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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives in to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates President of Republic of Belarus

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Alexander R Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus, which falls on 3 July 2006.

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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

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends dinner in honour of literati and delegates to 4th MWJA Conference

YANGON, 2 July — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended a dinner in honour of literati and delegates to the Fourth Conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association at Karaweik Palace at Kandawgyi Lake, here, this evening.

It was also attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, the minister the Attorney-General, departmental heads, members of social organizations, Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and CEC members, literati, delegates from States and Divisions and observers.

When the Secretary-1 arrived at Karaweik Palace, he was welcomed by Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), CEC members, delegates



and observers.

Before the dinner, MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) spoke words of thanks.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party had the dinner together with literati.

After the dinner, the

Secretary-1 presented cash reward to artistes who presented entertainment at the dinner.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets literati and delegates to Fourth Conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association at the dinner. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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MWFA endeavouring for promotion of Myanmar women's sector

Today, 3 July, is Myanmar Women's Day. Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs came into existence on 3 July 1996 to help the women mass fully enjoy already-achieved women's rights and to promote their rights and development in all fields and sectors in conformity with the present conditions. In 1998, the government designated 3 July on which MNCWA was formed as Myanmar Women's Day.

Paper-reading sessions, cash donations, blood donation, talks and extempore talks contests, essay contest, collective tree planting ceremonies and sanitation works in commemoration of the Myanmar Women's Day are held nationwide.

On 20 December 2003 Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was established with the lofty aims of promoting the rights of Myanmar women from all walks of life and upgrading the role of Myanmar women's sector.

Out of the over 54 million people in Myanmar over 27 million are women. Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation representing the entire women was systematically formed and there are altogether 2.56 million members and new members are joining it.

Myanmar women have been serving the interests of the State and the people in the course of Myanmar history and different duties of the history, making efforts for development of Myanmar society and nurturing new generation youths whatever role they are in.

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation will continue to participate in nation-building tasks in unity while organizing Myanmar women and making endeavours for development of the women's sector.

Health care services under close supervision in Bago District

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July — Secretary of National Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo together with officials met with members of Madauk Station Health Committee, townselders, health staff, members of social organizations at the meeting hall of Madauk Station Hospital in Bago District on 27 June.

The deputy minister urged them to promote health care services of the rural people, maternal and child care, provide access to clean water and use of fly-proof latrines and preventive measures of malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS.

Afterwards, the deputy minister viewed patient wards, the operation theatre, the delivery room and the medical store.

The deputy minister and party also inspected functions of Painzalok Station Hospital, Kanyutkwin Station Hospital, Penwegon Station Hospital and construction of Nyaungbintha Station Hospital, and fulfilled the requirements.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo met with officials concerned at Zeyawady Station Hospital, and called for promoting health care services and ensuring uplift of health standard of the rural people.

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Commonsense

- * 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

Upgrading of roads, tasks of Water Treatment Plant inspected

YANGON, 1 July — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin together with officials this morning inspected tarmacking Mindhamma Road in Hline Township and heard reports on repaving of four tarred roads by officials.

The mayor also inspected upgrading of Pyay Road in Mingaladon Township and gave instructions to officials.

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin plants a physic nut sapling in the compound of Water Treatment Plant.

YCDC

Next, Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and party went to the Water Treatment Plant of YCDC Water Supply Project (Ngamoyeik) in Hmawby Township and viewed thriving physic nut plants near the project site. — MNA



Vice-Mayor attends conclusion of Basic USDA Organizing Course



CEC member Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa presents prize to an outstanding trainee of Basic Organizing Course No 10 of Seikkan Township USDA. — YCDC

YANGON, 2 July — Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, this morning went to tax-free markets in Tamway, Yankin and Kamayut Townships and inspected sales of goods at the shops at a reasonable price to customers and fulfilled the requirements.

Next, the vice-mayor met with the chairman of Myanmar Rice and Paddy Dealers Association at its office in Seikkan Township.

Afterwards, Central Executive Committee member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Col Maung Pa made an address at the conclusion of the Basic Organizing Course No 10 of Seikkan Township USDA. — MNA

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Republic of Belarus

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Sergei Nikolaevich Martinov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus, which falls on 3 July 2006. — MNA

Managing Director inspects Mya Ayeya market vessel

YANGON, 1 July—Managing Director of Inland Water Transport under the Ministry of Transport U Soe Tint this morning inspected loading and unloading of commodities of Mya Ayeya market vessel which arrived here from Mandalay.

The managing director also met with staff members and shopkeepers on board the vessel and fulfilled their requirements.

Under the guidance of the Head of State, the vessel is being run along Ayeyawady river so that the rural people along the route will be able to buy goods produced from lower and upper Myanmar at reasonable prices.

The ports where the vessel berths are Mandalay, Sagaing, Myinmu, Myetaw, Simikhon, Pakokku, NyaungU, Chauk, Hsinphugyun, Yenangyaung, Minbu, Magway, Minhla, Michaungye, Aunglan, Thayet, Kamma, Pyay, Kyithe, Kyankhin, Myanaung, Hinthada, Zalun, Dhanupyu and Maubin.

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Managing Director U Soe Tint of Inland Water Transport inspects shops on board Mya Ayeya Market Vessel. — TRANSPORT

Philippines to get 350mln euros new investment from Spain

MANILA, 1 July —The Philippines is expected to acquire at least 350 million euros of fresh investments from Spain, while President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo paid a working visit to Madrid, a report reaching here quoted Trade Secretary Peter Favila as saying on Friday.

The promised investments were guaranteed by bilateral agreements signed in Madrid, as a result of Arroyo's visit to Spain, the Trade Secretary said.

Meanwhile, he told reporters that Filipino businessmen and their Spanish counterparts were still "finalizing" other agreements for possible investments besides the 350 million euros in the country, according to a report by the *Philippine Star* on its website.

The investments will

focus on the fields of infrastructure, especially tourism facilities, power plants, sea port construction and commerce establishments, Favila said.

He added that various areas of investments were discussed such as information technology, mining, defence system and technology, waste management, water treatment, tourism and even traffic systems.

President Arroyo was on his trip to Spain, leading a delegation

which mainly consists of trade and tourism officials.

During Arroyo's visit, Spanish officials and businessmen however raised concerns over the inefficiency of the bureaucracy and the inadequacy of infrastructure in the Philippines, which they said were discouraging foreign investments from pouring into the country, according to another report by the *Philippine Star* on Friday.

MNA/Xinhua

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Girls wearing traditional clothes wave national flags of China during a ceremony marking the ninth anniversary of Hong Kong's handover in Hong Kong on 1 July, 2006. —INTERNET

Blair loses popular lead for first time

LONDON, 1 July — A poll in Britain revealed on Friday that Prime Minister Tony Blair is less popular than his main rival for the first time in 12 years.

Blair also suffered more bad news on the electoral front, with results from by-elections for two vacant parliamentary seats yielding a poor showing for his Labour Party.

Pollsters YouGov, in a survey commissioned by the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper, found 30 per cent of Britons thought new Conservative Party leader David Cameron would make the best prime

minister, against 28 per cent who preferred Blair. *The Telegraph* said it was the first time any of five successive Conservative leaders had been preferred to Blair since Blair took the

helm of the Labour Party in 1994 as opposition leader under Conservative Prime Minister John Major. In the Welsh District of Blaenau Gwent, independent Dai Davies defeated a Labour candidate for Parliament, thwarting Labour's hopes of winning back one of its heartland seats, which Blair's party lost at the last election last year.

The area had been safely held by Labour for years until Labour stalwart Peter Law quit the party and ran as an independent, refusing to step aside when Labour leaders said the party's candidate must be a woman.

MNA/Reuters



Indonesian girls play at a golf course near the Mount Merapi volcano in Sleman, Yogyakarta in June 2006. Activity at Indonesia's Mount Merapi has been decreasing and officials are reviewing the volcano's top alert status. —INTERNET

Three US mountain climbers die in Peruvian Andes

LIMA, 1 July — Three United States citizens were reported dead on Friday, after the bodies were discovered at the bottom of a 500-metre ravine in the Peruvian Andes, Peru's

National Police said on Friday. The climbers, who have not yet been identified, had been climbing the snow-covered Artesonraju Mountain, in Yungay

Province, part of the northern region of Ancas, 400 kilometres northeast of Peru's capital Lima.

A group of Spanish climbers following their route found their bodies and alerted the High Mountain Police, who took several days to recover the bodies because of the corpses' inaccessible location. —MNA/Xinhua

Scientists research how to squeeze more oil out of natural reserves

LONDON, 1 July — Creating artificial seismic waves, similar to those that occur during an earthquake, could help squeeze more oil from natural reservoirs, scientists said on Wednesday.

They discovered that in addition to sending tremors that knock down buildings, earthquakes greatly increase the permeability of rocks to transmit fluids including oil.

"Shaking increases permeability," Emily Brodsky, an assistant professor of Earth Sciences at the University

of California, Santa Cruz, said in an interview.

"Permeability governs how fluid flows through rock, whether it's water or oil, so this has practical implications for oil extraction," she added.

Brodsky and her colleagues, who reported their research in the journal *Nature*, also found that the amount of

permeability is directly related to the amplitude of the shaking.

