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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends message of sympathy to Chinese Vice-President

YANGON, 29 July — Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Mr Zeng Qinghong, Vice-President of the People's Republic of China on the loss of life and property caused by the recent floods in some parts of China. — MNA

Regional development undertakings in Mandalay Division inspected

Measures taken for boosting paddy output

YANGON, 29 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and departmental heads, inspected condition of Kyaukpadaung-Meiktila-Mandalay Road and Myittha-Myingyan Road on

28 July.

They arrived at Thittetkon Diversion Weir in Myittha Township, Kyaukse District, in the afternoon and inspected sluice gates of the diversion weir and inflow of water to the facility. Officials reported on progress in extending the canal of the facility and possible benefits of extended cultivation of summer paddy. Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended to the needs,

giving instructions on timely completion of the tasks, on-going project for cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy and meeting the targeted sown acreage. They also inspected supply of water for irrigation purpose and summer paddy fields.

Next, they looked into digging of a new canal near Mezali Creek conduit and construction tasks. They inspected supply of water

from the main canal of Thittetkon Diversion Weir, arrangements for irrigating 420 acres of summer paddy.

They proceeded to Thittetkon extended irrigation project. Officials reported on efforts being made for timely completion of the project, extension of present main canal. Afterwards, they inspected building of a new canal of Thittetkon Diversion Weir. They went to advanced land reclamation project site in TadaU Township, Kyaukse District. Officials reported on measures being taken for meeting the targeted paddy per acre yield of 100 baskets in the project. The commander presented a supplementary report. Lt-Gen Ye Myint left neces-

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

Thittetkon Diversion Weir in Myittha Township, Kyaukse District, stores water fed by Samon Creek. It is 400 feet long and 12 feet 5 inches high. It is built of broad crested reinforced concrete. Its catchment area is 949 square miles.

sary instructions and spoke of the need to carry out agricultural work with the use of farm implements.

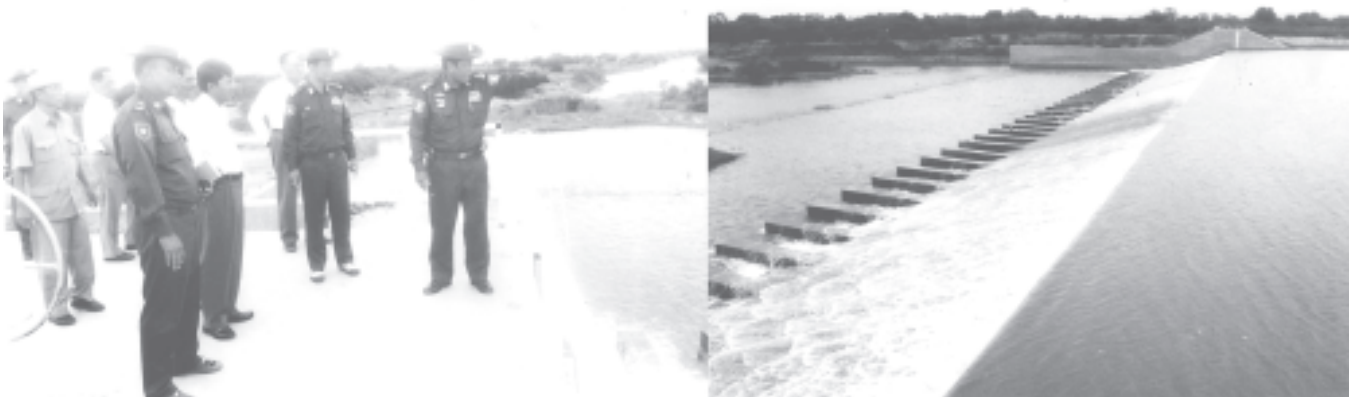
This morning, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Nay Win and officials asked after the health of Mandalay Nayar Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Medhiyabhivamsa, 94, being warded at Mandalay General Hospital. Medical Superintendent Dr Zaw Win and Neuro-surgical specialist Associate Professor Dr Tin Hta Nwe reported on the Sayadaw's health. Lt-

Gen Ye Myint offered alms to the Sayadaw.

They later inspected the water flow of Ayeyawady River. On arrival at Kywesun jetty in Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party looked into preventive measures against the flooding of the river. The commander and the mayor conducted Lt-Gen Ye Myint round the site. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions to officials and attended to the requirements.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived back here by air later in the afternoon.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Thittetkon Diversion Weir in Myittha Township.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Build straight and strong pillar of judiciary

With the purpose of establishing a peaceful, developed and discipline-flourishing democracy, the Government has been striving on all fronts to pave the way for favourable political, economic and social environments. It hardly need be emphasized that prevalence of peace and law and order plays a pivotal role in our endeavour for establishing a discipline-flourishing democracy. The people, on their part, are also required to respect and abide by the law. Only then will they be able to live in harmony with one another within the framework of law and fully enjoy life security under the protection of the law.

For the people to fully enjoy the benefits of a stable and peaceful nation in which law and order prevails, what is most imperative is a judiciary system that is a pillar of strength — a pillar that cannot be battered or bent under any circumstances; and the people with the greatest responsibility for its care and protection are the officials of the entire judiciary system.

In his meeting with judges from the Supreme Court and those from states, divisions and districts and law officers from the Office of the Attorney-General and those from states, divisions and districts at the Myanmar Convention Centre in Yangon on 28 July, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that the standing and authority of the judiciary depends not only on the fairness and impartiality of the presiding judges but also on the essential cooperation and coordination with the administrative branches, the law officers and the police officers concerned for the proper administration of justice. Therefore, the Prime Minister urged all those concerned to work together in a spirit of genuine cooperation so that justice shall be done.

Moreover, the Prime Minister called on the judges as well as those whose tasks are related with the judiciary to carry out their duties faithfully in accordance with the existing rules and regulations and in a spirit of positive cooperation. Only then will there be a fair and impartial administration of justice.

The Government has with the assistance and participation of legal experts and scholars established a judicial system that will cohere with a fully discipline-flourishing democratic nation; that is a legal system that will fully protect the welfare of the people and has thus accordingly enacted all the essential laws.

At present, the Government is implementing the seven-point policy programme for the emergence of a peaceful and discipline-flourishing democracy that can ensure that law and order prevails and people can live in security and with peace of mind.

We would like to call on judges and law officers to execute their primary tasks of ensuring the prevalence of law and order and of building a straight and strong pillar of the judiciary and try to the best of their ability for the success of the National Convention.

Blood donors invited

YANGON, 29 July — Under the aegis of Metta Byuha Association, the 83rd blood donation ceremony will be held at Seikkan Dhammayon of the Botahtaung Pagoda at 8.30 am on 1 August. Those wishing to donate blood to needy patients at various hospitals are invited to come and donate blood at the Dhammayon. — 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

Dhammacakka Pavattana Sutta recitation ceremony held

YANGON, 29 July — The 6th Dhamma Cakkapavattana Sutta recitation ceremony organized by No 3 Basic Education Department (Yangon City) was held this morning at Shwedagon Pagoda.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and officials attended the ceremony.

First, 9,000 lights and 9,000 flowers were offered to the pagoda.

After the ceremony, cash donation ceremony for Shwedagon Pagoda was held. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Minister for Education U Than Aung accepted the donations. A total of K 30,393,365 and 67 gold plates were donated by wellwishers. — MNA



Minister for Education U Than Aung hands over K 450,000 of the Ministry of Education for Shwedagon Pagoda to Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe. — MNA

Myanmar Gazette

YANGON, 29 July — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Min Hla Aung	Managing Director Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading Ministry of Commerce
(b) U Bo Kyi	Director-General Supreme Court (Mandalay)

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Talks on MWAFF held

YANGON, 29 July — Talks on Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation were held at National Indoor Stadium (1) in Thuwunna, here, this morning. MWAFF Vice-President Prof Dr Daw May May Yi gave talks on the MWAFF. Also present on the occasion were Yangon Division Organization for Women's Affairs Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay, Sports Minister's wife MWAFF Adviser for national races affairs working group Daw Aye Aye, officials, staff and athletes. After the talks, Adviser Daw Aye Aye presented K 200,000 donated by the Ministry of Sports for MWAFF to Vice-President Prof Dr Daw May May Yi. — MNA

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Vice-President Prof Dr Daw May May Yi gives talks on the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.

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Malaysian guest leaves

YANGON, 29 July — Malaysian Minister of Health Datuk Dr Chua Soi Lek and party left here by air this morning after discussing cooperation in Myanmar-Malaysian health tasks.

The Malaysian Minister was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, Malaysian Ambassador Dato' Cheah Sam Kip and officials of the Ministry of Health.

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UMFCCI golf tourney held

YANGON, 29 July — The Third Golf Tournament for the UMFCCI President's trophy was held at Pun Hlaing Golf Course yesterday. It was taken part by patrons and officials of the UMFCCI and directors of member companies.

UMFCCI President U Win Myint delivered an address. Next, UMFCCI Sports Affairs Committee Chairman U Tun Aung explained matters on the tournament. After the tournament, prizes were given away to winners by UMFCCI President U Win Myint, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and officials. — MNA

Indo-Myanmar Joint Task Force meets

YANGON, 29 July — The second meeting of the India-Myanmar Joint Task Force comprising officials of UMFCCI (Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry) and CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) was held yesterday morning at Grand Plaza Parkroyal here.

It was attended by UMFCCI President U Win Myint, Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, CEC members, executives and the seven-member delegation headed by India-Myanmar Joint Task Force Chairman Mr Rajiv Kaul of CII. Matters on bilateral trade, investment, business opportunities for private companies, tourism promotion and border trade were discussed at the meeting. — MNA

More than 120 killed in Iraq bloodshed one month after handover

BAQUBA, 28 July—More than 120 people were killed in a suicide bombing and clashes as Iraq's interim government marked its first month in office embroiled in deadly violence and a hostage crisis.

Up to 68 people were killed and dozens wounded in the morning blast in the town of Baquba, north of Baghdad, that struck as dozens of police recruits queued outside a police post seeking work and a bus passed by

laden with passengers.

"The hospital officials have told me that 68 were dead and 56 injured in the Baquba blast," Health Minister Alaadin Alwan told AFP.

A doctor at Baquba hos-

pital put the number of injured as high as 70. As emergency workers continued to collect bodies from the scene hours, the provincial police chief blamed the attack on Al-Qaeda-linked militants.

Confirming that a suicide

bomber triggered the massive explosion, General Walid Khaled Abdel Salam accused a group loyal to Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi, Al-Qaeda's suspected chief in Iraq, of masterminding the attack.

An AFP correspondent saw at least a dozen bodies lined up outside the hospital's morgue, already crammed to capacity with the dead. Maimed bodies were strewn outside the police station amid pools of muddied blood.

The bombing came three days after US-backed Iraqi security forces and police killed 13 guerrillas in a blistering shootout in nearby Buhruz.

