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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Nepal

Nay Pyi Taw, 7 July — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty King Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev, King of Nepal on the occasion of the Birthday of the King of Nepal which falls on 7 July.

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Senior General Than Shwe congratulates Chinese President

Nay Pyi Taw, 7 July — On the successful opening of the World's highest Qinghai-Tibet railway on 1 July 2006, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Hu Jintao, President of the People's Republic of China. —MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects tax free markets in Yangon

YANGON, 6 July — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Yangon City De-

velopment Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials inspected tax free markets in Kamaryut Township, Hlinethayar Township, Shwepyitha Township and Mayangon Township this morning.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party looked into the selling of foodstuff and shops run by Ministry of Industry-1 and Ministry of Energy, chicken products and vegetable shops run by YCDC and Yangon Division Vegetable Cultivation and

Poultry Breeding Special Zone, and edible oil shops of Myanmar Oil Dealers Association.

Later, Lt-Gen Myint Swe cordially met with shopkeepers and customers and gave necessary instructions to the officials.—MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects Hlinethayar Township tax free market. — MNA

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Weather Forecast for (7-7-2006)

Nay Pyi Taw & neighbouring areas
Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon & neighbouring areas
Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay & neighbouring areas
Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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Build more roads and bridges for peace and development

The area of Shan State is large and, because of its natural barriers such as rivers and mountain ranges, towns and villages in the region were difficult of access. As a result, national races, though living not far away from one another, could hardly visit one another.

Nowadays, the Hsipaw-Namlan-Pankaytu and Yaksawk-Kyaukgu-Nawngkhio roads linking Shan State (South) and Shan State (North) have been built. Moreover, with the opening of the Hanmyintmo-Myogyi-Ywangan and Pinlaung-Pyinmana roads people living in Shan State are now able to travel to Mandalay Division and other regions easily.

Not long ago, due to insurgencies in some remote areas in Shan State, children could not go to school. Now, with prevalence of peace and stability in all regions, there are schools in almost all villages. Moreover, youths are now in a position to pursue the higher education at Taunggyi and Panglong Universities, Government Technological Colleges, Computer Colleges and Education Colleges.

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There are pessimists and internal and external destructionists who cannot bear to see Shan State developing and national people becoming more and more friendly. They have often accused the Tatmadaw of committing genocide and uprooting rural populace based on their invented stories.

Although peace and development is prevailing in most of Shan State (South), local people living in some townships in Loilem and Langkho Districts cannot fully enjoy peace and stability up to now. It is because of destructive acts of insurgents.

Nowadays, new roads and bridges are being built all over the nation for peace and development. When we can wipe out the danger of insurgents from our soil once and for all with the strength of the people, the entire nation will be able to fully enjoy peace and development.

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Oppose those...

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

U Tin Win accredited to Czech Republic

Nay Pyi Taw, 7 July— The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tin Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Federal Republic of Germany, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Czech Republic. —MNA

Yenwe, Kun Creek Hydel Power Projects under close supervision

YANGON, 5 July — Minister for Electric Power No-1 Col Zaw Min together with General-Manager U Kyi Tha of Hydro Electric Production Enterprise inspected progress of Yenwe Hydel Power project being implemented by construction-

tion-4 of Hydro Electric Implementation Department on the right bank of Yenwe Creek in Kyaukdaga Township, Bago Division on 3 July.

The minister, accompanied by officials concerned, looked into the completion of Power Sta-

Myanmar Gazette

YANGON, 6 July — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Myo Myint	Director-General Auditor-General's Office
(b) U Ngwe Tun	Director-General Fine Arts Department Ministry of Culture
(c) U Thein Swe	Managing Director Myanmar Gems Enterprise Ministry of Mines.—MNA

tion and 11/33 KV Sub-Power Station, arrival of machine parts for the station and the storage, installation of turbine generator and accessories, starter coil, rotor, four circuit breakers, power lines and transformers. Minister Col Zaw Min urged

the officials to complete the tasks ahead of schedule. On completion, Yenwe Hydel Power Project installed with two 12.5 megawatt generators will produce 123 million kwh per year.

On arrival at Kun Creek Hydel Power Project being implemented by Construction-3 in Pyu Township, Taungoo District, Minister Col Zaw Min and party inspected progress of the construction of conduit pipe, sluice gate and spillway and earth embankment work. The minister heard reports presented by an official and fulfilled the requirements. On completion, Kun Creek Hydel Power Project installed with three 20 megawatt generators will produce 190 million kwh annually.



Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min views the map showing Kun Creek Hydel Power Project in Pyu. — ELECTRIC POWER

Shooting of film to honour 2006 USDA AGM in progress

YANGON, 6 July — To shoot the scenes for a film titled "Mikhin Kaungkin Kyesin Maungngama" directed by Zinyaw Maung Maung honouring the 2006 Annual General Meeting of Union Solidarity and Development Association, film stars left here by air for Falam via Kalay yesterday morning. Academy Maung Nyein Min wrote the script and story for the film. Academy Nyunt Win, Academy Nay Aung, Academy Dwe, Academy Lu Min, Academy Tun Tun Win, Yazar Ne Win, Nay Htet Lin, Sai Sai Kham Hlaing, Nay Toe, Tun Tun, Ye Lay, Academy Eindra Kyaw Zin, Academy Nwe Nwe Mu, Thet Mon Myint, Thinzar Wint Kyaw and other artists will star in the film.