"Potentially if you could increase permeability you could greatly increase the available oil you could tap out of a reserve," she explained.

One way of doing that, in principle, is by mimicking the effects of

an earthquake but scientists do not understand the physics well enough, or how to tune the vibrations, to increase the flow of oil.

One possibility would be to use vibroseis trucks that shake the ground to take a type of X-ray of the Earth to find out the structure of rocks and where the oil is located.

"If we understood the physics of the permeability enhancement well enough, the vibrations could be tuned to increase with the flow of oil," Brodsky added.

The scientists made their discovery after studying 20 years of data of water seeping in and out of wells during seven earthquakes in an area of California.

MNA/Reuters

240,000-character long poem on Deng Xiaoping published

BEIJING, 1 July — The Party Literature Publishing House of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) recently published a long poem on Deng Xiaoping, entitled "The Saga of Deng Xiaoping", to commemorate the late Chinese leader.

The lengthy poem, in 56 chapters and 240,000 characters, describes the life of Deng and the history of the Party.

The author, whose name is Zang Xiuchen, is an ex-serviceman and he has published over 100 poems and proses, including "The Saga of the Chinese Nation". — MNA/Xinhua



Models present creations during the hair competition at the OMC World Championship of Beauty "Hairworld" in Moscow on 1 July, 2006. —INTERNET

China's Lenovo enters Thai consumer 'IT' market

BANGKOK, 1 July — Lenovo announced on Friday its official launch of consumer digital products into Thai market, based on which the biggest IT state enterprise of China is to expand its share all around the global IT market under the brand "Lenovo".

The first four flagship products from Lenovo to hit Thai market are flash drives, MP3 players, digital cameras and web cameras, which made their debut on a large trade fair in central Bangkok Friday. Liu Hong, assistant vice-president of Lenovo group, told *Xinhua* that this is just the first step of a range of market-expanding efforts Lenovo aims to launch in the following days.

Liu noted that with the landmark acquisition of IBM's PC sector in 2005, Lenovo has acquired an

advantageous status on global high-end IT markets, including Thailand, and that the company aims to expand the consumer products market under the brand "Lenovo". Lenovo has authorized ICC International, the biggest distributor in Thailand, as its sole distributor in Thailand, Cambodia and Laos.

Lenovo, founded in 1984, was the first PC manufacturer in China, then under the name "Legend". It now dominates the PC market in China, with a share around 27 per cent in recent years.—*MNA/Xinhua*



Indian Army personnel display seized arms and ammunition in a camp in Chowkibal, 125 km (78 miles) north of Srinagar, on 1 July, 2006.—INTERNET

US finds stolen laptop containing data of 26.5 mln veterans

WASHINGTON, 1 July — The US Government said on Thursday that it has recovered a stolen laptop that contains data of as much as 26.5 million veterans and other military personal.

Secretary of Veteran Affairs Jim Nicholson said in a statement that initial forensics tests by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) indicate the data on the laptop has not been improperly accessed.

In a separate statement, the FBI said there is no evidence that anyone accessed social security numbers and other data on the equipment.

However, there is no mentioning in the two statements about how the

laptop was recovered.

On 22 May, the Veterans Affairs Department announced that a laptop was stolen earlier that month from the home of an employee of the department and that it contained names, birth dates and social security numbers for as many as 26.5 million veterans who were discharged after 1975 or submitted benefit claims. The employee, who brought the data home without authorization, was fired later.

Initially the department thought that all of the 26.5 million people affected in the case were veterans, but a database comparison revealed that the lost data also included the bulk of active-duty military services, as well as more than 1 million members of the National Guard and reserves.

MNA/Xinhua

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A man builds a sand sculpture of the Discovery near the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 1 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Bus pile-up kills four in N-E Thailand

BANGKOK, 1 July — Four people were killed and 64 severely injured in a pileup of three bus and a pick-up truck in the northeastern province of Nakhon Ratchasima early Friday, local police said.

The accident happened at 1:50 am (1950 GMT) in Nakhon Ratchasima's Si Khiew District, police said.

Due to dim light and lack of sign for the road, part of which had been closed for repair, a passenger bus collided into a parking pick-up truck, leading a pile-up of another two buses.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Super tanker, container ship collide in Singapore waters

SINGAPORE, 1 July — Greece-registered super tanker *Astro Luna* and Panama-registered container ship *YM Earth* collided Thursday night at about 2.4 kilometres southeast of St John's Island, which is on the southern shores of Singapore, *ChannelNewsAsia* reported Friday.

The incident caused no oil pollution or casualty as *Astro Luna* was not carrying any oil at the time of the collision, the report quoted the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) as saying.

The MPA has sent an anti-pollution craft to monitor the situation and is investigating the incident, the report said.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Briton gets 24 years for double murder in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 1 July — A British businessman who strangled his driver and killed the driver's girlfriend, was jailed for 24 years in Singapore on Thursday, escaping the death penalty under an earlier extradition deal. Michael McCrea, 48, was accused of murdering the two Singaporeans, whose decomposed bodies

were found in the boot of an abandoned car at a Singapore shopping centre in January 2002.

High Court Judge Choo Han Teck sentenced McCrea to 20 years on two charges of manslaughter and four years for destroying evidence.

McCrea and his girlfriend, Audrey Ong,

were also found guilty of trying to hide evidence.

The wicker chest holding the man's body was spattered with candle wax, while the woman was found alongside withered roses. A romantic note and champagne glass were also in the car. McCrea pleaded guilty to two counts of manslaughter.

MNA/Reuters

'Shop for the elderly' opens in Japan

AWAJI (Japan), 2 July — A convenience store chain in Japan has opened outlets tailored for the elderly, featuring wider aisles, larger price labels and a chill out space.

The model store on Awaji Island opened today.

Japanese convenience stores used to target customers in their 20s to 30s, but sales have been sluggish because of tougher competition and the rapidly

aging society.

The company, Lawson, which hopes to cultivate a new customer base, plans to open more model stores across Japan by the autumn.

The Awaji store has a calming brown sign, a departure from Lawson's trademark blue, and features a rest space and an array of items targeting the elderly.

The rest space is equipped with tables and a

liquid crystal display television, in addition to massage chairs, so that customers can freely eat, drink and have conversations while shopping.

During a pilot programme last year in Kawanishi, steps such as installing blood pressure monitors and enlarging price labels turned out to be so popular that they led to a 50 per cent increase in store sales.—*Internet*



Historical re-enactment members dressed up as World War One soldiers take part in a ceremony commemorating the 90th anniversary of the World War One Battle of the Somme at the Australian Memorial Park in Fromelles on 1 July, 2006.—INTERNET



Villagers wearing ghost outfits parade in the streets during the annual Friendly Ghosts Festival in Dan Sai district of Loei Province, 430 km (270 miles) northeast of Bangkok, on 1 July, 2006. The annual festival is held as the locals believe that the spirits will help to provide rain for rice cultivation and prosperity to their families. —INTERNET

Vietnam wants to boost friendly, cooperative ties with China

HANOI, 1 July — Vietnam and China should promote their friendly and cooperative relations between the two parties, states and peoples, a Vietnamese minister said here Friday.

Vietnam and China, which have traditional friendship, are not only neighbours but also comrades, Minister of Public Security Le Hong Anh said while meeting with Hu Qianwen, Chinese Ambassador to Vietnam.

The two countries should organize more delegations to visit each other to share experiences, and promote culture and sports exchanges, Anh said. The minister highly

appreciated China's assistance to Vietnam in the wartime and its national construction, saying that China has contributed to victories of Vietnam.

In response, the Chinese Ambassador said China attaches importance to developing the friendly and cooperative relations with Vietnam.

The ambassador

conveyed to Anh the invitation of Chinese Minister of Public Security Zhou Yongkang for a visit to China in September.

The Chinese ministry has decided to grant non-refundable aid of 1.5 million yuan (187,500 US dollars) worth of equipment to the Vietnamese ministry, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Crocs shoes making great strides

COLUMBUS (Ohio), 30 June—It was on a winter trip to Denver that Amanda Walker discovered the funky-looking footwear that would boost her body care business.

The temperature 85 degrees and her feet tired, she was persuaded by locals to try Crocs. She thought the clog-like, rubber-like shoes were hideous but quickly got hooked on their comfort.

And, she decided, she just had to carry them at her store, Heavenly Bath, Body & More.

The bulky clog with a strap along the heel and holes across the top and around the toes is winning consumers over with its versatility and comfort. Food service and factory workers, hair stylists and hospital personnel buy them for comfort. Boaters

and swimmers buy them for function. And some just think they're fun.

"It's unbelievable how popular they are," said Walker, who sells an average of 16 pairs of the colourful shoes each week at her store in suburban Cincinnati and said they account for more than half

of her business.

"I've definitely lived off Crocs for a while," she said. "You get a shipment in and 'poof' they're gone."

