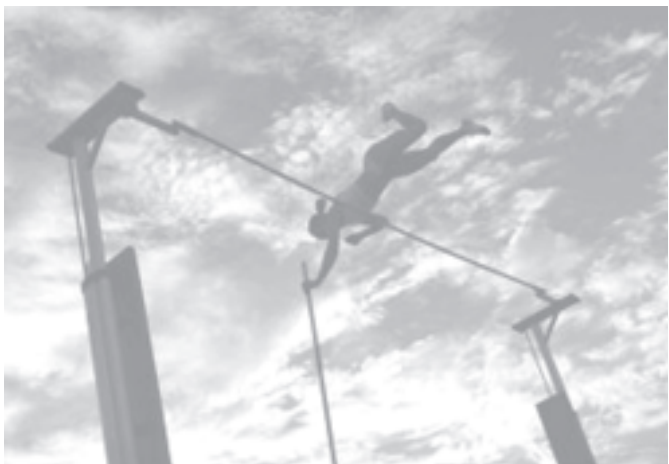
Rogerio opened the scoring by converting a 12th-minute penalty after a foul on striker Diego Tardelli.

He put them further ahead midway through the second half by scoring one of his trademark free kicks, the 33rd goal of his career.

Figueirense pulled one back when Sergio Manoel converted a penalty with six minutes to go. They were deprived of an injury-time equalizer when Rogerio completed his afternoon's work by making an outstanding save to deny Romualdo.

Sao Paulo, without striker Luis Fabiano who is playing for Brazil at the Copa America, moved up to third place in the table.

They held on despite having Grafite sent off midway through the second half and Fabio Santos dismissed in injury time, both for second bookable offences.—MNA/Reuters



2000 Olympic gold medalist and two-time world champion Stacy Dragila clears the bar during the women's pole vault qualifying round at the US Olympic track and field trials in Sacramento, Calif., on Friday, July 16, 2004.—INTERNET

Controversial penalty sets up 4-0 win for Brazil

PIURA (Peru), 19 July— Brazil cruised to a 4-0 win over Mexico in their Copa America quarterfinal on Sunday after being set on their way with a hugely controversial penalty.

Alex scored from the spot amid furious Mexican protests in the 28th minute after goalkeeper Oswaldo Sanchez was judged to have upended Adriano.

Adriano, a constant torment to the Mexican defence, added two more himself in the second half to make him the competition's top scorer with five goals. Substitute Ricardo Oliveira added the fourth. The match had been evenly-balanced until the penalty incident.

Adriano broke clear and shot, Sanchez saved, the two chased after the rebound and the Brazilian's legs crumpled.

Television replays showed that Sanchez did not touch Adriano but referee

Oscar Ruiz pointed straight to the spot and Alex converted to a deafening chorus of jeers from the Peruvian crowd.

Coincidentally, it was Ruiz who awarded three penalties to Brazil in last month's World Cup qualifier against Argentina. All were given for fouls on Ronaldo, who converted all the penalties himself.

Adriano gave the Mexican defence a torrid time throughout the first half.

He had a header pushed onto the crossbar by Sanchez in the third minute and was close again 15 minutes later when he headed over at the far post from Kleber's cross. The goal sparked

Mexico into life and they twice came close to equalising. Hector Altamirano had their best effort when he rifled in a 30-metre free kick which Julio Cesar parried to Octavio Valdez, who fired the rebound over.

MNA/Reuters

Solid par start for Woods at blustery Troon

TROON (Scotland), 19 July— World number one Tiger Woods parred the first three holes as he launched his bid for a ninth major title in the British Open final round on Sunday.

The 28-year-old American, winner at St Andrews in 2000, began a blustery day at Royal Troon four strokes off compatriot Todd Hamilton's lead and stayed at four under with 15 holes to play.

One group ahead, Britain's Colin Montgomerie reeled off rock-solid pars at the first three holes before holing a six-foot birdie putt at the par-five fourth to move to four under.

American Mark Calcavecchia, Troon champion in 1989, made the most significant move of the later starters. After bogeying the par-four first, he picked up shots at the second, third, fourth and sixth to get to two under for the tournament.

The final round was poised for a thrilling climax, with some of the game's biggest names in contention.

American journeyman Hamilton held a one-shot lead going into the last day, but world number two Ernie Els lurked in second place with US Masters champion Phil Mickelson and US Open winner Retief Goosen a further stroke back in a tie for third.

