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General Khin Nyunt receives officials of Fritz Werner Industries (Germany)

YANGON, 26 July — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt received Mr PD Christ, Sale Director, Fritz Werner Industries (Germany) and Mr B Bieger, Representative, Fritz Werner Industries (Yangon Branch) at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthar here this evening.

Also present at the call together with the Prime

Minister were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office U Soe Tint and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet. — MNA

Union of Myanmar Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets Mr PD Christ, Sale Director, Fritz Werner Industries (Germany) at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthar.—MNA



At a time when friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and the People's Republic of China are in the process of rapid development, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt's visit to the PRC had been able to promote the existing Paukphaw friendship to fraternal relations.

During the Prime Minister's recent visit to the PRC, prospects for enhancing cooperation in energy, hydroelectric power, mining, industrial, transport, communications and agricultural sectors were sought.

PM calls for constant contact, coordination between Myanmar and PRC officials for speedy implementation of agreements



YANGON, 26 July—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt attended a coordination meeting on implementation of agreements between the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China and Cooperation held at the Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthar here at 4 pm today and made a speech on the occasion.

Also present on the occasion were the ministers, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Develop-

ment Council Office, heads of department and others. In his address, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that he paid a goodwill visit to the People's Republic of China in July 2004; that although the trip is a goodwill one, matters related to economic cooperation were coordinated during the trip. As friendship and cooperation between the two nations is making progress with added momentum, his goodwill visit to the PRC has been

able to promote Paukphaw friendship already put in place to fraternal relations, he said. During his visit to the PRC, he met President Mr Hu Jintao, Premier Mr Wen Jiabao, Chairman of the National People's Congress of China Mr Wu Bangguo and member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau Mr Luo Gan, and discussed matters related to friendship and cooperation between the two nations, he disclosed. He

added that he met Premier Mr Wen Jiabao two times, one private meeting and other working meeting, discussed matters related to boosting bilateral cooperation in all spheres. The meetings have been able to pave the way for further enhancing cooperation in energy, hydroelectric power, mining, industrial, transport, communications and agricultural sectors, he said.

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Constant efforts are to be made for successful realization of agreements and MoUs on cooperation between Myanmar and PRC.

General Khin Nyunt addresses coordination meeting on implementation of agreements between Myanmar and China on Border Areas Management and Cooperation.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 27 July, 2004

Towards speedy emergence of special industrial park

The State Peace and Development Council has been putting its energies into the task of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Fully aware of the fact that industrial development plays a pivotal role in building a modern and developed nation, the Tatmadaw Government, since its assumption of the State responsibilities, has been setting up industrial zones the length and breadth of the nation. So far, there has been a total of 19 industrial zones, including Shwepyitha, Hlinethaya, South Dagon, Shwepaukkan and Yangon industrial zones in satellite towns around Yangon.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party, during their recent goodwill visit to the People's Republic of China, paid special attention to the study of flourishing industrial zones there. The Prime Minister and ministers accompanying him had had opportunities of discussing ways and means for Myanmar's industrial development with Chinese leaders, state-level officials and personnel in charge of industrial zones.

A coordination meeting on the construction of the Special Industrial Park (Thanlyin-Kyauktan) being implemented by the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development was held at the Thanlyin-Kyauktan Industrial Zone Management Office on Yangon-Thanlyin-Kyauktan Road on 25 July and it was attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

In his address on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that, as Thanlyin-Kyauktan was a region where a seaport can be built, the Thanlyin-Kyauktan Industrial Zone Project was being implemented to establish an industrial zone with foreign investment and transport electricity and water supply needed for the emergence of an international-standard industrial zone had been fulfilled. And he added that the systematic flourishing of industrial zones was very important for the economy of the State as rapid economic progress would be possible only with industrial development.

There is a favourable environment for development of industries of international standard in the Thanlyin-Kyauktan Industrial Park. Therefore, measures are being taken for the emergence of a special industrial park through a master plan.

We would like to urge all those responsible to work in concert with one another for speedy emergence of a special industrial park in Thanlyin-Kyauktan region.

MPGA and MGF President U Win Hlaing addresses the press conference on organizing Myanmar Golf Tour 2004. — MNA



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



Kachin State USAID Secretary U Rawman Jon presents K 7 million donated by USAID Headquarters to Talawgyi Village-tract PDC Chairman U San Tun and party. (News on page 11) — MNA

9th ISD Karatedo Tournament commences

YANGON, 26 July — The 9th Inter-State/Division Karatedo Tournament 2004 commenced today at Aung San Stadium. It was attended by Myanmar Olympic Committee General Secretary Sports and Physical Education Department Director-General U Thaung Htaik, officials, Myanmar Karatedo Federation President Dr Ye Naing Win and executives, members of the panel of leading patrons of the Myanmar Women Sports Federation, and others.

Donations were also made on the occasion. Kyawzeya Telecommunication Services Co Ltd Managing Director Dr Naing Win

and Han Myanmar Electronic Managing Director Dr San Naing donated K 3 million each to MKF, and Metropolitan Industry Co Ltd Managing Director U Khin Htwe and Soe Moe Kyaw Lottery Shop owner U Myo Thant, K 500,000 and K 400,000 respectively. Dr Ye Naing Win accepted the donations. Dr Ye Naing Win also presented awards to Myanmar team, which secured second prize in the sixth Asia Karatedo Tournament held in China in February.

A total of 165 athletes from 13 states and divisions are taking part in the 9th karatedo tournament. — MNA



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts K 7,536,000 for flood victims donated by officials of Kachin State MCWA. (News on page 16) — MNA

Myanmar Golf Tour 2004 to be held



YANGON, 26 July — A press conference on holding Myanmar Golf Tour 2004, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Rothmans of Pall Mall

Myanmar Pte-Ltd, was held at Sedona Hotel here this afternoon.

First, President of MPGA and MGF U Win Hlaing presented the schedule of this year's tour and expressed thanks to sponsor companies. Next, on behalf of Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte-Ltd, its Man-

aging Director Mr Arend Ng gave a speech explaining their objective in supporting the tour and mentioning the venues of the tour event. Next, General Manager of Myanmar PGA U Chan Han explained launching of the tour.

After U Win Hlaing, U Chan Han and officials

answered the queries raised by those present and the press briefing came to an end. It was also attended by General Secretary U Aung Kyi and executives of MGF, Managing Director Col Soe Win of NPE, local and foreign journalists, officials from sponsor companies and guests. The tour will be launched at venues in Mandalay, Monywa, Bagan, Taunggyi, Myeik and Bago. Handsome prizes are to be presented.

The Co-sponsors are Air Mandalay, Tiger Beer, Alpine Drinking Water, Htoo Trading, K.M Golf Centre, Maruman, Tour Stage, Spixon, Wilson, Grand-slam (Musing wear), Accel International Co Ltd, Sedona Hotel (Mandalay), Sunfar Travels Tour and Han Event Management.

MNA

Iran rebels say US-led coalition has granted them protected status in Iraq

PARIS, 25 July—Iran's main armed opposition group said that the US-led coalition had granted its militants in Iraq protected status, despite its listing as a terrorist organization by both Washington and its key allies.

The National Council of Resistance of Iran said it had received notification from coalition commanders that People's Mujahedeen fighters who have been confined to camp in Iraq since last year's US-led invasion had been accorded recognition as protected non-combatants under the fourth Geneva

Convention. "It is a very significant step because the Iranian regime has been demanding for the past year the People's Mujahedeen be handed back, which would obviously put their lives in danger," said Farid Sulimani, a member of the foreign affairs committee of the Mujahedeen-domi-

nated National Council.

Iran has been pushing for repatriation of the several thousand Mujahedeen fighters under US military guard at Camp Ashraf northeast of Baghdad, and last December Iraq's coalition-installed interim leadership voted unanimously to expel them.

But human rights watch-

dogs have called on the coalition not to hand over the fighters to an uncertain fate at the hands of their archfoes in Tehran.

The People's Mujahedeen set up base in Iraq in 1986 and carried out regular cross-border raids into Iran, with which Iraq fought a bloody war between 1980 and 1988.

Several thousand Mujahedeen militiamen were disarmed by US forces following the fall of President Saddam Hussein's regime in April 2003 and barred from undertaking military operations.

Their fate has been a prickly question for Washington as it prosecutes its worldwide war on terror, since the group is listed as a terrorist organization by both the US State Department and the European Union.

The National Council statement said that the coalition had undertaken to provide continued protection for the Mujahedeen fighters at Camp Ashraf.

While recognition as protected individuals removes controls on the fighters' movement, potentially allowing them to emigrate to third countries, Sulimani said all were likely to stay as they wanted to remain close to Iran. —Internet



A badly wounded Iraqi police officer is rushed into al-Yarmouk hospital after he was shot in a firefight in the capital Baghdad, on 24 July, 2004. —INTERNET

Iraq hostage crisis spirals; clashes north of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 25 July—Two Pakistanis working for a Kuwait-based company were feared kidnapped on Sunday as Iraq hostage crisis deepened, with at least 22 countries affected by the wave of abductions.

Fighting also raged north of Baghdad, where Iraqi security forces killed 13 suspected guerrillas after coming under fire from mortars and rocket-propelled grenades while providing security to US forces during a raid near the town of Baquba.

Pakistan said the two missing nationals, an engineer and a driver believed to be working for the al-Tamimi Group, vanished on Friday as they drove toward Baghdad.

"We are trying to find out the details. It is feared they have been kidnapped," a Foreign Office spokesman said. "We will try our best to get them released if they are kidnapped."

Over the past 15 months, nationals from nearly two dozen countries have been kidnapped in Iraq, sometimes by criminal gangs, but increasingly by militants seeking to put pressure on governments and foreign companies to pull out of the country.

In a step up in sophistication for militants, a senior Egyptian diplomat was seized

as he left a Baghdad mosque on Friday. Most of those kidnapped so far have been drivers.

Abductions have sharply increased since April, when several dozen people were seized in one month. Around 60 people have been taken hostage since then, officials say.

Although most have since been freed, at least six have been killed — four of them by beheading — and on at least two occasions the hostage-takers' demands have been met, a move that may be fueling the surge in abductions.

In the clashes north of Baghdad, US army Major Neal O'Brien said fighting broke out as US troops raided farms near the town of Buhriz, 60 km (35 miles) north of Baghdad, a hotbed of rebel activity in recent months.

A doctor in Baquba said one Iraqi was killed and nine wounded. O'Brien said the fighting lasted nearly an hour and US artillery batteries were used to help suppress mortar fire from insurgents. He said no Iraqi security forces or US soldiers were wounded. —Internet

10-part TV serial on Deng's life to telecast

BEIJING, 25 July — A 10-part TV serial on the life of Deng Xiaoping (1904-1997) will be telecast across the country to mark the 100th anniversary of the late leader, known as the Chief Architect of China's reform, opening and modernization.

The TV serial was jointly shot by the Documents and Files Research Institute of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and the Publicity Department of the provincial CPC committee of Hunan Province.

According to Wei Jikui, chief director, the TV documentary tries to reflect Deng's life experience in a truthful way. The film

contains interviews of scholars, Deng's relatives and others familiar with the leader.

Quite a lot of documents and photos in the TV serial have not been made public before, Wei said.

Beginning July 26, the TV film will be displayed by Hunan Television's satellite channel and more than 20 other TV stations throughout China. —MNA/Xinhua

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Islamic group warns Italy over Iraq - Web statement

DUBAI, 25 July—An Islamist group in a purported Internet statement on Monday issued a new threat to attack Italy if Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi does not withdraw troops from Iraq.

"This is a warning to the Italian government which has given itself to serving the criminal American crusade to follow the example of others and leave Iraq," said the statement signed by the Abu Haf's al-Masri Brigades.

"If not, we will speak in the language of blood and shake the earth everywhere in your depths," the statement, dated July 26, added.

"To the vile Berlusconi, if you don't hear this warning, we'll make you hear it in Rome... We give you only a few days, Berlusconi, before we make you see what will not please you."

Islamist militants have regularly threatened to target Italy as part of their war on the United States and its allies. But the warnings have increased this month.