Zarqawi has claimed earlier attacks targeting US-backed Iraqi security forces in Baquba. — Internet



An Iraqi man looks at his nephew Souffyan Turkey who lays in a hospital bed in Baquba, some 65 kms northeast of Baghdad, on Wednesday, 28 July, 2004, after Souffyan was injured by a roadside bomb set against American troops on late Tuesday. —INTERNET

Jiang Zemin stresses information technology in Army construction

BEIJING, 28 July—Jiang Zemin, Chairman of Central Military Commission (CMC), called on Chinese military forces to be equipped with information technology for the strategic goal of winning information warfare.

Jiang made the call here Monday when meeting with delegates attending a seminar on studying the important thought of "Three Represents", which was held by the Armed Forces.

Hu Jintao, Guo Boxiong, and Cao Gangchuan, three CMC vice-chairmen, attended the meeting.

The important thought of "Three Represents" says that the Communist Party of China (CPC) always represents the trend of

development of advanced productive forces and culture in China, and the fundamental interests of the overwhelming majority of the Chinese people.

"In recent years, the military forces have made remarkable progress in studying the 'Three Represents' thought, and accumulated lots of experience," Jiang said, stressing that the military forces are under the absolute leadership of the CPC.

MNA/Xinhua

BIMST-EC summit to strengthen transport, tourism cooperation

BANGKOK, 28 July—Leaders from seven countries of the BIMST-EC are expected to enhance cooperation in transport and tourism at the Bangkok summit on July 30-31, said Thai Foreign Ministry.

At the summit, the Bangladesh-India-Myanmar-Sri

Lanka-Thailand Economic Cooperation group, including Bhutan and Nepal, will continue talks on the establishment of a free trade area, Foreign Ministry Spokesman Sihasak Phuangketkeow was quoted by local newspaper Bangkok Post as saying on Tuesday.

A declaration on closer cooperation among participating countries will be concluded at the meeting. The fields of cooperation include trade and investment, science and technology, transport, energy, tourism and fisheries, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

China Construction Bank reports brisk e-banking business

BEIJING, 28 July—China Construction Bank (CCB) reported fast development in electronic banking business in the first half of this year, when it completed 312.88 million electronic transactions totalling 2,000 billion yuan (about 240.96 billion US dollars).

An official with the bank said by June 30, the bank had 7.91 million e-banking customers, of which 4.65 million were added in the first half of this year. Firms that use CCB's Internet-based payment system had increased to 462.

The e-banking business

of CCB mainly includes Internet-based banking, a VIP service system, a call centre and mobile phone-based banking.

The official said e-banking is one of the priorities of CCB's strategic development.

Chinese bankers say elec-

tronic banking is an area that will experience fierce competition between Chinese and foreign banks. Eager for rapid expansion, foreign banks see it as the short-cut to win large numbers of Chinese customers in a short time and with limited investment.

MNA/Xinhua

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Manila scolds Australian envoy in Iraq row

MANILA/CANBERRA, 28 July—A diplomatic row sparked by Australia blaming the Philippines and Spain for encouraging terrorists by withdrawing from Iraq deepened on Wednesday when Manila scolded the Australian envoy over her government's stance.

Foreign Minister Delia Albert said she had told Ambassador Ruth Pearce the Philippines deeply regretted the verbal attacks by Australian ministers and voiced "strong objections." "I called Australian Ambassador Ruth Pearce to the Department to convey our sentiments and disappointment over these statements," Albert said in a statement.

"I conveyed the fact that we strongly object to the broad characterizations made by these officials in these statements, particularly those that question the resolve of the Philippines to fight terrorism."

Pearce, reading a prepared statement to reporters earlier, said she and Albert had discussed their "perspectives and concerns" but remained united against terrorism.

"We understand the circumstances that influenced the decision of the government of the Philippines," she said. "We are determined to stand resolute in efforts to counter terrorism."

Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer has refused to apologize for saying the Philippines and Spain had encouraged militants by pulling out of Iraq. — Internet

NATO meeting on Iraq security fails

BAGHDAD, 28 July—NATO envoys failed to agree on plans for training Iraq's security forces due to sharp differences, particularly between the US and France, over who will command the mission and who will pay.

"It's not over, there will be another meeting tomorrow morning," an official said as ambassadors of the 26 NATO nations emerged empty-handed from their second meeting of the day on Iraq.

"There is a debate and there is no consensus yet." Some diplomats accused France of trying to stall an operation the alliance hopes to launch in Iraq next month with an advance party of some 20-30 personnel.

Others said France was by no means isolated. They argued that Washington was holding things up by demanding that the mission be commonly funded—rather than

paid for by nations providing training—and that it should come under the command of both NATO in addition to the US-led occupation force in Iraq.

Meanwhile, the US was attempting to persuade Arab allies to contribute troops to Iraq. A deployment by Muslim nations would help the US save face after US-led occupying forces in Iraq were reduced by the withdrawal of the Philippines, Spain, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and Honduras. Last week, Egypt ruled out sending troops and Iraq has previously said it would not accept troops from bordering countries. —Internet

Singapore's manufacturing output continues upward trend

SINGAPORE, 28 July—Singapore's manufacturing output rose 19.4 per cent in June this year as compared with the corresponding period of last year, but it is lower than the 21 per cent growth recorded in May this year, according to the figures released by Singapore's

Economic Development Board (EDB) on Monday.

The EDB attributed the rise in industrial output mainly to the strong performance in the various clusters, especially in electronics, which accounts for half of total factory output and reported an increase of 36.7

per cent over June last year.

The biomedical manufacturing and transport engineering clusters jumped 17.5 per cent and 17.7 per cent respectively while the chemicals and the precision engineering clusters grew 12.2 per cent and 8.9 per cent respectively. — MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi police conduct a raid on ships and small boats suspected of smuggling oil and polluting the waters of Shatt Al Arab River in the southern city of Basra, Iraq, on 28 July 2004. — INTERNET

US soldier says drowning of Iraqis was 'ordered'

BAGHDAD, 28 July—One of four soldiers charged with pushing two Iraqis into the Tigris River, where one of them drowned, says he was ordered to do so by higher-ups, an Army investigator said.

US Army Specialist Terry Bowman said he "was told by his chain of command what version to give" to investigators, Sgt Irene Cintron of the Army's Criminal Investigation Command said during a teleconference

from Iraq on Wednesday.

The US military has been convening a hearing to determine whether the soldiers will be court martialled.

Bowman said he had been ordered to push the men into the Tigris River,

Cintron said.

It was not disclosed who gave the order. Three of the soldiers' commanders have received nonjudicial punishments for their roles in the incident. None of those punishments include jail time.

The soldiers were accused of forcing two Iraqis off a bridge into the Tigris river in January. The Iraqis had initially been picked up for curfew violation near the Iraqi city of Samarra.

One of the two, Zaydun Maamun Fadhil al-Samarai, drowned while the other - his cousin Marwan al-Samarai - managed to get out of the river. The case against the four soldiers comes in the wake of revelations about rampant abuse of prisoners in Iraq, Afghanistan and at Guantanamo Bay.—*Internet*



An Iraqi vents his anger as he points at a damaged vehicle at the scene where a rocket landed and exploded in the middle of a side street of the Al Rahmaniya neighbourhood in West Baghdad, on 28 July, 2004. Four people were killed in the explosion, and several others injured.—INTERNET

WTO chief sees "a lot of work" needed for trade deal

GENEVA, 28 July—World Trade Organization (WTO) chief Supachai Panitchpakdi said on Tuesday "a lot of work" was needed if rich and poorer countries were to reach a key deal this week on shaping a new global trade.

Supachai's downbeat comments came as ministers from around 35 countries gathered to reinforce their diplomats in talks aimed at getting the WTO's struggling three-year-old Doha Round of free trade negotiations back on track.

"We are expecting countries to adopt a flexible stance ... but we still have a lot of work to do in agriculture and industrial goods," Supachai told reporters, citing the two main areas dividing developed and developing countries.

But senior officials from India and Argentina, major players in the talks, made clear that North-South positions were far apart on the farm trade issue and that the only way out was a much less ambitious accord than one now on the table.

The current draft, to be endorsed by all 147 WTO nations by Friday, sets out the framework for a final deal that would move

to end the system of farm subsidies and credits operated by the European Union and the United States.

Developing countries argue those programmes allow both trade powers to protect their own high-cost farmers from imports while helping them dump their subsidized produce abroad and destroy the livelihood of struggling farmers in the South.

The poorer nations say the draft as it stands would still allow the 25-nation EU to shelter over half its farm products from real support reform by accepting that they are "sensitive"—or key to keeping the Union's farmers in business.

India's Commerce and Industry Minister Kamal Nath told reporters at the WTO the document was "seriously flawed". EU subsidies were illegal under WTO rules so developing countries "should not have to pay a price for these distortions to be cut".—*MNA/Reuters*

Three Vietnamese drug traffickers receive death sentences

HANOI, 28 July — Three defendants in the biggest drug-trafficking ring in Vietnam's northern city of Hai Phong were given death penalties following a 10-day trial, the Hai Phong People's Court said on Monday.

The three defendants, a man from northern Lai Chau Province and two women from the city, along with 19 others, trafficked and transported over 12 kilos of heroin from 2001 until their arrests in April 2002.

Seven defendants in the ring were sentenced to life imprisonment, and twelve others were given jail terms

of 4-20 years on the charges of drug trafficking and transporting drugs.

Hoang Thi Mai Phuong, who traded up to 8.1 kilos of heroin, escaped the death sentence sought by prosecutors due to her sincere confession and having a little child.

In Vietnam, possessing, trading or trafficking 600

grammes of heroin or 20 kilos of opium is punishable by death or life in prison.

By late 2003, Vietnam had 169,000 drug addicts, 22,000 more than the previous year. Drug addicts in 13 northern mountainous provinces accounted for 30.5 per cent of the country's total.

MNA/Xinhua

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Three sons of provincial governor kidnapped in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 28 July—Gunmen kidnapped three sons of the governor of Iraq's Al-Anbar province in the flashpoint city of Ramadi west of Baghdad, Qatar-based al-Jazeera satellite channel reported Wednesday.

Unidentified gunmen rushed into the governor's private home and kidnapped his sons aged between 15 and 30, and then set part of his home ablaze while Governor Abdul Karim Burghis al-Rawi was at work, the channel said.

The police launched immediate investigation to determine the whereabouts of the kidnappers, it added.

Ramadi, some 110 km west of Baghdad, has been the bastion of insurgency against the US occupation of Iraq, but fighters have frequently targeted Iraqi security forces describing them as collaborators with occupation troops.

Iraq has witnessed a spate of kidnappings, during which dozens of foreigners were taken hostage by militants demanding forces pullout or companies withdrawal.—*Internet*

Iraq captors kill two Pakistani hostages

DUBAI, 28 July— Militants in Iraq have killed two Pakistani hostages and have released an Iraqi, Al Jazeera television said on Wednesday.