Crocs, which got its name because the shoes are water-friendly and tough, now lends its cartoon crocodile logo to

more than a dozen styles. There are flip flops, slides, a calf-high boot, a hiking shoe and a Mary Jane that's set to hit stores this fall. They come in 20 colours—from chocolate and sea blue to lime and fuchsia — and prices range from about \$30 to \$60.—INTERNET



A reveller dances at the Parintins jungle carnival deep in the heart of the Amazon forest on 1 July, 2006. The event began only 41 years ago, but its roots date back to 1913 when roving bands of singers donned bulls costumes and danced in the streets to improvised lyrics. —INTERNET



US actor and director Andy Garcia (R) and his daughter Daniella Victoria Garcia-Lorido pose for photographers in Karlovy Vary on 30 June, 2006. Garcia received the Crystal Globe for Outstanding Artistic Contribution to World Cinema at the 41st Karlovy Vary International Film Festival.

INTERNET

US soldiers investigated in Iraqi family's killing

WASHINGTON, 1 July—The US military launched a criminal investigation into whether US soldiers killed a family of four Iraqi civilians in their home south of Baghdad, officials said on Friday.

A preliminary military inquiry into the incident found sufficient reason to move to a formal criminal investigation, the military said in a statement released in Baghdad.

It is the latest in a series

of investigations in which US troops are suspected in the killings of civilians.

Army Major-General James Thurman, the top US commander in the Baghdad area, asked the Army's Criminal Investigation Command to look into the incident in the area of Mahmudiyah, south of the capital, the military said.

The investigation began on June 24, one day after two soldiers reported

Stormy river water sweeps five brothers away in S-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 1 July—Five brothers were swept away on Friday by stormy waters of a river in southwestern Pakistan's Baluchistan Province,

according to the private GEO Television.

The accident occurred in district Musakhel of Baluchistan, about 295 kilometres northeast of the provincial capital Quetta, when stormy water flow of a mountain river washed away five people working nearby, GEO quoting local authorities reported.

Rescue workers have recovered the bodies, and the deceased were identified as sons of a local man, GEO said.

During the period from July to September, the rainy season in Pakistan, the country's mountainous parts may face risk of landslide and stormy water flow, according to local reports.

MNA/Reuters

MNA/Xinhua



The space shuttle Discovery sits ready for liftoff after the protective Rotating Service Structure was rolled back at sunset at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 30 June, 2006.

INTERNET

China encourages companies to expand investment in Laos

BELJING, 1 July — Premier Wen Jiabao on Thursday said China encourages companies to increase investment in Laos, and will help Laos introduce its export commodities to China.

Wen made the remarks during a meeting with the general secretary of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and Lao President Choummaly Sayasone.

"China is highly concerned about Laos' development," Wen said, noting that China is ready to help Laos devise management training programmes, to support the development of Laos' infrastructure, and to continue providing assistance to Laos for its social and economic development.

Wen said that with the joint efforts of both nations, China and Laos

will achieve more fruits in bilateral cooperation in various fields, and the China-Laos relations would be lifted to a higher level.

Expressing satisfaction on the current development of China-Laos relations, Choummaly said Laos is ready to work with China to increase the mutually-beneficial cooperation in various fields, and to push

for the development of traditional friendship between the two countries.

Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong also met with Choummaly on Thursday, saying that to promote China-Laos friendly cooperative relations is an unwavering policy of the Communist Party of China and the Chinese Government.

MNA/Xinhua



A Haitian pushes his bicycle on the river "Masacre" while returning to Haiti near the border with the Dominican Republic in Dajabon on 30 June, 2006. Many Haitians cross over to the Dominican Republic to buy and sell their wares every Friday and Monday, the two days of the week when they are allowed in. —INTERNET

Cancer causing protein may heal Alzheimers

HOUSTON, 1 July — Researchers have found that a protein known for driving the growth of cancer also plays a surprising role in restoring

the ability of neurons to regenerate, making it an important target for addressing spinal cord damage or neurological diseases like Alzheimers.

"The finding suggests that the same process this protein uses for proliferating cancer could also potentially be used to regrow axons that are damaged in spinal cord injuries or neurological diseases," said lead study author Antonio Iavarone, associate professor of neurology and pathology at Columbia University Medical Centre's Institute for Cancer Genetics.

The proteins known as Id proteins are abundant in the cells of different types of cancer, including brain, breast cancer and pediatric tumours and were known to promote tumour growth and aid the spread of cancer.

While searching for ways to attack Id's cancer-causing properties, Iavarone and Anna

Lasorella, assistant professor of pediatrics and pathology at the Institute, discovered the neuron-healing properties of Id proteins.

Their initial findings, published in *The Nature*, are significant for potential cancer therapies. The researchers found that an enzyme inside normal cells — called APC usually degrades Id proteins soon after they are produced, but cancerous cells show a very high level of Id proteins.

This suggests that re-introducing the APC enzyme into cancer cells could eliminate the proteins and arrest the growth of tumor cells, something that researchers will now investigate.

Among neurons, however, Iavarone and Lasorella examined the Id protein potential for promoting growth, rather than arresting it.

The researchers

wanted to use the power of Id proteins to stimulate growth of axons — the structures on neurons responsible for transmitting electrical sign also in the brain and spinal cord.

But to do that, they needed to overcome the problem of the APC enzyme, which degrades the protein in normal cells. So they constructed a "super" Id protein that would resist degradation from the APC enzyme, allowing it to promote axonal growth.

Normally neurons cannot regenerate damaged axons because of the presence of myelin, a substance that surrounds the axons, but the degradation-resistant 'super' Id protein was able to promote axon growth even in the presence of myelin.

Iavarone added that there is no chance that such a therapy would cause cancer in the brain or spinal cord. — MNA/PTI



A cast member from the Cirque du Soleil show 'Love' rehearses at the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada in this undated publicity photo. The show uses the music of The Beatles in a 360 degree theatre setting and premieres on 30 June, 2006. —INTERNET

Rainstorms, floods claim 26 lives in S-W China

CHENGDU, 1 July — Rainstorms left 26 people dead, 14 injured and four missing from Wednesday to Friday in southwest China's Guizhou, Yunnan and Sichuan provinces, according to local government sources.

Death toll in the torrential rains that hit southern and eastern Sichuan rose to 12 by 6 pm Friday, and the whereabouts of another two are still unknown, said an official with the Sichuan Provincial Disaster Relief Office.

The rainstorm, which incurred floods and landslides, has plagued at least 360,000 people and toppled down 1,354 houses in three cities in Sichuan.

In the most seriously-

hit Gulin County in south Sichuan's Luzhou City, rainfall reached 183 millimetres. A total of 4,533 hectares of farmland were flooded and electricity and traffic were cut off in many parts.

About 3,000 villagers have been evacuated. Direct economic losses were estimated at least 76.23 million yuan (9.53 million US dollars). In neighbouring Guizhou Province, where rainfall reached 102 millimetres to 148 millimetres in some areas, downpours and ensuing floods have killed nine people and affected 330,000 others, according to the Guizhou Provincial Headquarters for Flood Control and Drought Relief. —MNA/Xinhua

Baghdad attacks higher since security crackdown

WASHINGTON, 1 July — Guerilla attacks in Baghdad have risen despite a recent security crackdown that added thousands of troops and new checkpoints to the streets of Iraq's capital, a US commander said on Friday.

"I think since we have started Operation Together Forward, you'll find that the number of attacks are going up," Army Colonel Jeffrey Snow told reporters on a video conference from Baghdad, referring to the security crackdown.

Snow could not provide statistics on the increase in attacks. He said steps to tell the Iraqi people about new security measures kept guerillas

informed of the military's plans.

MNA/Reuters



A damaged car is towed from the scene of a car bomb attack in a market in Baghdad's Sadr City on 1 July, 2006. —INTERNET

HONOURING MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY-2006:

Myanmar women preserving fine traditions

Aye Thandar Thein

Women make up more than 50 per cent of the population of Myanmar. Form time immemorial, Myanmar women have stood on their dignity with aptitude. Being strongly equipped with nationalistic fervour and patriotic spirit, they have demonstrated brilliant performances in the interests of the nation and the people.

The Myanmar women who played an equal role with men in the anti-colonialist struggles and national liberation movements, the women who made supreme sacrifices in the interests of the motherland, and the women who showed their literary talents went down in the history of the nation.

By nature, Myanmar women are polite, gentle, considerate and kind and they value loving-kindness and truthfulness. Brought up under the religious teachings, they, since their childhood days, follow codes of conduct and instructions of elder persons. In addition, they observe codes of conduct while caring for their husbands and children. They share household duties with their husbands.

Myanmar women apply knowledge, education and skills they have learnt, to contribute towards the education, health, economic, social, administrative, literary and cultural sectors of the nation, sharing duties with men.

In some nations, due to racial discrimination, women cannot enjoy equal rights in marriage, divorce, inheritance and pursuit of education. In Myanmar, women do not need to ask for equal rights since they already enjoy human rights fully. From birth to death, Myanmar women can lead an independent life with their abilities. They preserve their lineage. Myanmar social traditions and laws equally bestow human rights on women and men. In the Myanmar society, women also enjoy social rights such as mutual understanding and respect and playing contemporary role between women and men.

The government encourages Myanmar women who have acquired a good reputation for their outstanding performances and dignity and raises their role.

The Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs was formed on 3 July 1996 in the interests of the mass of Myanmar women. As a gesture of honouring the attributes of outstanding Myanmar women and serving the interests of the entire Myanmar womenfolk, the 3rd of July was designated as the Myanmar Women's Day in 1998 and since then the day has been celebrated yearly.