The same site on Saturday carried a statement signed by another group claiming to be a branch of al Qaeda in Europe which warned Italy and Australia of "columns of rigged cars" if they did not pull troops out of Iraq.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard said on Monday he would ignore the threats.

"We will not parlay and negotiate with terrorists and I believe the overwhelming majority of the Australian public will agree with us," said Howard, who sent 2,000 troops to the US-led war on Iraq.

A statement posted on the Internet earlier this month in the name of the Abu Haf's al-Masri Brigades — which claims links to al Qaeda — has warned of a "bloodbath like September 11" if Berlusconi remained in power.

Berlusconi, a close US ally, backed last year's invasion to overthrow Saddam Hussein and Italy has around 2,700 troops in Iraq.

The Philippines withdrew troops from Iraq this month to save the life of a Filipino hostage. It joined Spain, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and Honduras which earlier quit what once was a 34-nation US-led coalition.

Internet

Japan to welcome Chinese tourists from more areas

Tokyo, 25 July — Japan is to remove its visa restrictions on Chinese tourists to allow group tours from more areas from September 15, top government spokesman Hiroyuki Hosoda said Friday.

Japan and China agreed last month that Japan will issue 15-day visas for the first time to tourists from Zhejiang, Fujian, Shandong

and Liaoning provinces, plus Tianjin Municipality, in addition to those allowed already from Beijing, Shanghai and Guangdong Province.

The measure is expected to help increase the number of foreign tourists to Japan in line with the government's target of doubling the number to 10 million during the decade to 2010 under its "Visit

Japan" campaign, Hosoda said. In lifting a ban on group trips by Chinese tourists in September 2000, visas were granted only to groups from municipalities of Beijing, Shanghai and Guangdong Province. According to government statistics, the number of tourists to Japan from these three areas is now more than 30,000 annually.

MNA/Xinhua



US Army 1st Infantry Division soldiers break down a door while searching a school in Baquba, Iraq, on a night mission on 25 July, 2004. —INTERNET

Pinoy workers in Iraq may lose jobs

BAGHDAD, 26 July—American and British companies implementing reconstruction projects in Iraq may have to terminate the contracts of some 4,100 Filipino workers owing to Manila's stringent measures to protect its citizens in that country.

An official of the Philippines-Iraq Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Team admitted Sunday that losing job opportunities is one of the consequences that the Philippines might face because of the current ban on Filipino truck drivers from crossing into Iraq.

"It is one of the possibilities [loss of jobs of Filipino

workers in Iraq]. . . but we hope that the ban is just temporary because we are committed to be part of the rebuilding process in Iraq," said an official of the team who requested anonymity.

The official said the Philippines has many competitors for jobs in Iraq, saying that British and US companies could instead source

their manpower requirement from 80 other countries that supported the Coalition of the Willing that invaded Iraq.

As a result of the kidnapping of Filipino truck driver Angelo de la Cruz by Iraqi militants, President Arroyo ordered the foreign affairs department to enforce a ban on Filipino truck drivers from entering Iraq.

The official, who visited Iraq early this year to determine the Philippines' participation in the rebuilding process and negotiate with US and British companies that won contracts in rebuilding Iraq, admitted that the security situation there remains to be stabilized.

"Iraq is still a war zone, we had to cut short our visit there because it is too dangerous. We all got so scared that we never got out of our hotel rooms," said the official.

The Philippines-Iraq Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Team has been exploring business ventures with American, Japanese and British companies for subcontracting jobs in Iraq.

Internet



Linda May Ellis of Rockland, Mass., joins The National March on the DNC, a demonstration on Boston Commons on 25 July, 2004. The protesters were calling for the removal of US troops from Iraq and other nations.—INTERNET

YUKOS continues oil supply to China

Moscow, 25 July—Russia's oil giant YUKOS, teetering on the verge of bankruptcy due to a huge back taxes bill, keeps supplying oil to China as usual, a YUKOS officer said Friday.

"We are shipping oil under contracts," Sergei Prisyazhnyuk, director of YUKOS' Beijing office, was cited by *Interfax* news agency as saying.

The remarks came after YUKOS chief executive officer Steven Theede warned here Tuesday that YUKOS, the largest oil exporter in Russia, might reduce its oil production due to the back tax demands of 3.4 billion US dollars against it.

Prisyazhnyuk confirmed that YUKOS will continue to deliver oil to China till the end of August, and the volume of monthly oil shipments to China has remained unchanged at 420,000 tons to the China National Petroleum Corporation and 250,000 tons to Sinopec Group.

He added that oil transportation to China is underway. YUKOS has warned that the underpaid debt for the year 2000 charged by

the Russian tax authorities would drive it into bankruptcy because it could not raise enough cash for the payment after its assets were frozen by an earlier court order.

The Justice Ministry bailiffs have so far collected 340 million US dollars as payment of the tax bill, chief court bailiff Arkady Melnikov said Friday.

The company has been trying to seek compromise with the Russian authorities by restructuring its tax debt and preventing the confiscation of its assets, but no official response has been made.

Critics see the one-year legal investigation in YUKOS as a Kremlin-initiated onslaught against the company's former chief executive Mikhail Khodorkovsky, who has reportedly sponsored opponents against Russian President Vladimir Putin.

MNA/Xinhua

China to complete rural retail network in five years

BEIJING, 25 July—China will build a national rural retail network within five years, an official from Minister of Commerce (MOC) said here Friday.

Xu Ming, deputy director of MOC market system development department, said China will develop chain supermarkets and express stores in counties and major towns, and transform country fairs to chain stores. The government also encourages retailers to update rural grocery stores into distribution outlets or franchisers.

Despite amounting to more than 70 per cent of the country's population, Chinese rural population have a disproportionate consumption capacity.

According to the National Bureau of Statistics, in the first quarter of 2004, consumption by the citizens of rural China fell to 34 per cent of the national total, a record low since 1990s. It is believed that the shrinking rural consumption results from the low income of peasants and inefficient distribution network.

There are only 1.6 country markets for every 60 thousand peasants. These rudimentary open-air fairs are filled with fake commodities and illegal dealings due

to lack of quality surveillance equipment and regulations. Registration fee, commissions and taxes raised dealing cost and therefore discourage peasants from entry.

According to Xu, the government will encourage businesses to develop cheap but durable products tailored to rural demands. It will further improve infrastructures in rural areas, including transportation, electricity, communication and drinking water.

MNA/Xinhua

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Report says Filipino drivers forced by employers into Iraq

MANILA, 25 July—Saudi employers are still forcing the Filipino truck drivers to deliver cargos into Iraq despite a ban by the Philippine government on Filipinos to make cross-border deliveries into Iraq, said a report reaching here Sunday. The local ANC news network quoted a Filipino truck driver named George Gonzalez as saying at the Saudi-Iraqi border that he and 18 of his colleagues were forced by their employers to go into Iraq at high risk of their life.

The Philippine government has warned Saudi employers that they would be held responsible if any Filipino's life is threatened because he is forced into Iraq.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo Friday ordered a ban on cross-border delivery by Filipino workers in the wake of the recent hostage crisis involving Filipino truck driver Angelo de la Cruz, who was kidnapped by Iraqi militants but released after Manila ordered the pullout of Philippine military contingent from Iraq.

But local politicians have expressed doubt whether the ban can be enforced, because the Philippine government is incapable of stopping cargo companies in Saudi Arabia from sending Filipinos to deliver cargos in Iraq.—Internet

Philippines, Spain defend Iraq decisions

MANILA, 25 July—Facing strong criticism, Spain and the Philippines on Sunday defended their decisions to pull troops out of Iraq, insisting they had the right to do what was best for their countries.

Earlier, Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said the withdrawals "encouraged" Islamic militants who have stepped up kidnappings and demands that more nations leave Iraq. His comments came after the al-Qaida-linked Tawhid Islamic Group threatened in a Web site Saturday to turn Australia into "pools of blood" unless it recalled its troops from Iraq.

The Philippines withdrew its troops this month, a few weeks earlier than scheduled,

after militants kidnapped and threatened to behead Filipino truck driver Angelo de la Cruz. After the withdrawal, de la Cruz was freed and returned to a hero's welcome last week. Downer said that because the Philippines capitulated to the terrorists, more hostages have been taken in Iraq.

The Philippine's national security adviser, Norberto Gonzalez, lashed out at Downer for linking the new threats to the troop withdrawal.—Internet

HK govt deficit improves to \$5.14b

HONG KONG, 25 July—The deficit of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government for the financial year that ended on March 31, 2004, was 40.1 billion HK dollars (5.14 billion US dollars), lower than the government estimate earlier.

The official statistics released Friday show that the expenditure in the last financial year amounted to 247.4 billion HK dollars (31.7 billion US dollars) and revenue to 207.3 billion HK dollars (26.6 billion US dollars).

A government spokesman said that the deficit of

40.1 billion HK dollars represented an improvement of 8.9 billion HK dollars (1.14 billion US dollars) over the revised estimate of 49 billion HK dollars (6.3 billion US dollars) announced in the Budget Speech in March.

Expenditure of 247.4 billion HK dollars was 5.4

billion HK dollars (0.69 billion US dollars) lower than the revised estimate due to lower-than-expected operating expenditure, and spending in capital works and non-works projects, as well as a lower-than-anticipated take-up in a number of loan assistance schemes.

MNA/Xinhua



Armed Iraqi guerillas stand guard around a street corner during clashes with American troops in Baqouba, some 65 kms northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 25 July 2004.

American and Iraqi forces clashed with guerillas near the violence-wracked city of Baqouba on early Sunday, the US military said.—INTERNET

Egyptian FM calls for release of hostages in Iraq

CAIRO, 26 July — Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit on Saturday urged those who kidnapped an Egyptian diplomat and a truck driver in Iraq to be merciful and set them free.

"I hope that the kidnappers will have mercy and free the Egyptian diplomat and citizen, so that they can return to their work in the service of the Egyptian and Iraqi people," Gheit told reporters.

He said that efforts had been made to secure the release of the two hostages.

"We will never leave Egyptian citizens in this situation," the Foreign Minister said.

The kidnapped Egyptian diplomat was identified as Mohamed Mamdouh Qutb, the third most senior official at the Egyptian Embassy in Baghdad.

On Friday, Qatar-based al-Jazeera TV channel aired a footage which showed Qutb sitting in front of six masked men in black.

The militants claimed that they seized the diplomat in revenge for Egyptian Prime Minister Ahmed Nazef's remarks that Egypt is ready to offer its security experience to the interim Iraqi government, al-Jazeera said.

Also on Friday, an Iraqi group which abducted seven foreign hostages issued a new 48-hour deadline to the captives' Kuwaiti employer.

The hostages, including three Indians, three Kenyans and an Egyptian, worked for the Kuwait and Gulf Link Transport Company.

The group calling itself the Black Flags had on Wednesday threatened to behead them if the Kuwaiti firm for which they worked does not pull out of the country.

It also demanded that India, Kenya and Egypt withdraw their personnel from Iraq, vowing to behead one hostage every three days if its demands are not met.

On Monday, Alsayed Mohammed Alsayed Algarabawi, an Egyptian truck driver working for a Saudi company, was released by the so-called Iraqi Legitimate Resistance after the company agreed to end its business in Iraq.

Last month, another Egyptian driver, Victor Tawfiq Gerges, was released after being held hostage by militant groups in Iraq for more than two weeks.

Egypt has advised its citizens to stop seeking work in Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua



Riot police clash with protesters marching towards the presidential Blue House in Seoul, on 24 July, 2004. About 2,500 protesters gathered in Seoul on Saturday to demand the government drop plans to send 3,000 troops to Iraq and that it pull 670 South Korean military medics and engineers out of Iraq. —INTERNET

US agrees to move troops out of Seoul

WASHINGTON, 25 July — The United States and South Korea finalized a long-delayed deal on Friday to move the American military headquarters and all US troops out of the heart of the capital Seoul, the Pentagon said.