Al Jazeera said it had received a videotape showing the killings but would not air it as it was too gruesome.

The kidnappers had vowed in a videotape shown on Al Jazeera on Monday that they would kill the Pakistanis and threatened to do the same to the Iraqi if their employer did not halt operations in Iraq. They said they freed the Iraqi after he "recanted."

Al Jazeera's earlier broadcast showed the identity cards and video footage of what appeared to be the two Pakistanis who disappeared last week while working for the Kuwaiti branch of Saudi group Al Tamimi.

The Iraqi was also seen on the video.

An official from Al Tamimi had told Reuters the group would not encourage the captors but at the same time the lives of its employees were important. He said the firm had commitments in Iraq to honor.

Al Tamimi does work in Iraq for US firm Kellogg, Brown and Root, a contractor to the US military.

Pakistan had said it believed two of its nationals missing in Iraq since Friday had been kidnapped, identifying them at the weekend as Raja Azad Khan and Sajjad Naeem.

Internet

Vietnam applies zero VAT on export goods, services

HANOI, 28 July— Vietnam has applied value-added tax (VAT) of zero per cent to all of its goods and services for export, local newspaper *Saigon Liberation* reported on Tuesday.

Under a recently-issued government decision, goods and services which will enjoy the zero VAT, instead of current tax rates of between zero and under 10 per cent according to their categories, are those being exported to foreign countries and export processing zones in Vietnam.

The country is estimated to record goods export revenues of 14.17 billion US dollars in the first seven months of this year, a year-on-year rise of 21.8 per cent, said the General Statistics Office.

In the period, it earned 2.96 billion dollars, 168 million dollars and 592 million

dollars from shipping abroad 11.3 million tons of crude oil, 6 million tons of coal and nearly 2.59 million tons of rice, up 32.8 per cent, 66.1 per cent and 17.8 per cent in value.

Vietnam has targeted export turnovers of 23.6 billion dollars in 2004 and 27 billion dollars in 2005, up from 19.8 billion dollars in 2003. To this end, it is focusing on such major markets as the United States, China, Japan, the European Union and Southeast Asia, and intensifying export of key items, including textiles, garments, footwear seafood and woodwork.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi police officer stands at the scene where a car bomb exploded in Baquba, on 28 July, 2004. —INTERNET

Baghdad mortar attacks wound 14 foreign troops

BAGHDAD, 28 July — Guerillas fired several mortar rounds in central Baghdad on Tuesday, killing an Iraqi civilian and wounding 14 foreign soldiers, the US military and police said.

A military spokesman said he had no information on the nationalities of the wounded troops, or where they were when the attack happened.

The mortars were fired early on Tuesday near the "Green Zone" compound which houses the interim Iraqi government and the

US Embassy, a target of repeated attacks.

One landed in a residential neighbourhood, killing an Iraqi civilian and wounding another, police said.

Many American soldiers are based inside the Green Zone.

MNA/Reuters

Vice-President says Iraq respects other countries' sovereignty

KUWAIT CITY, 28 July — Visiting Iraqi Vice-President Ibrahim Jaafari said here Tuesday that Iraq respects other countries' sovereignty, the Kuwait News Agency reported.

"The cooperation with Kuwait is very necessary in various domains ... The culture of cordial ties based on brotherhood is of great value for the Iraqi and Kuwaiti peoples," Al-Jaafari, who arrived here on a

three-day visit, told reporters.

He added that the cooperation with Kuwait is "a culture that is based on recognition of states' sovereignty, their borders, security and resources". — MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis vent their rage against the United States at the scene where a rocket landed and exploded in the middle of a side street of the Al Rahmaniya neighbourhood in West Baghdad, Iraq, on 28 July, 2004. Four people were killed in the explosion, and several others injured. —INTERNET

Militants threaten to close Iraq-Jordan road

DUBAI, 28 July — A militant group in Iraq threatened on Tuesday to cut off the road from Jordan and attack Jordanian trucks and businessmen unless Jordan stopped cooperating with US-led forces, an Arab TV station said.

The six-lane highway linking Baghdad to Iraq's western neighbour Jordan is a main route for imports and supplies into Iraq.

Al Arabiya broadcast a videotape from a previously unknown group calling itself the "Group of Death" vowing to cut off the highway in three days to Jordanian trucks.

"Jordanian interests, companies, businessmen and individuals are considered as targets and will be treated the same way as American targets," said one of the four masked men on the video, reading a statement, while another held a rocket-propelled grenade launcher.

"The road between Iraq and Jordan will be cut off to Jordanian trucks carrying goods to Iraq, except for those carrying medical and foodstuffs... Take heed from our warning," he said. — MNA/Reuters

Bulgaria to repatriate body of executed hostage

SOFIA, 28 July — Bulgaria hopes to soon bring home the body of a truck driver beheaded by Islamic militants in Iraq and is still awaiting news of another hostage who is also feared dead, the Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.

Last week, authorities identified a headless corpse found in the Tigris River as that of Georgi Lazov, who was kidnapped with a colleague as they delivered cars to northern Iraq.

"We hope to have the body later this week," Deputy Foreign Minister Gergana Grancharova told Reuters.

She said US authorities were also still trying to identify another decapitated body, found along with its severed head last week near where Lazov's remains were discovered, to determine if it is that of the second hostage, Ivailo Kepov. "We are expecting news on a daily basis, but it may take more time," Grancharova said. "We do not have

many reasons to keep hope alive."

Drawn to Iraq by salaries of 1,000 US dollars for a two-week stint — a sum eclipsing the impoverished Balkan state's average monthly wage of about 150 US dollars — the Bulgarians were abducted in about the start of July.

Guerillas tied to suspected al-Qaeda ally Abu Musab al-Zarqawi later sent gory video footage to Al Jazeera television showing one of the hostages being killed.

Militants have mounted a sweeping hostage-taking campaign to undermine the will of US allies like Bulgaria and have demanded that prisoners be released and troops pulled out. — MNA/Reuters

Syria stresses to control border with Iraq

CAIRO, 28 July — Visiting Syrian President Bashar al-Assad stressed on Tuesday that his country will control its border with Iraq.

Egyptian Presidential Spokesman Maged Abdel-Fattah revealed it to reporters after talks between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Assad.

Assad spoke of Syria's efforts to control its borders with Iraq and reiterated Damascus' keenness on preserving Iraq's unity, the spokesman told the reporters.

He quoted Assad as saying that "it is in the interests of Syria to have a unified Iraq enjoying security and political stability".

The Syrian leader underlined the importance of co-operation with Iraq in order to create an appropriate atmosphere to secure the withdrawal of foreign forces from Iraq, the spokesman said.

MNA/Xinhua

Body of Turkish driver in Iraq found

DIYARBAKIR (Turkey), 28 July — The body of a Turkish driver killed in Iraq by guerillas has been discovered and brought back to Turkey, his brother said on Tuesday.

Cemal Ugur, a 36-year-old father of seven, was taking supplies to US forces in Iraq when he was killed by militants outside Baghdad, Davut Ugur told Reuters.

Cemal was missing for more than two months before Davut discovered his body in a Baghdad morgue earlier this week.

He learned his brother had been killed after establishing contact with a militant group operating on the city's outskirts. Davut said he went to Iraq after the Turkish Foreign Ministry was unable to help his family.

"I met a representative of the resistance fighters who told me 'everyone bringing US soldiers equipment is our enemy', but they said they were not holding my brother," Davut Ugur said.

He then learned the guerillas to unload his cargo. They then set fire to his body and to the truck. It was not clear when Cemal had been killed. — MNA/Reuters

Tibetans performed surgery a millennium before West

BELJING, 28 July — Tibetan surgeons could conduct surgical operations as complicated as craniotomy in the Eighth Century, 1,000 years earlier than their Western counterparts, the state media reported here.

"Compared with its brilliant religious history, Tibet's natural science is relatively lagging, only except the medical science," said Goinqog Wangdu, professor with the medicine school of the Tibet Autonomous Region, quoting a renowned Tibetan medicine book.

The book, called *Four Volumes of Medicine Dictionary*, was codified in the Eighth Century, and recorded 360 bones, the meridian of human body and operational methods of surgical instruments at that time.

Tibetan surgeons' deep understanding

of human body is derived from a popular funeral custom in the region: the celestial burial. Xinhua news agency reported from Lhasa.

Tibetans consider death as just one of the phases of life 'samsaras'. If a person's body disintegrates soon after death, he or she will have more chances of reincarnation. So most Tibetans choose to have a celestial burial, and the dignitaries in charge of the burial are responsible for dissecting corpses to feed birds.

MNA/PTI

EU states failing to halt illegal fishing

BRUSSELS, 28 July — European fishing curbs to save cod and haddock from extinction may be ineffective as EU states are failing to halt illegal fishing, the European Commission said on Tuesday.

The EU executive said 75 per cent of the legal cases it has opened against member states for breaking fishing laws were due to overfishing, with Belgium, Spain and the Netherlands having the worst record in 2003. Governments are supposed to enforce and police EU fishing quotas — limits on how much fishermen can catch — stopping them from breaking the law.

"Commission inspectors continue to observe failings in the control and enforcement activities of member states, particularly in the monitoring of catches and landings," it said in a statement. "This means that undeclared landings, misreporting (reporting catches in an area other than the one concerned) or under-reporting of catches can go undetected." — MNA/Reuters

Italian female employment continues to grow

ROME, 28 July — Female employment in Italy continues to grow, but the majority of executive positions are still dominated by men, a local report said on Tuesday.

According to the report, the study made by Italy's chambers of commerce union — Unioncamere — shows that among 2,720 businesses hiring new executives this year, 39 per cent preferred men, 5 per cent chose women, and the remaining 56 per cent did not mind.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi police carry wounded from a damaged shop, following an explosion in Baquba, north of Baghdad, on 28 July, 2004. —INTERNET



An Iraqi man looks at the debris left after a mortar hit his family's home in Abu Al Khasab, 18 miles south of Barah, southern Iraq, on 25 July, 2004.



A doctor stands by the bedside of a child injured during clashes between American and Iraqi forces with guerillas in a hospital ward in Baqouba, some 65 kms(40 miles) northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 25 July, 2004



The mother of Iraqi police officer Abbass Rahman, who died of his wounds after he was shot by gunmen, grieves during her son's funeral in Baghdad on 25 July, 2004.



Iraqi civilians inspect the area of destroyed houses and shops after the daylong clashes in Ramadi, 70 miles (112 kilometres) west of Baghdad, on 22 July, 2004.

Images of Iraq



A wounded man is placed in a stretcher at the Kazemiya hospital in Baghdad after US warplanes launched airstrike in Fallujah on 23 July, 2004.