Today, the world has seen rapid development in technology. So, the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs was reconstituted as the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation on 20 December 2003 so as to effectively speed up implementation of the tasks for promotion of the role

of women and to secure the lives of women.

The MWAF has laid down seven objectives—

- to enhance the role of women in the building of a peaceful, modern and developed nation
- to protect the rights of women
- to ensure the economic, health, education and general welfare of women and to provide measures for their security
- to instill and foster in Myanmar women a greater appreciation for their national, cultural heritage and customs
- to systematically protect women from violence and provide means for rehabilitation where necessary
- to diminish and finally eliminate trafficking in women and children as a national task
- to collaborate with international as well as local organizations, to ensure the rights of women in accordance with the traditions and customs of the ethnic groups,

The MWAF (Central) formed women's affairs organizations at state/division, ward and village levels to improve the lives of women.

In collaboration with congenial departments in its drive for the improvement of the lives of the women and prevention of violence against women, the MWAF is stepping up holding of educative talks and consoling the women who are facing social problems. It also yearly organizes costumes shows so that young Myanmar women would value and prefer to wear domestic modest costumes.

In addition, it is contributing towards public welfare tasks such as conducting various courses, providing cash assistance for needy children for educational purpose, providing teaching and learning aids to schools for the blind and schools for the deaf and dumb, providing medicines for the patients, collectively donating blood, carrying out sanitation tasks, and participation in the environmental conservation campaigns.

Like members of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, the member intellectuals and intelligentsia of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, the Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, the Union Solidarity and Development Association and the Myanmar Red Cross Society play an active part in the national development tasks.

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MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY

3rd July 2006

Proud Woman

- * **Mata Pita, Mother and Father**
'Tis said since ancient times
But in those words, a clue is found
Distinct and memorable
Father is preceded by Mother.
- * **Woman who assumes role of Mother**
Has possessed high pride
"Not just guiling words
Are the weaker gender...
Don't look for prettier one and leave
And the weaker gender..."
There's no need to entreat thus
These days, in the new century
Woman though tender
With new strength on Myanmar land
Not a step behind, will show capability
These Myanmar women.
Be you Myanmar, you love
Your land, eternally cherishing it.
There's no gender discrimination
Each with her own strength and capability
That she may possess
To work in the interest of Myanmar
Women's Federation was formed
Myanmar woman, Myanmar blood
To be respected and proud of
- * **O... Myanmar woman, Myanmar blood**
Maintain your cultured movements
Love your kin and lineage
Look not for your interest but your land's
See the difference between host and guest
Where's your future interest, where's
what spoils it.
Get the enemy that'll destroy your race
And annihilate them
Then only winsome Myanmar's women
Who possess Myanmar traits
Will truly be worthy of
Being Myanmar's beloved daughters.

Myinmu Maung Naing Moe (Trs)

(Honouring Myanmar Women's Day—
3rd July 2006)

17th plenary meeting of Fifth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee commences

YANGON, 2 July—The 17th plenary meeting of Fifth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was held at the convocation hall of State Pariyatti Sasana University on Kaba Aye Hill here this morning and Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung attended the ceremony and supplicated on religious matters.

It was also attended by Sayadaws led by Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara, adviser U Arnt Maung, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department U Myo Kyaw, Pro-rector (Admin) Dr Myint Kyi of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, officials of Religious Affairs Department and Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana and others.

Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara presided over the meeting and Joint-Secretary of State Sangha Maha



Chairman Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara gives Ovadakatha. — MNA

Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kittti of Zeyalankara Pariyatti Sarhintaik in Myingyan acted as master of ceremonies.

Next, Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara delivered an Ovadakatha.

After that, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on religious matters. He said that the emergence of the three

jems, the Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha is for the well-being of the entire humanity in the world as well as of celestial beings. The Buddha formed an organization of members of the Sangha who would preserve and maintain the ever-flourishing Buddhism. The First All Ganas Sangha Meeting was successfully held in 1980 and Sangha Organizations at state/division, ward/village and township levels were set up to carry out religious matters. Besides, the World Buddhist

Summit was held in December 2004 and the 25th Anniversary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was marked, he said.

The State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee is implementing matters on Vinichaya such as conducting Vinaya courses and distributing treatises on Vinaya. In addition, the committee is taking charge of building monasteries only in Sasana areas, choosing abbots, making sure that members of the Sangha are to hold of Sasana registration cards, collecting Waso census, building new pagodas and other religious matters in accord with Sangha rules and regulations. It is also found that the committee is taking measures for conferring religious titles on outstanding members of Sangha, donating four requisites and taking action against the monks who violate Sangha rules and regulations. In doing so, Ovadha is sought from the Sangha Maha Theras if there is difficulty.

The minister said measures are also being taken for adoption of Pariyatti education policies, prevention against malpractices in exams, formation of Sangha education central supervisory committees, establishment of Pariyatti Universities, systematic adoption of curriculum for exam papers, translation of Pali-Myanmar dictionaries into English to enable the world to know the essence of Theravada Buddhism. Moreover, outstanding monks who passed various religious exams are being highly trained and sent abroad for Buddhist missionaries.

At the same time, religious magazines, journals and books are being published under the supervision of the chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and Sayadaws.

In conclusion, the minister said it is heartening to see that Sayadaws and members of Sangha, the government and disciples are taking part in their respective roles for the

perpetuation of Buddhism.

Afterwards, Joint-Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dhaja Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Visara of Mahawithutarama Kyaungtaik in Pakokku presented report on work carried out during the period of Fifth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee.

Next, Sayadaws from states and divisions supplicated on the respective religious matters and the morning session went into recess.

The afternoon session started at 1 pm and the attendance discussed Vinichaya, religious and academic matters and the meeting ended in the evening. The meeting will continue tomorrow.

Wellwishers U Kyi Nyunt (retired Deputy Minister)-Daw Aye Myint and family of Sangyung Township offered 'soon' to members of the Sangha who attended the meeting.

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Religious Affairs Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicates on religious matters at 17th plenary meeting of Fifth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee. — MNA

Ministry of Industry-1 holds Waso robes offering ceremonies

YANGON, 2 July—Under the aegis of Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang and wife Daw Khin Khin Yi, staff families of the Ministry of Industry-1 held the 4th Waso robes offering ceremony at Aletaik Monastery in the precinct of Thayettaw Monastery in Lanmadaw Township yesterday noon.

Also present on the occasion were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises and staff.

First, Chairman of Lanmadaw Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Paññajota administered the Five Precepts. The minister and wife and staff families

offered Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaws.

Afterward, the chairman Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained.

Next, the 3rd Waso robes offering ceremony of staff families of the Ministry of Industry-1, under the aegis of Minister U Aung Thuang and wife Daw Khin Khin Yi, was held at Tipitaka Maha Gandawin Nikaya Monastery on Kyansittha Road in Dagon Myothit (East) Township.

Yesagyo Sayadaw Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vayamindabhivamsa administered Five Precepts.

The minister, wife and party donated Waso robes and alms to the Sayadaws. — MNA

Attorney-General offers Waso robes to members of the Sangha

YANGON, 2 July—Under the aegis of Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññajota of Bangladeshi Monastery in Natchaung Ward, Tamwaw Township, lay devotees held Waso robes offering ceremony for the 10th time at the monastery this morning.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of members of the Sangha led by Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara who delivered a sermon.

Attorney-General U Aye Maung, member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo, members of the Monastery Board of Trustees and lay devotees presented Waso robes and offertories to members of the Sangha.

Next, Col Han Tint of Myanmar Military Attaché Office in Republic of Korea and wife Dr Daw Le Le Win presented 100 sets of robes to members of the Sangha and Bisnu Padacha Kamar of Bangladesh, eight requisites and K 100,000 for the monastery to officials.—MNA

Fourth Conference of MWJA concludes successfully New MWJA Chairman and CEC members elected

YANGON, 2 July — The final-day session of the Fourth Conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association concluded at Pyidaungsu Hall in Kyaikkasan Grounds this morning, attended by Patron of the Central Committee for Organizing the Conference Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), vice-chairmen, the secretary, CEC members,

literati and delegates from States and Divisions.

In the morning session, Dr Khin Maung Nyunt (Dr Khin Maung Nyunt) presided over the meeting together with six members of the panel of chairmen. Next, CEC member U Than Hlaing (Tekkatho Thin Kha) and U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) submitted the papers to the conference, and Dr Myint Than (Dr Myint Than-Nyaunglebin) took part in the discussions.

Next, the conference decided five matters, approved three points and

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan poses for documentary photo with new CEC members of MWJA.

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put five matters on record. In the afternoon session, new executive committee members for the fourth term of the MWJA were

electd. Chairman of the Election Supervision Commission Dr Kyaw Sein (Dr Kyaw Sein) and members supervised the

election matters. The Chairman of the Election Supervision Commission declared new CEC members including

Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and assignments of their duties. The new CEC members took the oaths.



At the final session, Chairman of the MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) gave an introductory speech. Next, the conference successfully concluded with the chanting of slogans.

After the conference, Minister Brig Gen Kyaw Hsan posed for documentary photos together with new CEC members of MWJA.

