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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Senior General Than Shwe congratulates Vietnamese President

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Nguyen Minh Triet, who has been elected as President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 27 June 2006. — MNA

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Special refresher course No 9 for faculty members concludes



Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers address at the conclusion of Special Refresher Course No 9 for Faculty Members.— MNA

YANGON, 30 June — Special Refresher Course No 9 for Faculty Members concluded at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township this morning with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

The course conclusion ceremony was attended by ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, deputy ministers, the deputy auditor-general, members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, departmental heads, the rector and heads of department of CICS (Phaunggyi) and course instructors.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said, nowadays, the SPDC is striving for the development of political, economic and social foundations in order to transform the motherland into a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. In doing so, all the citizens need to take part in their respective roles

with a sense of duty for equitable development of all sectors of the country. However, in an effort for the development of the country, weakness of a single sector may hinder the progress of other sectors, causing a great loss in the future. That is why, the Secretary-1 said, each and every faculty member is to work in view of State's interest with duty-consciousness and goodwill as an education staff, an academic and a citizen.

If all the people work together for the development of the country based on nationalistic fervour, the bright future will surely await the country. Today, all the countries are vying for the development of their own countries and people. No matter what system is practised, democracy or socialism, every nation has to work in its own interest. The Secretary-1 said Myanmar in striving for the well-being of her people has practised a policy of standing on her own feet with dignity, not seeking alien assistance. The country is also practising the policy of cooperating

with other nations based on mutual respects. In order to stand tall among the global nations, all citizens should be qualified in political, economic and social sectors. Moreover, it is necessary for the people to be equipped with social requirements such as uplift of fitness, high education standard and national character, he added.

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Myanmar women should join hands with the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation in demonstrating their skills, intellectual power and goodwill.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for extended creation of beneficial literature

Literature is the main pillar of the culture of a people. Therefore, writers should exert their fresh ideas to produce creative and educative works for the flourishing of Myanmar literature.

After its birth in 1989, the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association systematically mobilized members of respective township writers and journalists associations. Now, more than 7,000 members are discharging literary duties in harmony.

The first conference of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association took place on 29 and 30 December in 1993, the second conference on 22 and 23 June 1998, and the third conference from 28 to 30 June in 2002.

The conferences focused on submitting papers on producing beneficial literature, steps for the flourishing of Myanmar literature, participation of the MWJA members in the nation-building tasks, and systematic formation of township WJAs.

Now, the fourth conference of the MWJA is in progress at Pyidaungsu Hall in Kyaikkasan Ground, Yangon, commencing 1 July (today).

As a gesture of honouring the literati who strive for uplift of the national prestige and integrity, the government presents the national literary awards, Sarpay Beikman manuscript awards and life-long national literary awards, while providing encouragement and assistance for the progress of the MWJA and well-being of the members.

In creating works to widen the scope of the public knowledge, writers and those who are engaged in the literary world should be equipped with a conception of giving priority to the interests of the nation and the people.

At a time when the government is providing encouragement for further flourishing of literature, the onus is put on men of letters and writers to make sustained efforts to extend production of high-quality works and fine books that serve the national interests.

Workshop on Tour Guide held

YANGON, 30 June — Under the supervision of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Myanmar Travels Association held the Workshop on Tour Guide at Mandalay Hill Resort, Mandalay, on 28 June.

Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu made an address at the ceremony. It was mainly sponsored by Myanmar Travels Association and Myanmar Hoteliers Association in Mandalay.

It was attended by committee and association members, responsible persons, tour guides and enthusiasts. The experienced tour guides took part in the workshop.

MNA

All this needs to be known

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

Oppose those...

- * 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

Minister inspects factories of MTI

YANGON, 30 June — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung went to Garment Factory No 17 in North Okkalapa Township and Towel Factory No 23 in Mayangon Township under Myanma Textile Industries (MTI) today.

On his inspection tour, the minister met with officials of the factories and called for operation of the factories at full capacity. The Garment Factory in Mayangon Township produces sports wears and clothes.

At the Towel Factory, the minister viewed the production process.

In the afternoon, Minister U Aung Thaung and wife attended the ministry's 9th Waso Robes Offering Cer-

emony at the training school of the ministry here. — MNA

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspects quality of finished towels.

INDUSTRY-1



Cash donated for construction of World Vipassana Cave Pagoda



U Than-Daw Saw Yin (Champion Family) presents K 12 million for the construction of World Vipassana Cave Pagoda. — H

YANGON, 30 June — Wellwishers yesterday donated cash to the funds for the construction of World Vipassana Cave Pagoda, a replica of Shwedagon Pagoda, being built in Mumbai, India.

At the donation ceremony held at Dhammajoti Meditation Centre in Bahan Town-

ship, Patron of Dhamma Giri Vipassana Committee U Shwe accepted over K 12.2 million and presented certificates of honours to the donors. — MNA

Director-General U Thaug Htaik, Honorary President Dr Khin Shwe, MAF President U Tint Hsan and winners seen. — NLM



Foreign Minister sends message of congratulations to Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Pham Gia Khiem, who has been appointed as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 28th June 2006.

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Archery contest to mark Int'l Olympic Day held

YANGON, 30 June — The prize presentation for the archery contest in conjunction with the archery equipment donation ceremony to mark the International Olympic Day 2006 organized by Myanmar Archery Federation was held at the shooting range at Kyaikkasan grounds of Myanmar Archery Federation at Kyaikkasan Ground this evening.

It was attended by General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaug Htaik, Honorary President of Myanmar Archery Federation Dr Khin Shwe (Zay Gabar Co), President of MAF U Tint Hsan (ACE Construction), General Secretary U Kyaw Oo (SPED) and executives. Director U Naw Taung of SPED presented prizes to winners at novice level contest, President U Tint Hsan, to winners at women's compound and recurve contests, Dr Khin Shwe, to winners at men's compound and recurve contests and the Director of Korea International Cooperation Association, to winning teams at team events.

Director-General U Thaug Htaik also presented prizes to the winners. Mr Lee Seung Min of KICA presented archery equipment worth US\$ 4,022 to MAF through Director-General U Thaug Htaik. — NLM

India, Russia eye more cooperation in oil sector

NEW DELHI, 29 June— India and Russia expressed their will to push forward cooperation in oil sector at a meeting between visiting Deputy Chairman of Russian Federation Alexander Zhukov and Indian Minister of Petroleum Murli Deora held here Wednesday.

Indian companies led by state-owned ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) would like to participate in more ventures including the Sakhalin III Project in Russia as the national oil companies of the two countries have a very good experience of working together in the Sakhalin I Project, Deora said in a Press release.

Indian companies are keen to work with Russian companies both in India and Russia as well as in third

countries, he added.

Zhukov also welcomed the interest shown by Indian companies to participate in more projects in Russia while noting that leading Russian gas company Gazprom is keen to participate in the proposed Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project.

The two sides are expected to work out some specific arrangements for this sector during the forthcoming visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Russia, he added.

The two sides also discussed the issue of how to ship gas from Sakhalin I field at the meeting.

MNA/Xinhua

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A policeman inspects the window of a van for fingerprints during a drill to test preparedness for a terror attack at a shopping centre in central Manila on 29 June, 2006.—INTERNET

WTO says Tourism flows rise 4.5% in January-April 2006

MADRID, 30 June — The World Tourism Organization (WTO) said in a Thursday report that global tourism flows had risen 4.5 per cent in January to April of 2006, compared with the same period of 2005. The Madrid-based organization said that during the first four months of 2005, some 236 million tourists were affected by the 26 December, 2004 tsunami in southeast Asia.

The regions that saw the largest increases in tourism were Africa and the Middle East with 11 per cent, while Asia and the Pacific basin saw increases of 8 per cent; and Europe and the Americas saw flow increases of less than 3 per cent.

The main factors contributing to the growth of the travel industry are: good economic conditions and high consumer confidence in the countries, as well as active promotion and development of their tourist industries.

MNA/Xinhua

Limited state of emergency declared in New Jersey's flooded counties

NEW YORK, 29 June—A rain-swollen Delaware River prompted New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine to declare a limited state of emergency in four counties Wednesday, and residents in several flood-prone communities were evacuated from their homes.

Besides the four counties that are in emergency state, flood watches and flash flood watches remained in place for all but five northeastern counties through Wednesday afternoon.

According to National Weather Service, most points on the Delaware River were above their flood stages Wednesday and were expected to crest Thursday.—MNA/Xinhua

London rail fire brings mainline travel chaos

LONDON, 29 June— Thousands of commuters faced long delays on Tuesday after a trackside fire closed one of London's busiest railway stations. All services in

and out of King's Cross, one of the main north-south stations, were suspended on Monday after a fire broke out on a nearby building site. Tens of thousands of

commuters were forced on to replacement trains and buses or struggled through the traffic to get to work.

About 1,000 people were evacuated from their homes when fire crews set up a 200-metre exclusion zone around the site where the fire started.

The station will stay closed until later on Tuesday or Wednesday because of fears gas cylinders caught in the blaze could explode.