An Iraqi man walks through the destroyed intensive care unit of a Baghdad hospital after a rocket attack on 21 July, 2004.

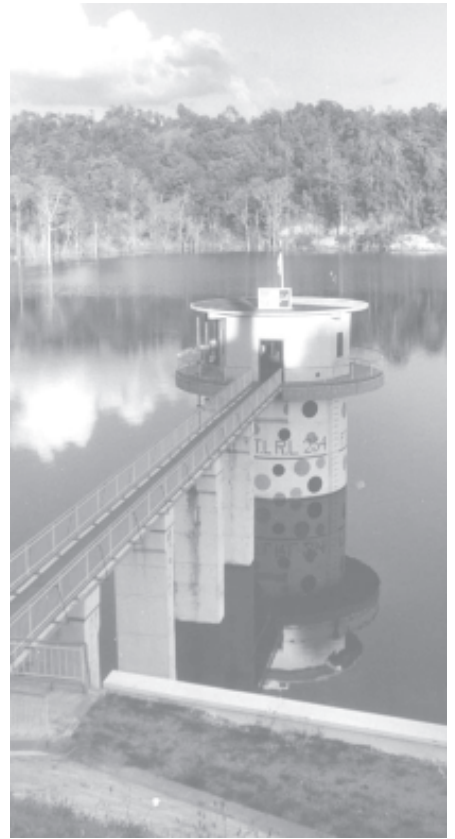
Irrigation facilities that benefit the people



Humon dam built to supply water for agricultural purpose in Lashio Township, Shan State (North). — (KYEMON)



Loinampha Dam in Dimawhso Township, Kayah State benefits local farmers. — MNA



*Thonze dam built to supply water for agricultural purpose in Thayawady District, Bago Division (West).
(KYEMON)*



Saddan Dam in Myothit Township, Magway Division, benefits over 10,000 acres of farmland and thanks to the dam, the farmers are now able to conduct tripple cropping.

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Thaphanseik Dam in Kyunhla Township, Sagaing Division irrigates 400,000 acres of monsoon paddy, 45,000 acres of cotton, 172,500 acres of summer paddy and 26,300 acres of sesame. — MYANMA ALIN



Lt-Gen Maung Bo formally unveils the signboard of new building of the mental health and drug addict treatment unit at Mawlamyine General Hospital. MNA

Regional HRD programmes to be introduced...

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Next, he urged the teachers to pursue modern technologies not only for themselves but also for teaching the technologies to be able to nurture their pupils to become intellectuals and intelligentsia. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented multimedia teaching aid to the headmistress. Afterwards, the commander spoke.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that the government designated the education sector as e-Education one beginning 1 January 2001. On that day, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe sent the message that in order to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation, it is necessary to undertake the Highly Qualified Human Resource Development Programmes with might and main and on an extensive scale. It is also necessary to widely introduce the Regional Human Resource Development Programme in every part of the country. It is also important to maintain the human resource development that has been achieved. To be able to do so, it is necessary to create Myanmar society to be a constant learning society. The present era being a Knowledge Age, sustained efforts needed to be exerted to meet its challenges. So, we all are to nurture new generation youth so that they will become highly qualified persons.

In so doing, the Ministry of Education manages the youth nurturing tasks today. Therefore, multimedia teaching centres were opened to establish e-Education system. The teachers should always try to pursue modern technologies for disseminating their knowledge to the pupils. Local authorities, social organizations and parents were urged to participate in nurturing the students to be able to take opportunities within their reach for catching up modern technologies with a view to ensuring emergence of human resources of the State. Next, they cordially met officials, students and parents.

Afterwards, they paid homage to Kyaikmaraw Hsutaungpyay Pagoda in Kyaikmaraw and inspected all-round renovation of religious edifices.

On arrival at the extended construction project of Mawlamyine-Mudon-Thanbyuzayat-Ye-Mahlwetaung road section near Daguntaing Village, the District Senior Engineer reported on extension of the 112 miles and six furlongs long road section on Yangon-Myeik Highway and progress of tasks. Next, Mon State Superintending Engineer U Thaw Ka and Chief Engineer U Kyaw Tint of Public Works (Head Office) gave supplementary reports. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected extension tasks along the road and gave necessary instructions. They also saw over thriving of monsoon paddy and rubber plantations on Mudon-Thanbyuzayat Road.

At BEHS No 1 in Thanbyuzayat Township, they attended the opening ceremony of multimedia teaching centre. Secretary of School Board of Trustees U Soe Naing formally opened the centre. Lt-Gen Maung Bo unveiled the signboard and inspected the multimedia teaching centre. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented multimedia teaching aid to the headmistress. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo delivered an address, saying that opening of the multimedia teaching centre at Thanbyuzayat BEHS-1 is to lay down foundation of the Information and Communication Technology which is popular in the world today.

At present, according to technological development, there are gaps in various sectors such as education, economic, social, security, etc. It can be seen that if technology develops, progress can be made quickly.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects multimedia classroom at Thanbyuzayat BEHS-1.—MNA

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In building the peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation, development of highly-Qualified human resource is the most basic need of the country. Though the country possesses a lot of land and water resources, she does not have full capability to explore the resources because of less development in technology. If we create opportunities for new generation youths to be able to learn basic electronic technology beginning today, we can overcome challenges of the Education Age. So, it is necessary to train the new generation youths with the use of electronic teaching aid at the multimedia teaching centres in accord with the techniques and systems laid down by the Ministry of Education for development of human resources.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to Kyaunggya Station Hospital in Ye Township in the evening. They inspected the hospital and donated K 1.15 million to the funds of the hospital through Dr Ye Nyunt.

At Kyaunggya BEHS branch, Lt-Gen Maung Bo provided assistance to sinking tubewell at the school and inspected construction of 90 feet by 30 feet building of the school. The commander presented 100 bags of cement. Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave necessary instructions to officials and local people.—MNA



Transport Minister Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe delivers an address at the signing ceremony.—TRANSPORT

New Air Line to be launched

YANGON, 29 July — The Myanma Airways of the Ministry of Transport and Dawn Light Ltd, Cathay Aviation Ltd and Fast Growth Associates Ltd signed an agreement to launch the Air Myanmar Line at a ceremony held at the Sedona Hotel here yesterday evening, with an address by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe.

Managing Director U Tin Hlaing Hmi of Myanma Airways and Managing Director U Ye Myint Tun of Dawn Light Co Ltd, Cathay Aviation Ltd Managing Director Capt Dave Rowe and Executive Director of Fast Growth Associates Mr Anthony Cho signed the agreements and exchanged documents. The new air line will fly international routes. —MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint looks into building of ...

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of the Hong Pang Co reported on progress of work and tasks being carried out. Lt-Gen Ye Myint instructed the officials to complete the tasks earlier than schedule. They inspected road sections.

On arrival at the company's office in the project site, they were welcomed by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Col Tin Oo Lwin of local LID, Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye, Brig-Gen Khin Maung Tin and Col Thura Khin Maung Win of Meiktila Station, departmental heads and officials.



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects extension of Mandalay-Meiktila 6-lane Road. — MNA

U Kyi Soe of the company reported on progress in tarring the road and building the earth road section, and search of axis for Meiktila bypass.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave

instructions on continued efforts to be made for the project despite the rainy season. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party looked into the axis which goes through Thabyewa, Nyaunggaing

and Kyaikpale villages.

Next, they inspected conditions of Pyintha-Yondawgyi-Khinlu village-to-village road.

They headed for the bypass project on Yangon-

Meiktila-Mandalay Union Highway being undertaken by Yuzana Highway Co Ltd near Kangyigon Village, Myayawai Village-tract.

An official reported on work being done with the

use of charts. Lt-Gen Ye Myint fulfilled the requirements.

They looked into the project site and arrived at Meiktila in the afternoon.

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Some towns on Ayeyawady face floods

People warned to stay alert and take flood preparedness and preventive measures

YANGON, 29 July — The monsoon arrived at northernmost region of Myanmar in April 2004, and early monsoon rains were heavier than in the previous years. Because of the continuous torrential rains beginning the first week of July, the water levels of the Ayeyawady began to rise in the areas upstream the river and in the watershed areas.

The continuous torrential rains had caused some landslides and road destruction in Chipwe and Panwa in the north of Myanmar in Kachin State. In the third week of July, the water levels of the Ayeyawady exceeded the respective danger levels in Myitkyina and Bhamo. On 19 July, the water level passed the danger level mark of 67 centimetres in Myitkyina, causing some floods in the town. Soon after causing floods, departmental personnel and Tatmadawmen, and members of Myanmar Police Force, Union Solidarity and Development Association, Kachin State Organization for Women's Affairs, and other social organizations, under the leadership of Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, rushed to the flooded wards, opened temporary relief camps and health care camps, and carried out relief work. There were no casualties. The floods caused only some minor property damage and destruction of some rice fields.

On 24 July, Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party visited Myitkyina that faced floods, a kind of natural disaster. He personally supervised the relief undertakings together with the local authorities. He visited the flood-hit wards and cordially gave encouragement to victims at temporary relief camps and health care camps. He also handed over the relief aids donated by the wellwishers to the victims, and made arrangement to accelerate the momentum in re-growing crops at the damaged rice fields, preventing bank erosion and conserving forests to stop environmental deterioration.

Due to the heavy rains in the northernmost regions, the water level of the Ayeyawady in Mandalay also rose. The water level exceeded the danger level mark of 1,260 centimetres and reached 1,343-centimetre mark, that was the highest record in 1974. The water level continued to rise up to 1,382 centimetres on 27 July. The water level started to recede beginning 11 pm on that day. Departmental personnel, Tatmadawmen, social organizations and local people were watching the river bank round the clock, and sand bags and relief aids were made available. Thus, only minor floods occurred and there was no property damage.

In Monywa also, Tatmadawmen, service personnel, local people and social organizations were able to collectively prevent the floods as they assigned watchmen and reinforced the embankments in advance.

Because of the rise in the water level of Taungthaman Lake in Amarapura, the water level rose two feet above the floor of U Paing Bridge and the waves carried away 13 of its posts. Officials were able to salvage the posts in time and were making arrangements to restore the bridge in accord with its ancient style.

The water levels of the Ayeyawady exceeded the danger levels in Bagan-NyaungU, Magway and Minbu. But there were no danger of floods in the towns.

On 29 July, the water levels exceeded 68 centimetres above the 2,550-centimetre danger level in Aungmye; exceeded 42 centimetres above the 2,900-centimetre danger level in Pyaw; and exceeded 77 centimetres above the 1,342-centimetre danger level in Hinthada.