The film was shot at Yangon starting from 1 June and it will cover the scenes in Kachin, Mon, Chin, Kayah, Kayin and Shan States and Tanintharyi Division. It will be shown before the Annual General Meeting of USDA. — MNA

ASEAN RADIO QUIZ



WINNERS AWARDED: The ASEAN Radio Quiz for June 2006 was held at MRTV recently. First prize winner Maung Aung Paing Oo, second prize winner Maung Yaw Hset, third prize winner Nan Huam Hein Shwe and consolation prize winner Maung Chit Wai Phyo pose for a group photo. — MNA



Builders work at the construction site of the Bird's Nest Stadium in Beijing, capital of China, on 5 July, 2006. The construction of the projects for the 29th Olympic Games are underway according to the plans by now. The construction of most stadiums and other related facilities including the athlete village are expected to be completed within this year.—INTERNET

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US general vows thorough probe in Iraq rape case

WASHINGTON, 5 July — The top US general pledged on Tuesday to get to the truth of charges that a discharged US Army private raped and murdered a young Iraqi woman and shot three family members to death south of Baghdad in March.

“We are going to get to the bottom of these allegations,” Marine General Peter Pace, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in an interview on CBS’s “The Early Show”. “If the investigation leads us to enough information, we put it into the courts and let the court system take care of it,” he said.

on Monday on a charge from a federal prosecutor in Kentucky that he went with three others to a house near Mahmudiya to rape a woman.

Green, who faces the death penalty, shot dead a man, woman and girl before raping another woman and killing her, the US attorney alleged in a statement. Court documents said he had since been honorably discharged from the Army due to a “personality disorder.”

Four troops may have planned the alleged attack after noticing the woman near a traffic checkpoint they manned in Mahmudiya, just south of Baghdad, then tried to cover it up, according to federal documents made public on Monday.

Reports from Iraq and the military have given different ages for the girl and the rape-murder victim. The two adults and child were the rape victim’s parents and sister, according to a US defence official. —MNA/Reuters

Former Private First Class Steven Green, 21, appeared in court in Charlotte, North Carolina,



A model presents a creation by British designer John Galiano for French fashion house Dior as part of their Autumn/Winter 2006-2007 Haute Couture fashion show in Paris on 5 July, 2006. — INTERNET

India blames US for collapse of trade talks

NEW DELHI, 5 July—India on Tuesday blamed the United States for the face-off at the collapsed WTO mini-ministerial in Geneva and said Washington now held the key for forward movement in trade talks by agreeing to climb down on the contentious farm subsidies.

The adamant posturing of the US at the talks, on the issue of trade distorting domestic support and an attempt to re-negotiate the issue of Special Products that gives leverage to developing countries to protect their farmers, “left no negotiating space”.

Indian Commerce Minister Kamal Nath on Tuesday said, this virtually isolated the US at the talks and most of the other countries like European Union, Japan and 110 developing countries including India and Brazil decided to leave the meeting.

While EU has broadly agreed to the developing countries’ proposal to cut import tariffs on farm products by 51 per cent, as against the earlier offer of 39 per cent, the US wanted more market access for its products without giving in on the issue of cutting farm subsidies.

Nath said it was not only India but several other countries felt there was no use in continuing with the talks, leading to the collapse of the mini-ministerial.

Briefing reporters, Kamal Nath rejected the attempts to rewrite the July Framework and mandate of Doha itself.

He said recent talk of a settlement entailing heavy sacrifices by developing countries in terms of market access in agriculture and industrial tariffs with only moderate reduction in subsidies was “not acceptable”.

Asked about the future course of action, Nath said WTO Director General Pascal Lamy has now been asked to evolve a common ground through individual discussions with key players of India, Brazil, US, EU, Australia and Japan.

“If there was convergence, a meeting of G-6 will be convened to explore ways for another ministerial,” he said.

Nath, however, appeared to be hopeful of a forward movement before August this year but this could be achieved only if the US saw reason and improved its offer. — MNA/PTI

Air pollution, cramped living in Athens breeding ‘super mosquitoes’

ATHENS, 5 July — Cramped housing conditions and air pollution in Athens have given rise to a “super breed” of mosquito that is larger, faster and more adept at locating human prey, a Greek daily has reported. Athens-based mosquitoes can detect humans at a distance of 25-30 metres (yards) and also distinguish colours, unlike their colour-blind counterparts elsewhere in the country that only smell blood at 15-20 metres, *Ta Nea* daily reported.

insect repellents, and over-population in the Greek capital of over four million has provided them with a healthy food supply.

“Mosquitoes can lay their eggs even inside the trays placed beneath thousands of balcony flowerpots,” Athens University professor of zoology Anastassios Legakis told the daily.

Internet

The “super mosquitoes” of the Greek capital also beat their wings up to 500 times a second — compared to 350 beats for other variations — and are larger by 0.3 microgrammes on average, the paper said, citing a study conducted by Aristotelio University in the northern city of Salonika.

According to the study, the mosquitoes of Athens have adapted to deal with air pollution and

Dublin airport evacuated due to bomb scare

DUBLIN, 5 July—Dublin airport was evacuated on Tuesday after a man walked into the arrivals hall saying he had a bomb.

A bomb disposal unit was sent to the airport, north of the Irish capital, and traffic diverted away from the area during a two-hour security operation but the airport reopened after experts found only clothes and papers in the package the man was carrying.

“It seems a man walked into the arrivals hall and said he had a device in a bag,” a Defence Forces spokesman said. “Having X-rayed it and remotely opened the bag, the bomb squad found nothing but some old clothing and some newspapers,” another spokesman said. — MNA/Reuters



Tourists wander through Yuyuan Garden on the look out for bargains in Shanghai, on 5 July, 2006. The popular shopping and tourism destination will undergo a renovation project, adding three new commercial complexes to the centre.—INTERNET

100 arrested in Pakistan for World Cup betting

ISLAMABAD, 5 July—Pakistani authorities have arrested around 100 people on charges of betting on World Cup football matches, a crime in this conservative Islamic republic, local media reported on Tuesday.

In their first crackdown since the tournament kicked off in Germany last month, law enforcement agencies raided underground bookmakers in the southern city of Karachi.