"We are trying to minimize the impact on passengers as much as we can," said a spokesman for Network Rail, the body which runs Britain's rail infrastructure. "We are waiting for the London Fire Brigade to give us the all clear."—MNA/Reuters

US pedophile arrested in northern Mexico

MEXICO, 29 June— Mexico's Attorney General's Office said in a statement on Wednesday that police had arrested Kevin Bruce Koper, a US citizen wanted by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for sexually abusing minors.

Police arrested Koper in Tecoman, in the northeastern Mexican state of Colima, and took into custody four Mexicans, including Israel Rivera, the owner of a cabin that Koper was renting, Rebeca Guijaro Barbosa, and two minors who appeared to be her children.

The Attorney General's Office said that Koper was known for adopting children and sexually abusing them. He had also travelled overseas several times in order to have sex with children and get child pornography.

Koper is on the FBI's most wanted list and has been sought by authorities

in the US state of Tennessee on child abuse charges.—MNA/Xinhua

In this photo, reviewed by a US Department of Defence official, a US soldier raises up an object on a tray tied to a rope, in a guard tower overlooking Camp Delta military-run prison, at the Guantanamo Bay US Naval Base, Cuba on 27 June, 2006.—INTERNET



2,529 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 29 June—As of Monday, 26 June, 2006, at least 2,52 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 1,988 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The AP count is nine higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated Monday at 10 am EDT.

The British military has reported 113 deaths; Italy, 32; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, Denmark three; El Salvador, Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Romania, one death each.—Internet



Chinese coast guards take part in an anti-hijack exercise at a port in Lianyungang, East China's Jiangsu Province, on 29 June, 2006. The exercise in which a passenger liner was taken hostage by "gunmen" aimed to test the coast guards' capability to deal with emergencies. — INTERNET

China, Laos pledge to strengthen bilateral relations

BEIJING, 29 June — Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing met with his Laotian counterpart Thongloun Sisoulith in Beijing on Tuesday, vowing to strengthen bilateral relations and cooperation.

The two sides agreed to implement the

important consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries to promote the development of the China-Laos goodneighbourly and friendly relationship of cooperation.

Thongloun is a member of the entourage of the general secretary of the

Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and Lao President Choummaly Sayasone, who came at the invitation of Hu Jintao, general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Chinese President.

MNA/Xinhua



People gather around a village well to draw drinking water in the village of Chokadi in India's western state of Gujarat on 28 June, 2006. The village is among 200 villages hit by decreased water levels and delayed rain. Authorities are providing water by boring land and collecting the water in tanks. —INTERNET

Oil spill in Louisiana leaves ships stranded

LAKE CHARLES, 29 June—Ships have been stranded, seafood sources threatened and the nation's oil reserve tapped as the result of 47,000 barrels of oil spilling into a southwestern Louisiana shipping channel, forcing its closure.

"For this area, it's a major spill. They haven't had anything like this in 20 years," Chief Warrant Officer Adam Wine of the US Coast Guard said Thursday.

The 19 June spill at a

Citgo Petroleum Corp refinery in Lake Charles forced the closure of the Calcasieu Ship Channel, a key lane for transporting petroleum in and out of the region's four refineries. About 11 miles of the channel remained closed Thursday. The entire 40 miles to the Gulf of Mexico had been closed.

About 31,000 barrels had been cleaned up by Thursday, the Coast Guard said. A Citgo spokesman said the clean up was going well partly because a lack of a wind kept oil patches in

place and the dry, sunny weather was evaporating much of the oil.

"If you have to have a spill, this is the weather you want," Citgo spokesman David McCollum said.

The oil killed two birds: a cormorant and a laughing gull, the Coast Guard said.

Authorities describe the product as "waste oil" left over after the refining process. It came from two holding tanks at the Citgo refinery at the north end of the channel. —Internet

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A worker checks cable drums at a factory in the city of Kayseri, central Turkey, on 27 June, 2006. The confident mood in Kayseri contrasts to the anxiety in Ankara, as they believe Turkey will weather the turbulence rocking its economy, and stay the course to European Union membership.

INTERNET

Spanish police arrest 30 in \$3b fraud case

MADRID, 29 June — Spanish police on Tuesday arrested 30 people in connection with a three-billion-US-dollar property fraud and corruption case in the southern city Marbella.

Among the detainees, 13 were former town councillors from the administrative body which had been dissolved in April after the mayor and other senior officials were arrested in March, and the

others were real estate developers, the police said.

Tuesday's arrests included three people who had been arrested in the previous phase of the investigation and then were released on bail. One of them was the former police chief of Marbella.

The 30 detainees could face charges of corruption, bribery and money laundering. Marbella's city council allegedly demanded large amounts of bribes in exchange for building permits.

In the previous phase of the investigation called Operation Malaya, police arrested 23 people including the Mayor of Marbella, and confiscated 2.4 billion euros (3.02 billion dollars) worth of property, ranging from helicopters to race horses, as well as artwork and antique guns.

MNA/Xinhua



Claudia Fahrner, employee of a Munich nail salon, displays her nails on 28 June, 2006, which are painted with the colours of the national flags of the soccer teams which have qualified for the World Cup 2006 quarterfinal. —INTERNET

Aid agency blames US, EU for Doha Round stalemate

GENEVA, 29 June — International aid agency Oxfam on Wednesday blamed the United States and European Union for the long-time stalemate of the Doha Round talks.

"If this deal collapses there should be no doubt as to why and who are to blame," said Celine Charveriat, head of Oxfam's Make Trade Fair campaign.

"The US wants more access to European farm markets than Europe will give, and the EU wants

more cuts in US subsidies than the US will grant and both seem prepared to sacrifice this round, along with all its promise and potential, rather than compromise," she said.

"The US and the EU have played their game of brinkmanship for too long and unless they make a last minute U-turn, a once in a generation opportunity to agree new trade rules that would really drive development will be lost," she added.

Charveriat was making the statement on the eve of a key gathering of some 60 trade and agricultural ministers of the World Trade Organization aiming to overcome major obstacles in the Doha Round negotiations.

The complex negotiations was launched in 2001 with a lofty ambition of lifting millions of people out of poverty through fairer trading conditions.

But deep differences

among major WTO players, particularly the US, the EU and the G-20 of developing countries, have blocked the negotiations from making substantial progress for the past five years.

The end-of-year deadline of concluding the Doha Round will be put at risk if WTO ministers could not reach agreement on farm and industrial trade, two vital fields in the talks, in the next few days.

MNA/Xinhua

India seeks Bangladesh's support for post of UNSG

DHAKA, 29 June — India on Wednesday sought Bangladesh's support to its candidate for the post of Secretary General of the United Nations (UN), private news agency UNB reported.

Indian High Commissioner in Bangladesh Veena Sikri sought the support when she met with Bangladeshi Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan here Wednesday.

India has nominated UN Under Secretary-General Shashi Tharoor as its candidate for the top post in the global body, Veena Sikri told the Foreign Minister.

The Foreign Minister and the envoy exchanged views on issues of UN reforms and also the candidature scenario for the post of UN Secretary General.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese soldier stands on duty near statues at Tiananmen Square on the eve of the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China in Beijing, on 30 June, 2006. The party was founded in Shanghai on 1 July, 1921, and now has more than 60 million members—INTERNET

Arab League urges US to play honest M-E broker role

WASHINGTON, 29 June — Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa said in Houston, Texas on Tuesday that the United States should play an honest broker role in the Middle East, US media reported.

“There’s no doubt that this conflict cannot be resolved without an active involvement of the United States playing a role of an honest broker,” Moussa, Arab League Secretary General, said during

opening remarks of the US-Arab Economic Forum being held in Houston.

“Only the role of an honest broker played by the US will clear the image of the US policy in the Middle East,” Moussa said.

Moussa said that the conflicts between Israel and the Palestinians could “make or break” stability in the Middle East region and his message to the United States is to “help solve this problem fairly and honestly”.

MNA/Xinhua

Canada investigates US accessing of its banking records

OTTAWA, 29 June— Canada is investigating whether the United States has been im-properly given access to its banking records following allegations that an international banking consortium provided Washington with confidential information about money transfers, *The Toronto Star* newspaper reported on Wednesday.

Canada’s privacy commissioner is also trying to determine whether or not the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was given unauthorized access to the confidential files, the

daily said.

“This is something we’re looking into. Any time personal information of Canadians is obtained by a foreign government in circumstances that may not provide the same privacy protections that exist in Canada, we have concerns,” Anne-Marie Hayden, spokeswoman for the privacy commissioner’s office, told the newspaper.

On Tuesday, a human rights group filed formal complaints in 32 countries, including Canada, against a Brussels-based banking consortium for providing the United States with confidential information about international money transfers, according to reports.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan angrily reacts to Rice remarks on democracy

ISLAMABAD, 29 June — Pakistan on Wednesday angrily reacted to remarks from the US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice that she expects President Musharraf to fulfil his promise to hold democratic elections next year.

“In the democratic processes in Pakistan, we do not require advice from outside,” the Foreign Office Spokesperson Tasneem Aslam said at a Press conference here, adding that “these matters essentially concern the people of Pakistan”.