During talks in Washington, the two countries approved a plan to relocate all 8,000 US troops from the Seoul metropolitan zone to the Pyongtaek area, about 50 miles south of the capital, by December 2008, the Pentagon said.

"This relocation agreement helps us meet our enduring commitment to the defence of Korea and to the security and stability of the region," Richard Lawless, the US deputy undersecretary of defence for Asia Pacific affairs, said in a statement.

South Korea and the United States, military allies since the 1950-53 Korean

War, agreed last year to move the sprawling Yongsan garrison from central Seoul to a site well south of the capital but failed to work out final details until now.

The Yongsan base area has been in Chinese, Japanese and US military hands for more than a century.

The United States announced last month that it planned to withdraw a third of its 37,500 troops from South Korea, where for more than half a century they have guarded against aggression by Communist North Korea, as part of a global force realignment. In May, the Pentagon said it was shifting 3,600

US troops from South Korea to duty in Iraq.

Most of the US Army's 2nd Infantry Division now positioned just south of the border with Communist North Korea will move to the centre of South Korea, out of reach of most North Korean artillery fire.

"A final decision on the timing of the 2nd Infantry Division relocation will be decided by the respective national leaders at a later date, taking careful account of the political, economic and security situation on the peninsula and in Northeast Asia," the Pentagon said in a statement. —MNA/Reuters

Iraqi unemployment rate reaches 70%

BAGHDAD, 25 July — A study by the college of economics at Baghdad University has found that the unemployment rate in Iraq is 70%.

The study says the problem of high unemployment is going from bad to worse, with the security situation deteriorating and the reconstruction process faltering.

Private employment agencies — a new phenomenon in post-Saddam Iraq — are cropping up across the country and advertising their "services" through the mass media.

Promising job opportunities in Libya and Arab Gulf states, these advertise-

ments have aroused a mixture of interest, distrust and resentment.

Long queues of Iraqis can be seen every morning outside the advertisers' offices, carrying their CVs and the \$50 application fee.

Guidelines introduced by the private employment offices state that every applicant must pay \$50, with just half the amount refundable should the agency fail to get the applicant a job. — Internet

MNA/Xinhua

Gulf's maritime business expanding

ABU DHABI, 26 July — The Gulf's maritime sector is expanding rapidly, which generates one billion US dollars' worth of business annually, the Gulf News reported Saturday.

The report attributed the rapid development to the region's expansion of economies, trade increase, oil and gas exploration as well as expansion of shipping business and the opening of the Iraqi market.

Official figures at the Dubai Drydocks, which recently received the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, showed that Dubai, one of the emirates in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), represents about 50 per cent of the Gulf's maritime services sector.

The sector is expected to get a solid boost with the development of Dubai Maritime City, which is being built on reclaimed land next to the Drydocks.

MNA/Xinhua

Oman signs helicopters purchase agreement with France

ABU DHABI, 26 July — Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) on Saturday signed an agreement with French NHI Company to purchase 20 NH 90 helicopters, the official ONA news agency reported.

But the report did not disclose the value of the purchase.

The signing of the agreement came as part of the ongoing RAFO efforts to develop its defence capabilities, ONA said.

As per the agreement, the French company will enter into joint development projects with the Omani side, it added. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi police officer looks through the window of a police car after a shoot-out in west Baghdad, Iraq, on Saturday. —INTERNET

Chinese Vice-Premier meets US transportation secretary

BEIJING, 26 July — Chinese Vice-Premier Huang met here Saturday with the visiting US Transportation Secretary Norman Y Mineta.

Huang, also standing committee member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, highly valued the role that the transportation departments of the two countries have played in promoting Sino-US economic and trade relations.

He said he appreciated that the Sino-US maritime agreement has taken effect and the cooperative projects within the memo of cooperation on transportation, science and technology have been launched.

He said he hoped the two departments

can further their exchanges and cooperation so as to create a better transportation system for the economic and trade development and to promote the healthy development of domestic economy.

Mineta also signed an agreement on aviation with Yang Yuanyuan, director of the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China to expand flights in the booming market between the two countries and drop most restrictions on each other's airlines. Mineta said this lays foundation for strong development of bilateral relations.

MNA/Xinhua

Volkswagen, GM remain strongest among China's top ten carmakers

BEIJING, 26 July — Two joint ventures of the German carmaker Volkswagen and one of the US auto giant General Motors top the rankings of China's biggest 10 sedan producers both in production and sales in the first half of this year, latest figures released by the China Automotive Industry Association shows.

According to the figures, the top 10 carmakers by output during the first six months are Shanghai Volkswagen, FAW-Volkswagen, Shanghai General Motors, Guangzhou Honda, Tianjin-FAW-Xiali, Beijing Hyundai Motor, Chang'an Automobile,

Dongfeng Peugeot Citroen, SAIC Chery and a new comer of FAW Toyota Motor, with last year's ninth player Fengshen Motor out.

Shanghai Volkswagen, Shanghai General Motors and FAW-Volkswagen also take the first three places

by sales during the same period, followed by Guangzhou Honda, Chang'an Auto, Tianjin-FAW-Xiali, Beijing Hyundai, SAIC Chery, Dongfeng Peugeot Citroen and FAW Toyota.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq, Syria to form border security committee

DAMASCUS, 25 July — Syria and Iraq will form a committee to improve security along their long desert border, which Washington says anti-US guerillas use to infiltrate Iraq, the countries' prime ministers said on Saturday.

After a series of meetings in Damascus, Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi said the two countries had agreed to look at how to better control the 375-mile frontier, which Washington and Baghdad see as a serious source of instability in Iraq.

"We have... formed a joint committee to look at these issues (border and security) in detail in the future, in the weeks ahead," Allawi told a news conference.

"Syria has seen terrorism in earlier days, even by the old regime in Iraq when Saddam tried to inflict a lot of damage on the Syrian people and kill a lot of Syrian civilians. Now it's time for us to close ranks."

US officials have repeatedly accused Syria of failing to do enough to keep anti-

US militants from crossing into Iraq, though the US military acknowledges that foreign fighters account for few of the guerilla suspects it has detained.

"We do not only say that we deny, but moreover we oppose any infiltration that takes place from Syria to Iraq as we do oppose any infiltration from Iraq to Syria," Syrian Prime Minister Najial-Otari said.

"We have affirmed during the meeting the keenness of Syria under the leadership of President Bashar al-Assad to achieve security and stability in Iraq and Syria's support to the efforts that aim at achieving that." Allawi's interim government won a pledge of support on border security from Jordan on the first stage of his regional tour.—MNA/Reuters

Oil pipeline ablaze north of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 25 July — An oil pipeline was ablaze in a blast on Saturday south of the restive city of Samarra north of Baghdad, witnesses said.

The explosion took place before dawn and huge black column of smoke rose in the sky over al-Tharthar area south west of Samarra, some 110 kilometres north of Baghdad, a witness Amir Hameed told *Xinhua*.

Guerillas frequently attack Iraq's oil infrastructure, setting explosives under pipelines and oil wells in an effort to disrupt the country's reconstruction.

The pipeline attacked on Saturday was a subsidiary line which takes oil from Baiji refinery, some 200 kilometres north of Baghdad, to al-Dawra refinery in Baghdad. The line has regularly been sabotaged. — MNA/Xinhua

Philippine President bans "cross-border assignments" of OFWs

MANILA, 25 July — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo Friday ordered the ban of "cross-border assignments" of Filipino contract workers into Iraq.

Arroyo ordered the Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary Delia Albert to implement the ban to safeguard Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in Iraq and other Middle East countries during the Department Foreign Affairs' 106th anniversary rites Friday morning.

In her directive, Arroyo said land-based Filipinos, particularly contract workers hired as drivers by oil companies in Saudi Arabia and nearby countries, should be banned from crossing borders into Iraq.

She said she hopes that the measure would prevent the abduction of contract workers from happening again, referring to the case of Angelo de la Cruz, a Filipino truck driver for a Saudi-based oil company who was abducted earlier this month and later released after the Philippines withdrew its 51-member humanitarian contingent from Iraq.

The government has made representations with the coalition camp commanders to enhance security measures for civilian workers, particularly Filipinos, inside their bases to put out of harm's way some 4,000 Filipino workers in Iraq, Arroyo said.

Likewise, Arroyo said the government has also advised Filipino workers to stay inside the protection of the camps, exercise vigilance and to always keep in mind emergency procedures. She also stressed the policy of not allowing further deployment of Filipino workers in Iraq "outside secured and established bases". Arroyo imposed the temporary ban immediately after the kidnapping of de la Cruz in Iraq some two weeks ago.

Later, however, the President said it would be up for the Department of Labour and Employment to decide on whether the ban should be lifted or not.—MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi police frisk a civilian as they look into vehicles in Baghdad, Iraq, on Saturday, 24 July, 2004. Increased security could be seen around the city throughout the morning hours, including joint checkpoints with US Army and Iraqi National Guard soldiers. —INTERNET



An Iraqi National Guardsman orders a motorist to stop at a checkpoint in central Baghdad. Egyptian and Iraqi officials joined forces to seek the release of a kidnapped Cairo diplomat as Iraq's wave of abductions continued apace with the snatching of a state company director on the streets of central Baghdad.—INTERNET

Russia, China still oppose Sudan sanctions threat

UNITED NATIONS, 25 July — Russia, China, Pakistan and Algeria on Friday opposed a threat of sanctions against Sudan in a US-drafted UN resolution aimed at keeping the pressure on Khartoum until atrocities against civilians in Darfur stop, diplomats said.

At initial Security Council negotiations on a revised draft, envoys at the talks said there was no agreement on a provision demanding that Sudan face unspecified UN sanctions within 30 days if it did not arrest and prosecute Arab militia leaders, called Janjaweed, accused of abus-

ing civilians. The 15-month conflict has killed at least 30,000 people, forced villagers into concentration-camp type compounds and left 2 million people without enough food and medicine in Sudan's western region of Darfur.

Although there is no out-

right opposition to the draft and strong support from Europeans, diplomats said Russia, China, Pakistan and Algeria objected to using the word "sanctions," against Khartoum, preferring only a threat of "further action".

Pakistan's UN Ambassador, Munir Akram, said some Council members were waiting for reports from international monitoring missions in Darfur so that any resolution would be on firmer ground. The text was "a good basis for discussion" but there were "several ways to improve it," he told *Reuters*.

Both US Secretary of State Colin Powell and UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Thursday they were confident the Council would adopt the resolution. And some European envoys hoped the United States would put it to a vote soon and see who would dare oppose the measure.

The US draft resolution demands Sudan "apprehend and bring to justice Janjaweed leaders and their associates who have incited and carried out" the abuse.

It expresses "the Council's intention to consider further actions, including the imposition of sanctions on the government of Sudan, in the event of noncompliance". —MNA/Reuters

India, Burkina Faso calls for strengthening int'l legal system

NEW DELHI, 25 July — Voicing grave concern over growing terrorism, India and Burkina Faso Saturday called for strengthening international legal system to fight the scourge as the two countries agreed to further consolidate bilateral cooperation in diversified fields.

A joint statement issued after discussions between visiting Burkina Faso Foreign Minister Youssouf Ouedraogo and his Indian counterpart K Natwar Singh said the two sides considered this wave of violence related to terrorism, religious intolerance, international crime, drug and arms trafficking as a threat to the sovereignty of states.

It also posed a threat to development, stability as well as to international peace and security, it said. The two countries condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

They agreed to pursue contacts to ensure that the basic concerns of developing countries were taken into account in future multilate-

ral trade talks at WTO level, particularly those related to agricultural subsidies and market access.

Both agreed that there was considerable potential for India to undertake mutually beneficial cooperation with Burkina Faso in various sectors.

New Delhi decided to extend the scope of the ongoing cooperation under ITEC programme. Possibility of deputing ITEC experts in key sectors identified by Burkina Faso would be considered, the statement said.

They agreed to give priority to strengthening bilateral cooperation in transport and communications besides roads, ports and railway construction projects in that country. — MNA/PTI

Floods, landslides kill 102 in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 25 July — At least 102 people have been killed and thousands affected in the floods and landslides triggered by heavy rainfalls in the past few days across Nepal, the Nepal Home Ministry said Saturday.