“We got information that some people were involved in betting on football World Cup matches so we raided the building in a main shopping area and arrested some 100 people,” Citizens-Police Liaison Committee chief Sharfuddin Memon was quoted as saying by *The News*.

Gambling records and television sets were also seized and the case was handed to police for further investigation, Memon said.

MNA/Xinhua

S Korean scientists find cancer-spreading gene

SEOUL, 4 July — A human gene that causes the growth and spread of cancer was identified by a team of South Korean scientists, the *Korean Times* reported on Monday.

“Through mice experiments, we proved a protein, called E2-EFP ubiquitin carrier protein, prompts cancerous cells to proliferate or metastasize,” said Im Dong-soo, head of the team at the Korean Research Institute of

Bioscience and Biotechnology. “By targeting the protein, which has something to do with cancers in the breast, liver and bowel, we think we will be able to come up with effective drugs in the future,” Im added. Im and

his colleagues applied for a domestic patent on the new found cancer regulator and are looking to register a international patent immediately. the newspaper said.

According to the newspaper, Im’s research was recognized by Nature Medicine, a sister journal of the illustrious Nature, that featured an article on it at website www.nature.com/nm/. —MNA/Xinhua



A tigress gives birth to a rare set of quintuplet cubs at a breeding centre in Mudanjiang, northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, on 3 July, 2006. This tigress reportedly has borne 12 cubs in three years. —INTERNET



Czech model Petra Nemcova walks on the red carpet at the 41st Karlovy Vary International Film Festival in Karlovy Vary on 4 July, 2006. —INTERNET

Analysts urge Russia to diversify economy

MOSCOW, 6 July—Russia has come a long way since its 1998 default on \$40 billion of Soviet-era debt, burying its image of a handout-hungry giant and positioning itself as one of the world’s energy superpowers.

But with oil revenues gushing in and its state-controlled oil and natural-gas companies in the ascendancy, the Kremlin’s oft-stated goal of diversifying the economy away from its reliance on hydrocarbons and turning Russia into a high-tech hub seems far in the future.

That’s hardly surprising—the oil sector’s numbers are spectacular enough to distract almost anyone—but economists say it could be problematic for the country’s economy down the road.

At current prices Russia rakes in about \$550 million a day in oil and natural-gas revenues—or \$380,000 every minute, around the clock. The state gets 65 percent of that. Oil and gas exports account for about 60 percent of federal budget revenues and 60 percent of its exports.

The oil windfall has meant that, since the August 1998 collapse, Russia’s hard currency reserves have soared from a feeble \$12.5 billion to \$247.1 billion.

Meanwhile, the government is busy funneling oil companies’ profits above \$27 per barrel into an inflation-fighting stabilization fund, which as of the end of June stood at \$76 billion.

This year it will use \$22 billion of that to pay down all of its remaining debts to the Paris Club of Creditor nations.

Internet

New “Superman” movie tops weekend box office in N America

LOS ANGELES, 4 July — “Superman Returns” flew to the top of the box office in North American theatres this weekend, grossing estimated 84.2 million US dollars since opening Wednesday, according to figures released Sunday.

“The Devil Wears Prada,” about a young woman who lands a job in New York City as an assistant to a fashion magazine editor played by Meryl Streep, finished in second place with some 27 million dollars in its opening weekend, said the Los Angeles-based Exhibitor Relations Inc.

Last weekend’s leader, the Adam Sandler comedy “Click” fell to third place, taking in estimated 19.4 million dollars over the weekend. The flick has grossed about 77.9 million dollars in its two weeks at the box office, the box office tracking firm reported.

Disney-Pixar’s animated “Cars” dropped two spots to fourth place, with an estimated take of 14 million dollars. The movie has grossed about 182 million dollars since opening four weeks ago. —MNA/Xinhua

Conjoined twins born in Dhaka

DHAKA, 5 July — A pair of female conjoined twins were born at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) here on Monday who are joined at their chest and abdomen, local daily *The Daily Star* reported on Tuesday.

The twins, weighing 4 kilogrammes have separate heads, three legs and four hands, but single anus and genital. The doctors are yet to examine the internal organs of their body. Salma, 27, gave birth to the twins Monday noon following a caesarean.

The babies were taken to the Paediatric Surgery Ward immediately after their birth, where they have been kept on life support. Kabirul Islam, head of the Department of Paediatric Surgery, said that conjoined twins are rare in Bangladesh and even in the world—MNA/Xinhua

Sex, croquet, now casinos trouble Blair’s deputy

LONDON, 5 July — British Prime Minister Tony Blair’s deputy John Prescott, who has clung to office despite embarrassing his boss over sex and croquet, faced calls for an ethics investigation on Tuesday over casino plans.

Prescott acknowledged meeting the US oil, sports and entertainment mogul Phillip Anschutz seven times, but denied wrongdoing. Anschutz is seeking permission to turn London’s landmark riverside Millennium Dome into a giant casino.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards said he was considering an opposition request that he investigate Prescott.

Another ethics probe could hurt a government that has seen its popularity drop since Blair won a

third term last year.

The opposition Conservative Party has called for the investigation after it emerged that Prescott stayed at Anschutz’s Colorado ranch during a visit to the United States last year. Prescott acknowledged his meetings with Anschutz in a

letter to Hugo Swire, an opposition Conservative politician who has called for a probe.

But Prescott said he did not have decision-making power over gambling licences and did not discuss the Dome during the visit to the ranch. —MNA/Reuters

Earthquake jolts Hebei Province

BEIJING, 5 July — An earthquake measuring 5.1 degrees on the Richter Scale jolted a north China county, about 120 kilometres south of Beijing, at 11:56 am (Beijing Time) on Tuesday, according to the State Seismological Bureau.