Because of the rains that were heavier than the previous years, water levels of the Chindwin, the Sittoung and the Thanlwin also rose. At the time when water levels are receding in the upstream Ayeyawady, water levels are rising in the downstream areas. Thus, the people are warned to stay alert and to take flood preparedness and preventive measures. In accord with the warning, officials at different levels are giving supervision to take flood preventive measures. — MNA

Patient with locked jaws successfully operated in Myanmar

YANGON, 29 July — Myanmar physicians hand in hand with foreign surgeons could write a success story in a surgical operation conducted on a patient who had suffered from the inability to open his mouth for full 12 years.

Maung Zeya Aung, 18, a sophomore specializing in Geology at Dagon University, had not been able to open his mouth at six as he was dropped while being carried, and had a fracture of lower jaw and skull at the age of four months. Unable to open his mouth, he had to take water and soft food through a straw. Moreover, he could not speak clearly.

When he came to Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital on 8 July, Professor U Ko Ko Maung, head of Jaw and Oral Surgery Unit at the Dental Institute (Yangon), made necessary arrangements for surgical operation.

It was coincided with the presence of visiting International College for Continuing Dental Education in Myanmar, which was at that time here to organize a conference in cooperation with the Myanmar Dental Association. The ICCDE and the

He opens his mouth for the first time in 12 years

Myanmar youth has hope of using his mouth properly after S'pore doctors and dentists operated to force open his locked jaws

By CHAI HUNG YEN

TEN days ago, Zayar Aung, 18,

"Most maxillofacial surgeons would not even see one of these in a lifetime," said Dr Myra Elliot.

MDA successfully conducted joint surgical operations on 25 cleft lips and palate patients, including Maung Zeya Aung, at Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital from 12 to 16 July.

The joint surgical team comprised Dr U Ko Ko Maung, assistant anaesthetist Dr Daw Kyi Kyi San, Dr Myra Elliot of Mount Elizabeth Hospital of Singapore and his assistant physician, and nurses. The surgical operation lasted nearly four hours.

Now that he is able to open his mouth as wide as the thickness of two fin-

gers put together and speak more clearly than ever before, he is however still undergoing medical treatment at the hospital.

He will therefore be allowed to discharge from the hospital by the first week of August. Regular exercises will bring him to normal life like an ordinary man in the use of mouth and make him speak clearly.

It is reported that Dr Ko Ko Maung had had similar experience in the past and he could successfully conduct such kind of surgical operation on two patients who had difficulty in opening their mouths, which brought a credit to the medical world of Myanmar dentists. Dr Myra Elliot said that he was delighted at Myanmar medical standard that kept pace with time and was advancing.

The achievement of the surgical operation on Maung Zeya Aung was reported in an article in the 27-7-2004 issue of *The Straits Times*, published in Singapore. — MNA

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Information Ministry holds Waso robe-offering ceremony

YANGON, 29 July — Under the patronage of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, the staff families of the Ministry of Information held the seventh Waso Robe-offering ceremony at Dagon Pariyatti Monastery in Maha Dhammayanthi Centre, Dagon Township, here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Dagon Pariyatti Monastery Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Gunananda, members of the Sangha, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw

Kyi Kyi Win, Deputy Ministers U Thein Sein and Brig-Gen Aung Thein and wife, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry and their wives, chairmen of the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and the Myanmar Music Asiayon, deputy directors-general, directors and officials, the head of Office of the Ministry of Information, and others.

At the ceremony, the Sayadaw invested the congregation with the Five Precepts, followed by

recitation of parittas by members of the Sangha.

Next, Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, together with deputy ministers and officials, offered Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

Later, the Sayadaw delivered a sermon, which was followed by the sharing of merits gained from good deeds. After the ceremony, the minister and his wife, deputy ministers, departmental heads and the staff families offered 'soon' to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents Waso robes and offerings to the Sayadaw at the ceremony.

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The efficiency of Myanmar womenfolk

Khin Myanmar

(Continued from yesterday)

In 2002, members of the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs made field tours of States and Divisions and cordially met with local national race people to carry out tasks for prevention of trafficking in persons that can hamper the development of women. Furthermore, the committee held cordial and open discussions with officials of respective departments, social organizations, local senior citizens and young women. Besides, in cooperation with the Ministry of Home Affairs, the MNCWA organized the National Seminar on Trafficking in Persons in May 2003, and in cooperation with the Ministry of Sports, the National Seminar on Women and Sports in October 2003.

The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was established on 20 December 2003, with seven lofty aims, to make effective contributions towards development and security of mass of women, to expand the horizon of progress and security of women and to enhance relations with local and international organizations, whose nature of functions are similar to those of the MWAFF. By categorizing sectors for education, health, economy, culture, information, international relations and national solidarity, the MWAFF is taking systematic measures to enable Myanmar women to fully enjoy the women's rights and to sustain and keep them in conformity with prevailing time and condition.

Women from all walks of life wishing to serve the interests of own lineage have the right to join the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation of their own volition. Being a social organization that is constituted at the central, state, division, district, township, ward and village levels, it can conduct organizational campaigns extensively, effectively and efficiently. Although there have not arisen problems that are difficult and complicated to deal with in respect of the women sector in Myanmar, steps are being taken to pay more attention to violence against women, which is now an international concern, trafficking in persons, environmental conservation, development of young women, reproductive health, and educational campaign.

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Just as the MWAFF conducts organizational activities and manages national race affairs on a broader scale, the president, the vice-presidents and members of the central executive committee themselves tour as far as the remote areas, where they meet with young national race women and their parents and dissuade them from following the wrong path considering the likelihood of being fooled by some self-seekers. In addition, the federation also provides assistance for preventive measures and vocational training schools, alongside arrangements for family economic aids.

Thanks to the efforts of the MWAFF, action could be taken against 736 human trafficking agents — 404 men and 332 women — in 378 cases during the period from 17 July 2002 to 18 June 2004. Moreover, a total of 1,927 persons — 1,008 male and 919 female — could be saved from the hands of traffickers during the same period. Besides, Myanmar will host the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative in Trafficking in Yangon from 28 to 30 October 2004. The meeting will be participated by six countries — Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, the People's Republic of China and Vietnam.

Accepting the affairs, problems and difficulties of the national races as its own, the MWAFF is also rendering emergency assistance for the national races. The Federation provided financial assistance, cloths, blankets, exercise books, stationery, medicines, medical equipment and other assistance for the flood victims of the Rakhine State, with loving kindness. With the aim of educating and nurturing women to promote their spirit of valuing the traditions and culture and customs of the national races, the Federation organized the Traditional and National Costume Culture Show at the National Theatre in Yangon on 26 June 2004. These are the noble endeavours of the MWAFF.

The Myanmar women's Affairs Federation is also honouring and encouraging the Myanmar women for their outstanding performance in their respective fields. Honorary Patron of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, presented cash awards and certificates of honour to outstanding student Ma Thet Khine Su of Kamayut Township BEHS-2, Yangon Division, who won the first prize in 2003 matriculation examination with total marks of 553 as well as six distinctions; Company commander of Hpa-an Township Red Cross battalion Ma Nan Khin Thanda Lwin who took charge of the training of Red Cross courses not only in towns but also in remote areas, and won the prize in skill contest, attended the get-together of outstanding Red

Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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

Cross youths two times, actively participated in relief measures in natural disasters; Police Inspector Aye Aye Thein of Criminal Investigation Department (Insein) for her outstanding performance in exposing criminal cases in a short time; L/Cpl Moe Moe Soe of Fire Services Department who performed in the demonstration on fire-fighting measures for over 800 times with the Fire Brigade members and served in relief measures; outstanding disabled athlete Ma Nan Ma Sein who won gold, silver and bronze medals in Track and Field competitions in ASEAN disabled meets 2001 and 2003; and outstanding woman athlete Ma Khaing Khaing Maw who bagged gold medals in ASEAN, Asian and World Wushu competitions. In conclusion, I would like to urge all to strive for emergence of more outstanding Myanmar women.

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Commander attends opening of direct paddy seeding competition

YANGON, 29 July — Opening ceremony of direct paddy seeding competition at district level in Yangon North District was held near Asugyi village, Htantabin, Yangon North District this morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, No 1 Military Region Commander Col Tun Kyi, Secretary Lt-Col Myint Kyi and members, departmental heads at division level, members of agricultural supervisory committee at division, district and township levels, Chairman of Yangon North District PDC Lt-Col Myat Min and members, local authorities, members of social organizations, local peasants and competitors.

First, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe made a speech on the occasion. Next, Head of District Land Records and Settlement Department U Mya Maung explained rules of the competition and formally opened it. Afterwards, the commander and party viewed the competition and they set 100,000 fish free into paddy fields undertaken by Yangon Division Fisheries Department. After the competition, officials presented prizes to winners.

On arrival near Kukkowa bank, Anyarsu village, Htantabin, the commander and party inspected waterway of Kukkowa river where they heard reports on preventive measures against bank erosion presented by Head of Division of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems U Ohn Han. Next, they attended opening of Myoma Development Affairs Market and inspected sales of goods in the market. Moreover, they attended the opening of X-ray room of Htantabin Township People's Hospital and gave cash assistance to the patients who were undergoing treatment.

At the hall of Htantabin Township PDC Office, the commander instructed officials to take measures for enabling Htantabin to possess town's characteristics. After accepting K 6,590,500 for the hospital donated by wellwishers, the commander presented certificates of honour to them.

After that, they proceeded to Htantabin port where the commander gave necessary instructions to officials. They inspected preventive measures against bank erosion of Pan Hlaing river carried out by Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems. At the Yangon Technological University, the commander and party met faculty members and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

USDA Secretariat member tours Sagaing Division

YANGON, 29 July — Member of the Secretariat of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central) and Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended a get-together, which took place at the basic education primary school in Myagon village, Pale Township, Sagaing Division, on 26 July morning.

Over 300 local people from eight nearby villages were present on the occasion, and they discussed matters related to education, health, social affairs and transport. After giving instructions on what was discussed, Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan donated 150 cement bags to be used for construction of the primary school and the monastery in the village, K 200,000 to be used for construction of the school in Tanie village, and exercise books, text books, ball-point pens and clothes for schools in Myagon village and its nearby villages. He also inspected a 3,700-foot-long entrance road built by local populace in Ywathamin village, Salingyi Township, and fulfilled the requirements through coordination with local authorities.

Next, the minister attended a get-together, held at the basic education high school in Kyatet village. A total of more than 300 locals from seven village-tracts attended the ceremony. Matters discussed on the occasion were boosting of crop yield, agricultural necessities, construction of village-to-village roads, improvement in health and education, and the requirements to be fulfilled.

The minister also



USDA (Central) Secretariat Member Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents a computer to Kyatet Village BEHS in Salingyi Township. — MNA

coordinated with departments concerned matters related to extended cultivation by means of tapping underground water. Later, the minister donated a set of computer to the high school in Kyatet village, and school text books, exercise books and ball-point pens to the same high school and those of its nearby villages. Wellwishers also donated a printer and provided cash assistance to the high school.

Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan also met with local people at the office of the General Administration Department in Salingyi Township.