Mickelson narrowly missed a birdie putt from 12 feet at the first but his playing partner Goosen bogeyed the hole after three-putting, slipping back to five under.

Among the early starters, Japan's Shigeki Maruyama carded a level-par 71 to hold the clubhouse lead at four-over 288 with 2001 US PGA champion David Toms, who returned a 72. Most of the players, however, struggled as they had to negotiate tough pin positions in gusting winds.

MNA/Reuters

Silva double sends 10-man Uruguay into semifinal

TACNA (Peru), 19 July— Striker Dario Silva scored two second-half goals as 10-man Uruguay came from behind to beat Paraguay 3-1 in their Copa America quarterfinal on Sunday.

Silva put Uruguay 2-1 ahead with his first international goal since November 2001 two minutes after Gustavo Varela had become the third Uruguayan to be shown a red card in the tournament. He then made it 3-1 with one minute to play.

Paraguay, who are using the tournament as a warm-up for next month's Olympic soccer tournament and are fielding virtually an Under-23 team, had gone ahead with a header from Carlos Gamarra, one of their few older players.

Carlos Bueno levelled for Uruguay with a penalty just before halftime.

Paraguay, fresh from a shock first round win over Brazil, made a lively start and German-based striker Nelson Haedo was close to giving them the lead with a shot on the turn which went just wide.

They deservedly went ahead when defender Gamarra rose to head a Carlos Paredes free kick into the net.

Uruguay equalized six minutes before halftime when Bueno won and converted a

penalty.

The Penarol player was upended as he tried to meet Diego Forlan's cross from the left and sent Justo Villar the wrong way to collect his third goal of the tournament.

Uruguay, who lost their previous four matches against Paraguay, appeared to be in trouble as Varela was dismissed for a late, sliding tackle from behind on Fredy Bareiro.

Instead, the Uruguayans went ahead when Silva scored two minutes later.

He received a Cristian Rodriguez cross with his back to goal and, although his first touch was not good, he managed to get to the ball first and scored with a shot on the turn which took a deflection off a defender.

Silva, who refused to play for Uruguay after the 2002 World Cup in a dispute over bonuses, last scored in the World Cup qualifier against Australia nearly three years ago.

Uruguay goalkeeper Sebastian Viera kept his team ahead with some fine goalkeeping before Silva finished off a counter-attack in the 89th minute.—MNA/Reuters

Saudis survive as Qatar crash in Asian Cup

BEIJING, 19 July— Turkmenistan snatched a dramatic 2-2 draw against three-times champions Saudi Arabia, while Iraq were beaten 1-0 by Uzbekistan at the Asian Cup on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Frenchman Philippe Troussier's reign as coach of Qatar could end on a sour note after the Gulf side were upset 2-1 by Indonesia. Troussier said on Saturday he would step down after the tournament.

Saudi Arabia, runners-up in Lebanon four years ago, were denied three points in Chengdu by a stoppage-time free kick from Begenchmuhammed Kuliyeu.

A goal down to a sixth-minute header from Nazari Bayramov, injury-hit Saudi struck back moments later through a Yasser Al Qahtani penalty.

Turkmenistan defender Gochguly Gochgulyev missed from the spot in the 53rd minute and when Al

Qahtani scored with a looping header soon after it looked as if Saudi Arabia had survived against the former Soviet republic.

But in stoppage time, Kuliyeu curled a free kick into the bottom corner to secure a point for Turkmenistan on their Asian Cup debut.

A furious Saudi coach Gerard van der Lem blamed fatigue for his team's failure to hold on for the win.

Uzbekistan seized the initiative in Group C with a 1-0 victory over Iraq in a pulsating game decided by a superb free kick from captain Mirdjalal Kasimov in the 22nd minute.

Iraq, whose German

coach Bernd Stange quit two weeks ago claiming he feared for his life amid the escalating violence in the country, chased the equalizer but could not find a way past Uzbek goalkeeper Evgeny Safanov.

Indonesia, meanwhile, went top of Group A on three points thanks to goals from Budi Sudarsono and Ponaryo Astaman in a game played at a virtually empty stadium.