No casualties are reported at Press time, according to the bureau. The quake was clearly felt in Beijing and Tianjin as well as in some areas of Hebei and Shandong provinces. According to the Beijing Municipal Seismological Bureau, judging from the current situation, the earthquake caused no damages to Beijing.

Xinhua learned from the Tianjin Municipal Seismological Bureau that no damages caused by the quake were reported in the city within an hour following the quake. The bureau ruled out the possibility of a major earthquake in the city in the near future.

MNA/Xinhua



The US public protest against soaring oil prices outside the White House, US, on 30 June. —INTERNET



Penglai, a coastal city in east China's Shandong Province, is blanketed in thick advection fog on 3 July, 2006. The spectacular scenery lasted two hours, attracting many tourists and local residents.—INTERNET

S Korean President replaces three key ministers

SEOUL, 4 July — South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun announced on Monday to replace three key ministers as a move to reshuffle his Cabinet.

According to the Presidential Office, Roh's chief national policy secretary Kwon O-kyu, 54, will take over the post of Minister of Finance and Economy from Han Duck-soo, who announced

resignation as the Financial Minister and Vice-Prime Minister last Friday.

Kim Byong-joon, who left the Presidential Office in late May after serving as chief presidential secretary for national policy, was appointed as new Education Minister.

South Korean Education Minister Kim Bin-pro resigned on last Friday for the massive outbreak of food poisoning at local schools this month.

Minister of Planning and Budget Ben Yang-yon

was named to take over Kwon's post as Roh's chief national policy secretary, while Chang Bong-wan, Vice Minister of Planning and Budget, was appointed as Byeon's successor, the presidential office said.

Roh also appointed Jun Gun-pro, deputy commissioner of the National Tax Service (NTS), as new NTS commissioner.

Jun will succeed Lee Ju-sung, who resigned last Tuesday from the top post without giving a clear explanation.

MNA/Xinhua

Summer climate disasters ravage China, killing at least 349

BEIJING, 4 July — Climate disasters frequently hit China this summer, killing at least 349 people in June while 99 others missing, and causing an economic loss of 20.2 billion yuan (about 2.53 billion US dollars), according to the China Meteorological Administration (CMA).

Wang Bangzhong, vice-director of disaster forecast and relief department of CMA, said Monday at a Press conference that the most serious climate disasters during June were rainstorms which caused floods, landslides, mud-rock flow in a dozen of provinces, municipalities and autonomous region in south China.

The disasters killed at least 267 people while 99 others missing and caused total economic loss of 16.7 billion yuan (2.08 billion US dollars).

Continuous heavy rains since late May have also caused serious floods in Fujian, Zhejiang, Jiangxi, Hunan, Guangdong, Sichuan, Guizhou and Yunnan provinces as well as Chongqing municipality.

In Fujian Province, with the most serious flooding disaster, the rainstorms left 26 people dead and caused economic loss of 5.5 billion yuan (687.5 million US dollars).

China suffers floods every year during the June-to-August rainy season, during which rivers overflow and water rushes down mountains, often causing deadly landslides.

MNA/Xinhua

China's Health Ministry urges timely reporting of infectious diseases

BEIJING, 4 July — China's Ministry of Health said on Monday it wants communities across the country to report within 12 to 24 hours any outbreak

of several deadly diseases including encephalitis B, meningitis, leprosy and West Nile Virus.

Over the last couple of years China has reported between 5,000 and 10,000 cases encephalitis B cases a year. Some local areas have been ravaged by severe outbreaks.

The ministry called encephalitis B a major infectious disease threatening human health, noting that children were especially vulnerable.

Young people who contract the disease are more likely to die or suffer disability. China saw two widespread outbreaks of encephalitis B in the 1960s and the 1970s, prompting a nationwide vaccination campaign.

MNA/Xinhua

More Portuguese believe main threat to world peace by US

LISBON, 4 July — More than half of the Portuguese believe the biggest threat to world peace is posed by the United States, said a survey released on Monday.

About 52.3 per cent of the respondents felt that the unilateral policies pursued by the Bush Administration cause instability in the

world, making the United States the major threat to world peace, according to the poll conducted by the daily newspaper *Correio da Manha*.

Most of the respondents from parties which have forged alliances with the United States such as the Social Democratic Party shared the view, the survey said.

MNA/Xinhua



Shaolin disciples from the United States wait in lines to enter the main hall for a pilgrimage at the Shaolin Temple in Dengfeng City, central China's Henan Province, on 4 July, 2006. —INTERNET

Two killed in US plane crash

WASHINGTON, 4 July — Two people aboard a small plane were killed on Monday when it crashed into a tractor-trailer rig parked on a residential street in Colorado and burst into flames, authorities said.

The neighbourhood is below the flight path to Montrose Regional Airport, about 290 kilometres south of Denver, Montrose County sheriff's spokesman Dick Deines was quoted as saying.

It was not immediately known where the flight originated and the concerned authorities have launched an investigation into the accident.

Allen Weese, chief of the Montrose Fire Protection battalion, said that no one on the ground was injured.

MNA/Xinhua

Landslide kills at least 10 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 5 July — At least 10 people died and more people are missing after a landslide struck three houses near a beautiful Pakistani hilly resort in the North West Frontier Province

(NWFP), the state-run PTV reported on Monday.

Meanwhile, private TV channels have put the death toll at 12.

Locals said that some 27 people were buried under the rubble of the houses after they were hit by a heavy landslide, caused by heavy rains and floods in Gail, a village in the NWFP. The people pulled two persons alive from the debris. The rescue workers recovered 10 bodies while 15 are still missing. — MNA/Xinhua

The Space Shuttle Discovery heads into space as it blasts off for Mission STS-121 from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 4 July, 2006. —INTERNET



Indonesia refuses EU request on cancellation of death penalty

JAKARTA, 5 July — Indonesia refused on Tuesday the demand of the ambassadors of the European Union (EU) countries to revoke the country's death penalty.