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MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) gives introductory speech. — MNA



U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin).
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U Than Hlaing (Tekkatho Thin Kha).
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Dr Myint Than (Dr Myint Than-Nyaunglebin). — MNA



Dr Khin Maung Nyunt (Dr Khin Maung Nyunt). — MNA

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Energy Minister inspects CNG filling stations in Thanlyin, Ahlon

YANGON, 2 July — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected the construction of new CNG filling station under the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise in Thanlyin Township.

General Manager (CNG) U Thein Htay submitted reports on completion of task and installation of machine

parts. The minister urged the officials to complete the construction task earlier than schedule. The minister also looked into installing of power lines, CNG cylinders and compressor.

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi and party proceeded to Ahlon Township LNG Filling Station and inspected the

filling of LNG into cylinders, storage of propane and butane cylinders and fire preventive measures.

At Filling Station No (0262), the minister inspected the sale of fuel, pumps and its storage. Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi fulfilled the requirements and gave the necessary instructions. — MNA

Work group leaders of MWF meet trainees of Women's Care Centre in Twantay

YANGON, 2 July — To mark the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2006, Leader of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group under the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Tin Tin Nwe and members gave words of encouragement to women at Women's Care Centre in Twantay

under the Social Welfare Department in Twantay Township yesterday morning.

Head of the centre Daw Than Htay reported on tasks of the centre and Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Naing gave a supplementary report.

Daw Tin Tin Nwe gave lectures on facts about the MWF, matters

related to Myanmar Women's Day, personal hygiene, healthy life and HIV/AIDS.

Ma Ei Thet Thet Swe donated K 256,000 for the cost of one-day menu, refreshments and slippers for the trainees of the centre to Daw Than Htay. Later, a certificate of honour was presented to the wellwisher. — MNA

Minister presents prize to highest buyer gem merchants



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presents a medal to Mr Thirapol Pattarajettit of People's Republic of China, the highest buyer of jade lots. — MNA

YANGON, 2 July — Patron of Central Committee for Organizing the Special Sale Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint viewed the sale of jade, gem and pearl through tender and competitive bidding at Myanmar Convention Centre this evening.

Next, the minister presented a medal and a gem painting to Mr Thirapol Pattarajettit of People's Republic of China who was the highest buyer of jade lots.

Afterwards, a reviewing coordination

meeting of the special sale was held at MCC. It was attended by Patron of Central Committee for Organizing the Special Sale Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Secretary Managing Director U Thein Swe and Committee members.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister.

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International Cooperatives Day marked

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — A ceremony to mark International Cooperatives Day was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Cooperatives yesterday, with an address by Patron of Leading Committee for Organizing the International Cooperatives Day Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut.

Also present on the occasion were officials of

Cooperative Department, the Director-General of Cottage Industries Department, the Managing Director of Cooperatives Exports and Imports Enterprise and officials, responsible personnel of central cooperative society and respective cooperative societies, principals of cooperative colleges, local authorities and members of social organizations.

First, Maj-Gen Tin

Htut made a speech on the occasion. Member of Central Cooperative Society Leading Committee Daw Toe Nanda read out the message sent by International Cooperatives Federation.

Next, the minister presented prizes for outstanding students to principals of Cooperative Degree College and Cooperatives Colleges.

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Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut speaking at ceremony to mark International Cooperative Day. — COOPERATIVES

2,384 merchants buy 2,613 lots of jade, gem, pearl

YANGON, 2 June — The special sale of jade, gem and pearl for 2006 continued to sell remaining jade lots through competitive bidding from 9 am to 3.50 pm today and local and foreign gem merchants bought 32 lots of jade.

The special sale was launched through

tender and competitive bidding from 20 June to 2 July and it concluded successfully this evening. A total of 2,301 jade lots were sold through tender and competitive bidding during the sale. A total of 2,613 lots of gem and jade were bought by local and foreign merchants.

A total of 2,384 gem merchants— 1,467

of 403 foreign companies from 10 countries and 917 of 386 local companies— visited the special sale.

Patron of Central Committee for Organizing the Special Sale Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint closely supervised the special sale.

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Members of Pungpahkyem WAO, MCWA meet



Patron of Shan State (East) WAO Daw Kyu Kyu Hla meets with members of WAO and MCWA and national race girls in Pungpahkyem. — MNA

YANGON, 2 July — Patron of Shan State (East) Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson of Shan State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Kyu Kyu Hla made a field trip to Pungpahkyem of Monghsat District on 9 June.

At the combined office of the town, she met with members of Township WAO and MCWA and national race girls. At the meeting, she said that as Pungpahkyem shares with the other country, WAO members

are to prevent trafficking in national race girls. And, it is necessary to nurture national race girls for ensuring uplift of their living standard. MWA and MCWA are constituted with the aim of assisting development of health, education, social and economic sectors of the region.

Therefore, she said, members of the associations are to go right down to the grassroots level for realizing the objectives of the associations. For producing qualified members,

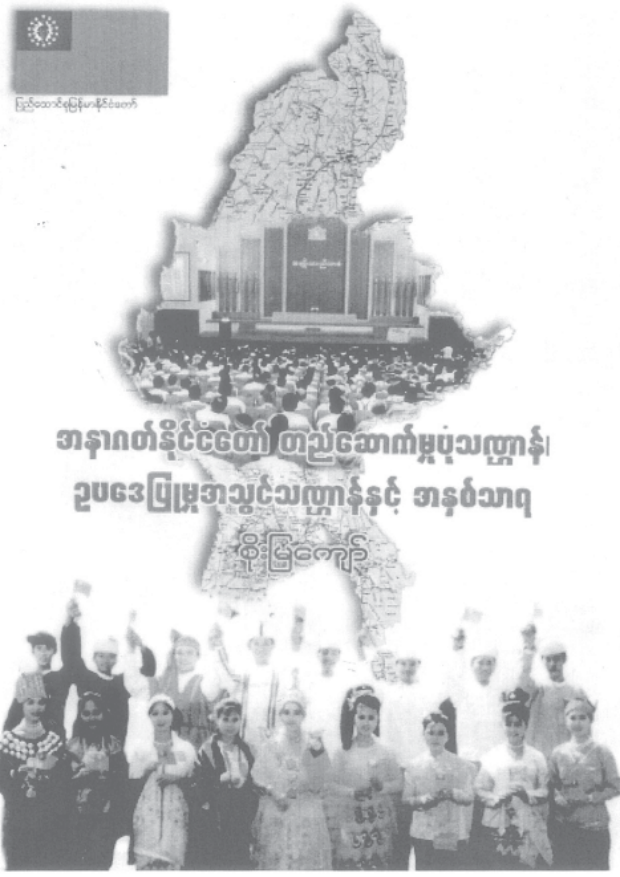
multiplier training courses are to be conducted for the members. In conclusion, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla urged WAO members to strive for ensuring uplift of living standard of local expectant mothers and children.

Chairperson of State WAO Daw Mar Mar Thein, Head of Kengtung Township Health Department Dr Tin Shein and Joint-Secretary of State MCWSD Dr Zin Mar Oo gave lectures.

Later, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla cordially greeted those present. — MNA



Hailing Myanmar Women's Day, Leader of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Tin Tin Nwe gives lectures to trainees of Women Care Centre in Twantay. (News on Page 9) — swd



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Canadians celebrate nation's 139th birthday

OTTAWA, 2 July — With marching bands and troops, a fly-past by the world-renowned Snowbirds, and the ceremonial raising of the Maple Leaf, Canada Day celebrations Saturday made the nation's capital a paradise of revelers.

About 12,000 people including Prime Minister Stephen Harper, his wife and their two children, Saturday gathered on the Parliament Hill in Ottawa to mark the nation's 139th birthday.

"This, from coast to coast, this is our Canada — strong, united, independent and free," Harper told a sea of red and white when the party officially got underway at noon local time under sunny skies.

"We are a product of our values, ... a country first inhabited by our aboriginal people, founded on historical compromises between the English and the French and populated by waves and waves of immigration from around the world."

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Mine blast kills 2 soldiers in S-E Turkey

DIYARBAKIR (Turkey), 2 July — A mine blast killed two Turkish soldiers and wounded five others near a police station in Turkey's troubled southeast region, security officials said on Friday.

The police station had been the target of an attack by Kurdish rebels late on Thursday in the mountainous area of Bingol Province about 100 kilometres (60 miles) north of Diyarbakir, the biggest city in Turkey's mainly Kurdish southeast.

Officials had said earlier the two soldiers died in a firefight.

"An operation has been launched in nearby mountains to catch the rebels," an official said.

MNA/Reuters

32 countries to take part in Thai Royal Flora Expo

BANGKOK, 2 July — Thirty-two countries will participate in Thailand's three-month-long Royal Flora Expo 2006, at which more than 2,000 rare species of tropical plants and flowers will be on display, caretaker Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra announced Saturday.

In his first radio address to the public after a four-month absence, Thaksin said monarchs from several countries, including Crown Prince Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck of Bhutan, will preside over their countries' opening of representative plants' exhibitions at the flower and plant exposition.

Botanicals dispatched from countries around the world will participate in the international horticultural exposition, to be held from 1 November, 2006 to 31

January, 2007 in Thailand's northern resort province of Chiang Mai.

About two million visitors are expected to visit the exposition — the first time for such an event in Thailand and also the first country in Southeast Asia to host such an event.