The death toll was reported in Sarlahi and Siraha

districts in the eastern Terai Belt, said Durga Raj Sharma, undersecretary of the Home Ministry.

Hundreds of acres of paddy land were inundated and thousands of people affected by the floods and landslides across the country, Sharma said.

Meanwhile, 32 people have died of gastroenteritis in various villages of Kalikot District in western Nepal, he said, adding that a large number of people have also been suffering from diarrhoea and there is scarcity of medicine in the villages.

MNA/Xinhua

All-round development throughout the nation



Newly-inaugurated runway seen at Kyaukhtu Airport built by Directorate of Military Engineers in Saw Township, Magway Division. — MNA



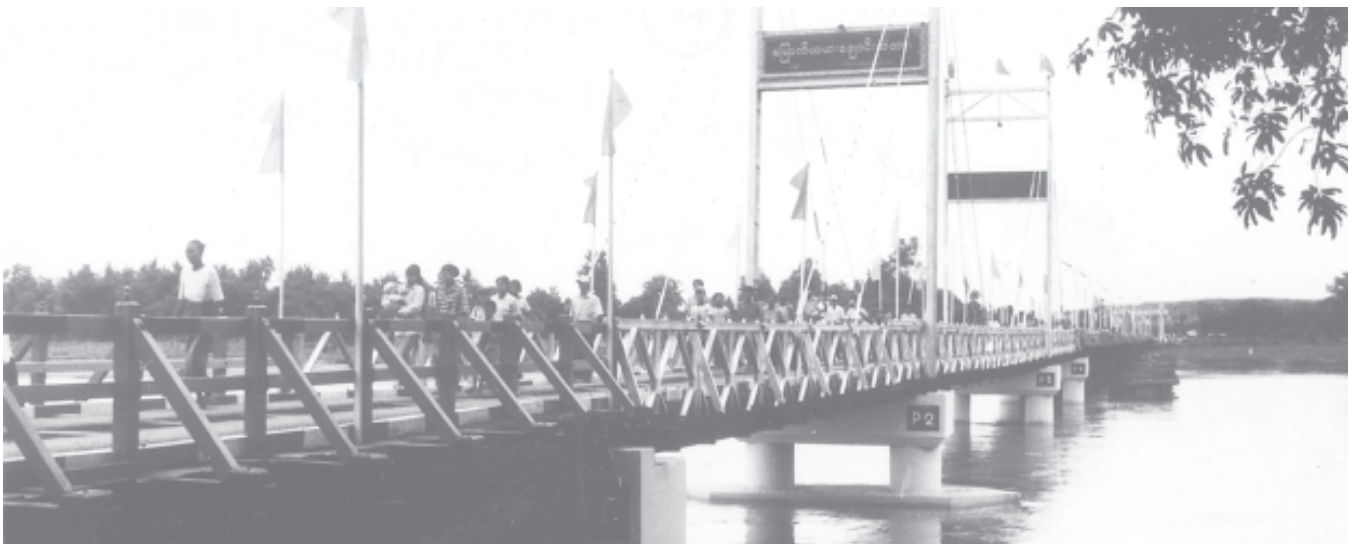
Opening ceremony of new building of Mongkaing Township Hospital in Shan State. — MNA



The newly-opened gymnasium in Kyaunggon Township, Ayeyawady Division. — MNA



Kunchaung-2 Dam Project in Kyangin Township, Ayeyawady Division, will benefit 20,000 acres of farmland and can generate two megawatt of electricity. —MNA



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



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects construction of stone-filled retaining wall in Waingmaw port area, Myintkyina. (News page 16) — MNA

Highly-qualified human resources necessary for emergence of peaceful, modern developed nation

Multimedia teaching centres opened in Theinzayat, Hpa-an, Hlaingbwe

YANGON, 26 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and various departments on 23 July morning left here by car and attended opening of multimedia teaching centres of Basic Education Schools in Mon and Kayin States.

Accompanied by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Lt-Gen Maung Bo arrived at Theinzayat BEHS in Kyaikto Township and attended opening of multimedia teaching centres. Lt-Gen Maung Bo unveiled the signboard of the teaching centres. He inspected multimedia teaching centres, arts studio and domestic science room.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented teaching aids for the teaching centres to headmaster U Min Lwin.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung said that Mon State Peace and Development Council provided over K 100 million to all BEHSs, BEHS (Branches), affiliated BEHSs, BEMSs and BEMS (Branches) to become three-platform schools in Mon State. He urged teachers and students to try their best to apply knowledge gained from e-Library. Mon State Peace and Development Council is providing necessary assistance to them. Later, he urged all to cooperate with the government for uplift of education standard.

At Youth Development Parahita Gaha in Kyaikto, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented a computer and accessories for the Gaha. Next, School Board of Trustees Chairman U Maung Nyo accepted TV and VCD donated by Kyaikkale Minkyaung Sayadaw U Candima of Mingaladon Township through disciples.

On arrival at Hpa-an Township in Kayin State



Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, the headmistress, teachers and students pose for documentary photo at Theinzayat BEHS, Kyaikto. — MNA

where Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party were welcomed by Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Khin Kyu and officials. They attended the opening of multimedia teaching centre of Shwegun Basic Education High School.

Headmistress Daw Myint Myint Win and Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Than Nyunt formally opened the centre. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo formally unveiled the signboard of the centre and inspected the way students are learning with the aids of modern teaching equipment.

Headmistress Daw Myint Myint Win and Chairman of School Board of

Trustees U Than Nyunt reported on efforts made to open the centre. Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented tapes and CD-ROMs to the headmistress. Chairman Col Khin Kyu also presented three computers, Chairman of Hpa-an District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Ko Ko Gyi, a VCR and members of School Board of Trustees, K 5 million to the headmistress.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo said thanks to the efforts of the headmistress, members of School Board of Trustees, under the close supervision of Kayin State Peace and Development Council and the Ministry of Education and with the guidance of the government, multimedia

teaching centres have emerged.

He said in the 21st century the world has been changing and developing rapidly. Advancement of information and technology causes challenges for human beings. In order to overcome these challenges, every nation is trying to seek methods for development technology, he said.

To keep abreast of international community, Myanmar launched education promotion programme in 1998, the second phase in 1999, the third phase and national education promotion four-year plan in 2000. Moreover, the 30-year long-term project has been implemented since 2001. Politics,

economy, security and other issues of a nation depend on education. This is why the education sector is being upgraded, he added.

He said the State Peace and Development Council is endeavouring in every sector for emergence of a peaceful, modern developed nation. In doing so, it is necessary to produce highly-qualified human resources. Multimedia teaching centres are the most basic necessity. By operating electronic devices, students will gain better experience for the future. He urged the teachers to nurture their students to become outstanding ones with the use of multimedia teaching centres. He also for concerted efforts of the parents, the people and service personnel to cooperate and promote the education of the students in preserving national culture. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party attended the opening of multimedia teaching centre of Hlaingbwe Township BEHS. Lt-Gen Maung Bo formally unveiled the signboard of the centre and inspected the learning of the students. Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented tapes and related equipment to the headmaster. Col Khin Kyu presented five computers, Chairman of Hpa-an District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Ko Ko Gyi, a VCR and wellwishers, cash to the headmaster.—MNA



Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence unveils the signboard of the multimedia classrooms of Shwegun BEHS, Kayin State. — MNA



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PM calls for constant contact, coordination between Myanmar and PRC...

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In addition, altogether 12 agreements and MoUs between the two nations were signed in the presence of the Prime Ministers of both sides including one MoU on communication sector that was signed in Shenzhen, he said.

The respective ministries are to make constant contact and coordination with the officials of the PRC for speedy implementation of agreements and MoUs signed between the two nations, he said.

There have been frequent reciprocal visits of leaders of both sides and agreements and MoUs on mutual cooperation were signed during the visits, he said.

Significant progress has been made in implementa-



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Mr PD Christ, Sale Director, Fritz Werner Industries (Germany) and Mr B Bieger Representative, Fritz Werner Industries (Yangon Branch) at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthar. — MNA

tion of the agreements and MoUs, and some agreements and MoUs are under implementation.

Therefore, constant efforts are to be made for successful realization of agreements and MoUs on coop-

eration between the two nations, he said and called on officials concerned to present the necessary requirements.

Next, ministers and deputy ministers reported on progress of implementation

of agreements and MoUs signed during reciprocal goodwill visits of leaders of the Union of Myanmar and on China. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the Prime Minister.

MNA

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State places emphasis on maintenance,...

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Kachin State PDC Chairman Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Union Solidarity and Development Association Secretary Kachin State in-charge Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlements Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, senior military officers and officials of social organizations.

The Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony to donate cash and

kind for flood-hit townships in Myitkyina at the city hall of Myitkyina. Also present were Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, the deputy ministers, members of district and township PDCs and officials. Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe reported on occurrence of floods in Myitkyina Township in the third week of this month, conditions of flood-hit wards and villages and households, opening of temporary relief camps, damage due to the floods, relief assistance, health care serv-

ices, damage to monsoon paddy plantations in Myitkyina District and Bhamo Township and arrangements for recultivation of paddy by the Agricultural Supervisory Committee.

Next, the Secretary-2 accepted K 15,282,453 donated by Kachin State PDC; K 7,478,365 by Northern Command; K 500,000 by Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and family; K 7,536,000 by Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Association; and K 30 million by USDA (Headquarters) and business entrepreneurs of Yangon.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe accepted foodstuff and household things worth K 6.9 million and K 1.5 million donated by the Relief and Resettlements Department; household things worth K

2,568,000 by Myanmar Red Cross Society; foodstuff worth K 160,000 by the Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Office; household things worth K 2,303,915 by Kachin State USDA; K 1 million by Shal Family Gems Co; K 2 million by Phakant Entrepreneurs Association; K 1 million by U Kyaw Myint of Whole In One Co; K 1 million and clothes by Military Intelligence (Head Office); K 500,000 by Daw Ah May; K 100,000 by Camp Commandant's Office of Northern Command; K 200,000 by U Tha Hsan of Kwanlon Peace; 10 bags of rice by RC Catholic Association; coffee mix and cereal mix worth K 700,000 by Mikko Co; 100 bags of rice worth K 600,000 by Swiss Aid Myanmar Program; K 1 million by Kachin Special Region-2; and K 500,000 by Kachin State Organization for Women's Affairs. The donations totalled K 84,580,995 includ-



CPT Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presents K 30 million donated by USDA Headquarters and entrepreneurs of Yangon for flood victims relief to Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein. — MNA

ing cash and kind.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Thein Sein said leading a team comprising ministers, deputy ministers and depart-

mental heads, he, together with Lt-Gen Ye Myint came to Myitkyina to inspect flood-hit areas and to provide assistance to victims.

He said there were many countries suffering from unpredictable catastrophes like inundation, but our country encountered less disaster. The reason was that, he pointed out, natural environmental conservation measures are being carried out through the protection of forests.

In particular, he added, special care should be taken in such a hilly region like Kachin because deforestation would have a deteriorating effect on natural environment followed by adverse weather conditions, drought and inundation.

He also said that to ensure balanced climatic conditions, State paid emphasis

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Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gives instructions on taking relief measures for flood victims of Myitkyina. —MNA

Extended transport facilities for further development of border areas

Myint Soe (Na Ta La)

In retrospect, despite efforts and various ways and means, previous successive governments could not manage to achieve any success in the tasks to cease internal armed conflict or to restore peace and tranquillity in Myanmar. However, in the time of the Tatmadaw Government, a total of 17 armed groups of national races gave up their armed insurgency and returned to the legal fold.

Now they have been making remarkable contribution towards bolstering up community peace, prevalence of law

with poor transportation, it is impossible to build firm and absolute trust among the national brethren and to take effective steps for regional development.