Hosts China were held 2-2 by Bahrain in the opening match of the tournament on Saturday. AFC general secretary Peter Velappan complained bitterly about the swathes of empty seats during that match.—MNA/Reuters



Kuwait's Mas'ad Al Enzi (R) outjumps United Arab Emirates' Mohamed Rashid during their AFC Asian Cup China 2004 match in Jinan, in Shandong Province, on 19 July, 2004. Kuwait won 3-1. The Asian Cup Soccer tournament is the continent's equivalent of the Copa America and Euro Championships. — INTERNET

China beats Italy to win women's World GP HK leg

HONG KONG, 19 July— Defending champion China came back from one set down to beat Italy 3-1 here on Sunday to win the Hong Kong leg of the 2004 World Grand Prix women's volleyball tournament with three straight wins. Coming off a five-set thrilling victory over the United States on Saturday, China looked a little tired in the first set. They went out of fire after a 10-10 draw, seeing Italy pull away with a 12-3 run to take the opener at 25-17.

The World Cup title-holder roared back with sharpened spear to clinch the next two sets 25-21 and 25-23.

The fourth set was hotly contested before the two sides fought to a 24-24 tie. Elisa Togut spiked a ball out to give China its second match point and Yang Hao converted it with a solid smash. Yang made 20 kills to lead China with 22 points. Zhang Ping and Wang Li'na added 17 and 12 respectively.—MNA/Xinhua

PM General Khin Nyunt and ...

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At 12.45 pm, the minister met President of China International Trust & Investment Corporation (CITIC) Mr Sun Xiaowen and party. They discussed matters on Mong Hydropower Project and Yeywa Hydropower Project. At 1.30 pm, the minister and Vice President of Sinohydro Corporation of the PRC Mr Jiu Quitao and party discussed matters on Thaphansek, Mone and



Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and Ms Chen Xiurong exchange souvenirs on 13 July. MNA



Rail Transportation Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min meets presidents of Chinese economic organizations. — MNA

Paunglaung Hydropower Projects.

At 2.15 pm, the minister met President of China National Heavy Machinery Corporation (CHMC) Mr Ju Wenjun and party at the State Guest House in Beijing.

They discussed matters relating to Tikyit Coal-fired Power Plant Project and Kun Hydropower Project.

At 3.30 pm, the minister and President of Dongfang Electric Corporation (DEC) Mr Juo Zhigang and party dealt with Turbine Generator Factory in Sichuan Province. — MNA



Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint meets presidents of Chinese economic organizations. MNA



Wednesday, July 21

View today:

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
5. မြန်မာ့ပြည်သူ့အသံ
- 8:10 am**
6. အစောင့်ပြန်
- 8:20 am**
7. စစ်သွားတံတား

- 8:30 am**
8. International news
- 8:45 am**
9. Learning English the Easy and Happy Way for Children and Beginners
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. Demonstration Exercises for Correct Pronunciation
- 4:45 pm**
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm**
5. အစောင့်ပြန်သံတော်အသံ - ပထမပုဒ် (ရတနာတော် သတ္တဝါအသံပြုစု)
- 5:15 pm**
6. Song of national races
- 5:30 pm**
7. Classical songs
- 5:45 pm**
8. မြန်မာ့စာ ဖြန့်ချိရေး

- 6:00 pm**
9. ရွှေယုန်လင် အသံယုန်အစဉ်
- 6:10 pm**
10. Discovery
- 6:20 pm**
11. Musical programme
- 6:30 pm**
12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
14. Strong and healthy Myanmar
- 7:20 pm**
15. Musical programme
- 7:35 pm**
16. ကျေးလက်အသံတော်အသံ
- 8:00 pm**
17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. "ပန်းပုရတနာအသံ" ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ဆုပန်ဆု၊ နိဂုံးအနီး၊ ခါရိုက်တာ-မောင်နု
19. The next day's programme



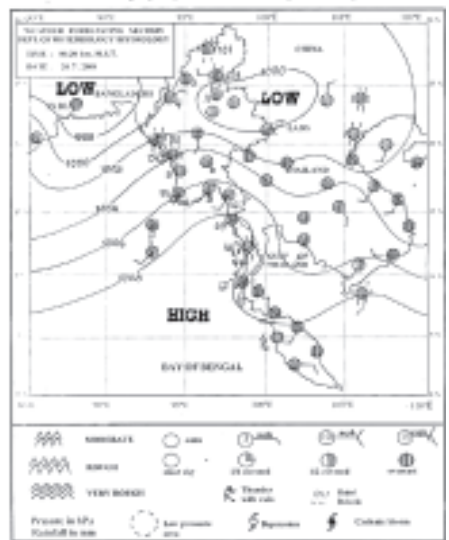
Wednesday, July 21
Tune in today:

- 8:30 am** Brief news
8:35 am Music: Toy boy
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music: Every morning
8:50 am National news/Slogan
9:00 am Music: There you'll be
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music: Promises
1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
-I want it that way
-Love me for a reason
-Big big world
-I'm a slave for you
Variations on a tune
9:00 pm Article/Music
9:15 pm Music at your request
-Like a rose
-I know what's up
-It's your love
-Fool again
9:45 pm News/Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

Rainfall on 20-7-2004

- (0.35 inch) at Yangon Airport,
- (0.31 inch) at Kaba-Aye and
- (0.55 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1484 mm (58.42 inches) at Yangon Airport and 1438 mm (56.61 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1439 mm (56.65 inches) at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighboring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 20 July, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State, isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Ye (11.14) inches, Maungdaw (5.67) inches, Hkamti (3.98) inches, Kyauktaw (3.66) inches and Dawei (2.76) inches.

Maximum temperature on 19-7-2004 was 32.5°C (90°F). Minimum temperature on 20-7-2004 was 20.5°C (69°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 20-7-2004 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 19-7-2004 was (3.4) hours approx. Rainfall on 20-7-2004 was (0.35 inch) at Yangon Airport, (0.31 inch) at Kaba-Aye and (0.55 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1484 mm (58.42 inches) at Yangon Airport and 1438 mm (56.61 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1439 mm (56.65 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from Southwest at 13:30 hours MST on 19-7-2004.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and moderate in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 21-7-2004: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah and southern Shan States, scattered in Kayin, northern and eastern Shan States, Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Rakhine States and upper Sagaing Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with moderate to rough sea area likely off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-7-2004: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-7-2004: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

New Rainfall Record

(Issued at 11:00 hrs MST on 20 July, 2004)

The amount of rainfall 283 mm (11.14 inches) observed at (09:30) hrs MST on 20 July 2004 at Ye is the (24) hrs new maximum rainfall record of the station for the Month of July during last (41) years. The former record was 235 mm (9.25 inches) on 4 July 1970.

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



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives members of the House of Representatives of Japan. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Japanese delegation

YANGON, 20 July— Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt received members of the House of Representatives of Japan Mr Ikuzo Sakurai, Mr Toshiaki Endo, Mr Hiromichi Watanabe, Mr Ichiro Kamoshita, Mr Mineichi Iwanaga, Mr Hiroshi

Imai and Mr Koki Hagino at Zeyathiri Beikman at 4 pm today.

Present on the occasion together with Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Minister for Education U Than

Aung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Director-General U Soe Tint of the Prime Minister's Office and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department.

MNA

Foundries, forging shops to be established in Mandalay, Monywa, Ayethaya Industrial Zones with State assistance

Secretary-1 addresses coord meeting on industrial development

YANGON, 20 July — The coordination meeting (No 3/2004) on industrial development was held at 2 pm today in the training hall of the Ministry of Industry-1, with an address by Industrial Development Committee Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Present at the meeting were members of the Industrial Development Committee ministers, the Yangon mayor, work committee members deputy ministers, subcommittees members the vice-mayor, officials of the SPDC Office, departmental heads, chairmen and members of Industrial Zone Supervisory Committees and Industrial

Zone Management Committees, officials of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, rice millers and guests.

Addressing the meeting, the Secretary-1 said with the assistance of the State, foundries and forging shops will be established in Mandalay, Monywa and Ayethaya Industrial Zones. So, quality iron products will be manufactured. At present, private iron foundries of industrial zones are manufacturing their products through conventional methods, he said. Without meeting the set standards of raw materials, without making full use of catalysts and without systematic quality control, the products have not been in good demand and they have to be used only in local market, he noted.

Cooperative efforts required

Therefore, cooperative efforts should be made to improve the standard of iron smelting industry. And arrangements are to be made to complete the project of modern foundries in the three industrial zones. In connection with the modern foundries, a modern mould workshop will also be established. So, iron products can be manufactured not only for local market but also for export, he added. All in all, the Secretary-1 said, with the products with the firm local and foreign market, Myanmar industry will develop significantly. Based on modern foundries, measures are to be taken for manufacturing of farm machinery, he said. At present, the Government and private industries have been able to produce only some 20,000 units of power tillers needed in agricultural sector per year and there is still more to produce.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects modern small rice mills innovated by the MAPT. — MNA