The aim of holding the exhibition is to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Thai King's accession to the throne and to also celebrate the King's 80th birthday which will fall on 5 December, 2007, Thaksin added.

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Lisa Marie Presley (L) and Priscilla Presley stand in front of Graceland Mansion in Memphis, Tennessee, on 30 June, 2006.

INTERNET

NASA postpones launch of space shuttle in Florida

CAPE CANAVERA (Florida), 2 July — NASA postponed the launch of space shuttle *Discovery* on Saturday due to thunderstorms and the possibility of lightning in the area of the Florida launch pad.

The US space agency will try again on Sunday to launch a mission whose failure could ground the US shuttle fleet permanently and leave the *International Space Station* unfinished.

"It's not a good day to launch," said NASA flight director Steve Stich.

Discovery's mission is just the second since the destruction of the shuttle *Columbia* and the deaths of seven crew members in 2003, an accident triggered by insulating foam that fell off the spacecraft's fuel tank. NASA has since spent 1.3 billion dollars on repairs and upgrades to the shuttle.

Discovery's mission is meant to test repairs to the fuel tank, carry much-needed equipment and supplies to the space station and make repairs to the 100-billion-US-dollar orbiting outpost.

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Lao People's Revolutionary Party congratulates CPC on anniversary

BEIJING, 1 July — The Central Committee of Lao People's Revolutionary Party on Friday sent a congratulatory message to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) on the 85th anniversary of the CPC's founding.

The message said the Chinese people, led by the CPC, which was founded on 1 July, 1921, had fought a brave campaign for national liberation before the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949.

Over the past 57 years, the Chinese people and the CPC had achieved great success in safeguarding national sovereignty and developing the country, the message said.

Since China adopted the policy of reform and opening up in 1978, its economy has maintained a momentum of healthy and rapid development, people's living standards have improved continuously and its status on the international arena has become increasingly important, it added.

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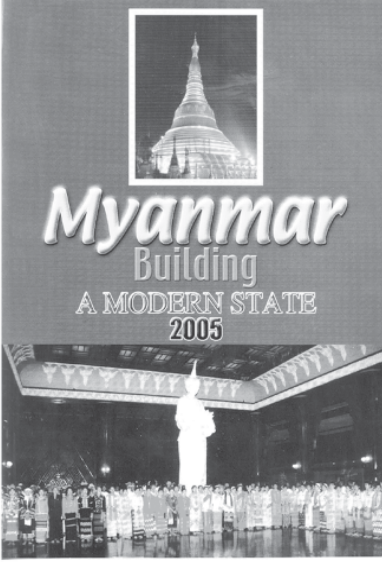
Cleric says Iran will not talk over atomic rights

TEHERAN, 1 July—Iran will not hold talks over its right to nuclear technology despite growing Western pressure, an influential cleric said on Friday. "Iran will certainly not discuss its obvious right to nuclear technology," Ahmad Khatami told worshippers at Friday prayers in Teheran.

He was speaking a day after the Group of Eight industrialized nations told Iran to give a "clear and substantive response" next week to a proposal combining incentives for Iran to halt work that could produce nuclear weapons or face UN Security Council sanctions.

Khatami, who is a member of the Assembly of Experts — a clerical body that supervises Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei — reiterated that any talks to resolve Iran's nuclear issue should be on Iranian terms.

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Russia denies transfer of missile technology to Iran

Moscow, 1 July — There has never been an agreement on the transfer of Russian missile technology to Iran, Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov said on Friday.

"In the state area, there was not and there is not any cooperation with Iran in the sphere of missile technology," Ivanov said at a news conference dedicated to the presentation of the White Book on nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

"Over the past five to six years, the problems of missile technology leaks have been always discussed in our dialogue with the United States. Russia has repeatedly said that our stance is crystal clear," Ivanov said.

The sole example of Russia's cooperation with Iran in the nuclear sphere is the construction of a nuclear power plant in Bushehr, Ivanov said.

"But this does not mean the transfer of technology. All spent fuel to the last gramme will be moved to Russia," he said.

Ivanov said that the United States "has understood the groundlessness of such accusations addressed to Russia; just for this reason, it has lifted a number of restrictions in relation to Roskosmos (the Russian Federal Space Agency)."

Ivanov commented on a recent report by *The Washington Post* alleging

that Iranian missile specialists had been trained at Russia's Samara Aerospace University.

"We have checked this information just in case and made sure that this is a canard," he said.

According to Ivanov, all possible channels of sensitive technology leaks from Russia have been shut down.—MNA/Xinhua

China's altiplane trains equipped with GE locomotives

BEIJING, 1 July— The trains to run on the Qinghai-Tibet Railway, the world's most elevated railroad, are driven by engines made by US-based General Electric, a railway official said Friday.

GE locomotives are chosen to serve the railway, which winds 1,956 kilometres on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, the "roof of the world", for its great traction and brake powers,

low power cost and high reliability, said Zhu Zhensheng, vice-director of the Ministry of Railways office in charge of the new line.

The GE locomotives have been used in Peruvian railways in the Andes at the altitude of 4,700 metres, which boasted the highest rails in the world before Qinghai-Tibet Railway was completed.

MNA/Xinhua

S'pore, S Korea sign MoU to boost business cooperation

SINGAPORE, 1 July —

The International Enterprise Singapore (IE Singapore) and the Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) here Friday to boost business cooperation.

According to a statement issued by IE Singapore, the MoU "serves to promote strategic alliances between Singapore-based and South Korean companies, as well as to assist them in market expansion, and developing market knowledge and networks".

Under the MoU, KOTRA will set up a Korean Business Support Centre in Singapore within one year from the signing to help South Korean companies explore new markets in the region through Singapore. The two agencies will also link up their online business match-making databases to facilitate tie-ups between companies from the two countries which are keen to form business partnerships.

Besides, they will organize industry-specific business missions and activities and encourage companies from the two sides to participate in exhibitions organized by either of them, focusing on such high growth sectors as infocomm technology, electronics, automotive and logistics.

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Two Algerian gendarmes watch sunbathers along the El Kadous beach, near Algiers, on 1 July, 2006, at the start of the swimming season in Algeria. —INTERNET

Russia successfully launches ballistic missile

Moscow, 1 July— The Russian Northern Fleet's nuclear-powered submarine on Friday successfully launched a ballistic missile from the Barents Sea in combat training, Navy Press Service said.

The RSM-54 missile was fired from the submarine at 10:25 Moscow Time (0625 GMT) from the Barents Sea in the direction of the Kura testing range on the Kamchatka Peninsula, the Press service said.

"The missile's warhead arrived at the range exactly at the planned time," it said. "The successful launch confirmed the high readiness of the maritime strategic nuclear forces and the efficiency of the tactical control system," the Press release said.

The launch of the sea-

based missile has been the second of its kind so far this year.

The first was launched on 26 May, when the Northern Fleet shot into

space a *Kompas-2* satellite on the carrier rocket *Shtil*. MNA/Xinhua

US, Russian scientists develop genetically modified tomatoes

LONDON, 1 July— Russian and US researchers have developed genetically modified tomatoes that contain an edible vaccine that could challenge HIV and the Hepatitis B virus (HBV) in humans.

Researchers at Russia's Siberian Institute of Plant Physiology and Biochemistry used the soil bacterium *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* to shuttle a synthetic combination of HIV and HBV DNA fragments into tomato plants. These include fragments of genes for various HIV proteins and the gene for an HBV protein called HBV surface antigen, according to a report on the *New Scientist* website on Thursday.

The tomato plants then manufacture the proteins and, like the oral polio vaccine, when the

tomatoes are eaten, these proteins prompt the body to create antibodies against the viruses. Mice fed a solution containing the tomatoes in powdered form developed high levels of antibodies in their blood to both viruses, the researchers said.

The vaccine does not need to be refrigerated or injected, which are big advantages in poor countries, the report said, quoting researcher Rose Hammond of the US Agricultural Department

which is collaborating with the Russian researchers. The aim is to create affordable vaccines for HIV and the HBV that could be easily grown and processed in the countries where they are most needed. If the tomato-based vaccines work in humans, they could be given in tablet form, since giving people the tomatoes directly would make it difficult to control how much protein they received, the researchers said.—MNA/Xinhua

Oscars change rules for foreign-language nominees

LOS ANGELES, 1 July— Oscar organizers on Friday unveiled two changes for the 2006 foreign-language category, broadening the group that selects nominees as well as the films that might be considered for the world's top movie awards.

Sid Ganis, president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which gives out the Oscars, said in a statement the changes were "constructive but not earthshaking".

For moviemakers outside the United States, an Academy Award can give their films global recognition and help boost ticket sales, making nominations of major importance.

The first change broadens the group of Academy members who name nominees. Previously, a set of Los Angeles-based voters

would pick a short list from which final nominees were chosen, but now that list will be derived from two phases of voting.—MNA/Reuters



A girl plays with a tyre at a construction site in the northern Indian city of Chandigarh on 1 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Famed theatre director Lloyd Richards dies

NEW YORK, 1 July— Lloyd Richards, the Tony Award-winning director and educator who brought August Wilson's works to the stage and directed the famed 1959 Broadway production of "A Raisin in the Sun", has died in New York.

Richards, who was believed to be 87, died on Thursday after a brief illness that sent him to the hospital, officials of the O'Neill Theatre Centre told Playbill.com on Friday.