Regarding reported

comments by the US Secretary of State on free and fair elections in Pakistan, the spokesperson said, “Such a subject was not discussed during Sec-retary Rice’s call on the President on 27 June, 2006.”

“There should be no doubt in anyone’s mind

that the elections will be free and fair,” she said, adding that Pakistan had strong and functioning democratic institutions.

“This is the commitment of the leadership and government of Pakistan,” the spokesperson said.

MNA/Xinhua

Mililants conduct suicide attack as Rice visits Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 June — Anti-government militants have carried out a suicide bomb attack against the US-led coalition troops in the troubled Zabul Province in south Afghanistan while the US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is touring the post-Taleban country.

“A car laden with explosive material apparently targeted the coalition convoy Wednesday around noon left two persons, both attackers, dead in Zabul’s provincial capital Qalat,” provincial police chief Noor Mohammad Paktin told *Xinhua*.

There was no casualty on the coalition side, he added. However, the Taliban operatives in another attack stormed a police checkpoint in Nowzad District of Helmand Province Wednesday morning, wounding one policeman, a senior police official in the area Mohammad Nabi Mullahkhil confirmed.

Two militants were killed in the exchange of fire, Mullahkhil added. — MNA/Xinhua



Visitors to Launch

Pad 39B view the space shuttle

Discovery as it is prepared for Mission

STS-121 at the Kennedy Space

Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida,

on 29 June, 2006.

INTERNET

Argentina tax man hits soccer fan where it hurts

BUENOS AIRES, (Argentina), 29 June — Argentine tax officials hit a tax cheat where it hurts most on Wednesday, confiscating the man’s plasma TV two days before Argentina plays Germany in the World Cup quarterfinals.

It was the latest move in a “shock” campaign by Santiago Montoya, the top tax man in Buenos Aires province, the country’s biggest, to curb rampant tax evasion in

Argentina. Tax officials carted off the new big-screen television from a man who owes some 6,100 pesos (2,000 US dollars) in back taxes.

“We’ve taken the plasma as a guarantee against the debt he owes,” said Juan Manuel Prada, a provincial tax official.

Officials say tax evasion in Buenos Aires Province costs the government some 1

billion US dollars in lost revenue each year.

Montoya’s highly publicized attempts to crack down on tax delinquents have included mailing letters to the spouses of evaders and leaving messages on people’s cell phones.

His latest campaign is sure to catch the eye of soccer-obsessed Argentines. A tournament favourite, Argentina, faces Germany on Friday.—MNA/Reuters



Indonesian villagers evacuate their belongings after hot mud from an oil and gas exploration operated by local company Lapindo Brantas flooded their village in Sidoarjo of East Java on 29 June, 2006. —INTERNET

The 4th MWJA Conference that will raise national prestige and lineage

Khin Pyi Chit

The Fourth Conference of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association is being held on 1 and 2 July this year, with the participation of representatives of 14 states and divisions. It is a prestige for Myanmar to have the Sarsodaw Day (literati day) as the role of the men of letters is much important in developing the nation. From the stone inscriptions of ancient Myanmar to this date, the literati have compiled or composed various kinds of literature for the public to the extent of their creative and intellectual power.

Associations have been formed throughout the various eras to cement the strength of the men of letters, and the Literary Organization stood as the strength of the nation as a whole. Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was formed on national scale, and up to June 2006, it had 7297 members, 169 township associations and five organizing committees all over the country.

MWJA has been the vehicle for the development of the art of compiling branches of letters concerning

knowledge of creativity that benefit the nation. It has been dutiful in cementing unity among the literati, publishing classical and contemporary literature, and helping private publishers. Like a garden with all plants in blossom, the MWJA is a place where various branches of literature flourish.

Men of letters are working for broadening the horizon of public knowledge, developing literary branches concerning creativity and knowledge and preserving national culture.

They with the might of the pen are also taking part in the task of helping ensure perpetuation of the nation and race and ward off destructive schemes, while holding literary talks, paper reading sessions and courses occasionally. In addition to National Literary Awards and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards, Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Awards and Sayawun Tin Shwe Literary Awards are presented to the literati to further develop literature.

The association is also serving as a bridge between

Myanmar literature and international literature, organizing workshops on patent rights and conferences of international literati, arranging literary expeditions, protecting the rights of literati according to the law and providing welfare assistance to them and rendering assistance to publishing houses and book shops.

The Central Committee to hold the fourth conference of MWJA has formed the panel of patrons and the work groups in accord with the national policy and under the leadership of the Ministry of Information. A body has been formed to supervise the work of electing new members for the new term.

The MWJA is also cooperating, coordinating and exchanging views with other congenial organizations — Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, Myanmar Music Asiayon and Myanmar Artists and Artisans Asiayon.

As men of letters are taking part in the literary sector with their utmost intellectual power for successful realization of the seven-step Road Map and the successful compilation of the National Convention, they are also serving the interest of the nation and the people in accord with the slogan "Uplift of the prestige of the race, lineage and literature."

(Translation: TMT)

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Delegates, observers arrive

YANGON, 30 June — Delegates and observers to the 4th Conference of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association arrived in here today. They were welcomed by the officials of Reception and Accommodation Work Committee, and accommodated at hostels in Kyaikkasan Ground.—MNA



Arrival of delegates and observers at hostels of Kyaikkasan Ground to attend 4th Conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association. — MNA

Tajikistan to strengthen cooperation with Washington

ALAMATY, 30 June — Tajikistan would take active measures to strengthen its cooperation with Washington in all fields, said Tajik President Emomali Rakhmonov on Thursday.

Rakhmonov made the comments when addressing the inauguration ceremony for the new US Embassy in Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan.

US aid had played an important role in Tajikistan's social and economic development, said the president, noting that the potential for economic and trade cooperation between the two countries remained huge.

Tajikistan has opened its air space to US-led coalition forces since the war in Afghanistan.

The US tops Tajikistan's aid provider list. According to Tajik official statistics, Washington gave a total of 18.6 million US dollars in humanitarian aid to Tajikistan from January to May this year, accounting for 56.1 per cent of the whole international aid to Dushanbe. — MNA/Xinhua



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Albanian police destroy thousands of marijuana plants

TIRANA, 30 June — Albanian police on Wednesday destroyed some 7,300 marijuana plants in northern Albania, local media reported.

The plants were found on Tuesday in the village of Bene, some 110 kilometres north of the capital city of Tirana, the report said.

Police said that they had destroyed more than 14,500 marijuana plants in the past two weeks in the same area.

Albania's ports on the Adriatic Sea, its porous land borders, together with poorly financed and under-equipped border controls, make Albania an attractive stop on the smuggling route for traffickers to ship drugs into Western Europe. Earlier this month, Albanian Parliament approved an anti-cannabis law which demands local authorities to cooperate with the state police in rooting out the marijuana plants. — MNA/Xinhua

Yangon Division has so far opened 2,056 self-reliant village libraries ...

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The Head of State has given guidance to create a constant learning Myanmar society. Thanks to the guidance, youths now have easy access to international level education. However, 70 per cent of the population living in the rural areas have less opportunities. Thus, a project to open libraries in all villages was launched in 2004-2005 to enhance the rural people's reading power. Up to 7 June 2006, self-reliant libraries have been opened in 54,707 vil-

lages. Yangon Division has opened 2,056 rural self-reliant libraries. Myanmar should be proud of herself on opening self-reliant libraries in all villages as first nation to do so in the world. The people will also be able to take pride in implementing the project. Up to now, the public donations are valued at over K 305.2 million. All the success are due to the united strength which must also be used in the nation-building task.

The five objectives

of the project are to organize rural people to enhance their reading power, to preserve the books and set up trust funds to buy more books, to erect buildings for housing rural libraries, to provide necessary furniture for the libraries and for the IPRD to produce efficient librarians. The local authorities, the respective committees, the USDA and the ministry staff should form as a consolidated strength to realize the objectives.

Later, the well-wishers donated cash and



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win presents K 300,000 for libraries to Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan. — MNA

kind and Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Director-General U Chit Naing

and officials accepted the donation. Today's donation

amounted to K 12,751,110.

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Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise celebrates its 36th anniversary



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at the 36th anniversary of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise.

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YANGON, 30 June—The Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information marked its 36th anniversary at its head office here this morning.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan in his speech on the occasion, said that the first objective of the celebration is to assess the strengths and weaknesses in implementing the tasks. In the process, better ways and means are to be sought to achieve the targets. The second objective is to encourage healthy competition, and only then, will it mean honouring outstanding staff. And that fortifies the unity among the staff. So, departments should pursue the two objectives in holding anniversary celebration and that means implementing the guidance of the Head of

State. He called for harmonious efforts in the process. Nine objectives have been set up for 2005-2006 fiscal year—to raise the income, to develop Myanmar film and video, to enable Myanmar motion pictures and video films, to cooperate for ensuring local media cover, to censor foreign pictures in accord with Myanmar culture and customs, to maintain the cinemas the government hired for durability, to carry out staff welfare tasks, to promote the equipment of the department, and to practise thrift.

The guidance will be accomplished if the departments concerned achieve these objectives.

In conclusion, the minister called for sustained efforts to carry out the tasks in line with his instructions.