Roads and bridges built in the respective regions

The Government has been building a network of roads and bridges covering the entire nation. It had spent over K 57,000 million on border development projects from June 1989 to 30 June 2004, 54 per cent of which covers the road and bridge sector. So far, it has built 2,941 miles and 2



Scenic beauty of Mongyan-Hsilu road in eastern Kengtung region. (Photo: PBANRDA)

and order, and cementing national solidarity and implementing development projects. Development of border areas and national races play an important role in the process. The colonialists absolutely disregarded the requirements of socio-economic infrastructures of border areas, in which they could not gain any benefits. Although Myanmar had regained her independence, respective governments in the past were not able to take effective measures for the well-being of national races in border areas due to various reasons, resulting in greater development gap between border areas and plain regions.

The Tatmadaw Government is the only one that has ever grasped the opportunity to make endeavours for progress of border areas and national races. The Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races chaired by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races chaired by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, and respective subcommittees were established in order to put that opportunity into motion.

The Central Committee had to lay down guidelines to establish the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs responsible for constantly supervising border areas development undertakings and to ensure participation of other ministries in the development tasks.

Pursuing its firm and specific goals, the committee has been striving for production of human resources along with building of economic, transport, production, industrial and electricity foundations of far-flung areas in conformity with the five objectives. Chairman of the Central Committee Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address to the meeting of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races held at the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) on 21 April 1995. The Senior General in his speech said that it is essential to intensively implement the projects for ensuring smooth transportation in the open season which is crucial for border region development, stressing the need to build all-weather roads in the important regions. The transport sector plays a key role in implementing development projects and for strengthening unity and friendship among national brethren, he noted. The Senior General stressed the importance of construction of all-weather roads where necessary because

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furlongs of earth roads, 1,744 miles and five furlongs of gravel roads, 325 miles and six furlongs of tarred roads, 47 large bridges, 662 medium bridges and 16 suspension bridges and repaired 3,162 miles and six furlongs of roads in border areas. Among them are:

Kachin Special Region 1

Mammein-Chipwe Road and Chipwe-Sawtlawt Road

Kachin Special Region 2

Nagmon-Pannandin Road, Myitkyina-Putao - Sumprabum Road, Machanbaw-Phayukha-Nagmon Road, Hopin-Kontha-Lonton-Nyaungpin Road, Mogaung-Karmong-Lonkhin-Phakant Road, Myitkyina-Tanai-Nangyun-Panhsaung Road, Khaunglanphu-Machanbaw Road, Tanai-Mongkun-Nantphyu Road, Tanai-Hsinhsa-Kaunggya Road, Bhamo-Sinkhan-Shwegu Road, Bhamo-Lwegwe Road, Tayon-Daikpha Road, Gwehtaw-Ayezut-Gwanhsayan Road, Namhsanyan-Padaung Road, Putao-Phonkanrazi Road and Narlon-Laizeyan Road

Kokang Region

Chinshwehaw-Laukkai Road, Laukkai-Yanlonkyaing Road, Tashwehtan-Tapar Road, Hopan-Chinshwehaw Road, Holi-Kamong-Theintan Road, Wawchun-Mongpawlay Road, Kongyan-Monghaung Road, Namtaung-Mongpaw Road, Mongkoe-Mankan-Mongya-Monghaung-Mongsi Road, Mongpaw-Mankan-Mongkoe Road, Kyugok-Mongkoe Road, Mongkoe-Phaunghsai Road, Holi-Namkywan-Wawchon Road, Laukkai-Konggyan Road, Tarmoene-Mongsi-Tapar Road and Tashwehtan-Kyasiru Road

Wa Region

Hopan-Mongmaw Road, Hopan-Namtit Road, Mongmaw-Mantun Road, Mongmaw-Narphan-Naungkhit

Road, Panhsan-Mongpauk Road, Panhsan-Panyan Road, Mongmaw-Panwai-Panhsan Road, Tarkawet-WeinKaung-Panhsan Road, Manmeinhun-Pankhun Road, and Road to Namtit from Nyinaung Bridge

Shan Region

Bawkyo-Umu Road, Manpon-Mongkaung Road, Hsaungkye-Mongkhe Road, Nampaung-Namtma-Naunglai Road, Narmon-Hsaungkye-Seinkyawt-Mongyai Road, Hsipaw-Kunhauk Road, Namlan-Hokho Road, Naunglai-Namtuse-Paphan-Tahsaihyian Road, Yaypu-Naunglai-Ponwo Road, Mongyai-Mongha Road, Kenglin-Kehsi Road, Mongkhe-Manmon Road, Pontun-Hanna Road, Kali-Hopan-Nant Road, Lweyin-Taingkaung Road, Mongkai-Kabwee-Mongyun Road, Hopan-Wanmaing-Mongshu Road

Palaung Region

Namtu-Bawdwin-Manton Road, Namtu-Namhai-Mongwi Road, Namhsan-Manton Road, Manton-Moemeik Road, Mankan-Lontauk Road, Manton-Mongwi Road, Lwehsai-Taungma Road and Namkham-Panhsay Road

Kachin North-East Region

Kutkai-Kaungkha Road, Tarmony-Shaikhaw-Tekkanai Road

Kengtung East Region

Mongngaung-Mongwa Road, Mongyawn-Mongyu Road, Kyet-u-taung-Mongpauk Road, Mongyan-Hsilu Road, Mongyu-Monghe-Wamphyat-Border Post No 240 Road, Kengtung-Mongla Road, Mongyan-Mongphyin-Hotaung Road, Wanyan-Wannaung Road, Mongpauk-Panhsan Road, Mongyawn-Wanphaing-Kengkon Road, Mongkai-Mongtin-Lanhsat Road, Kengtung-Mongkun Road, Mongyawn-Mongkai-Lwemway Road, Mongkhat-Mongnone Road, Mongla-Wankyin-Hsantauk Road, Hsilu-Mongla Road, Tachilek-Adee Road and Wanhnyat-Wanshan Road

Homein Region

Tasuttein-Homein Road and Homein-Khanpa Road

Mongtaw/Monghta Region

Mongkyut-Nakaungmu Road, Nakaungmu-Monghta-Panmaingsun Road and Monghta-Khanpa-Hsangodown Road

Mawpha Region

Lwepa-Lwehola Road, Point 6028-YaungU Road and Tarkawlay-Metman Road

Pa-O Region

Kyauktalon-Naungtaya Road, Kyauktalon-Pintun Road, Taunggyi-Kyauktalon Road, Kyauktalon-Nampan Road, Hsihseng-Naughtaw Road, Ponchaung-Kadugyi Road, Maukmai-Namlut-Kadulay Road, Kadugyi-Tasuttein Road, Banyin-Panaw Road, Haingnalay-Naryaing Road, Kyaunghto-Kettu Road and Mongpun-Monghsit Road

Kayah Region

Hsibu-Thaauk-Maungbalawt-Kyekatawt Road, Moby-Lagyin-Pikin Road, Pruso-Muso-Hoya Road, Hoya-Kekaw Road, Hoya-Khabe Road, Hsibu-Thikyieik Road, Hsibu-Leiktho-Yado Road, Pikin-Laei-Latein-Hsaungpyaung Road, Zalontaung-Laei-Latein-Pikin Road, Dawyawkhu-Lwekhti Road, Lobakhu-Kupaya Road, Kupaya-Loinapha Road, Pantein-BP 15th Road, Me'se'-BP 14th Road, Bahon-Kyekatawt-Maungbalawt Road, Bawlekhe-Dawnyekhu-Dawtamagyi Road, Loinapha-4th Mile Junction Road, Lawpita-Payekhu-Boya-Dawphy Road and Bimikho-Kwakhi-Huko Road

Mon Region

Ye-Gani Road, Khawza-Magyi Road, Ye-Khawza Road, Ye-Kyaunggya Road, Khayongu-Tayanar-Kawbein-Minywa Road, Kawbein-Kanni Road, Zathabyin-Chaungnhakhwa Road, Kyapan-Wiyaw-Daukyet Road and Nyaungtauk-Hsinkwin-Winkan Road

Kayin Region

Wabotaw-Kamamaung Road, Kya-in-Seikkyi-Tagay-Kyaikdon Road, Hipokalo-Naungkamyang-Shwegun-Myainggying Road, Zathabyin-Kyonphe-Kyagalay Road, Thinganninaung-Wheshan Road, Myawady-Mehtawthalay Road, Thandaunggyi-Leiktho Road and Kya-in-Seikkyi-Methayaw-Taungin Road

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Taninthayi Region

Tenth Mile-Chanphan Road, Taninthayi-Thephyu-Mawtaw Road, Hankapyu-Ywahawtlu Road, Khamaukkyi-Maryan Road, Mandaing-Yadanabon-Alesakhan-Hleseik Road, Hseikphu-Maryan-Ayechantha-Namtun Road, Chaungchi-23th Mile Post Road, Palauk-Pyicha-Aungthawaya Road, Santhida-Namtun Road, Chanphan-Hatsatin Road, Thabawleik-Thepon-Thayagon Road, Palauk-Pyicha-Thayet-Aungthawaya Road, Chaungchi-23th Mile Post Road, Chanphan-Hatsatin-Awgyi Road, 57th Mile Feeder Line-Aungbaywa Road

Rakhine Region

Buthidaung-Taungbaza Road, Buthidaung-Kyauktaw Road, Kyauktaw-Paletwa Road, Maungdaw-Kyeinchaung-Aungthabye Road, Maungdaw-Kyeekanbyin Road, Maungdaw-Alethangyaw-Anhumaw Road, Kyaukpantu-Thazinmyaing Road, Kantaunggyi-Shaukchun Road, Khamaungheik-Hlaingthi Road and Wakhokchaung-Kundaing Road

Chin Region

Tiddim-Tonzang-Kyikyeeekha Road, Thantlang-Lonle Road, Tiddim-Reedyaykan Road, Tiddim-Htokhlaing Road, Zawhtaung-Lawdawl-Leinkhaing Road, Tweekhayan-Darkhine Road, Yayswa-Hlinelinpi Road, Yayzwa-Hsabaungthe Road, Hariphi-Waungthu Road, Waungthu-Ngaphaingphi Road, Kanpetlet-Kyndwe Road and Khwirein-Yanpan Road

Kabaw Valley Region

Alaungphaya Road in Tamu, and Tamu Border Road

Sagaing Region

Kalewa-Mawlaik Road, Kanbalu-Kyunhla-Chatthin-Kyakhataik-Kawlin Road, and Popa Approach Road linking Pale and Alaungtaw Kathapha

Naga Region

Lahe-Taikyan Road, Hkamti-Lahe Road, Lahe-Yankyon Road, Lahe-Kyuyan Road, Lahe-Taikyan-Ponnyo

Road, Leshi-Panhsat-Sunbrabum Road and Laungngauk-Sitphaung-Kyunphaung Road

As a result, over five million local people in border areas have enjoyed fruitful results of smooth and secure transport.

During the last year's excursion, U Po Sein, 74, of Myitta/Taungthone Region, in Taninthayi Division, said "Now I have enjoyed the golden opportunity to visit the Shwedagon Pagoda because of smooth transport, so this has fulfilled my ultimate desire". His words made my eyes fill with tears, sharing his heartfelt pleasure.

In his address to the Meeting of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races held on 29 March, 2004, Senior General Than Shwe said that to ensure development of border areas, measures for economic development in the region and better transport are being undertaken since better transport is of paramount importance for development of a region.

Now border areas have enjoyed fruitful results of smooth transport, but there are a lot of measures to be taken, he said. Although better transport has now been brought about in border areas, there is still much to be done and continued efforts are to be made for emergence of roads serviceable in all weathers and tarred roads for better transport, he pointed out.

The emergence of mushrooming roads and bridges has helped achieve more-than-expected success in building socio-economy infrastructure covering respective border areas and ensure the development of border cities to be on a par with that of interior cities.

Thus, border areas development projects strengthen friendship and relationship among the national brethren as well as mutual trust and understanding and unity.