Minister of Justice and Human Rights Hamid Awaluddin made the statement after meeting with the Indonesian Vice-President Jusuf Kalla, a counsellor delegation of the European Union and the ambassadors of Finland and Germany at the Vice-Presidential Office.

As "they asked us to delete the death penalty, Indonesia still had the law, which was inherited from the Dutch colonial rule and event in the country's view of criminal law, death penalty should still exist", the minister said, adding

"the Vice-President and I explained our position... and Indonesia's criminal law still has a cause of it (death penalty)".

Awaluddin said that in the new draft, "the death penalty is still stipulated, which sparks pro and contra".

Indonesia has executed 71 people up to now and prepares to

conduct the death penalty on tens of others, including three bombers who played leading roles in the Bali bombings in 2002, which killed 202 people.

Indonesian has been imposing death penalty on the cases of terrorism, drug trafficking and planned assassination.

MNA/Xinhua

2,668-ton chocolate bar unveiled in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 5 July — A chocolate bar weighing 2.668 tons has been unveiled in Singapore, according to Channel NewsAsia report Monday night.

Made by Nestle's Singapore branch, the giant chocolate bar is waiting for the confirmation to be the world's largest by the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the current record is 2.28 tons. — MNA/Xinhua

Rains flood homes, rail lines in Mumbai

MUMBAI, 5 July— Monsoon rains flooded homes, submerged rail lines and forced hundreds of thousands of people to wade through muddy streets in India's financial capital on Monday.

The city's antiquated drainage system is struggling to cope with the downpours, prompting civic workers to use spades and crowbars to open clogged manholes to flush out the rainwater.

"Our locality looks like a sea. There is knee-deep water and rainwater is also entering many houses," Sylvester Nato, a resident of Bandra, among several neighbourhoods in the city's west badly affected by the overnight rains.

The downpours inundated several arterial roads in central and northern Mumbai and rainwater submerged rail tracks at some places.

MNA/Reuters

Pakistan hotels attract football fans by grand prize

ISLAMABAD, 5 July— All Pearl Continental and Marriott hotels in Pakistan have jumped on the World Cup bandwagon as they plan to show the semifinals and final of the premier soccer tournament on plasma screens in hotel rooms in an effort to boost their business.

The highlight of this promotion campaign is a grand prize for spectators watching the matches in Marriott and PC hotels as they could win a total of 21 return tickets for Dubai through lucky draw. All the arrangements have been made in collaboration with Emirates Airlines, official sponsor and official Airline of the 2006 World Cup.

The fans watching the remaining three matches will be able to win one ticket each in all the seven hotels of Hashoo group. The spectators at all hotels will also be given discount rates on food and beverages.

MNA/Xinhua



Ma Fuhai works among his collection of potteries in his close-packed bedroom, in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 3 July, 2006. Ma, a retirant of the Ningxia Song and Dance Ensemble, has a collection of nearly 400 ancient pottery wares, covering different types of pottery, especially those of northwest China, from the Neolithic Age. —INTERNET

Tourist submarine detained in Ecuador's Galapagos Islands

QUITO (Ecuador), 5 July — Two Britons have been detained for illegally piloting a tiny tourist submarine into the protected waters of the Galapagos Islands, officials of the environmental reserve belonging to Ecuador said on Tuesday.

The submarine crew and seven-members of a Panamanian ship that carried the undersea craft were caught without permits near the islands where Charles Darwin elaborated his theory of evolution.

"The use of submarines in the Galapagos National Park is forbidden," Edwin Naula, the tourism chief of the park, told Reuters.

The nine seamen will be detained for at least a

month, during the investigation, officials said.

They had been hired by a group of 24 Russian tourists on a luxury yacht who allegedly paid 120,000 US dollars for a

4-hour submarine trip through the Pacific Ocean archipelago, authorities said.

The yacht carrying the Russian tourists has left Ecuadorean waters. The mini-submarine belongs

to a British company, Silvercrest Submarines, and is being held by the Ecuadorean Navy, officials said. Silvercrest was not immediately available for comment.

MNA/Reuters

Japanese man eats record number of hotdogs

NEW YORK, 5 July — A Japanese man devoured 53-3/4 hotdogs in 12 minutes on Tuesday to break his own world record but Takeru Kobayashi said he really prefers tofu.

A crowd of 25,000 watched Kobayashi, 27, take his sixth annual 4 July hotdog eating title at Coney Island in Brooklyn, New York. Most cheered for his arch rival Joey Chestnut from San Jose, California, whose final tally was 52 hotdogs.

"I'm not happy with the result, I'm going to be back," Kobayashi said through a translator. "I can

do more but I'm not sure I want to tell you (how many)," he said, adding that hotdogs are not even his favourite food and he prefers tofu.

Standing just five foot six inches (168 centimetres) and weighing 170 pounds (77 kilos) before the contest, Kobayashi proved size is not everything in competitive eating.

Under pressure from

the 22-year-old Chestnut who stands six foot one inch (185 centimetres) and 225 pounds (102 kilos), Kobayashi kept his cool throughout the contest, maintaining a steady pace.

Chestnut, winner of the world deep fried asparagus eating championship, strained and turned red as he shoved fistfuls of hotdog into his mouth. — MNA/Reuters



Space tourist Daisuke Enomoto of Japan, who is due to take off from the Baikonur cosmodrome this September, sits on a seat at an undisclosed factory outside Moscow on 5 July, 2006. —INTERNET

Annan says unemployment increasing globally

UNITED NATIONS, 6 July — The number of unemployed people across the world touched 192 million last year and the figure is on the rise, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan has warned.