The minister presented prizes to eight personnel of MMPE awarded Public Service Medal by the State Peace and Development Council through Acting Managing Director U Thein Tun Aung.

Next, the minister gave prizes to outstanding sections and units of the enterprises through officials.

The acting managing director awarded cash reward and certificate of one step promotion appointment to Accountant Grade-IV Daw Zar Zar Tun who won the outstanding prize in the Accountancy Course Grade-I opened by the Auditor-General's Office.

Later, gifts were presented to the guests and service personnel.

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Myanmar recognized as rinderpest infection-free nation

YANGON, 30 June—The OIE sent a certificate to the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries on 25 May 2006 recognizing Myanmar as a nation free from rinderpest infection.

Of 87 nations free from rinderpest infection in the world, there are only nine Asian nations. Now, Myanmar became one of rinderpest infection-free nations.

There were no outbreaks of rinderpest disease in Myanmar since 1995. Myanmar sent a report on that condition with firm evidences to the OIE which

recognized her as a nation free from rinderpest disease in May 2004.

Rinderpest disease claimed many lives of cattle in Myanmar since 1901. With extensive vaccination launched nationwide, the disease was under control and the cattle mortality rate has decreased significantly with only two deaths in Kyunhla Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division in 1956 and 1957.

The OIE recognized Myanmar as rinderpest disease-free nation in 2004 and as rinderpest infection-free nation in 2006.

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UNICEF official calls on PBANRDA Minister

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 June —UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha called on Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt here, at his office, at 4 pm on 28 June and they discussed matters related to rural development and water supply in rural areas.

Also present at the call were PBANRDA Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe, Director-General of Development Affairs Department U Myo Myint and officials concerned.

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Being a sovereign country, Myanmar has the right to practise an adaptable political system based on economic and defence infrastructures for the perpetuation of sovereignty while preserving her national culture

(from page 1)

As now is the time when the education sector is leading all other sectors to enable the country to develop rapidly, all the citizens are to try to have such social requirements as well as good knowledge of science and technology. At such a time like this, the government has laid down step-by-step programmes since 1998 so as to address the challenges of science and technology. According to the national education promotion programmes, the State has created a constant learning society not only for the youth students but also for all the citizens. These programmes are aimed at helping the people have wisdom, correct view and innovate ways and means for the sake of the country. In addition, alongside normal education system, various subjects are being taught to students so as to develop an educational environment in which all branches of study can be learned.

Efforts have been made for the emergence of highly qualified human resources in all spheres and education infrastructures of international level and creating better learning opportunities.

Thanks to combined efforts of those from the education sector including faculty members and the people under the leadership of the government, unprecedented progress has been made in the Myanmar education

sector.

In the education sector, there were 32 universities and colleges in 1988 and the number of higher learning institutions has now increased to 156 including Myanmar Maritime University, Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University, University of Computer Science, University of Pharmacy and University of Medical Technology.

At present, there have been computer colleges in states and divisions including two universities of computer science for the students to study computer sciences of advanced level. Moreover, every university is facilitated with electronic learning centres, electronic information resource centres and networks that link with colleges while some basic education schools also enjoy the same opportunity.

The emergence of a wide array of subjects in the education sector has helped create a mammoth education infrastructure.

In the past, there were only MA and MSc courses conducted at the universities. There are now MA and MSc courses, M Research Course and Doctorate courses and a large number of students are attending them.

With the emergence of education infrastructures including modern laboratories, electronic information resource centres and e-Libraries coupled

with increased number of qualified teachers in the respective fields, remarkable progress has been made in the higher education sector.

It is incumbent upon all the faculty members to create better education system, making better use of the already-achieved good foundations. And based on their qualifications and experiences, all the teachers are to make relentless efforts for development of the education sector.

Moreover, the teachers are to make continued efforts for the constant emergence of human resources capable of serving the interest of the State and the people while taking full advantage of development in science and technology for national interests.

However, they are to constantly observe codes of conduct of teachers to the fullest extent and try their utmost for the improvement of Myanmar society predominantly endowed with fine traditions and customs.

At present, internal and external destructive elements in collusion with opportunists in the name of students are making fabricated news to cause chaos in the nation. They are perpetrating sabotage and instigation among students to destabilize the nation and jeopardize the peaceful pursuit of education.

The onus is on teachers to convince the students of the real nature

of destructive acts and instigation and to nurture them to be well-versed and experienced.

Nowadays, some powers that are attempting to wield influence on Myanmar and their cohorts are intensifying pressure on her, resorting to various means and ways.

They are doing so as the role of destructive elements has met its end as there prevailed law and order in the nation owing to concerted efforts of the government and the people.

The government is taking part in the international activities in the interest of peoples of the world while striving together with the people for the emergence of a new and developed nation.

The emergence of a new nation based on non-disintegration of national solidarity and non-disintegration of the Union and high cultural and historical trends existed since yore is the only national goal.

Whatever system is



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents diligence award to Lecturer U Than Soe of University of Medical Technology. — MNA

being practised, the country is to be built on the basis of perpetuation of sovereignty, modernization of national defence forces, preservation of national culture and dignity, strong national economy and socio-economic development of the people.

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That's why, taking the educational role, faculty members are to contribute to the government's efforts for building those infrastructures.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially converses with trainees at concluding ceremony of Special Refresher Course No 9 for Faculty Members. — MNA

Some powers advocating democracy and human rights are making attempts to dominate and influence the whole world, taking full advantages of their defence and economic supremacy.

Being a sovereign country, Myanmar has the right to practise an adaptable political system based on economic and defence infrastructures for the perpetuation of sovereignty while preserving her national culture.

Hence, the government is building political, economic and social infrastructures, pillars for the stability of the State, to ensure a smooth transition to a peaceful and discipline flourishing demo-

cratic nation.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented prizes to outstanding trainees.

At the concluding ceremony, Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepted cash amounting to K 258,830 donated by trainees for the renovation of the pagoda at the institute and pagodas in Bagan, for the National Convention, Union Solidarity and Development Association, the primary schools at the institute and the Phaunggyi high school. After the ceremony, Secretary-1 cordially greeted the trainees.—MNA

USDA members to inform public of correct news and rebut fabrications

USDA Basic Journalism Course No 5 concludes



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo gives an address to the conclusion of Basic Journalism Course No 5 of Union Solidarity and Development Association.—MNA

YANGON, 30 June — The Basic Journalism Course No 5 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association concluded at the hall of USDA Headquarters on New University Avenue in Bahan Township this morning, with an address by Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo.

Also present on the occasion were USDA Central Executive Committee members Minister U Aung Min, Minister Thura U Myint Maung, Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor U Maung Pa, responsible persons of the USDA Headquarters, course instructors and trainees.

In his address, USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo delivered an address. He said that the

goal of all the people is the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Due to concerted efforts of the Government, the Tatmadaw and the people, progress has been made in all aspects. USDA has been constituted with youths its is now over 12 years. They are not only to take part in the nation-building undertakings in full swing but also to organize the entire people to do the same.

It is known to all, he said, that USDA members are constantly carrying out welfare tasks in line with the future tasks of the association for ensuring stability and development of the regions. So far, the membership of the USDA has risen to over 23.1 million, he said.

At the Basic

Journalism Course, experienced instructors had given lectures on topics concerning correct belief and concepts, national politics, news coverage, news construction, news editing, new reporting, news distribution, ethics, analysis and other points gained related to media. The trainees are to serve the interests of the State and the people with the use of knowledge from the training course.

Today is the time to build the new nation that the people long for. Today is the period to transform the old system to the new one smoothly. It is known to all that the sound foundations are being laid down for perpetual existence of the new nation. Due to implementation of the correct policy with

goodwill, all the people can see sector-wise developments at present. It is visible that all the progress contributes to the emergence of the democratic nation. Hence, the association members are to join hands with the people for marching to the goal.

By turning a blind eye to the progress of the nation, certain internal and external elements are engaging in dissemination of fabricated news, rumours, and the agitation under the pretext of human rights and democracy using media. These acts will harm peace and stability of the State, hinder development tasks and wreck social-economic life of the citizens. It is necessary to inform the people of such conspiracies as well as of development results of the government, the Tatmadaw and the people through media. In addition, USDA members are to inform the people by covering correct news from all the regions of the nation and rebutting the

fabricated news.

It is important that all the people wherever they live are to realize the Union Spirit. Therefore, all are to strive for flourishing of the Union spirit for ever, and for guarding against the destructive acts.

Nowadays, the seven-step Road Map has been laid down and is being implemented for building the peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing nation. For the first phase, the National Convention is being reconvened for drafting the constitution. The USDA is to join hands with the people for the success of the National Convention and realization of the seven-step Road Map. However, it is necessary to crush those who are attempting to undermine the seven-step Road Map for delaying the emergence of the new democratic nation.

In conclusion, the Secretary-General urged the trainees to serve the interests of the people and the nation; to strive for

flourishing of the Union spirit upholding Our Three Main National Causes; and to make efforts for achieving success in realizing the seven-step Road Map, five rural development tasks and nine future tasks of the association in line with the 12 objectives upholding the Our Three Main National Causes.