It is sure that the transport facilities that have emerged together with restoration of peace and stability will lead the entire national people to a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

(Translation: MS)

(Myanna Alin, Kyemon 19-7-2004)

Poem:**Want Mother to see**

- * While Mother was living
The uneven ground bumps and ditches
Made up road to our village
Don't ask if it was rough
Now—
Village road is level
Flowers by roadside
It's so pretty, Mother.
- * While Mother was living
A single drop of water
Let alone a full drink
Only if you went quite far
Villager got a drumful.
Now—
There are many donors
Water gushing out
In merriment, they carry clear water away.
Returning from mid-village
Sound of clacking busy loom shuttles
One can earn extra money.
- * Mother and I while we lived happily together,
With silvery sheen under the shining moon
The floor itself bereft of pride
There was no walling.
- * Nowadays, Mother,
Rural homes, it's called
With walls of planks,
Roof of corrugated iron
Floor of hardwood padauk,
Beams of Thityar
With posts of hardwood
Pretty, world renown
Dainty, inviting to live in
With these houses, Mother
The main room for parents
How this son would like to do honour
O, how I miss you Mother.

Maung Seikta (Education) (Trs)

State places emphasis on maintenance,...

(from page 9)

to maintenance and preservation of forests, the State placed emphasis on maintenance and preservation of forests.

He also spoke of the need of the locals to cooperate with the government in those measures. Later, he thanked departments, social organizations and wellwishers for their contributions to relief programmes.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-2 and party inspected inundated areas in Mansein Ward and Sitapu Ward. They also looked into measures being taken for prevention of erosion at Waingmaw Port Area. Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, U Ohn Myint, U Pe Than and officials conducted the Secretary-2 and party round the port area.

In the afternoon, the Secretary-2 and party arrived at Talawgyi village in Myitkyina Township by air and went to a rescue centre opened at Talawgyi Station Hospital. On the occasion, the Secretary-2 cordially greeted the flood victims. Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and officials handed over K 10.2 million, foodstuff and clothes, donated by social organizations, ministries and departments, to local



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets locals in flood relief centre, Talawgyi Station Hospital, Myitkyina. — MNA

authorities.

After greeting local people, the Secretary-2 and party left the village.

They proceeded to Hsinbo in Myitkyina, where they met with township-level departmental officials, members of the local battalion and their families, and social organizations and gave instructions on harmonious and active participation of the local people in cooperation with departments concerned for regional development.

After greeting local people the Secretary-2 and party left there and arrived back at Myitkyina in the evening.

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First Session of Myanmar-Bangladesh (from page 16)

Manjoor Rahim and officials.

The two ministers spoke on the occasion, followed by discussions on commercial matters.

Before the meeting, the Bangladeshi minister and party called on Brig-Gen Pyi Sone at Hall-3 of the hotel at 9 am the same day. Present at the call were heads of

departments under the Ministry of Commerce, the Bangladeshi ambassador and officials. In the evening, Brig-Gen Pyi Sone hosted a dinner to the Bangladeshi minister and party at the hotel.

Before the dinner, the two ministers signed in the meeting record of the first Myanmar-Bangladesh Trade Joint Commission Meeting.

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Labour Minister meets ex-ASEAN Secretary-General

YANGON, 26 July — Mr Rolf C Severino, ex-ASEAN Secretary-General, called on Minister for Labour U Tin Winn at his office at 2 pm today.

Also present at the call were Labour Department Director-General U Soe Nyunt, Adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr Khin Ohn Thant, Director of the Prime Minister's Office U Myo Win and officials. — MNA

Myanmar-Bangladesh technical agreement (Protocol) signed

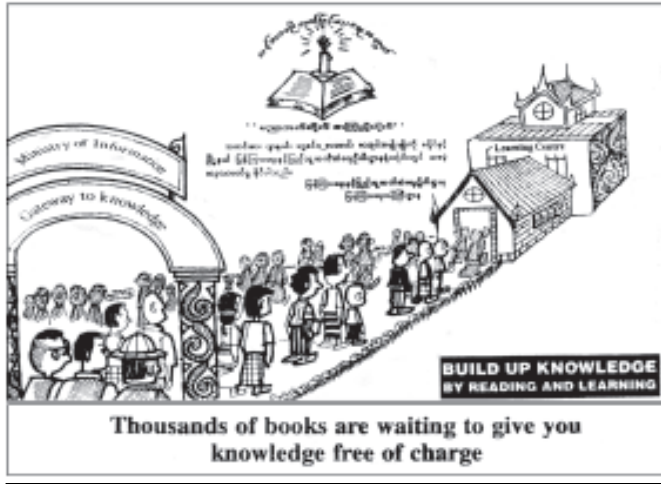
YANGON, 26 July — A ceremony to sign a technical agreement (Protocol) between Myanmar and the People's Republic of Bangladesh was held at the Ministry of Transport this afternoon.

It was attended by visiting Minister for Commerce of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Air Vice Marshal (Retd) Altaf Hossain Choudhury and party, Bangladeshi Ambassador Mr A B Manjoor Rahim and Commercial Attaché Mr Md Aftabuzzaman, Deputy Ministers for Transport U Pe Than and Col Nyan Tun Aung, Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen

Myo Tin and departmental heads. Marine Administration Department Director-General U Soe Win and Ministry of Shipping Joint Secretary Mr Md Taiyebur Rahman signed the Protocol on Myanmar-Bangladesh Coastal sea-borne Trade 2004.

Next, the Bangladeshi Minister and the ambassador met Deputy Minister U Pe Than and they discussed maritime trade between the two countries. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung, Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Myo Tin and departmental heads.

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Prodi vows to defend EU interests in world trade talks

BRUSSELS, 25 July — The European Commission President, Romano Prodi, has reassured France that European negotiators will try to reach an agreement on negotiating framework which protects the interests of the European Union in World Trade Organization talks next week.

Replying to French Government concerns in a letter which was sent late Thursday to French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin, Prodi said that the draft text including a proposal to end agricultural export subsidies

would be discussed at the talks in Geneva on 27 and 28 July.

Prodi also noted that the European Union would agree to end farm subsidies only on condition that export support measures by other main farm exporting countries were also abolished.

He forecast that "the next days are certainly going to be hard" but said EU officials would fight "to draw up a negotiating framework which protects the interests of the European Union while meeting the hopes of developing countries".

Government support for farmers in rich countries has been blamed for depressing world prices and preventing farmers in the developing world from competing on world markets, and is seen as one of the major obstacles to completing Doha round global trade negotiations by the end of this year.

French President Jacques Chirac said on Wednesday the WTO proposal on agriculture was "profoundly unbalanced to the detriment of the interests of the European Union".

MNA/Xinhua

Three arrested in Turkish train accident

ANKARA, 26 July — The crew chief and two others were arrested by a Turkish court after a high-speed train crash that killed 36 people and injured 81, CNN Turk television reported on Saturday.

Crew chief Koksul Coskun and two engineers, Fikret Karabulut and Recep Sonmez, were accused of "causing the death of more than one person through negligence and carelessness".

The express train derailed on Thursday near the north-western town of Pamukkale while on its way from Turkey's commercial hub Istanbul to capital Ankara.

The lawyer for the three, Ismail Gurses, said his clients should not be made scapegoats for the accident, adding responsibility for the accident belonged to the state railway company TCDD.

Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan angrily rejected calls on Friday to sack his Transport Minister and other senior officials despite mounting pressure on the government, and said he would await a report from an investigation.

MNA/Reuters

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Airbus ahead in race for \$5b Virgin deal

LONDON, 25 July — European aerospace giant Airbus is "marginally ahead" of US rival Boeing in a battle to win a 5-billion-US-dollars aircraft order from Virgin Atlantic [VIRG.UL], a British newspaper reported on Sunday.

"We are on the verge of putting in a very big order," *The Sunday Telegraph* quoted Virgin Atlantic Chairman Richard Branson as saying.

"Things will come to a head in the next seven to 14 days. Airbus is marginally ahead. That is a 5-billion-US-dollar order."

The Virgin order, which centres around potentially 30 more A340s or Boeing 777s, has been the subject of a bitter battle between Airbus and Boeing, the world's top two commercial jet makers.

Virgin and Airbus have a long-standing alliance which Boeing has attempted to break-up by trying to persuade Virgin to buy its 777 twin-jets rather than the Airbus A340.

Separately, *The Sunday Times* newspaper reported that Branson had secured the financial backing of Greenbriar Equity Group, a US investment firm, for Vir-

gin America, his new US discount airline.

Citing government sources in Washington, the newspaper said that Greenbriar had agreed to head a consortium of US investors that will take a 51-per-cent stake in the airline.

The United States currently restricts foreign ownership of US airlines, allowing a maximum 25-per-cent voting stake and 49-per-cent total equity.

Greenbriar is headed by Gerald Greenwald, a former head of United Airlines, the world's second-largest carrier.—MNA/Reuters

Freight train derails in southern Turkey

ANKARA, 25 July — A freight train derailed in the Pozanti Town of southern Turkish province of Adana on Saturday, semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

Turkish State Railways (TCDD) Sixth Area Chief Director Yasar Tatlisu was quoted as saying that there were no casualties in the train derailment.

The freight train derailed while it was approaching the Pozanti Station at about 16.00 local time (1300 GMT), Tatlisu said, adding

that the freight engine along with four cars derailed while it was pulling 25 cars.

An investigation into the cause of the accident had been launched, he added.

On Thursday night, a high-speed train derailed near Pamukova Town of northwestern province of Sakarya, killing 37 people

and injuring 81 others.

The train, travelling from Istanbul to Ankara, was carrying nine crew members and 234 passengers.

The worst train accident in Turkey occurred in 1957 when two passenger trains collided head-on, killing 95 people and injuring 150 others.—MNA/Xinhua

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Spanish bullfighter Cesar Jimenez fights a bull during a bullfight in Valencia, southeastern Spain.—INTERNET

Anti-AIDS Dragonfly Project launched in Sichuan Province

CHENGDU, 26 July — Anti-AIDS Dragonfly Project volunteers have been working in Chengdu, capital of China's populous Sichuan Province, to educate employees of entertainment places.

Their major task is to inform the staff and their companions of AIDS prevention, since they are most vulnerable to AIDS/HIV virus, said Wan Shaoping, an official in charge of Sino-British Anti-AIDS Project. Dragonfly Project was

launched by Sichuan Provincial Disease Control Centre and Sino-British Anti-AIDS Project. It began from a trial operation in a town in Chengdu two years ago and had been proved effective before promoted across the provincial capital. — MNA/Xinhua

Earliest palace city discovered in Central China

ZHENGZHOU, 26 July — Archaeologists said that the palace city discovered last spring at the Erlitou site in Yanshi City, central China's Henan Province, may be the earliest palace city ever discovered in China.

"The design of the city had erected a model for later dynasties in designing their capital," said Dr Xu Hong, who leads the archaeological investigation team at the Erlitou site of the Institute of Archaeology, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

The rectangular city is 300 metres wide from the east to the west, and 360 to 370 metres long from the north to the south.

Four roads, each 10 to 20 metres wide, are on each side of the palace area, forming a transportation network in the central region. The city wall was just built along the inner sides of the four roads.

MNA/Xinhua

NZ researchers find chemical that generates new brain cells

WELLINGTON, 26 July — Researchers have opened the way to a "smart pill" by finding a chemical that generates new brain cells, *New Zealand Herald* reported Saturday.

A New Zealand-American team led by Auckland University's Professor Matthew During has made "super-smart" rats by injecting them with a gene that makes the chemical.

He believes similar techniques may soon help children with Down syndrome, older people who are losing their memory and students trying to learn a foreign language or swotting for exams.

His study also found that rats which were given extra mental exercises generated more new brain cells than other rats, showing that environment as well as genes help to shape intelligence. "No longer can you say there is only nature or nurture," said Dr During, who spends 80 per cent of his working days as Director of Neurological Surgery Research at New York's Cornell University and rest as a professor at Auckland University.

"It's nurture driving nature, nurture driving the genes. The environment is switching on these genes and working

through a genetic mechanism. They work together".

Another group was put in a stimulating environment with toys, a maze, a running wheel, nesting material and food treats. A third group was kept under standard laboratory conditions. All rats were killed after the experiment and the scientists examined their hippocampus, the part of the brain that controls memory.