"In 2005, about 192 million people were out of work. Almost half of the world's unemployed are young people even though youth make up only a quarter of the working-age population," Annan said in a report presented at the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) annual session on Monday.

Three times as many people are doing jobs that do not allow them to escape from extreme poverty, he said.

"Greater attention, therefore, needs to be paid to decent work, defined as

opportunities for men and women to obtain productive work, in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity," Annan told delegates at the opening day of the session.

The issue, he stressed, is not just about jobs, but about employment that can generate sufficient income for individuals and households to move out of poverty.

UN Deputy Secretary-General, Mark Malloch Brown inaugurated the meet with a call for ECOSOC to sharpen its focus on

reaching the development goals agreed upon at the 2000 Millennium Summit.

The goals call for halving or eliminating several social and economic ills by 2015 to better the lives of billions of poor worldwide.

According to the UN, about half of the world's workforce live in extreme poverty, is unable to earn enough to lift themselves and their families above the two dollars a day poverty line.

Despite major economic growth in many regions, the total number of "working poor" has remained virtually unchanged over the last decade at 1.4 billion, the statistics released by the world body shows.

MNA/PTI

Gangsters steal gun, minister's cash, phones in Kenya

NAIROBI, 6 JULY — Gangsters wielding AK-47s carjacked the Kenyan Trade Minister, stealing a gun, cash, and mobile phones in the latest high-profile crime in a city dubbed "Nairobi robbery" for its chronic insecurity, local media said.

Mukhisa Kituyi was driving home late evening on Monday when four men in a saloon car blocked his official four-wheel-drive car in Nairobi's posh Westlands area.

The heavily armed men ordered him and his bodyguard into the back seat, and drove around for a while before releasing them close to the city centre, the local KTN TV network and Capital

FM radio station said.

Neither was injured, but Kituyi was robbed of two mobile phones and some cash while the bodyguard's gun was taken.

Police, who declined to comment on the incident, found the car abandoned in a low-income housing estate on Tuesday morning, the Kenyan broadcasters said. —MNA/Reuters

Wedding costing \$6m held in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 6 July — A wedding costing some 10 million Singapore dollars (about 6 million US dollars) was held in Singapore's Ritz Carlton Hotel on Tuesday evening, according to Channel NewsAsia report.

The groom, 27-year-old Adarsh Gabodia, is the only son of an Indian tycoon from India's Kolkata, while the bride is 25-year-old Singaporean Neha Didwania, whose family runs a worldwide steel supply chain. She has

a Masters degree from the London School of Economics.

Gabodia arrived at the luxurious hotel on an all-white horse to start the ceremonies, which were called the Wedding of the Year by local media.

The couple met in December last year through a mutual friend and got engaged three months later. After a 6.5-carat engagement ring, Gabodia gave his lover a 10-carat diamond wedding band estimated

to be worth at least a million Singapore dollars (about 600,000 US dollars).

About 2,000 guests, including more than 300 who flew here from India, attended the wedding.

The hotel said that this is the largest-scale wedding it has ever had in terms of both guest rooms and the traditions and ceremonies that are taking place in the hotel. The new couple will spend their honeymoon in Greece and Italy.

MNA/Xinhua



A model presents a creation by British designer John Galliano for French fashion house Dior as part of their Autumn/Winter 2006-2007 Haute Couture fashion show in Paris on 5 July, 2006.

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Study finds breast feeding wards off bed-wetting

CHICAGO, 6 July — Children breast-fed as infants are less likely to wet the bed later on, researchers reported on Wednesday, probably because they have a developmental edge.

There is strong evidence that in many cases bed-wetting can "result from delayed neurodevelopment," said the report from the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

"There is biological plausibility in inferring that breast-feeding protects against bed-wetting and our results show a strong statistical association" although not enough to prove a direct cause-effect, the study said.

Breast-feeding is beneficial because of the role that certain fatty acids passed onto the infant play in brain development, said the study published in the July issue of *Pediatrics*, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The study was based on 55 children who were bed-wetters at ages 5 to 13 and 117 in the same age range who were not. Of the bed-wetters, 45 per cent had been breast-fed, compared to 81 per cent of those who were continent at night. The study also found that babies who received breast milk supplemented with formula had a similar rate of bed-wetting as those who received formula alone.

MNA/Reuters

US boosts alert status around Cheyenne Mountain

WASHINGTON, 6 July — An Air Force facility protecting the nerve centre of US homeland defence at Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, has been put on heightened alert, the military said on Tuesday, amid persistent reports that North Korea may be set to test-fire a long-range missile.

The commander of US Northern Command ordered the Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, which rings the bunkered operations centre, to take "necessary security precautions commensurate with its missions", said Michael Kucharek, a spokesman for the US Northern Command.

US officials have led a global chorus of concern that North Korea may soon test a missile capable of reaching Alaska.

It would be the North's first missile firing in eight years.

On Monday, Pyongyang vowed to respond with an "annihilating" nuclear strike if attacked preemptively by the United States.

A US official familiar with the matter said the United States had been observing a second North Korean missile, possibly a shorter-range, SCUD-type.

MNA/Reuters

Kenyan beaten to death for ridiculing fans of Brazil

NAIROBI, 6 July — A 21-year-old man was beaten to death in western Kenya for ridiculing Brazilian fans after the world champions were bundled out of the championships by France, Kenya News Agency reported Tuesday.

Austin Ochieng Okello succumbed to injuries as a result of thorough beating by his two friends whom he had earlier met on the streets at Karapul Estate in Siaya District of western Kenya before engaging them on an argument over the defeat of the South Americans.

According to the report, as the argument got out of hand, Okello ridiculed the duo for supporting a "weak" team at the finals, sparking off a fierce fight between him and the duo. He was overpowered by the two who beat and left him unconscious at the road side.

A villager took the young man to his home and later found him dead.