Broadway honored Richards by dimming marquee lights on Friday.

The Toronto-born Richards, who grew up in Detroit, was also a stalwart of regional theatre and was long active in the academic community, where he was known for his ability to nurture playwrights.

He served as artistic director of the National Playwrights Conference at

the O'Neill Centre for 32 years, was dean of the Yale School of Drama and artistic director of the Yale Repertory Theatre.

Richards won the 1987 Tony for his direction of Wilson's "Fences".

His partnership with Wilson, an award-winning playwright whose work focused on the lives of Black Americans, led to six Broadway productions, including "Seven Guitars", "Joe Turner's Come and Gone"; "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom"; "Two Trains Running" and "The Piano Lesson".

MNA/Reuters

Jennifer Lopez's thwarts tell-all book, for now

LOS ANGELES, 1 July— Jennifer Lopez's first husband has agreed not to publish intimate details or criticism of the actress-singer while they try to settle a lawsuit over his planned tell-all book, court documents showed on Friday.

A preliminary injunction between the star and her former spouse, Ojani Noa, was signed by a Los Angeles Superior Court judge on Thursday and made public a day later, resulting in the cancellation of a hearing in the case. Lopez sued Noa in April

to stop him from publishing an expose she said would breach a nondisclosure, "non-disparagement" pact between them. She then obtained a temporary restraining order to prevent him from going ahead with the proposed book.

The preliminary injunction signed this week will remain in effect until either the two settle their dispute or a nonjury trial is held to decide whether the latest court order will remain permanent.

Under the injunction, the Cuban-born Noa is barred from "criticizing, denigrating, casting in a

negative light or otherwise disparaging" Lopez. He also may not disclose for financial gain "any private or intimate details" about Lopez or their relationship, the court order stated.

Moreover, Noa may not sell or circulate a manuscript of the book and must retrieve any book materials from anyone who may have possession of them and inform those parties that they, too, are barred from disseminating them.

In the meantime, both sides were directed to try to "resolve their dispute

without engaging in further litigation", the court order states.

MNA/Reuters

Two 6-year-old French boys wearing military suits, wave the Union Jack and French flag during the 90th anniversary of the first day of Somme battle at the French-British National Memorial in Thiepval, northern France, on 1 July, 2006. INTERNET



SPORTS

Stiles leads at River Highlands

WASHINGTON, 2 July— Darron Stiles birdied his final hole to steal a one-shot lead after the second round of the Buick Championship at Cromwell, Connecticut on Friday.

The American journeyman fired a four-under-par 66 at the TPC at River Highlands. That left him at eight-under 132 with Peter Lonard, bidding to become Australia's fifth winner on the PGA Tour this season, alone in second place after a 68.

Stewart Cink shot a flawless 65 to lie a further stroke back in a share of third with fellow Americans Scott Verplank (69), Todd Fischer (68) and Notay Begay III (66). One off the pace overnight after opening with a 66, Stiles offset a birdie at the 13th with a bogey-five on 18 to reach the turn in level-par 35.

The 33-year-old then stepped up a gear, reeling off three birdies in a row from the par-four first before holing out from 10 feet at the ninth to snatch the overall lead. —MNA/Xinhua



Jennifer Rosales of the Philippines tees off from the 10th hole during the second round of the US Women's Open Golf Championship at the Newport Country Club in Newport, Rhode Island, on 1 July, 2006. —INTERNET

Sorenstam leads at US Women's Open

WASHINGTON, 2 July— World number one Annika Sorenstam of Sweden fired a 69 to earn a sharing lead in the first round of the US Women's Open at Newport Country Club in Rhode Island on Friday.

Sorenstam, a winner in 1995 and 1996, joined South Korea's Pak Se Ri and two Americans, Pat Hurst and teenage amateur Jane Park, on two under par.

One shot back in a group of five was 16-year-old Michelle Wie, while Paula Creamer and Mexican Lorena Ochoa were nicely-placed on 71 on a day when just 16 broke par.

Sorenstam, after five years of total domination in the women's game, has just won title this season. But three birdies and a bundle of other opportunities confirmed she could be set for a serious summer run. —MNA/Xinhua

Ricardo saves Portugal through

GELSENKIRCHEN, 2 July— Portuguese goalkeeper Ricardo saved three penalties to give his side a 3-1 penalty shootout win over England in the World Cup quarterfinal on Saturday after a goalless 120 minutes.

Cristiano Ronaldo scored the winning penalty after Ricardo saved penalties from England midfielders Frank Lampard and Steven Gerrard and substitute Jamie Carragher. Portugal now play the winners of the Brazil-France game in the semifinal.

After a closely-contested first half, the drama sparked after 62 minutes when England striker Wayne Rooney, only back from a broken foot at these finals and seen as key to their World Cup hopes was red-carded.

Involved in a tussle for

possession, Rooney stamped on the groin of defender Ricardo Carvalho virtually in front of Argentine referee Horacio Elizondo.

England were already without captain David Beckham, left sitting in tears with his head in his hands after being substituted in the 51st minute, seemingly after taking a knock from Nuno Valente.

Nothing went right for Sven-Goran Eriksson's men, who had a penalty appeal ignored just two minutes earlier when a Beckham cross struck the arm of Valente.

Eriksson reacted to Rooney's dismissal by bringing on towering striker Peter Crouch

for left winger Joe Cole, but England were badly lacking firepower up front.

Portugal Luiz Felipe Scolari, who was behind England's downfall at the

2002 World Cup for his native Brazil and did the same for Portugal at Euro 2004, tried to galvanize his men from the touch-line. — MNA/Reuters



Portugal's goalkeeper Ricardo, Nuno Valente, Miguel, and Tiago, and England's Joe Cole look on as Cole's attempt goes wide during the quarterfinal World Cup soccer match between England and Portugal in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, on 1 July, 2006. Portugal won 3-1 in a penalty kick shootout. —INTERNET

Klinsmann the man with the midas touch

BERLIN, 2 July— It could be beginner's luck or a natural flair for the job but for the moment at least Germany coach Juergen Klinsmann can do no wrong.

His team squeezed into the World Cup semifinals with a 4-2 victory on penalties against Argentina on Friday after the match finished 1-1 at the end of extra time.

Klinsmann, once again, could take immense personal satisfaction from the result, which takes the hosts through to face Italy

in Dortmund on Tuesday.

Klinsmann, who had no coaching experience when he took over in August 2004, installed Jens Lehmann as goalkeeper after the Arsenal player won a personal battle with Bayern Munich's Oliver Kahn that got extremely nasty at times.

That decision was in-

dedicated on Friday, as Lehmann saved penalties from Roberto Ayala and Esteban Cambiasso to send the German fans in the 72,000 Olympiastadion crowd into raptures.

Klinsmann could also be proud of his substitutions.

MNA/Reuters

France show class to tame Brazil again

FRANKFURT, 2 July— A France team reminiscent of a previous vintage knocked out holders Brazil 1-0 with a Thierry Henry goal on Saturday to reach the World Cup semifinals.

Striker Henry, left unmarked in the

area, volleyed home a free kick from Zinedine Zidane for the winner after 57 minutes.

Les Bleus, who had stunned Brazil 3-0 in the 1998 final, produced a superb performance to set up a match with Portugal on Wednesday in Munich for a place in the July 9 final.

Five-times champions Brazil, who were hoping to reach the World Cup final for the fourth time in succession, looked nervous throughout a game of high quality. France's win means the great Zidane, who was back to his brilliant best in Frankfurt, has not played his last match yet.

The 34-year-old maestro, who will retire after the finals, lived up to the occasion, as did the entire French team.

The finest bunch of players to wear French colours when they were world champions began the finals sluggishly but proved at Brazil's expense that they are still a formidable outfit.

Brazil showed more initiative in a tight, tactical start dominated by an intense battle for possession and threatened after 11 minutes as Ronaldo headed a Ronaldinho free kick over.

France, gradually winning more balls in midfield and gaining confidence, dominated their prestigious opponents for most of a frustrating first period with few highlights. — MNA/Reuters



Brazil goalkeeper Dida, left, goes for the ball against France's Patrick Vieira during the Brazil vs France World Cup quarter final soccer match in Frankfurt, Germany, on 1 July, 2006. —INTERNET

Brazil gripped by sadness after World Cup loss

SAO PAULO (Brazil), 2 July— Tears flowed as disappointment gripped Brazil on Saturday after its star-studded World Cup soccer team suffered a stinging 1-0 defeat to France, ending its hopes

of a sixth championship.

"This was the worst thing that could have happened—to lose to France again," said Fabio Santos, 39, a fan in Sao Paulo.

Brazil, which won the previous World Cup

championship in 2002, and is the only country to have won five World Cup titles, considers itself a global soccer superpower.

But it lost to France in the 1998 World Cup final and many Brazilians had prayed their team would not be jinxed again on Saturday.

Brazil's team struggled to find its rhythm and a tough French defense quieted Brazilian strikers.

"We're stranded here crying, feeling enormous frustration," said Ricardo Santos, one of the organizers of the cheering section on a Rio de Janeiro street where some 10,000 people watched the game.

Nearby, Julio Gomes, a 30-year-old bank employee, held his weeping girlfriend.

MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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President says Belarus-US relations depend on US goodwill

Moscow, 2 July — Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko said in Minsk on Saturday that relations with the United States would depend on its goodwill, the *ITAR-TASS* news agency reported.

Speaking at a solemn ceremony devoted to Independence Day on Saturday, Lukashenko said, "This depends on when the American ruling elite realizes new historical realities, gives up destructive claims on its sole world supremacy and understands that the proud, wise and independent people live in Belarus."

"Despite the world boom, Belarus continues its efforts to form a 'belt of good-neighbour' — develop good relations with Poland, Lithuania and Latvia. We hope for considerable progress in developing good-neigh-

bourly ties with Ukraine," Lukashenko said.

The Belarusian President said that he expects trade turnover to increase with the European Union.

"The EU remains Belarus' second partner of foreign trade after Rus-

sia," Lukashenko said. At the same time, the President noted that he "is ready to develop not only economic contacts but also the whole spectrum of relations with the EU on equal conditions".

MNA/Xinhua

School headmaster killed by US firing in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 July — A school headmaster was killed and two villagers injured by US rockets in the eastern Kunar Province of Afghanistan, while two Taleban militants were killed and one security guard kidnapped in two other incidents in the volatile country Thursday, officials told *Xinhua* on Friday.

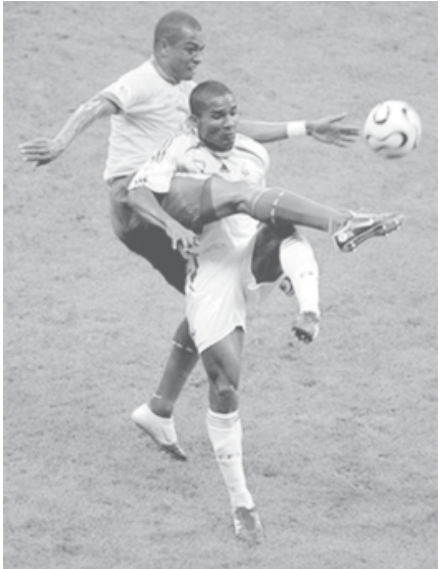
The US military base in Watapor District of Kunar came under an attack of rockets by some Taleban insurgents on Thursday afternoon, and US forces fought back with rockets, some of which hit a nearby village, said Abdul Jalal, the provincial police chief.

Sayed Alam, a local

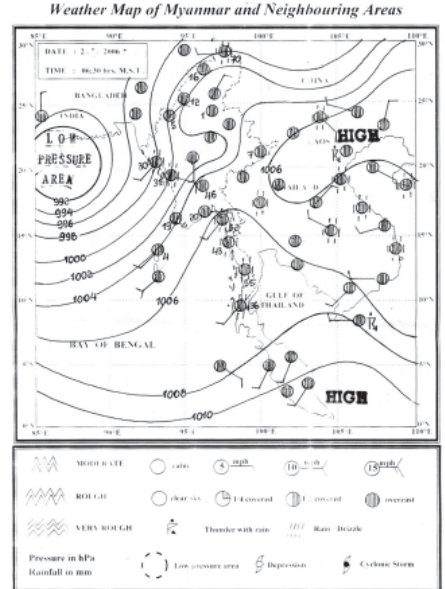
school headmaster, was killed by US rockets when being on his way to a mosque. Two other villagers were wounded and had been taken to a hospital, Jalal said.

Noor Mohmmad, police chief of the southern Zabul Province, said two Taleban militants were killed and four injured in Shihkai District of Zabul on Thursday night when they were attacking a police station. The battle lasted one and a half hours, and no casualties in the police side, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Brazil's Gilberto Silva, left, challenges for the ball with France's Florent Malouda during the Brazil vs France World Cup quarterfinal soccer match in Frankfurt, Germany, on 1 July, 2006.—INTERNET



WEATHER

Sunday, 2 July, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in Kayah State and Mandalay Division, scattered in Shan State and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in Mon State and isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Rakhine States, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe (8.58) inches, Dawei (3.23) inches, Bago and Thaton (3.15) inches each, Putao (3.07) inches, Hakha (2.80) inches, Myeik (2.36) inches, Mawlamyine (2.24) inches and Aunglan (0.71) inch.

Maximum temperature on 1-7-2006 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 2-7-2006 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 2-7-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 1-7-2006 was (0.3) hour approx.

Rainfalls on 2-7-2006 were (0.90) inch at Mingaladon, (0.79) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.22) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (28.74) inches at Mingaladon, (38.43) inches at Kaba-Aye and (40.83) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (14) mph from Southwest at (16:55) hours MST on 1-7-2006.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over the Northwest Bay of Bengal still persists and it is likely to intensify further into a depression. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 3-7-2006: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, the lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Magway Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Coastal areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea will be experienced 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 3-7-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 3-7-2006: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 3-7-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Monday, 3 July
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Let's go childish
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -If you had my love
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -I'll be there for you
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Where do you go?
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music -I really miss you -I promise you -Wanna be where you are -My love
- 9:00 pm Spotlight on the star Ottawaan -Hello Rio -Disco
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Drug/ Women Affairs
- 9:35 pm Golden Land melody/ Vocal gems -Until I found you again
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Monday, 3 July
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. ဓားစာခံရင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အင်္ဂါတော် ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေပာရာဋ္ဌ ဝုရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မေအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မ ဓမ္မာတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am 5. Songs of national races
- 8:05 am 6. Cute little dancers
- 8:15 am 7. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ ဝတ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

- 8:25 am 8. နဂါးရေလှောင်တံခွန်
- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Grammar made easy
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial songs
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm 5. အဆောင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ရက္ခမေဃသက္ကဓမ္မ အထူးပြုများ) (ရက္ခမေဃ)
- 5:15 pm 6. Dance variety
- 5:25 pm 7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:35 pm 8. Song and dance of national races
- 5:40 pm 9. "သတိနဲ့ယှဉ် အသိနဲ့ပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၁) (ဝါးဓမ္မမရိမောင်၊ တုန်းလျန်း၊ မြတ်ကောင်းအောင်၊ ရတနာမင်း၊ ဟန်နီလွန်း၊ ပြည့်ဖူးခိုင်၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊ ဆောင်းရှင်းဝေ၊ ဝိုင်းစု

- 8:50 pm 10. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 6:00 pm 11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 13. မြန်မာနိုင်ငံ အမျိုးသမီး ရဲတပ် ဖွဲ့ဝင်များ၏ စွမ်းရည်ပြပွဲ
- 6:45 pm 14. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ ဝတ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 7:00 pm 15. "မြန်မာမလေးတွေ မြန်မာလို လှစေရင်"
- 7:10 pm 16. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "စုလှိုင်နံနက်ခင်း" (အပိုင်း-၅)
- 8:00 pm 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူအိပ်မက်လှလှ" (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 21. The next day's programme

Stakes driven for construction of main building of Tele-Port in Yadanabon Myothit

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July — Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Chairman of e-National Task Force Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw drove stakes for construction of the main building of Tele-Port and Software Incubation building in Yadanabon Myothit in PyinOoLwin Township on 30 June.

Also present on the occasion were PyinOoLwin Khele Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Sumana and members of the Sangha, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Com-

mittee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Brig-Gen Win Myint of PyinOoLwin Station, members of e-National Task Force, computer entrepreneurs, departmental personnel, local authorities and others.

The Khele Monastery Sayadaw administered the Five Precepts.

The commander, the minister, the mayor and officials offered provisions and stakes to the Sayadaws.

Next, the commander, the minister, the mayor and officials drove stakes at the designated places and sprinkled scented water on them.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected Pyawbwe Auto-telephone Exchange and

left necessary instructions.

After inspecting the auto-telephone exchange in Tatkon, the minister gave necessary instructions to officials. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw drives a stake for construction of main building of Tele-Port in Yadanabon Myothit in PyinOoLwin Township. — COMMUNICATIONS

Prime Minister sends felicitations to Republic of Belarus

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July — General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Sergey Sidorsky, Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus, which falls on 3 July 2006. — MNA

A&I Minister inspects Ma Mya Multi-purpose Dam

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo together with departmental officials and members of Ayeyawady Division Agricultural Coordination Committee on 24 June inspected the construction site of Ma Mya Multi-purpose dam project being built by Irrigation Department in Myanaung Township.

At the briefing hall, the minister and party heard the reports on progress in construction of irrigation facilities presented by Deputy Director U Kyaw Myint Hlaing of Construction 9 of Irrigation Department. Director-General U Kyaw San Win of Irrigation Department made a supplementary report.

Director U Tin Maung Ohn of Construction 2 reported on supply of water for cultivation of



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Ma Mya Multi-purpose Dam Project. — A&I

paddy in open season, the maintenance of Minhla dam and progress in construction of Maday dam.

The minister gave instructions on completion of the construction task in time, irrigating the farmland and minimizing loss and wastage.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo looked into Ma Mya dam.

The minister and party also inspected tasks of Myokwin river water pumping project in Hinthada Township.

The minister heard reports on arrangements for supplying of water from Ngawun River at the main pump station and gave necessary instructions.

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Like members of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, the member intellectuals and intelligentsia of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, the Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, the Union Solidarity and Development Association and the Myanmar Red Cross Society play an active part in the national development tasks.