The researchers found that the only chemical that increased in the hippocampus of both the first two groups was vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), one of more than 100 molecules called growth factors in the body. This one was already known to promote the growth of new blood vessels.

Scientists still believed that people could learn new things with their existing brain cells.

But circumstantial evidence suggested that injecting extra VEGF-expressing genes might generate new brain cells and boost intelligence in humans. — MNA/Xinhua

US partially suspends research work at nuke weapons facilities

LOS ANGELES, 26 July — The US Energy Department has effectively shut down part of the nation's nuclear weapons complex, fearful that security lapses discovered at Los Alamos National Laboratory had occurred elsewhere, the *Los Angeles Times* reported Saturday.

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham ordered two dozen national laboratories and several other nuclear weapons facilities to stop using classified information stored on computer disks, portable hard drives and tapes that employees can easily remove from work, the report said.

The biggest effect will be on the Energy Department's

nuclear weapons facilities in California, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. Such a shutdown has already been in effect for nine days at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. The action was taken after the Los Alamos nuclear lab reported it could not locate two computer disks that contained classified information. So far,

they have declined to say what is on the disks, though members of Congress have suggested the loss represents a serious security breach.

Officials said they had no idea how long the order would continue or how many employees would have their work disrupted. Some labs and weapons plants said that hundreds

and potentially thousands of their employees would be affected by the order, which takes effect Monday.

Abraham's unprecedented order would curtail operations across the Energy Department's chain of laboratories, computing centres, accelerators and factories that employ more than 100,000 workers, the report said. — MNA/Xinhua



Third quarter sales figures expected this week for France's Euro Disney theme park, seen here, are expected to reveal slower growth in visitor spending and add to its woes as it struggles to restructure its 2.9 billion US dollar debt, analysts predict.—INTERNET

Swindling great-granny busted by Italian police

ROME, 26 July — Italian police have arrested an 80-year-old great-grandmother suspected of drugging and robbing easily fooled victims for years to feed her gambling habit.

Vittoria Benetti was detained after her last victim, a 70-year-old woman travelling in the same train compartment, identified her in a photo, Italian media reported on Saturday.

Benetti drugged her with a cup of coffee and then escaped with 1,000 euros which she promptly spent at a casino in neighbouring Slovenia. MNA/Reuters

US FDA OKs Merck-Schering-Plough cholesterol drug

WASHINGTON, 26 July — Merck & Co Inc and Schering-Plough Corp won US approval recently to sell a two-in-one cholesterol pill called Vytorin that is expected to generate billions of dollars in yearly sales.

Vytorin combines two currently available drugs that lower levels of LDL or so-called bad cholesterol in different ways, Merck's Zocor and jointly developed Zetia.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Vytorin late on Friday, an agency spokesman said.

The companies said the new drug will cost wholesalers 2.34 US dollars per pill at all doses and will begin shipping to customers as soon as possible and no later than early September.

"We believe that Vytorin can success-

fully compete as a first line agent with all statins for all patients requiring cholesterol medications," said Adam Schechter, a vice-president for the Merck Schering-Plough joint venture.

Shaojing Tong, an analyst with Mehta Partners, expects the medicine to post eventual annual sales of three billion US dollars.

Other sales forecasts veer as high as eight billion US dollars, based on Vytorin's ability in clinical trials to slash LDL levels by up to 60 per cent at higher doses.

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FINA gives warning to Danish swimmer for taking banned drugs

GENEVA, 26 July—Female Danish swimmer Mette Jacobsen has been given a warning and reprimand as she failed to declare the use of banned drugs when a doping control test during the European swimming championships in May in Madrid, the International Amateur Swimming Federation (FINA) announced in Lausanne, Switzerland, on Friday.

On a doping test on May 16, Jacobson did not declare the use of Glucocorticosteroids (Prednisone and Prednisolone) in accordance with the International Standard for TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption), FINA said in a Press release.

The FINA Doping Panel conducted a hearing on July 20, 2004 and decided to punish the Danish swimmer, in accordance with FINA Doping Control Rules.

The European governing body LEN will thereby consider that automatic disqualification of individual results shall follow any anti-doping violation in connection with an in-competition test.

MNA/Xinhua



Juan Martin Parodi, left, of Uruguay fights for the ball against John Viafra of Colombia during a match for third place of the Copa America soccer tournament in Cuzco, Peru, on Saturday, 24 July, 2004. Uruguay beat Colombia 2-1 to capture third place in the tournament. —INTERNET

South Korean coach lays down law

JINAN (China), 26 July—Four games into the job, South Korea coach Jo Bonfrere has left his players in no doubt who is in charge.

The Dutchman dropped several top players for Friday's Asian Cup clash with the United Arab Emirates after being held to a disappointing 0-0 draw by Jordan in their opening game.

Bonfrere left 2002 World Cup heroes Ahn Jung-hwan and Park Ji-sung on the bench but they made an immediate impact after coming on to help South Korea to a 2-0 win.

"Some players just didn't really perform to expectations in the previous game so I left them out," said the former Nigeria coach.

"We started well in first half, we controlled the game and created some good chances. We deserved our lead after we scored from the free kick."

The 1-0 halftime lead, however, flattered South Korea. The 2002 World Cup semifinalists were under pressure for much of the time and were twice rescued by goalkeeper Lee Woon-jae before Lee Dong-gook struck in the 41st minute.

Substitute Ahn, who scored the golden goal that knocked Italy out of the 2002 World Cup, added a second in injury time.

South Korea are level with Jordan on four points, with identical goal difference, after two games in Group B and cannot afford any slip-ups against Kuwait in the final game on Tuesday.

Park, who scored one of the goals of the 2002 World Cup against Portugal, was disappointed not to start against the UAE after missing the Jordan game with an ankle injury.

"As a player you always want to start," said the PSV Eindhoven midfielder. "But the coach makes the decisions and all you can do is hope you are picked."

Bonfrere has only one real injury concern, former Trabzonspor midfielder Lee Eul-yong carrying a knock from the UAE match.

Experienced defender Kim Tae-young should be fit after recovering from a knee injury.

"Kim wanted to play against the UAE but if he had played 45 minutes we might have lost him for two weeks," said South Korea physio Robert Jaspers. —MNA/Reuters

Australia request Copa America berth for 2007

LIMA, 26 July—Australia have asked if they can take part in the next Copa America, South American Football Confederation (CSF) president Nicolas Leoz said on Saturday.

"We've had a letter from Australia asking if they can participate in the 2007 Copa America," Leoz told reporters.

Australia have often complained about a lack of competition in the Oceania region and also that, to qualify for the World Cup, they must play a series of games against the local rivals then take on a South American team over two legs.

They were beaten by Uruguay in the qualifiers for the 2002 World Cup in Japan and South Korea and will again have to face the fifth-best team in the South American group to qualify for Germany.

The Copa, the oldest of the world's continental tournaments for national teams, features the 10 South American teams, while two teams from outside the region have taken part by invitation since 1993.

Mexico have always been one of those sides while the second has included Honduras, Costa Rica, United States and Japan, who were invited in 1999.

Leoz did not give any indication of whether Australia's request would be accepted but said the CSF were considering increasing the size of the 2007 event in Venezuela.

He also said the CSF were in regular talks with CONCACAF about a single tournament for the two regions. "So far, there are differences in the thinking between the two confederations," he said.

"It's not easy to integrate the 40-odd teams of CONCACAF with 10 from South America.

"It could be easier if there was some sort of qualification system involving the (Caribbean) islands."

MNA/Reuters

China win world women's volleyball GP

HEFEI (Central China), 26 July—China won the Hefei leg of the 2004 World Grand Prix women's volleyball tournament despite a final round 3-1 loss to Italy here on Saturday.

The Italians came from one set down to beat China 16-25, 25-19, 25-21 and 25-20. China, Poland, Italy all finished the four-team round-robin competition with two wins against one loss and the former two teams were also tied at sets won-loss ratio. The defending World Grand Prix champion finally won the top place over the European champion with better points won-loss ratio.

Italy settled for the third place before Dominican Republic, who lost to Poland 3-1 Saturday afternoon for its third straight defeat in Hefei.

China also cruised into the six-team World Grand Prix Finals to be held in Reggio Calabria, Italy next week as the third placers in the three-round preliminaries while Italy automatically qualified as the host.

"We began badly in the first set, then we improved our play to win the next three sets," said Italy head coach Marco Bonitta. "We did a good job in blocking and defence

in the last three sets".

Down by two sets and trailing 16-13 in the fourth, China managed to pull within 19-18. However, Italy ran off six of the last eight points to secure the victory. "Italy destroyed our receiving with high quality services and they did very well in defence," said China head coach Chen Zhonghe.

"Our ace spikers were struggling and our players became impatient late in the match," he added. Roared on by a full capacity home crowd at the Hongshankou Stadium, China started strongly in the match between World Cup title-holder and reigning world champion. The Chinese women raced to a 12-5 lead and went on to take the opener at 25-16.

Italy, who lost to China a week ago at the Hong Kong leg, fought back with improved attacking to claim the next two sets and overtake the lead 2-1.

Elisa Togut and Antonella Del Core had 18 points each for Italy. —MNA/Xinhua

Brazil win extraordinary final on penalties

LIMA, 26 July—Brazil scored an equalizer with the last kick of the game to draw 2-2 and then beat arch-rivals Argentina on penalties to win an astonishing Copa America final on Sunday.

Argentina were set to win the competition when substitute Cesar Delgado put them 2-1 ahead in the 87th minute only for Adriano to equalize in the third minute of injury-time with his seventh goal of the competition.

The world champions had pulled the same trick in the first half when Luisao scored with the last touch of the half to wipe out Cristian Gonzalez' 20th minute penalty.

The second equalizer sparked a brawl as Brazil's players celebrated in front of the Argentina bench.

Argentina responded by squirting water at their opponents and referee Carlos Amarilla summoned riot-police to stop the trouble while Adriano was booked for removing his shirt.

Argentina seemed more unsettled by the incident and missed their first two penalties as Andres d'Alessandro fired his effort at goalkeeper Julio Cesar and Gabriel Heinze fired wildly over the bar.

Brazil converted all their penalties — just as they did in their semifinal win over Uruguay on Wednesday.

"Nobody messes with Brazilian football, five-times champions of the world," Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Parreira said.

"They were winning the game with five minutes to go — tapping the ball around and trying to get fouls and this irritated us.

"It's a game we will never forget — nor will our opponents," he added.

It was an extraordinary achievement by Brazil, who had rested their top players for the tournament. "It's clear that if the aim of

the game is to decide which of the two teams was best, the final position obtained was contradictory to what each of the teams did," said Argentina coach Marcelo Bielsa, apparently meaning his side was unlucky to lose.

Argentina were left waiting for their first Copa America since 1993 despite dominating the game.

They quickly took a stranglehold and deservedly went ahead when Cristian Gonzalez sent Julio Cesar the wrong way from the spot after winning the penalty himself when he was fouled by Luisao in the 20th minute.

Julio Cesar prevented another goal shortly afterwards as he turned away Luis Gonzalez' low drive after the Argentine midfielder, enjoying another excellent game, burst through the middle.

But Brazil equalized out of the blue in first-half stoppage time when Luisao glanced in a free kick taken by midfielder Alex, who had barely touched the ball in the half.

Argentina regrouped after the break and continued to sweep forward, missing several good chances. The best ended with Mauro Rosales' shot being blocked after Carlos Tevez, excellent throughout the match, brilliantly worked an opening.

The game came alive in the 87th minute when Delgado scored from a rebound after the Brazil defence had failed to clear a cross.

But in the third minute of injury time, Adriano scored on the turn to send the game straight to penalties, as extra time is not played at the Copa America.

MNA/Reuters

FIFA to consider artificial pitches for 2006 qualifiers

LIMA, 26 July—FIFA are to consider allowing artificial pitches to be used for 2006 World Cup qualifiers, president Sepp Blatter said on Saturday.

Speaking at the Copa America, Blatter said that the matter would be studied at the next meeting of the International Board, the committee which decides on changes in the rules of the game, in October.