Local police officer Humphrey Wanzala confirmed the incident, saying that police had launched a man hunt for the soccer fan's assailants. — MNA/Xinhua



A man reads a newspaper while resting on a wall in the eastern Indian city of Kolkata 5 on July 2006.

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Short-term and long-term projects laid...

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These provided employment for the local people. Some big countries made accusations that there had been many jobless people in Myanmar. This was just a groundless allegation. There were 65 high schools, 159 middle schools and 3379 primary schools in the division in 1988. In 2006, there were 85 high schools, 203 middle schools and 3907 primary schools in the division. The number of students rose to 876,595 in 2006 up from 600,501 in 1988. There five universities, one college, two government technological colleges, two education colleges and one cooperative college have been opened in the division in 2006. Naga National people were residing in Nanyon, Lashe,

Lahe and Hkamti of Sagaing Division. The Government was rendering assistance to Naga National races to preserve religion, traditional culture, language and cultural heritage. There were 8 high schools, 11 middle schools, 384 primary schools, five hospitals, 6 station hospitals, 21 rural health centres, telephone stations, power stations, village-to-village roads in Naga Region. Naga Region witnessed an equitable development. Naga festivals were held on a grand scale every year. Foreigners visited Naga region and witnessed its development. External and internal destructive elements were producing fabricated news to the effect that the Government was launching an ethnic cleansing. The de-



Thaphanseik Dam in Kyunhla Township, Sagaing Division can irrigate 500,000 acres of farmland and generate 117.2 million kilowatt hours of electricity a year. It is the largest of its kind in Myanmar.

velopment of one country was based on especially its economic sector. In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, short-term and long-term projects were laid down and they were being implemented for all-round development of the State. As a result, per capita income had increased. Economic development rate

rose by 17.1 per cent during 2005-2006. A group of one political party was manufacturing fabricated news that most of the people were in trouble in food, clothing and shelter. There had been a development gap between towns and villages. There was a difficult transportation in the country. The Government did not prevent and fight

narcotic drugs and human trafficking. These were only invented.

Next, Chairperson of Sagaing Division WAODaw San Myint and officials presented prizes to outstanding participants in the competitions of essay, the 61st Armed Forces Day commemorative extempore talk, graphic painting, computer appli-

cation, Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts and Red Cross and sports.

Afterwards, Chairperson of Sagaing Division WAODaw San Myint and officials viewed wall posters and documentary photos to mark Myanmar Women's Day.

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Shan State (East) Committee for Anti-trafficking in Person formed...

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In the sector, there are 2,526 teachers and 65,260 students at 633 basic education schools. In addition, Kengtung Degree College and Government Technological College were opened in 1999 and Kengtung Government Computer College in 2001.

With regard to the health sector, the state has been facilitated with 171 hospitals and health care centres including one 200-bed hospital where 87 doctors and 224 nurses are

discharging duties. The ratio of doctor to population is 1:9,640 and that of nurse to population, 1:3,821.

In the transport sector, 221.5 miles tarred road, 19 miles coarse gravel road, 337.5 gravel road and 821 miles earth road have been constructed in the state. The number of bridges above 180 feet long has risen to eight, up from four in 1988, and small bridges under 180 feet to 393, up from 312.

As regards the



200-bed General Hospital in Kengtung, Shan State (East).

communication sector, the state has been equipped with 26 post offices, 21 telegraphs office, 35 auto-telephone stations, 5 manual telephone stations, three satellite stations and 12 micro-wave stations. In addition, 1,983 auto-telephones have been installed in Kengtung, 930 in Tachilek, 376 in

Monghsat, 94 in Mongphyat and 164 in Mongla, totalling 3,547. Local people in Kengtung and Tachilek are using GSM mobile phones.

In the agriculture sector, 25,763 acres of land have been put under paddy for meeting the target production of monsoon and summer paddy. Therefore, the state has 165.11 per cent of food sufficiency. In addition to 10 major crops, onion, garlic, soya-bean and rubber are being grown in the state. In the time of the Tatmadaw Government, 3,520 acres of highland farmland have been reclaimed in the state against the target of 15,000 acres. At present, efforts are being made for meeting the 200,000 target acres of rubber. In 2004-05, per capita income of the state reached K 97,442.

On 17 August 2005, 40 members of SSA-A group torched Namhwe Basic Education Primary School in Hambilwe Village of Mongin Village-tract in

Kengtung Township. Due to commitments of SSA-S terrorists to recruit new members and extort money in May 2005, 125 people of 18 households from Pakhayaung Village of Lonkaunt Village-tract in Mongphyat Township moved to Hokhant and Boshi Villages of Monghe Village-tract and to Tachilek Township. Likewise, 190 people of 27 households from Namhpauk Village of Lanhsat Village-tract in Mongphyat Township moved to New Mongphyat Ward, Nannan Village and Kengtung Township in the first week of March 2006.

At 11 pm on 10 May 2006, 15 members of SSA-S group abducted 17 villagers for recruitment from Mongtwam, Mahonkan and Wamtong Villages of Monghsat Township.

Tachilek District is one of the important exits to other country from Shan State. Human traffickers persuaded girls who lack knowledge

from inner regions of the country and sell them through Kengtung and Tachilek. To take preventive measures against trafficking in persons in Shan State (East), checking teams are assigned duties at Kengtung and Tachilek Airports and bus terminals and they expose suspected persons related to human trafficking who entered from other regions.

In line with the provisions of the Anti-Trafficking in Person Law and order 4/2006 issued on 27 February 2006 by the Anti-Trafficking in Person Central Committee, the Shan State (East) Committee for Prevention of Trafficking in Persons has been formed with 15 members to effectively take preventive measures against trafficking in persons. Later, the chairperson and members of Shan State (East) WAO presented prizes to outstanding women and students who won prizes in the contests to mark the Myanmar Women's Day. —MNA



Government Computer College (Kengtung) opened in Shan State (South) for enabling local youth to pursue higher education.