Secretary-General U Htay Oo awarded the first, second and third prizes to U Sai Kham Kaw of Shan State (North), U Aung Kyaw Min of Yangon Division and U Tin Maung Soe of Kachin State.

Next, the secretary-general presented completion certificates to all the trainees through trainee U Aung Kyaw Min and gifts to instructors through U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha).

After the ceremony, the secretary-general cordially greeted the trainees.

A total of 52 USDA members from States and Divisions attended the nine-week course.

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Gem merchants examining lots of cut jade at the special sales.

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Minister visits Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales

YANGON, 30 June — Patron of Central Committee for Organizing Myanmar Gem Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint this evening observed the sales of lots of jade at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township this evening and cordially greeted gem merchants at

home and abroad.

The rest of lots of jade were sold through competitive bidding yesterday and a total of 25 lots of jade were purchased by the gem merchants. On the same day, totalling 58 lots of jade were sold through the competitive bidding.

Today, a total of 37 lots of jade were sold through the competitive

bidding. Totalling 144 lots of jade were purchased by the gem merchants in three days.

The rest were sold at night as well. So, the centre was packed with gem merchants.

A total of 2,384 gem merchants are attending the special sales, which continues tomorrow.

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MWAF hails Myanmar Women's Day, carries out sanitation tasks in New Yangon General Hospital

YANGON, 30 June — As a gesture of hailing Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July, Administration Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation (MWAF) carried out sanitation tasks in Yangon's new general hospital and members of MWAF donated blood today.

Over 500 volunteers including members of MWAF, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations participated in the sanitation tasks.

Central Executive Committee Member of



MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay converses with blood donors at New Yangon General Hospital. — YCDC

USDA (Yangon Division Incharge) Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung

Thein Lin, Vice President of MWAF Daw Khin Thet Htay and Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs

Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai greeted the volunteers. After the sanitation tasks, the volunteers also cultivated 300 physic nut plants in the hospital's compound.

Fifty members of MWAF and Auxiliary Fire Brigade also donated blood at the hospital.

Afterwards, well-wishers made cash donation at the hospital to hail the Myanmar Women's Day and donated cash amounting to over K 6 million to the hospital.

Dr Hla Myint of Yangon Division Health Department and Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Hla Kyin accepted the donations. — MNA



A responsible person presents K 200,000 donated by MWAF to the fund of New Yangon General Hospital. — YCDC

Talk on Inclusive Education given

YANGON, 30 June — A talk on Inclusive Education was given at Thingangyun Education College in Thingangyun Township this morning. It was organized by Education Sub-Working Group of Social and Cultural Working Group under Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.

Dr Daw Sanda Aung, leader of the working group made a speech.

Director Daw Khin Myo Myint Kyu of Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau gave talks on

background, and definition of inclusive education, its purposes and tasks, and its endeavours in basic education sector.

Those present later watched the video of learning of disabled students in basic education schools. The director replied to queries raised by those present. And Dr Daw Sanda Aung presented gift to the director.

Leader of Sub-Working Group Daw Min Thet Mon, the secretary and members, principal of the college and others were present. — MNA

China launches programme to train online game developers

BEIJING, 30 June — China has launched a training programme for talented online game developers and designers — a group of professionals that have been pinpointed by the government as being in short supply.

The gaming college of Beijing Huizhongyizhi Tech Co. Ltd. was named by the Ministry of Information

Industry as the first gaming talent training base on Wednesday.

According to a forecast report of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the market volume of online games in China will reach 8.03 billion yuan (about 1 billion US dollars) in 2006.

China is striving to enhance its domestic game development capa-

bility to compete with gaming products imported from the United States, Japan and South Korea, which currently dominate the Chinese market.

The effort is backed by Chinese educators, who say computer games have a marked influence on the characters of young people. Competing for the game market is not only

about competing for economic interests, but also about competing for cultural interests.

"We should produce healthy games to disseminate fine traditional culture and modern civilization among the young people," said Shen Jiangying, editor of the weekly newspaper *China Netizen News*.

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MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY

3rd July 2006

POEM:

Myanmar Women's Day Forever

*The combined strength of Myanmar Women
As exemplified by the earth and the sky
Skyful of flowers vary in peace
That's July 3.

* Because not of desire to honour an individual
That it was thus decided
And brought into being.

* Not because an individual was so outstanding
That this person was made an example
And was brought to fame.

* Not because bystanders flattered
And blood shot up and feel elated
Not invented with such intent.

* In this world so wide
The cause of Myanmar, sound of
Myanmar thoughts
Believe not what bystanders say, but only what
blood says.

* Raise our own pride, for sake of race
With firm thoughts and hands held
To enhance the beauty of nation and race
Just so women's life will develop
Beautify all sectors

For entire Myanmar to prosper.

* O ... Combined strength of Myanmar women
As exemplified by the earth and the sky
Skyful of flowers vary in peace
That's July 3.

Myinmu Maung Naing Moe (Trs)

(Hailing Myanmar Women's Day, 3rd July, 2006)

Seven dead in building collapse in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO (Brazil), 30 June — At least seven people were killed when an old three-storey building collapsed in the centre of Recife in north-eastern Brazil and the rubble fell on neighboring houses, rescue workers said on Wednesday.

All the victims, including three children, were in the adjacent buildings. Seven more people were injured.

Rescue workers were still sifting through the

rubble on Wednesday after Tuesday night's collapse but a fire brigade spokesman said they did not expect to find any more bodies.

The building in the centre of the capital of Pernambuco State had been abandoned since last September. A fire had gutted most of it following clashes between homeless squatters, who had been occupying the building, and police.

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Yangon Division WAO organizes Fashion Show of Myanmar Women's Costumes

YANGON, 30 June — Hailing Myanmar Women's Day, which falls on 3rd July 2006, the Fashion Show of Myanmar Women's Costumes organized by Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization under the supervision of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, took place at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township this afternoon.

It was attended by patrons of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, the president, the vice-presidents, CEC members, the chairperson of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization and members, members of District and

Township WAOs, students and guests.

First, vocalists presented entertainment. Next, members of Yangon Division WAO, university students and girls from Stars and Models International Agency showed off 80 traditional costumes of national races.

Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai presented the flower basket to MWAEPresident Daw Than Than Nwe. Later, the president presented K 500,000 to Daw Mar Mar Wai. — MNA

MWAF President Daw Than Than Nwe presents K 500,000 to Yangon Division WAO Patron Daw Mar Mar Wai. — MNA



To hail Myanmar Women's Day, Fashion Show of Myanmar Women's Costumes in progress at Myoma Theatre. — MNA

HAILING MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY-2006:

Auspicious Myanmar Women's Day

Saw Mon Hnyin

The 3rd of July is celebrated as a gesture of honouring the entire mass of Myanmar womenfolk. Myanmar Buddhist girls uphold religious teachings and are brought up under strict discipline by their parents and grandparents. As a result, Myanmar women are recognized worldwide as the people of high standards for their exemplary characteristics of modest behaviours and dress, and gentleness and politeness.

Preserving and safeguarding own lineage is of the greatest prestige. Patriotic Myanmar women who love and cherish their lineage have a good reputation throughout the history of Myanmar.

In the Bagan Period, Princess Thanbyin was so well-versed in mundane and supermundane treatises that she taught monks repositories of Buddhist literature. In the nation's history, a number of queen poets such as Queen Phwar Saw and Queen Shin Saw Pu were acknowledged for being knowledgeable about Myanmar literature.

In the book "Eminent Female Poets", Daw Wan May said there were 13 queen poets, nine princess poets, three female poets of royal court, six maid poets of royal court, seven poets who were wives of ministers, and six female minister poets.

In a couple of days, Myanmar women are

going to be honoured by the entire nation. So, it is fair to say that Myanmar women are very fortunate to have been born in Myanmar. The Myanmar Women's Day has been marked for eight years.

The World Women's Day falls on 8 March, and the Myanmar Women's Day, on 3 July. The Myanmar Women Affairs Federation was established on 20 December 2003. Due to its seven noble objectives and four principles, the federation has won the trust and reliance of the entire nation and its membership is on the increase. The members have taken a solemn vow to contribute towards the nation-building tasks as far as they can. Alien accusations will not work at all if economic, health, education and cultural sectors are promoted and traditions and customs are preserved and valued to protect the rights of women. The members have also made a commitment to take measures for elimination of trafficking in persons and console the young women who fall victim to inhuman traffickers so as to prevent violence against women and rehabilitate the victims.

Now, the federation is holding heart-to-heart discussions with young women of national races. And organizations at all levels are inculcating them with nationalistic spirit. Various vocational training courses are conducted for women and outstanding women in

different fields are honoured yearly. Women have presented demonstrations on literature, music, first aid, nursing, sport, engineering, police work and fire fighting. Traditional costumes shows are conducted occasionally to enhance the nationalistic fervour. Every year, paper reading sessions are held for the flourishing of patriotism and Union Spirit. Women have golden opportunities to show their brilliant performances in extempore talks contests, commemorative poet and article contests and photo contests. In this regard, a salient point is that expert female members are making field trips down to the grass-roots level and tackling the problems and difficulties of local women. The federation is making authentic activities of the mass of Myanmar women known to world people by dealing with various international women's organizations. Women never lag behind others in all aspects in the nation. They took an active part in anti-colonialist and anti-fascist struggles at risk to their lives. They play a leading role in religious and social affairs and help respective families lead a peaceful life. In 1989, my work "Myanmar women" came out featuring 117 eminent Myanmar women including female members of Dobama Asiayon, those in education, medical, journalism, religious, economic, music and literary spheres and female Tatmadaw members. The Myanmar eminent women who kept abreast of men in representing the motherland at the League of Nations for independence were well-known in the world.