Present on the occasion were departmental heads, members of social organizations and townsenders totalling over 150. Points discussed at the get-together were measures being taken for the implementation of the five rural development tasks and the necessities for regional development.

After giving instructions to what was discussed, the

minister donated a TV set to the affiliated middle school of Hnawkutoh village, K 100,000 to Myayzun primary school of Ward 1, and school text books, exercise books, ball-point pens and clothes to schools in the vicinity of the village.

In his instructions given at the get-together, the minister spoke in detail of the endeavours made by the Government to improve agriculture, livestock breeding, education, health and secure transport; and the need of local people to cooperate with the

Government in the implementation of the five rural development tasks as well as in the realization of the seven-point future policy programme to shape a peaceful, modern and developed democracy.

Later, the minister went to Salingyi Township USDA Office, where he met with organizers of township, ward and village, and give instructions on efforts to increase the number of USDA members, to enhance organizational power and to realize the five rural development tasks.

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Waterways for vessels at Nawaday Bridge changed

YANGON, 29 July — Downstream and upstream waterways at Nawaday Bridge (Pyay) have been changed as from 28 July and downstream waterway is between No 4 and No 5 piers, and upstream waterway is between No 3 and No 4 piers.

Now, water level of the Ayeyawady River is rising and speed of the current is becoming strong. At night, the green triangle signal will be lighted at the entrance where vessels can pass through and the red cross signal at the route where vessels are not allowed to pass through.

Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems has reminded vessels and tug-boats not to compete in the designated waterways and priority is to be given to downstream vessels.

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Latest entry date for cycling race

YANGON, 29 July — Under the aegis of the Ministry of Sports and arrangements of Myanmar Cycling Federation and Shwe Than Lwin Co, the cycling race (2004) will be held at 5.30 am on Yangon-Bago Highway on 7 August.

In the competition, the handsome prizes will be presented. Enthusiasts can get enlisted at MCF General Secretary U Myint Han not later than 5 August instead of the previously announced 1 August.

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ASEAN Food Festival to be held

YANGON, 29 July — ASEAN Food Festival will be organized on 7 August at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel here by ASEAN Women's Friendship Association to hail 37th ASEAN Anniversary Day. Everyone can enjoy the festival. Admission is free.

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The minister also coordinated with departments concerned matters related to extended cultivation by means of tapping underground water.

The minister donated a set of computer, text books, exercise books and ball-point pens to the high school in Kyatet village and those of its nearby villages.



USDA (Central) Secretariat Member Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan views construction of gravel road to Ywathamin Village in Salingyi Township. — MNA

**ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်
ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့
ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ်၊ ၃၁/၂၀၀၄
(၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်၊ ဇူလိုင်လ ၂၀ ရက်)**

လျှောက်သွားခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ သတ္တုတွင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာနအောက်ရှိ အမှတ်(၁)သတ္တုတွင်းလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် အမှတ်(၃)သတ္တုတွင်းလုပ်ငန်းတို့တွင် လစ်လပ်လျက် ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်သွားများ အလိုရှိပါသည်-

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	- လက်ထောက်အင်ဂျင်နီယာ (လျှပ်စစ်)	လျှပ်စစ်စွမ်းအား အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့	၂ နေရာ
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၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-
(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။
(ခ) ၁၉-၈-၂၀၀၄ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀ နှစ်) ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူ ဖြစ်ရမည်။
(ဂ) လုပ်ငန်းသဘာဝအရ အမျိုးသားဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကိုဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၁၉-၈-၂၀၀၄ နေ့ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။
၄။ ရာထူးတစ်မျိုးထက်ပို၍ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းလိုပါက ရာထူးတစ်မျိုးစီအတွက် ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၅၀/- ကို သီးခြားပေးသွင်းပြီး ရာထူးအလိုက် လျှောက်လွှာသီးခြားတင်စာရင်းစီ တင်သွင်းရမည်။

၅။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့် စာရွက် စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၅၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေ၊ နှုတ်ခြေစစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန်လိုအပ်ချက် များနှင့်စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့က ကြေညာချက်အမှတ်၊ ၁/၉၁/၉၄ ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ် လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသော ရာထူးများသို့ လျှောက်လွှာ တင်သွင်းသူများ အတွက် လမ်းညွှန်စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန် ဖြစ်သည်။

၆။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့်ပန္နက်မူလမြို့ များတွင်ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲစာစစ်ဌာနများ ထားရှိမည်။ မိမိဖြေဆိုလိုသော စာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ရှင်းလင်းတိကျစွာ ဖော်ပြရမည်။

၇။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှတစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ ရွှေ့ပြောင်းရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၁၉-၈-၂၀၀၄နေ့အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိတ်ပုံနှင့်အတူဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၈။ ၁၂-၉-၂၀၀၄နေ့နှင့် ၁၃-၉-၂၀၀၄နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၉-၉-၂၀၀၄နေ့မှစ၍ ပန္နက်မူလမြို့ အထွေထွေ အုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနရုံးနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးတို့တွင် ဖြေဆိုခွင့် ကတိပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၉။ စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုပါက ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် (၃၄၀၆၃၁)သို့ ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

ပြည်တွင်းပြင်ပအသေးစား

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ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ်၊ ၃၁/၂၀၀၄
(၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်၊ ဇူလိုင်လ ၂၀ ရက်)**

လျှောက်သွားခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ အလုပ်သမားဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ အလုပ်ရှင်နှင့်အလုပ်သမားဥပဒေစစ်ဆေးရေး ဦးစီးဌာနတွင် လစ်လပ်လျက် ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ရာထူးအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများ အလိုရှိပါသည်-

ရာထူး	ပညာအရည်အချင်း	လစ်လပ်
ဦးစီးအရာရှိ (အလုပ်ရှင်စစ်ဆေးရေး) (စီမံခန့်ခွဲရေးဝန်ထမ်း အဆင့်-၂)	စက်မှုအင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ (သို့မဟုတ်) အီလက်ထရွန်းနစ်အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ (သို့မဟုတ်) လျှပ်စစ်စွမ်းအား အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ (သို့မဟုတ်) ဓာတုအင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ (သို့မဟုတ်) မြို့ပြအင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ (သို့မဟုတ်) ချည်မျှင်နှင့်အထည်အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့	၁

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(ခ) ၁၉-၈-၂၀၀၄ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀ နှစ်) ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၁၉-၈-၂၀၀၄နေ့ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့် စာရွက် စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၅၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေ၊ နှုတ်ခြေစစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန်လိုအပ်ချက် များနှင့်စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့က ကြေညာချက်အမှတ်၊ ၁/၉၁/၉၄ ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ် လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသော ရာထူးများသို့ လျှောက်လွှာ တင်သွင်းသူများ အတွက် လမ်းညွှန်စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန် ဖြစ်သည်။

၅။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့်ပန္နက်မူလမြို့ များတွင်ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲစာစစ်ဌာနများ ထားရှိမည်။ မိမိဖြေဆိုလိုသော စာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ရှင်းလင်းတိကျစွာ ဖော်ပြရမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှတစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ ရွှေ့ပြောင်းရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၁၉-၈-၂၀၀၄နေ့အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိတ်ပုံနှင့်အတူဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၇။ ၁၂-၉-၂၀၀၄နေ့နှင့် ၁၃-၉-၂၀၀၄နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၉-၉-၂၀၀၄နေ့မှစ၍ ပန္နက်မူလမြို့ အထွေထွေ အုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနရုံးနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးတို့တွင် ဖြေဆိုခွင့် ကတိပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၈။ စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုပါက ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် (၃၄၀၆၃၁)သို့ ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

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DON'T SMOKE

Number of orphans shoots to over one million in Zambia

LUSAKA, 28 July — The number of orphans in Zambia has increased to over one million, local newspaper *Daily Mail* reported Tuesday.

Among the one million, about 750,000 are orphaned by HIV/AIDS. Community Development and Social Services Minister Marina Nsingo was quoted as saying the current socio-economic situation coupled with HIV/AIDS has left many children orphaned and families vulnerable.

Nsingo said the trauma created by these problems has been difficult to cope with, especially for the children, some of whom have been thrown out by relatives.

She said most of the children have been thrown out on the streets and have no access to basic education.

Nsingo said the government had a special place for the vulnerable but could not meet their needs.

MNA/Xinhua

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Dutch pensioners race in the first Dutch Scootermobile Racing Championships at the motor racing track in Zandvoort on 27 July, 2004. A team led by an 82-year-old pensioner won the first Dutch championship for battery-powered electric scooter racing. The race across an obstacle course in rear-wheel-drive buggies, fitted with comfortable seats, armrests, handlebars and shopping baskets, was all about skilful manoeuvring, with top speeds of just 7.5 miles per hour. — INTERNET

Commercial space prize launch set for late September

SANTA MONICA (California), 28 July—The team behind *SpaceShipOne*, which launched the world's first commercial manned space flight, has scheduled additional flights in an attempt to win a 10-million-US-dollar prize, organizers said on Tuesday.

Burt Rutan, designer of *SpaceShipOne*, said they will make one launch on September 29 for the Ansari X Prize, offered by a group of private donors to the first team that sends three people, or an equivalent weight, into space, safely returns them, and repeats the entire venture within two weeks.

The second flight is tentatively set for October 4, though Rutan said his team would be ready to make a third attempt if one of the others fail. On 21 June, *SpaceShipOne*, launched from a larger vehicle called the White Knight, reached an altitude of 62.2 miles over the Mojave Desert in southern California, earning astronaut's wings for its pilot, Michael Melville. — MNA/Reuters

Study says foetal brain cells show hope for stroke victims

WASHINGTON, 28 July—Brain cells taken from foetuses may be able to replace some of those killed in a stroke, US researchers reported on Monday.

Implanting the brain cells in rats showed that the immature brain cells found their way to the area of stroke damage and stayed alive — an important feat, because the damage caused by stroke often kills off neighbouring cells, too.

The cells may also offer a way to treat devastating brain diseases and spinal cord injuries, the team at Stanford University in California said. "It's the first time it's been shown that such a

human cell can survive, migrate and differentiate in a stroke environment, which is not the most favourable environment," said neurosurgeon Gary Steinberg, who led the study.

Steinberg's team used cells that were originally taken from aborted foetuses years ago and that have been growing in laboratories run by Palo Alto-based StemCells, Inc.

The brain cells "are not embryonic stem cells," Steinberg said, referring to

controversial cells taken from days-old human embryos. "They are from a line established many years ago and should not be as controversial."

Stem cells are immature cells that have the potential to give rise to any number of different kinds of cells and tissues. There are various sources, from the bone marrow to foetal tissue to embryos. Use of embryonic cells results in controversy, because of philosophical dif-

ferences over the nature and beginning of life.

Steinberg's team tested the foetal brain cells in rats given an artificial stroke.