He said that all matches at the 2006 finals in Germany would be held on natural pitches.

"This is not a revolution, it's just part of the normal evolution of football," he told reporters.

"CONCACAF has been playing games on artificial pitches with a lot of success and without problems.

"Nowadays, artificial turf has practically the same structure as the natural variety." —MNA/Reuters



Wendy Doolan of Australia hoists her trophy after she won the Evian Masters women's golf tournament in Evian, eastern France, on Saturday, 24 July, 2004. —INTERNET

MRTV-3



27-7-2004 (Tuesday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Mingalabar"
9:06 Let us Take Part in The
Chinlone Festival
9:10 National News
9:12 Myanmar Traditional
Snack "Dawei Nga-
moun" (Fish Crispies)
9:15 National News
9:20 Myanma Lacquerware
9:25 Nay Yar Daw Khin
9:28 Welcome to Bagan
9:30 National News
9:35 Kachin hand-woven
material
9:40 Song "Love Boat"
9:45 National News
9:50 Fantastic Scenic Sunsets
of Myanmar
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Come and See
Myanmar"

27-7-2004 (Tuesday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Myanma Panorama &
Myanma Sentiment"
15:36 Let us Take Part in the
Chinlone Festival
15:40 National News
15:42 Myanmar Traditional
Snack "Dawei Nga-
moun" (Fish Crispies)
15:45 National News
15:50 Myanma Lacquerware
15:55 Nay Yar Daw Khin
15:58 Welcome to Bagan
16:00 National News
16:05 Kachin hand-woven
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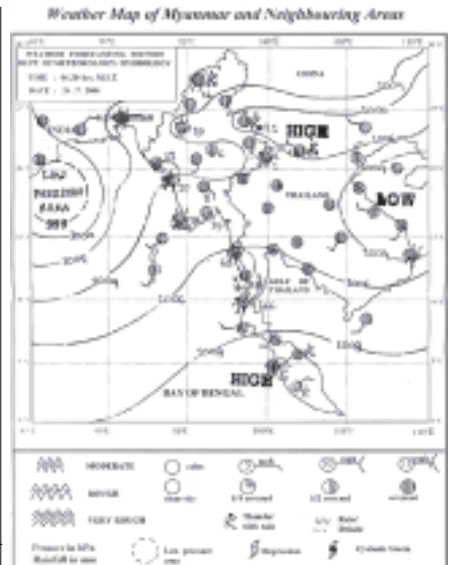
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16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Mingalabar"
16:30 National News
16:35 Music for Your Ears (A
Melodic Musical Piece)
(Guitar Aung Shein,
Gold Medalist)
16:40 Taninthayi, Land of Oil
Palm
16:45 National News
16:50 Clothes decorated with
Sequin-like Colourful
Plastics
16:55 Traditional PaO Dance
16:58 The Role of Myanmar
Rice
17:00 National News
17:05 Palm Leaf Inscription
Myanmar Modern
Songs "Fetch me in a
horse-cart"
17:12 Blacksmith of Kayin
State
17:15 National News
17:20 The National Museum
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"Come and See
Myanmar"

Evening Transmission

- (19:30 - 23:30)**
19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Mingalabar"
19:36 The World of Mro Na-
tionals
19:40 National News
19:42 Thihathana Throne
19:45 National News
19:50 Expedition of Rare
Crocodiles Species In-
habiting in Fresh and
Seawaters (V)
19:55 Kayin Dance (We Bu
(or) Paddy Winnowing
Dance)
20:00 National News
20:10 Song "To a Silvery
Seagull"
20:12 Cruise on Min Kyan Sit
20:15 National News
20:20 A Pilgrimage to
Dhammayangyi
20:25 Songs On Screen "If it
Rains"
20:30 National News
20:35 Myanmar International
Fish Market
20:40 Old Master Artist U Ba
Yin Galay

- 20:45 National News**
20:50 Water Hyacinth Furni-
ture
20:55 Myuu-Kywa-Thanzin
Kagyo Sin
21:00 National News
21:05 The Wooden Walking
Stick
21:10 Songs on Screen
"Phenomena of Love"
21:12 The beautiful green ice
21:15 National News
21:20 Folk Art of Pottery
21:25 Song of Myanmar
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WEATHER

Monday, 26 July, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain has been scattered in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (6.54) inches and Dawei (2.60) inches.

Maximum temperature on 25-7-2004 was 29.5°C (85°F). Minimum temperature on 26-7-2004 was 20.2°C (68°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 26-7-2004 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 25-7-2004 was (0.6) hour approx. Rainfall on 26-7-2004 was (0.55 inch) at Yangon Airport, (0.75 inch) at Kaba-Aye and (1.18 inches) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1635mm (64.37 inches) at Yangon Airport and 1578 mm (62.13 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1581 mm (62.24 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from South at 08:30 hours MST on 26-7-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over the North Bay and adjoining West Central Bay persists. Monsoon is generally strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 27-7-2004: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough sea are likely off and along Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama and 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:** Increase of rain in lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-7-2004: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-7-2004: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Flood Warning

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 26-7-2004)

The water level of Ayeyawady River at Aunglan is (2533) cm and Pyay is (2876) cm. The water levels may reach their respective danger levels of (2550) cm and (2900) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 13:00hrs MST on 26-7-2004)

The water levels of Ayeyawady River is above the danger level about 2.5 ft at Bhamo. It may fall below the danger level during the next (3) days commencing noon today.

The water level of Ayeyawady River is above the danger levels about 3ft at Katha, 3.5 ft at Mandalay and Sagaing, 3ft at Minbu and 2ft at Magway. The water levels may remain above the danger levels during the next (4) days commencing noon today.

The water level of Dokhtawady River is above the danger level about 4.5 ft at Myingte. It may remain above the danger level during the next (4) days commencing noon today.

Earthquake Report

(Issued at 06:00 hrs MST today)

An earthquake of strong intensity (7.2) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar about (1034) miles southeast of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (21) hrs (09) min (16) sec MST on 25th July, 2004.

Rainfall on 26-7-2004

– (0.55 inch) at Yangon Airport,
– (0.75 inch) at Kaba-Aye and
– (1.18 inches) at central Yangon. Total rain-
fall since 1-1-2004 was 1635mm (64.37 inches)
at Yangon Airport and 1578 mm (62.13 inches)
at Kaba-Aye and 1581 mm (62.24 inches) at
central Yangon.

Daw Khin Khin Sein

Age (55) years

No. 171, 50th Street, Pazundaung Township, Yangon, Daw Khin Khin Sein, aged 55, daughter of (U Than Maung)-Daw Khin Ma Gyi, wife of U Tin Latt (Officer, Pharmaceutical Chemist, Food & Drug Administration), mother of Ko Myo Myint Htwe-(Ma Moe Thuzar) and Maung Kyaw Thet Latt, passed away at 2:30 am on 24-7-2004.

Funeral cortege will leave the Yay Way Mortuary for Yay Way Cemetery at 3 pm on 28-7-2004 (Wednesday) for cremation.

Cars will leave the above residence at 2 pm.

Bereaved Family



Tuesday, July 27
View today:

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်
ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံလေမဟာရာ
ယကဆွေအကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊
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မဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မ စောတိက၊တိပိဋကဓရ၊
ဓမ္မာဘူတာဂါရီက ဆရာတော်ဘုရား
ဗိမ္ဗိသာရာဘိဿန္တိပရိဘာရာတော်

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. ကဗျာပန်းပွင့်လှာ

8:00 am

6. Song of yesteryears

8:15 am

7. ဆိုင်းဂျာနယ် (ပုံနှိပ်စာ)

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Grammar Made Easy

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English For Everyday Use

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

4:55 pm

5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့ ပညာရေး

ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

- ပထမနှစ်

(သတ္တဗျေ၊ ဂုဏ်ဗေဒအတွင်း)

(သတ္တဗျေ)

5:15 pm

6. Dance of national races

5:30 pm

7. ဓမ္မာနုပဿနာတော်

5:40 pm

8. သားရဲမြို့ပြသံအကျိုး

5:45 pm

9. Sing and Enjoy

6:15 pm

10. နိုင်ငံတော်သံလေမဟာရာ

"ဓမ္မာနုပဿနာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

6:30 pm

11. Evening news

7:00 pm

12. Weather report

7:05 pm

13. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

7:20 pm

14. The mirror images of

musical oldies

7:35 pm

15. ဂုဏ်ဗေဒအတွင်း

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International news

18. Weather report

19. နိုင်ငံတော်သံလေမဟာရာ

"တစ်နံရံရာသီ" (အပိုင်း-၈)

20. The next day's

programme

Tuesday, July 27
Tune in today:



8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music: We've got tonight

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music: Fast cars

8:55 am National news/Slogan

9:05 am Music: Just to have you

9:10 am International news

9:15 am Music: My heart beats like a drum

1:30 pm News/Slogan

1:40 pm Lunch time music - Just the way you are

-La Luna

-If

-Will you be there

9:00 pm English Speaking Course Level-1 Unit (23)

9:15 pm Article/Music

9:25 pm Weekly sports reel

9:35 pm Music for your listening pleasure

-I'm all about you

-Life is good

9:45 pm News/Slogan

10:00 pm PEL



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents provisions and personal goods donated by Adjutant-General's Office of the Ministry of Defence for flood victims to local resident U San Tun. — MNA

State places emphasis on maintenance, preservation of forests to ensure balanced climate

Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends cash and kind donation ceremony for flood-hit townships in Kachin State

YANGON, 26 July — Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by SPDC members Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe

Than, Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, senior

military officers, officials of the SPDC office and department heads left here on 24 July morning and arrived in Myitkyina,

Kachin State.

The Secretary-2 and party were welcomed at Myitkyina Airport by (See page 9)

Special care should be taken in such a hilly region like Kachin State because deforestation would have a deteriorating effect on natural environment followed by adverse weather conditions, drought and inundation.



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Malaysian Health Minister Datuk Dr Chua Sai Lek hold discussions for enhancing cooperation in health sector. — HEALTH

Myanmar, Malaysia enhancing cooperation in health sector

YANGON, 26 July — A coordination meeting on enhancing cooperation in health sector took place at the meeting hall of National Health Committee, Pyidaungshu Yeiktha Road, Dagon Township this afternoon, attended by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

During the meeting, Malaysian Minister of Health Datuk Dr Chua Soi Lek and members, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Health took part in the discussions.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint extended greetings and introduced the Malaysian Minister to those present.

Next, the Myanmar and

Malaysian ministers held discussions on sending doctors and specialists needed in to Malaysia and on cooperation in the development of traditional medicine.

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Afterwards, the ministers of the two countries and those present posed for documentary photo.

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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

Agreement on joint exploration of copper and other minerals signed

YANGON, 26 July — Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration Department and China Hainan Jiayi Machine Import & Export Co Ltd signed an agreement on joint exploration of copper and other minerals and conducting of feasibility survey in Hsinbo-Nanlihsan Block in Bhamo Township, Kachin State, Monywa Block-1 in Kani Township, Sagaing Division, and Monywa Block-2 in Salingyi Township at the Traders Hotel this morning.

Present at the agreement-signing ceremony were Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, member of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Attorney General U Aye Maung and departmental officials, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Mr Li Jinjun and embassy officials and Chairman of the company Mr Zhang Sheng Can and members.

GSME Director-General U Win Ti and Mr Zhang Sheng Can signed the agreement and exchanged the documents. Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presented the investment permit of MIC and the permit for exploration of copper and other minerals to Mr Zhang Sheng Can. — MNA

First Session of Myanmar-Bangladesh Joint Commission on Trade held

YANGON, 26 July — The first Myanmar-Bangladesh Joint Commission on Trade took place at the Grand Plaza Parkroyal Hotel here this morning, attended by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi

Sone, Bangladeshi Minister of Commerce Air Vice-Marshal (Retd) Mr Altaf Hossain Choudhury and members, departmental heads, Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Mr AB (See page 9)



First Session of Myanmar-Bangladesh Joint Commission on Trade in progress.

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