Myanmar women should join hands with the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation in demonstrating their skills, intellectual power and goodwill. I would like to exhort the entire women, with a solemn commitment, to present brilliant performances on the 3rd of July, the Myanmar Women's Day.

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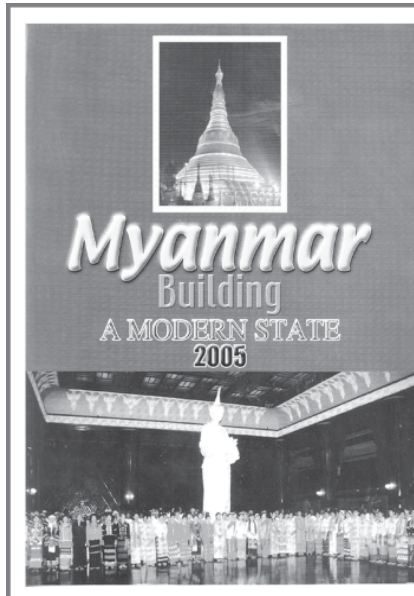
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Trafficked women's symptoms akin to torture victims'

LONDON, 29 June—Women and girls trafficked for forced sexual or domestic work suffer post-traumatic stress on a par with torture victims, researchers said on Wednesday.

In one of the first studies of health problems of women who have been trafficked, they found 95

per cent had been physically or sexually abused and nearly 40 per cent had suicidal thoughts.

"This research shows that women who have been trafficked into sex work emerge with very severe pain and injuries and they show psychological health problems that appear to be similar to those documented among victims of torture," said Dr Cathy Zimmerman, the author of the report published by the *London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine*.

The International Labour Organization estimates that at least 2.5 million people around the world are in forced labour at any given time.

Zimmerman, a researcher in public health policy, said because of its underground nature it was

difficult to get precise numbers.

"This is an international trade that is happening in virtually every corner of the world," she said in an interview.

"The majority believe they are getting a job doing something like waitressing, being a nanny or working in a bar. Most of them are tricked into the situation."

Zimmerman and her team studied 207 women from 14 countries who had been released after being trafficked.

The women, aged 15-45 years old, were being treated in seven countries by aid agencies. Most were between 21-25 years old and 12 per cent were under 18.

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Nine dead as rain causes floods in eastern US

PHILADELPHIA, 29 June—The worst flooding in the eastern United States for decades, triggered by days of torrential downpours, has killed at least nine people and forced thousands to flee their homes. With roads washed out and waters rising, authorities on Wednesday declared emergencies across large swathes of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Travel along the heavily trafficked Eastern Seaboard from Virginia to New York was hard-hit.

Up to 200,000 people in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and the surrounding area were ordered to evacuate their homes by Wednesday night as the Susquehanna River rose to dangerous levels, a local official said.

County authorities took the measure as a precaution as the river neared a 41-foot (12.4-metre) flood stage level that threatened to put unprecedented strain on the area's flood control system.

The US Coast Guard used helicopters to rescue up to 70 people stranded on rooftops in the city, which had not seen a similar emergency since 1972 when a tropical storm swept through the area killing six people and damaging or destroying thousands of homes.

The National Weather Service reported nine fatalities across the eastern United States. New York Governor George Pataki said it was by far the worst flooding he had seen in 12 years as governor.

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US worried about falling Venezuela oil flows

WASHINGTON, 29 June—The US Government is concerned about falling crude oil supplies from OPEC member Venezuela, a senior US Government official said on Wednesday.

Declining oil output from Venezuela since 2001 "is a concern to world oil markets and has not been helpful to world oil consumers, particularly developing countries in our own hemisphere," the official told Reuters on condition of anonymity.

Venezuelan oil production has fallen to about 2.6 million barrels per day (BPD) versus 3.1 million BPD in 2001,

according to the US Energy Information Administration.

The OPEC nation's oil industry was severely disrupted by a two-month strike at Venezuela's state oil firm PDVSA that ended in early 2003, cutting off exports to its main customer the United States and pushing up world prices.

The official's comments come after the US Government Accountability Office said oil prices could jump by as much as 11 US dollars a barrel if world markets faced another loss of Venezuelan crude.

The United States is the top buyer of

Venezuelan oil, but ties have been strained since President Hugo Chavez first won office in 1998. Left-winger Chavez accuses the administration of US President George W Bush of backing a failed 2002 coup attempt against him.

Washington denies the charges. Chavez says any attempt by the United States to invade the South American nation or assassinate him will result in a suspension of US oil sales.

Venezuelan Energy Minister Rafael Ramirez has rebuffed frequent requests from the State Department to meet with the US ambassador in

Caracas, the official said.

"We regret that (Ramirez) has yet to have a substantive meeting with the US ambassador to Caracas given that the United States remains Venezuela's primary oil market and its number one source of foreign exchange," the source said. The United States and other members of the International Energy Agency could counter such a disruption with their emergency oil stocks, the official said.

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Chinese high school students start summer programme in Cornell

New York, 29 June — For the first time in Cornell University history, Chinese high school students will spend six weeks earning credit at the university's Summer College programme, according to a Press release *Xinhua* obtained Monday.

Preparatory Programme. The programme is intended to give Chinese students an opportunity to take courses, earn credits, explore majors and experience life at an American university. In their letter dated last February to Xie Shengwu, President of Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Cornell President Hunter Rawlings and Glenn Altschuler, Dean of

Cornell's School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions, proposed to deepen the relationship between the two universities by launching a college preparatory programme. Twenty Chinese high school students applied in a competitive selection process. "This is all part of our ongoing effort to work with educational institutions in China and to do

what we do best: provide opportunity for students," said Altschuler. The Cornell Summer College programme, now in its 44th year, invites talented high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to live and study on Cornell campus for up to six weeks each summer. Students experience college life, explore a wide variety of academic majors, make life-long friends and prepare for the future. This year the programme enrolls 815 high school students from 38 states and 29 countries. *MNA/Xinhua*



Venezuelan actress Ruddy Rodriguez, 39, poses for photographers before speaking to the press at a hotel in Caracas, Venezuela, on 29 June, 2006. INTERNET



Perodua Managing Director Syed Hafiz, Syed Abu Bakar stands next to the 1.3 liter Myvi compact car on display inside the Perodua headquarter in Bukit Beruntung, outskirts of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 29 June, 2006. INTERNET

Toronto Film Festival to feature Cannes winners

OTTAWA, 29 June — Many of the winning movies from Cannes, as well as other international films that have premiered elsewhere, will receive spotlight at this fall's Toronto International Film Festival. Organizers of the 31st annual Toronto festival

announced on Tuesday an initial slate of 26 international titles, including many winners from the Cannes Film Festival, such as Palme d'Or winner "The Wind That Shakes The Barley" by British director Ken Loach; "Babel", for which Mexican filmmaker

Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu won best director; Cannes Grand Prix winner "Flanders" by French filmmaker Bruno Dumont; "12:08 East of Bucharest", Romanian filmmaker Corneliu Porumbolu's debut feature and winner of the Camera d'Or and UK director Andrea Arnold's first feature, "Red Road", which won the Prix du Jury. "Our primary allegiance at the festival is to our loyal audiences," Noah Cowan, the Toronto event's co-director, said in a statement. "We bring these films back to our continent for a 'second unveiling.' They are films that have moved us, by way of their beauty, originality and overall cinematic achievement," Noah said. The Toronto festival will be held from 7 to 16 September. *MNA/Xinhua*

US video game designers try to help save the world

NEW YORK, 29 June — Parents may worry that violent video games are bad for their children, but the technology can help save the world by raising awareness of the world's downtrodden, a group of socially conscious game designers say. The creators of free educational games such as "Darfur is Dying" and "PeaceMaker" met with humanitarian activists at The New School University in New York on Tuesday for the third annual Games for Change conference. The idea is to use video games to educate youth about real-world issues — fighting poverty, surviving in war-torn Sudan and negotiating Middle East peace. *MNA/Reuters*

Japan, Zambia sign technical cooperation pact

LUSAKA, 29 June — Zambia and Japan signed an agreement here on Tuesday on technical cooperation to enhance effectiveness and efficiency in the implementation of technical cooperation being funded by the Japanese Government. Zambia's Finance and National Planning Minister Ng'andu Magande praised the

Japanese Government for choosing Zambia, one of the world's top copper producers, to be the first country in Africa, where it will implement a model initiative in economic development towards sustainable growth. Magande appealed to the Japanese Government to consider supporting Zambia more in the area of infrastructure

development. Japanese Ambassador to Zambia Masaaki Miyashita said he is confident the agreement will constitute a long term solid base for the continuation of Japanese technical cooperation which he hoped will contribute to the social and economic development of the country. *MNA/Xinhua*