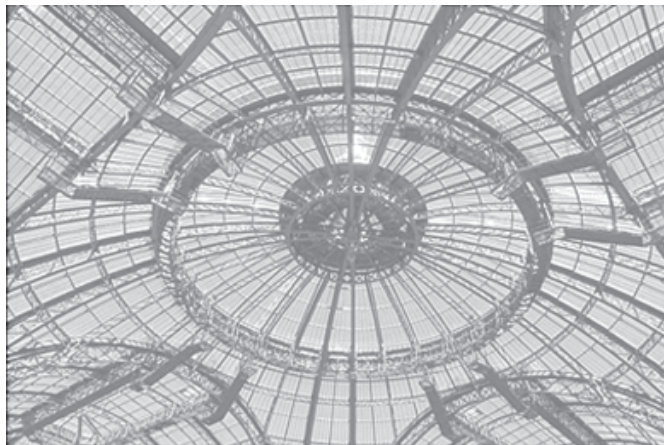
Writing in the *Proceedings of the National Academies of Science*, they said the cells lived for as long as a month in the rats and also found their way to the site of the stroke. "These are smart cells," Steinberg said in a

telephone interview.

"Why do these cells migrate towards the stroke? We think and have some preliminary evidence that it is due to chemicals or chemokines being released in the stroke area."

Chemokines are chemical signals released by cells — a kind of molecular call for help in this case.

MNA/Reuters



A view of the glass and steel dome of the Grand Palais in Paris built in 1900 as it undergoes a restoration programme. — INTERNET

Sexual diseases increase in Britain

LONDON, 28 July—Sexually transmitted infections are up again in Britain, according to an official report published on Tuesday.

Diseases transmitted by sex show a 4-per-cent rise in England, Wales and Northern Ireland — from 678,709 in 2002 to 708,083 last year, said Health Protection Agency.

The most common of these is chlamydia which often has no symptoms and, if it is allowed to go untreated, can lead to infertility. Cases rose by 9 per cent in 2003,

although the statistics revealed that the number of new cases of gonorrhoea fell by 3 per cent. However, the agency said there were signs that the rate of increase in sexual diseases was slowing.

Experts are blaming the increase on greater numbers of sexual partners, delays in treatment and a failure to use condoms.

In an interview, Nick Partridge, chief executive of Terrence Higgins Trust, told Sky TV "It's no surprise that the figures are continuing to rise, given the excessive waiting times at many sexual health clinics."

MNA/Xinhua

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. Second best time is now.

Sleeping disorder linked to risk of stroke death

LONDON, 28 July—A sleep-related disorder that causes repeated interruptions in breathing is a new risk factor for death from stroke, Spanish researchers said on Tuesday.

Sleep apnoea affects about 20 per cent of people. Sufferers can stop breathing for 10 seconds or more while asleep, sometimes more than 300 times a night.

Dr Olga Parra and researchers at Barcelona University Hospital in Spain monitored 161 stroke patients and found that their risk of dying from a stroke was linked to sleep apnoea.

"It's the first time the link between apnoea and stroke has been shown to affect mortality," Parra said.

The link was most clear in patients with obstructive sleep apnoea, when breathing may be interrupted because the upper airways collapse.

Parra and her colleagues began monitoring the breathing of stroke patients shortly after they were admitted to hospital following strokes and calculated an apnoea index for each one.

During the 30-month study, 22 patients died. Half of them had suffered a second stroke. The higher the patient scored on the apnoea scale, the greater the risk of dying from stroke, the researchers said in the study reported in the *European Respiratory Journal*.

Stroke is a leading killer worldwide and occurs when a blood vessel to the brain bursts or is blocked by a clot, cutting off vital oxygen. In 2002, an estimated 5.5 million people worldwide died from strokes, according to the World Health Organization.

"This Spanish study represents a milestone in our understanding of the potential role of sleep apnoea in stroke patients," Ludger Grote, of the Sahlgrenska Hospital in Sweden, said in a commentary in the journal. "Its results could have considerable implications for the future management of stroke," he added. — MNA/Reuters

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SPORTS

Real send Portillo on loan to Fiorentina

MAADRID, 29 July — Real Madrid are sending striker Javier Portillo out on loan to Fiorentina in Italy for the coming season.

Portillo, 22, broke a stack of Real Madrid's goalscoring records at junior level. He made a big impact in his breakthrough season in 2002-03 but found last term much tougher, with just one goal coming in 393 minutes of league action.

The return of Fernando Morientes from a loan spell with Monaco left him as fourth choice striker, with Raul and Ronaldo also ahead of him. The club have opted to let him go, at least temporarily.

MNA/Reuters

Bayern crush Leverkusen in League Cup semis

BERLIN, 29 July — Bayern Munich warmed up for the Bundesliga campaign by crushing Bayer Leverkusen 3-0 in the German League Cup semifinals on Wednesday.

Bayern, entering the six-team pre-season tournament from the last four, dominated a weak Leverkusen side in Wattenscheid in their first competitive game under new coach Felix Magath. The Munich club, who ended last season without a title, finishing runners-

up to Werder Bremen in the league, opened the scoring on five minutes through Brazilian midfielder Ze Roberto.

Germany playmaker Michael Ballack doubled the advantage on 65 minutes and midfielder Torsten Frings, who has joined Bayern from Borussia Dortmund, completed the victory two minutes later.

Werder, also starting the tournament in the semifinals, play VfB Stuttgart on Thursday in Meppen. The winners will take on Bayern in the final on Monday in Mainz.

MNA/Reuters



Oman's Fawzi Bashir (L) and Thailand's goalkeeper Panuwat Tanganurat leap for the ball during the second half of their Asian Cup match in Chengdu on 28 July, 2004. Oman beat Thailand 2-0.—INTERNET

Real Madrid agree terms with Vieira

MADRID, 28 July — Real Madrid have agreed personal terms with Arsenal captain Patrick Vieira over a potential move to the Spanish club, newspaper *Marca* reported on their website on Tuesday.

Real, who confirmed their interest in Vieira on Tuesday, are now ready to talk to Arsenal about a fee for the 28-year-old French midfielder, *Marca* said.

Real Madrid have signed one world-class player each season since Florentino Perez took over as club president in 2000, starting with Luis Figo and continuing with Zinedine Zidane, Ronaldo and David Beckham.

MNA/Reuters



Iran's goalkeeper Ebrahim Mirzapour grabs the ball ahead of Japan's Keiji Tamada (L) in their Group D match at the Asian Cup soccer tournament in Chongqing, southwestern China, on 28 July, 2004. The match ended 0-0 in a draw and the teams will advance to the quarterfinals. —INTERNET

Iran hold Japan 0-0 to reach Asian Cup quarters

CHONGQING, 29 July — Iran booked a spot in the Asian Cup quarterfinals on Wednesday after holding Japan in an absorbing 0-0 draw.

Three-times champions Iran finished on five points, two behind holders Japan in Group D. They will play Group B winners South Korea on Saturday while holders Japan face Jordan.

Iran, who only needed a draw to secure the group runners-up spot, were missing three suspended players but still created the better chances in sweltering Chongqing.

They had a goal disallowed in the 25th minute when striker Ali Daei headed past goalkeeper Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi from close range, only to be harshly ruled off-side.

Just before halftime, German-based midfielder Mehdi Mahdavi forced Kawaguchi into a sharp save at his near post with a fierce right-foot shot.

Mahdavi had a penalty claim waved off by Australian referee Mark Shield in the 61st minute, though replays showed the Hamburg player had been pulled down by Takashi Fukunishi.

Moments later, Daei squandered a glorious chance, blazing over the bar with just Kawaguchi to beat, denying the 35-year-old a 96th goal in 128 internationals.

Midfielder Yasuhito Endo could have broken the deadlock for Japan in the 77th minute but his right-foot shot was brilliantly saved by Iran goalkeeper Ebrahim Mirzapour.

Chinese organizers provided around

3,000 extra security officials following crowd disturbances during and after Japan's 4-1 victory over Thailand at the weekend.

Japan were still roundly booed by sections of the 45,000 crowd but there was no repeat of the trouble that led to two of their players being unable to board the team bus.

MNA/Reuters



Andy Roddick returns a shot during his 6-4, 6-2 win over Julien Benneteau in first round action at the Tennis Masters in Toronto, on Wednesday, 28 July, 2004.

INTERNET

British media scent blood over Eriksson affair

LONDON, 29 July — British media scented blood over the Sven-Goran Eriksson affair on Wednesday. Although the Daily Express quoted his assistant Tord Grip as saying Eriksson was confident of keeping his job as England manager, the newspaper concluded the Swede was "Doomed".

In a front page story the mass tabloid Sun, under the headline "FA plot to sack Sven", said FA officials planned to dismiss the Swede without any compensation in the fall-out from his affair with a secretary at the FA. On the back page, the paper tipped ex-West Ham favourite Trevor Brooking and Newcastle's Bobby Robson to hold the fort until Middlesbrough's Steve McClaren, Eriksson's assistant at Euro 2004, was ready to take over.

The FA had to confirm the affair a few days after issuing a strongly-worded denial, angering many within the ruling body.

The Daily Mail, under the headline "On the brink", noted that Tuesday's statement by FA chairman Geoff Thompson had exonerated chief executive Mark Palios of any attempt to mislead his employers over his affair with the same woman.

But the FA remained silent over 56-year-old Eriksson who is holidaying in Sweden, saying an urgent inquiry was going on ahead of an emergency meeting on August 5. Both Eriksson and Palios are unmarried. In the Express, Eriksson is quoted through Grip as saying: "I have not lied."

"Sven is not concerned about his job. Nobody at the FA has said anything to him about losing his job," Grip said.

Chelsea sign Portuguese defender Carvalho

LONDON, 28 July — Chelsea continued their spending spree by signing Portugal defender Ricardo Carvalho from Porto on a three-year contract for around 30 million euros on Tuesday.

The 26-year-old Carvalho will link up with his former coach Jose Mourinho at the English Premier League club.

"Ricardo Carvalho tonight signed a three-year contract with Chelsea and will jet out with (chief executive) Peter Kenyon to join the squad in the US tomorrow (Wednesday)," Chelsea said on their web site.

Carvalho played a key role in Porto's Champions League-winning campaign under Mourinho last season and Portugal's run to the Euro 2004 final. He has 10 international caps. "Ricardo is a player that fits our profile. We have filled the last (squad) opening at centre-back and we now arrive with four excellent players in this position," said Mourinho, who also has John Terry, William Gallas and Robert Huth to call upon in the middle of the defence. —MNA/Reuters

"He says they did not ask him about what was happening in his private life. He said he did not lie because nobody talked to him about this."

The Mail says Eriksson has staunchly maintained he has no case to answer since he was not asked about the affair in two conversations with a senior FA official.

Eriksson, the first foreigner to coach England, has been in the job since January 2001.