Discarded US satellite passes by "ISS" at close range

Moscow, 29 June — A discarded US satellite passed by the International Space Station (ISS) at a close range on Tuesday, Russia's flight control centre said. The *Hitch Hiker* satellite, weighing 79 kilograms and launched by the United States in 1963, passed by the ISS at a distance of about 240 metres at 6:31 pm Moscow Time (1431 GMT), said the

control centre. As the danger of a collision between the ISS and the satellite was nil, the Russian control centre and the US space agency, NASA, decided that there would be no need for evasive manoeuvres. It was reported that another object, numbered 88 921 in the list of space debris, also floated past the ISS at a close range 12

hours ago. ISS crews have reportedly dodged space debris six times on the station's trajectory. Currently, there are about 10,000 man-made objects, including discarded satellites and other equipment, in close earth orbit. Experts said some 2,000 items of space debris may pose serious threats to the safety of the ISS. *MNA/Xinhua*



A mouse rides on the back of a frog in floodwaters in the northern Indian city Lucknow, on 30 June, 2006. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Vice-President questions when will Indonesia play in World Cup

JAKARTA, 30 June — Indonesian Vice-President Jusuf Kalla Thursday exploited the World Cup finals in Germany as a euphemism to attack poor performance of the national soccer team, which has been without any regional trophy over the last decade.

"We spend time watching Brazil and Argentina, but when will Indonesia play in World Cup?", he asked rhetorically when opening the congress of the Indonesian Youth National Committee (KNPI).

Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Adyaksa Dault, who was present at the occasion, responded with a smile.

Kalla pointed to the Ivory Coast and Ghana, whose population is less than five million each, were able to qualify to the world's most-watching sporting event.

"But when I was asked about that, I have to defend myself by saying that China with a population of 1.4 billion also didn't make it this time," he joked.

Indonesia is the world's fifth most population nation with 230 million. Although soccer is one of the most favourite sports in the country, the last time Indonesia won an international trophy was in 1992, when it was crowned gold medal in the Southeast Asian Games.

Kalla recalled an informal conversation with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi in a recent meeting.

Koizumi asked the two leaders their most favourite sports and both Kalla and Badawi suggested soccer.

MNA/Xinhua

Italy soccer trial opens, then abruptly adjourns

ROME, 30 June — Italy's biggest sports trial opened on Thursday with four top soccer clubs and 26 officials facing match-fixing charges before a string of procedural motions forced an adjournment until next Monday.

Champions Juventus, AC Milan, Fiorentina and Lazio, four of soccer-mad Italy's elite teams, risk being forced out of the top Serie A league and European competition if found guilty of conspiring with referees to rig matches.

Tribunal president Cesare Ruperto opened the trial with a roll call of four teams and 26 officials who have been accused. They stood up behind rows of desks as their names were read inside a spartan, low-ceilinged room in Rome's Olympic Stadium.

Defence lawyers then raised a list of objections that forced Ruperto to halt the trial after less than three hours.

"We will adjourn until Monday, July 3," Ruperto said after allowing five Serie B teams hoping to be promoted — Bologna, Brescia, Lecce, Messina and Treviso — to take part in the proceedings and giving them until Monday to prepare their cases.

The Italian Football Federation (FIGC) has promised to finish the trial by July 9, the day of the World Cup final.

FIGC emergency administrator Guido Rossi dismissed concerns that the delay would prevent the tribunal from meeting the timetable. "The trial will start on a fast-track on Monday and meet the deadline," he told ANSA news agency. — MNA/Reuters

Poll, Ivanov dropped from ref's list

BERLIN, 30 June — English referee Graham Poll and Russia's Valentin Ivanov paid the price for their performances during the first round of the World Cup by being dropped from the remainder of the competition on Thursday.

FIFA's Referees Committee announced in Frankfurt the names of 12 teams of referees and their linesmen in contention to take charge of the remaining eight matches of the competition.

The list includes Germany's Markus Merk, who was involved in a public spat with Australia's Harry Kewell after their first round match against Brazil finished in a 2-0 win to the world champions.

Despite being criticized by FIFA for "inconsistencies in his match report" after the game and his failure to sanction Kewell, he remains among the six referees from Europe who are staying on. Two South American referees and one each from Asia, Africa, CONCACAF and Oceania are also retained.

Angel Maria Villar Llona of Spain, the chairman of the Referees Committee, said in a statement: "For some referees the World Cup is now over, but for others the adven-

ture continues. "On the whole, I have been very happy with the performances of the match officials, even though they were not always error-free, something that is impossible to achieve. So far, the main objective, to protect the players, has been accomplished."

Poll, who refereed three first round matches, was criticized by FIFA president Sepp Blatter after showing three yellow cards to Josip Simunic of Croatia before sending him off in their match against Australia in Stuttgart on 22 June.

Ivanov, who also officiated at three first round games, sent off four players — an all-time record for the finals — and showed a total of 16 cards when he took charge of the second round match between Por-

tugal and Netherlands last Sunday. Those departing include Egyptian Essam Abdel Fatah, who admitted to mistakes in the one match he refereed between Australia and Japan on 12 June.

Carlos Simon of Brazil, who controversially

sent off Teddy Lucic of Sweden in their second round match against Germany last Saturday, is also leaving. Earlier on Wednesday, Blatter criticized some of the refereeing in the tournament for being inconsistent.

MNA/Reuters



Brazil's national soccer player Robinho balances a ball on his forehead during a training session in Bergisch Gladbach near Cologne on 28 June, 2006, during the World Cup 2006 tournament. —INTERNET

Beckenbauer hints at top UEFA post, rules out FIFA

BERLIN, 30 June — Franz Beckenbauer said on Thursday he would be interested in running for the job of UEFA president, but ruled out a bid to become president of FIFA in the foreseeable future.

Beckenbauer, 60, who is the only man to win the World Cup as captain (1974) and then coach (1990), and is currently the president of the German organizing committee for these finals, said he would be interested in standing for the UEFA presidency if Lennart Johansson, 76, was to retire.

Beckenbauer was responding to comments made by current FIFA president Sepp Blatter in the German media on Thursday in which the Swiss was quoted as saying that Beckenbauer did not want to be FIFA president, nor could he be because of his other commitments.

Beckenbauer replied: "He's right. And I don't speak six or seven languages fluently like Mr Blatter either which you need to be the president of FIFA."

"But it would be different with UEFA. In Europe everyone speaks English and my English could be better but it is good enough.

"Lennart Johansson said he will make a decision over the next few months about his future and let's wait and see until he does make that decision. I would be interested if Lennart Johansson was to stand down."

Beckenbauer, who is not an elected member of any FIFA body, has long been regarded as a candidate for high office in both UEFA and FIFA.

If he did stand for election as UEFA president, he would have to run against his old playing adversary Michel Platini of France, a member of both the FIFA and UEFA executive committees.

Platini has already declared his intention to stand for the UEFA presidency when the reign of Johansson, which began in 1990, eventually ends.

MNA/Reuters



Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn celebrates winning her match against Japan's Shinobu Asagoe at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London on 29 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Arsenal's Senderos has shoulder operation

ZURICH, 30 June — Switzerland and Arsenal centre back Philippe Senderos said on Thursday he had undergone surgery on an injured shoulder.

"The operation went well," he told ATS news agency. Senderos said he was unsure how long he would be out of action after Tuesday's operation in London.

Senderos dislocated his shoulder during Switzerland's 2-0 group stage win over South Korea a week ago. He missed the last 16 defeat by Ukraine.

MNA/Reuters

WORLD CUP Q/F Fixtures
Saturday, 01 July 2006
England v Portugal, 21:30 MST
Sunday, 02 July 2006
Brazil v France, 01:30 MST



Russia's Maria Sharapova serves to Israel's Anna Smashnova during their match at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London on 28 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Disney elects former P&G chief as new chairman

LOS ANGELES, 30 June — The Walt Disney Company elected former Procter & Gamble (P&G) chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) John E Pepper Jr as its new non-executive chairman, said the company in a statement on Wednesday.

Pepper will officially take the post on 1 January, 2007, succeeding George J Mitchell, who has held the post since March, 2004.

Last December, the Disney board asked

Mitchell to postpone his retirement which was originally scheduled to be announced at the 2006 annual shareholders meeting and to stand for reelection to facilitate an orderly chairman succes-

sion process.

The 67-year-old Pepper was named P&G's chairman and CEO in 1995, and retired in 2002 after 38 years with the consumer products giant.

He had served as vice-

president for Finance and Administration at Yale University from 2004, and is currently CEO of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. He joined the Disney board earlier this year.

"Since joining the Disney board, John has quickly immerse himself in our business and shared his broad and deep expertise in corporate management, global brand building and leadership development," said Robert Iger, Disney's president and CEO.

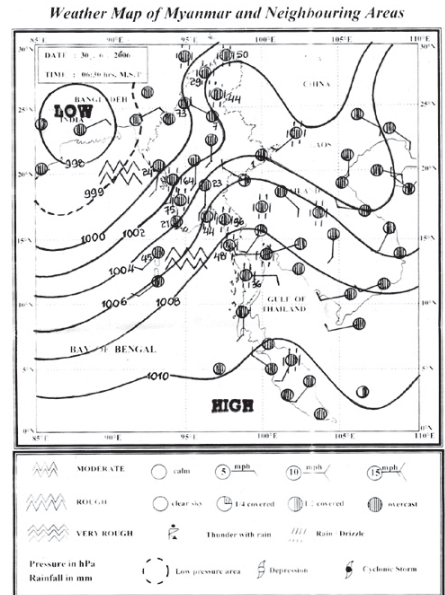
Disney would benefit from Pepper's outstanding leadership skills and unique experience in cultivating global brands, said Iger.

Pepper said he was "incredibly honoured to be elected the next chairman of the world's preeminent entertainment company".

MNA/Xinhua



Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao (L) and his Mexican challenger Oscar Larios pose after a news conference in Manila on 29 June, 2006.



WEATHER

Friday, 30 June, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division and rain have been scattered in Kayah State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Shan State, upper Sagaing, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State, isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Bago Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe (5.04) inches, Kyaukpyu (4.30) inches, Shwegyin (3.94) inches, Mawlamyine (3.86) inches, Gwa (3.03) inches, Homalin (2.87) inches, Dawei (2.36) inches, Putao (2.13) inches and Myitkyina (1.97) inches.

Maximum temperature on 29-6-2006 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 30-6-2006 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 30-6-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 29-6-2006 was (Nil).

Rainfalls on 30-6-2006 were (0.98) inch at Mingaladon, (1.73) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.14) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (26.65) inches at Mingaladon, (35.75) inches at Kaba-Aye and (38.62) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (15:00) hours MST on 29-6-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 1-7-2006: Rain will be widespread in Kachin, Chin, Mon, Kayin and Rakhine States upper Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State and isolated to scattered in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon State Ayeyawady, Bago, Yangon and upper Sagaing Divisions, Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 1-7-2006: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 1-7-2006: Some rain which may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 1-7-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for first weekend of July 2006: During the coming weekend, rain or thunder-showers will be widespread in Yangon Division and isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.

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Saturday, 1 July
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဏ္ဍိတ ရုဂျ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဏ္ဍိတအဖွဲ့ ဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မဃဘာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာတိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တေးတော်
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
 5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
 6. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:20 am
 7. ဘော်ဘင်ရေလှောင်တံ
- 8:30 am
 8. International news
- 8:45 am
 9. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am
 1. Martial songs
- 11:15 am
 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am
 3. News
- 11:40 am
 4. Games for children

- 12:15 pm
 5. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:35 pm
 6. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "Doraemon"
- 12:45 pm
 7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆယ့်နှစ်" (အပိုင်း-၅)
- 1:20 pm
 8. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ ဇာပဒသာ
- 1:30 pm
 9. "ဧကန်ပွဲဖြိုး တိုင်းပြည်အကျိုး" (ပြီးစေရိုး၊ မိုးဒီ၊ ဇောနိုင် (ရှမ်းပြည်)၊ သခင်၊ နှင်းဆီ၊ ခင်မိုးမိုးအေး) ခါရိုက်တာ-တင်အောင်ရွှေ (သုတေသီ)
- 1:55 pm
 10. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:00 pm
 11. Dance of national races
- 2:20 pm
 12. "ပြေးပြေးလွှားလွှား သွားသွားလာလာ" (မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊ မအေးမြင့်၊ စိန်ဂွက်တော်၊ မောင်မောင်မျိုးသန့်) (ခါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်)
- 2:30 pm
 13. ယာကြီး ရေထိန်းတံ
- 2:45 pm
 14. International news
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial songs
- 4:15 pm
 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. အဆောင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ဂုဏ်မြှင့်သင်ကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)

- 4:45 pm
 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
 5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:15 pm
 6. မြန်မာ့မြင်းလုံး
- 5:25 pm
 7. Games for children
- 5:50 pm
 8. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ သမဝါယမနေ့ တေးများ
- 6:00 pm
 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 11. Discovery
- 6:45 pm
 12. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 7:00 pm
 13. စွမ်းဆောင်ရည်မြှင့်မား မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများလာလာ" (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 7:10 pm
 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပြုစင်စေတာ" (အပိုင်း-၉)
- 8:00 pm
 15. News
- 8:15 pm
 16. International news
- 8:30 pm
 17. Weather report
- 8:45 pm
 18. Myanmar movie: "အမေ့မိမိ" (အပိုင်း-၁) (ကျော်သူ၊ မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ ဇော်ဦး၊ ထွန်းအိန္ဒြာမိုး၊ မျိုးပြုံး၊ ဆုပန်ထွာ) (ခါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်သူ)
- 9:00 pm
 19. The next day's programme



- Saturday, 1 July
Tune in today
- 8:30 am Brief news
 - 8:35 am Music:
 - Put a little love in your heart... Dolly Parton
 - 8:40 am Perspectives
 - 8:45 am Music:
 - It's gotta to be you... BSB
 - 8:50 am National news / Slogan
 - 9:00 am Music:
 - It might be you... Stephen Bishop
 - 9:05 am International news
 - 9:10 am Music:
 - Let me be the one... No Mercy
 - 1:30 pm News / Slogan
 - 1:40 pm Lunch time music
 - Because you loved me... Celine Dion
 - Best Friend... Toy Box
 - 9:00 pm ASEAN news review
 - Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
 - 9:10 pm Article
 - 9:20 pm Myanmar culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt -Pegu, as an urban and commercial centre under Myanmar Kings Part I
 - 9:30 pm Souvenirs
 - 9:45 pm News / Slogan
 - 10:00 pm PEL

Prime Minister sends message of congratulations to Vietnamese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, who has been appointed as Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 27 June 2006.—MNA

The Head of State has given guidance to create a constant learning Myanmar society. Thanks to the guidance, youths now have easy access to international level education.

Yangon Division has so far opened 2,056 self-reliant village libraries

155 wellwishers donate K 12.7m, TV and radio sets and books



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win addresses the ceremony on completion of opening of self-reliant village libraries in Yangon Division. — MNA

YANGON, 30 June—A ceremony was held at No 2 Basic Education High School in Sangyoung Township, here today to mark the completion of the task of opening self-reliant village libraries in Yangon division.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win said that there are three requirements in building a peaceful modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation, which are, stability of the State, community peace and stability and prevalence of law and order. The second requirement is the strengthening of national economy. And, the third is development of human resources of the State and uplift of the education standard of the people.

He added that people from all walks of life should have knowledge and correct thoughts. Hence, the Head of State has given guidance with farsightedness to open self-reliant libraries in all villages without fail. Now, it is necessary to establish the libraries called the silent schools for contributing to development of human resources. Therefore, all the officials are to improve library works. To assess the development of a nation, one is to study the use of libraries in

that nation. The country that has full facilities of knowledge will achieve progress.

He continued to say that 70 per cent of population of the country live in rural areas. At present, self-reliant village libraries are being established for disseminating knowledge to the rural people in line with the guidance of the Head of State. Yangon Division has so far opened 2,056 self-reliant village libraries. For durability of the libraries with five methods, it is necessary to organize villagers to constantly read the periodicals, to increase the number of books spending the fund through accepting books and cash donations and fixing the fee to borrow books, to construct the library building, to collect furniture and to nurture a good librarian.

Village authorities together with Information and Public Relations Department are to always assist the libraries. District and Township PDCs are also to supervise the above-mentioned task as a duty to ensure development of human resources.

As 21st Century is the Education Age, developing technologies can be seen. Lower status of education and technology would delay development of the nation and the people in the future. In conclusion, the commander acknowledged goodwill of the wellwishers and

urged local authorities to strive for durability of the libraries.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that today is the knowledge age in which human society uses technology in all sectors including production, health and education. The nation will face setbacks if it cannot stand shoulder to shoulder with other countries at a time when knowledge is the tool to drive everything. Priority has been given to implementing the 30-year national education promotion plan.

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Weather Forecast for (1-7-2006)

Nay Pyi Taw & neighbouring areas

Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon & neighbouring areas

Some rain which may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay & neighbouring areas

Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

20 members of Dabayin Township NLD quit due to loss of trust in functions of party

YANGON, 30 June—Members of Dabayin Township National League for Democracy in Sagaing Division U Min Naing, U Aye Maung, U Kyaw Tun, U Bo Shwe, Daw Khin Thet Mar, U Myint Oo, U Tun Maung, U Sein Ma, Daw Than Nyunt, U Aung Htay, U Win Thaug, U Than Aung, U Mya Lin, U Kyaw Thin, U Ohn Myint, U Kyaw Nyein, U Thein Zaw, Daw Hla Sein, U Kyaw Htwe and U Sein Lin resigned

from the NLD of their own accord on June 17.

They sent the letters of resignation to NLD Headquarters and local authorities. In their letters to Sagaing Division Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commission they said they had lost trust in the NLD and that was why they resigned from the NLD of their own volition.

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