MNA/Reuters



Alicia Molik of Australia, pumps her fist after winning a point during her second-round match against Amelie Mauresmo of France, at the Acura Tennis Classic in Carlsbad, Calif, on Wednesday, 28 July, 2004. —INTERNET

Lyon's Edmilson poised for Barca, Luyindula for Marseille

LYON (France), 29 July — Brazil defender Edmilson and French striker Peguy Luyindula are poised to leave Olympique Lyon for Barcelona and Olympique Marseille respectively, the French champions said on Tuesday.

"Edmilson and Barcelona have reached an agreement. There are still a few points to discuss between the two clubs," Lyon's Press officer Olivier Blanc told reporters.

"Barcelona chairman Joan Laporta was in Lyon yesterday (Monday) evening and the transfer is being processed," he added.

Blanc said that in Luyindula's case, Lyon and Marseille were in agreement. "We are only waiting for the player's green light," he added. Edmilson helped Brazil win the 2002 World Cup and has been a key player in the Lyon team that clinched their third consecutive Ligue 1 title and reached the Champions League quarterfinals last season.

MNA/Reuters

MRTV -3



30-7-2004 (Friday) (Programme Schedule) Morning Transmission (9:00 - 10:00)

9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06 A Day in the Life of a
Mahout
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Border Towns in
Northern Shan State
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Myanmar Traditional
Flower Arrangements
(Decoration with
Glaze)
9:25 Let-Ah-Hla-Ahka
9:30 **National News**
9:35 Myanmar Art of Mak-
ing Items in Gold
9:40 Song "Love Slave"
9:45 **National News**
9:50 Resort for Rest and
Recreation (Inlay
Khaung Taing Village)
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

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

15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar
Panorama & Myanmar

Sentiment"
15:36 A Day on the Life of a
Mahout
15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 Border Towns in North-
ern Shan State
15:45 **National News**
15:50 Myanmar Traditional
Flower Arrangements
(Decoration with Glaze)
15:55 Let-Ah-Hla-Ahka
16:00 **National News**
16:05 Myanmar Art of Making
Items in Gold
16:10 Song "Love Slave"
16:12 Myanmar Coffee
16:15 **National News**
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16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Myanmar Panorama &
Myanmar Sentiment"
16:30 **National News**
16:35 Talent Show on a Maze
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16:40 Myanmar Natural
Spirulina (Part-I)
16:45 **National News**
16:50 Conservation of Sea-
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16:55 Vram Naga Harvest
Dance
16:58 A Village of Pa-O
17:00 **National News**
17:05 Myanmar Roasted Bean
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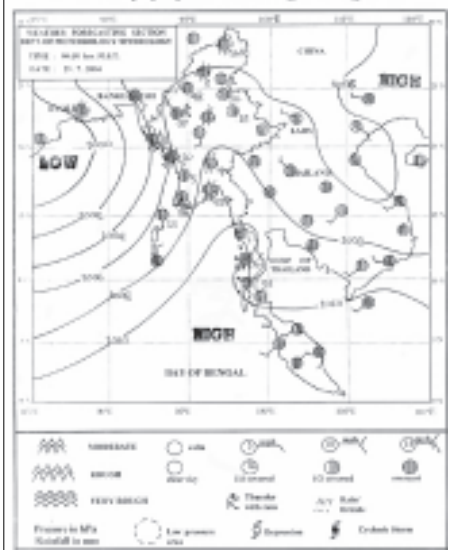
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20:05 The Ancient City
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20:10 Songs on Screen "My
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20:15 **National News**
20:20 Beauty of the Woman
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20:25 Myanmar Modern Song
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"Tranquil Bagan"
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Rainfall on 29-7-2004

– (0.09 inch) at Yangon Airport,
– (2.04 inches) at Kaba-Aye and
– (1.81 inches) at central Yangon. Total rain-
fall since 1-1-2004 was 1676 mm (63.98 inches)
at Yangon Airport and 1647 mm (64.84 inches)
at Kaba-Aye and 1655 mm (65.16 inches) at
central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 29 July, 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours
MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly
cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated
in Kayah State and Mandalay Division, scattered in
Magway Division, Shan and Kayin States and widespread
in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in upper
Sagaing Division, Kachin and Rakhine States. The note-
worthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (6.38)
inches, Kalewa (4.17) inches, Sittway (3.31) inches and
Hinthada (2.76) inches.

Maximum temperature on 28-7-2004 was 28.5°C
(83°F). Minimum temperature on 29-7-2004 was 19.0°C
(66°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 29-7-2004
was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 28-7-2004 was (0.6)
hour approx. Rainfall on 29-7-2004 was (0.90 inch) at
Yangon Airport, (2.04 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (1.81
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was 1676 mm (63.98 inches) at Yangon Airport and
1647 mm (64.84 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1655 mm (65.16
inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at
Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from Southwest at 12:40
hours MST on 28-7-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observation at (09:30)
hrs MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over North
Bay and adjoining West Central Bay has become unim-
portant. Monsoon is generally moderate in Andaman Sea
and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 30-7-2004: Rain or
thundershowers will be isolated in Magway and lower
Sagaing Divisions, scattered in Shan, Kayah States, Man-
dalay Division and widespread in the remaining areas with
likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing Divi-
sion and Kachin State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas
are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Sur-
face wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.
**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for
30-7-2004:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of cer-
tainty is (100%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for
30-7-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershow-
ers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Earthquake Report

(Issued at 12:00 hours MST on Today)

An earthquake of moderate intensity (5.3) Richter
Scale with its epicentre outside of Myanmar about (399)
miles South of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was
recorded at (08hrs (15)min (41)sec MST on 29th July
2004.



Friday, July 30 View today:

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်
ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သစ်မဟာ
ရာဇာဓိပတိအကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်
အားခံ မဟာရဋ္ဌာရအားခံအရာ
မဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဓမ္မာတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊
ဓမ္မဘူရာဂါရိက ဆရာတော်အဖွဲ့
ဝိပိဋ္ဌသဘာဝရာဇာဓိပတိ ပရိတ်
တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. မဟာဝံသမြတ်ဗုဒ္ဓ (ပထမပိုင်း)

8:15 am

5. Nice and sweet song

8:25 am

6. ဝါဆိုလကဏ္ဍ (အထက-၁အုပ်)

8:30 am

7. International news

8:45 am

8. English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Practice in Reading

4:45 pm

4. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ်(၃)
အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ပုသိမ်အကြပ်
ဓမ္မဗြာဟ္မစာတိုက်ကြီးပွဲ (ပထမဆုံး)
(အထက-၁၊ ဝဿာ)
(အမျိုးသားတက္ကသိုလ်အဖွဲ့)

5:05 pm

5. အစောဆုံးတက္ကသိုလ် ယောဇနာ
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
- ပထမနှစ် (သိပ္ပံအထူးပြုအားလုံး)
(ဥပစာ)

5:20 pm

6. Songs of national races

5:30 pm

7. ရည်စူးစာအုပ်အားလုံး
အခြေခံ

5:40 pm

8. Songs of yesteryears

5:50 pm

9. မြန်မာစာအုပ်အားလုံး

6:05 pm

10. Discovery

6:15 pm

11. ဝါဆိုလကဏ္ဍ

6:30 pm

12. Evening news

7:00 pm

13. Weather report

7:05 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုက်ကြီးပွဲ "နိဂုံးမယ်"

(အပိုင်း-၄၄)

7:35 pm

15. ယောဇနာအကျဉ်းချုပ်
သဘာဝ

7:45 pm

16. လူကြိုက်ဆုံးစာအုပ်အားလုံး
နိဂုံးမယ်ကြီးသတိပဋ္ဌာန်

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International news

19. Weather report

20. "စဉ်းစား"

သူငယ်ချင်းအားလုံး၊ ငယ်သူငယ်ချင်း

နိဂုံးမယ်

(ဒေါ်နီတာ-မောင်နု)

21. The next day's
programme



Friday, July 30 Tune in today:

8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music: Swear it
again
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music: At your
side
8.50 am National news/
Slogan
9.00 am Music: Marro
9.05 am International
news
9.10 am Music: Simple
thing
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Lunch time music
-Everyday
-Adam & Eve
9.00 pm World of music
Songs from
"China Japan &
Spain"
9.15 pm Article/Music
9.25 pm Music at your
request
-Owner of my
heart
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Moroccan King

YANGON, 30 July — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty King Mohammed VI of the Kingdom of Morocco, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Morocco which falls on 30 July 2004. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt sends message of sympathy to PRC counterpart

YANGON, 29 July — General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Mr Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, on the loss of life and property caused by the recent floods in some parts of China. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint looks into building of transport facilities in Mandalay Div

YANGON, 29 July—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials, left here by air and arrived at Mandalay International Airport at 7.30 am on 27 July.

They were welcomed at the airport by Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein, Central Command Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Nay Win and Secretary Lt-Col Kyi Thein and service personnel.

On arrival at Zawgyi River crossing Pincha Bridge Project on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Singaing Township, Kyaukse District, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party heard a report by an official from Kyaukse District Public Works on work progress. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on ensuring completion of the project as soon as possible. They proceeded to mile post No 394/5 on Mandalay-Meiktila-Yangon Union Highway in Hanmyinmo Village. U Kyi Soe, in-charge of the project

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects construction of Pincha Bridge across Zawgyi River on Yangon-Mandalay Highway. — MNA



Regional HRD programmes to be introduced nationwide Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects progress of townships in Mawlamyine District

YANGON, 29 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura

Myint Aung, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments concerned and district level authorities, inspected progress of health, education, agriculture, religious and transport

sectors in Mawlamyine District and rural development tasks on 25 July morning.

First, they attended the ceremony to open new building of the mental health and drug addict treatment unit at Mawlamyine General

Hospital in Mawlamyine. Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Director (Admin) of Health Department Dr Win Myint formally opened the building. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo unveiled its signboard. Afterwards, they inspected the hospital

office, wards, the mess hall and the counselling room. Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on healthcare to be provided to the patients as their relatives and tasks to be carried out conscientiously for meeting the aims of the Ministry of Health. In Kyaikmaraw, they attended the opening ceremony of multimedia teaching centre at Kyaikmaraw Basic Education High School.

Headmistress Daw Chit Chit Kyi and Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Kan Thein formally opened the centre. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo formally opened the signboard of the centre.

After inspecting the

multimedia teaching centre, Lt-Gen Maung Bo instructed the students to try their best in learning their lessons with modern teaching aids and then to serve interest of the nation and to vitalize patriotism and Union Spirit.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects extension of Mudon-Thanbyuzayat road section of Yangon-Myeik Highway. — MNA

In order to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation, it is necessary to undertake the Highly Qualified Human Resource Development Programmes with might and main and on an extensive scale. It is also necessary to widely introduce the Regional Human Resource Development Programme in every part of the country.