To overcome evil with good, acts of destructive elements are to be subdued through strength of constructive forces

Ayeyawady Division WAO marks Myanmar Women's Day

YANGON, 6 July — Ayeyawady Division Women's Affairs Organization organized the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day at the City Hall in Patheingyi on 3 July.

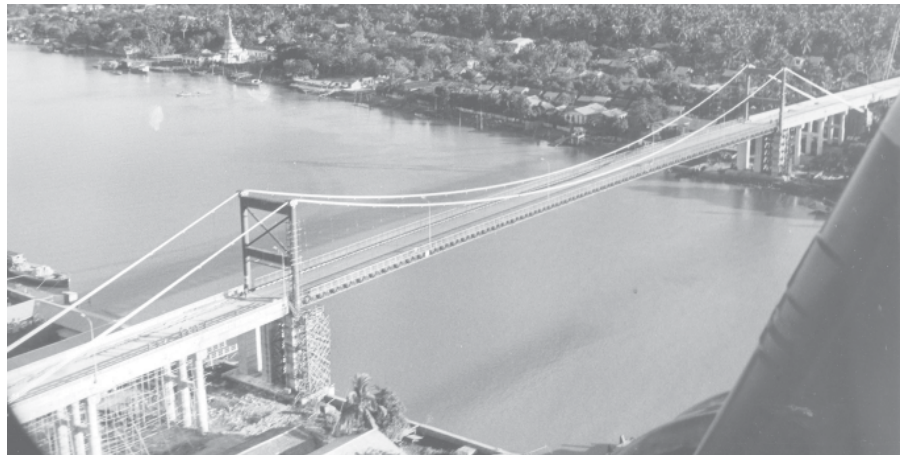
In her address, Chairperson of Ayeyawady Division WAO Daw Yi Yi Aung said that local people living in Ayeyawady Division are now witnessing all-round development of their region. An increase of nearly 200,000 acres of arable land has resulted in putting 3.6 million acres of land under monsoon paddy and 1.6 million under summer paddy. 29 per cent of paddy cultivation of the country is conducted in Ayeyawady Division and it produces over 384 million baskets and its food sufficiency stands at 296 per cent. It can easily feed its residents of over 7.5 million people and the surplus has been exported. With the aim of increasing the yield of paddy, the State has managed to build Kwamchaung dam benefiting 21,000 acres in Kyaukse Township, Ma Mya Dam benefiting 10,000 acres in Myaung Township and Kanyin Dam benefiting 25,000 acres in Inga Township. Thanks to the building of these facilities, yield of paddy will reach 400 million baskets.

Moreover, Panhlaing and Mezali sluice gates in Naungdon Township each benefits 20,000 acres, Nankathu dam in Inga Township 14,000 acres and Wadaw and Htani sluice gates in Maubin Township 15,000 acres plus 23 river water pumping stations in the region contribute much towards agricultural development.

In its drive for all-round development of the State, the government has established industrial zones in Ayeyawady Division namely Patheingyi Industrial Zone, Hinthada Industrial Zone and Myaungmya Industrial Zone. Factories in these industrial zones manufacture not only Agricultural machinery but also other machines. Kyaukse cement plant, Myaungmya jute factory, Patheingyi plywood factory and 200-ton pulp factory in Thabaung also contribute towards socio-economic development of the region.

Fish ponds with the area of 103,000 acres in the division produce 163.4 million viss of fish and 56,855.45 acres of prawn breeding ponds, 44.6 million viss. Fishery industry in the division has an export quality and thus it benefits local people and many job opportunities have opened up. Jobless rate is very few in the division and the case of trafficking in persons has been very rare in the division.

It is known to all that with abundant of rivers and creeks in the division, locals had to rely on waterway in the successive eras. But, in the time of the Tatmadaw Government, six 180 feet and above major river-crossing bridges and other small bridges and a network of roads have been constructed in the division. As a result, locals are now enjoying smooth transportation. With better transportation flow of commodity from one region to another is swift and regional economy has developed markedly. At the same time, education, health and social



The 3,000 feet long suspension Wakema Bridge on Pantanaw-Shwelaung-Wakema-Kyonmange Road.

sectors have developed.

Regarding the health sector, 13 new hospitals have been built in the division and thus the number of hospital stands at 78.

For the development of the education sector, the government has opened 6,518 basic education schools with the increase of 1,329 schools after 1988. In the higher education sector also, there are 13 higher education learning centres including Patheingyi University, Hinthada University, Maubin University and other technological and computer colleges. Thanks to the emergence of these educational facilities, youths in the regions are now able to pursue higher education within their arms reach.

At such a time, some corners led by some big nations who do not want to see the progress of the country are hindering the endeavours for development of the country resorting to various ways such as barring investment in the country and cutting aids. They made false accusations saying authorities are incompetent coupled with mismanagement that have led to economic downturn of the country.

Nevertheless, development of economic, transportation, health, education sectors and significant decrease in crime rate in the division are tangible proof that these accusations are false.

With the population of 7.5 million, Ayeyawady Division is home to such national races as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan. Among them the number of Kayin nationals in the division stands at 1.5 million and thus they are the second largest community in the division. It can be vividly seen that every national race living in the division is sharing equal amount of development. External elements and some big nations accused the government of ethnic cleansing. But in reality, Kayin nationals living in the division have the right to practise their faith

and conduct their social affairs freely. Moreover, all national races are living in the division with unity and amity. In addition, Kayin nationals are able to participate in the activities of departments and NGOs as they wish, there is no limitation on them and accusations that there is racial discrimination is totally false.

To overcome evil with good, acts of destructive elements are to be subdued through the strength of constructive forces. The look-west-spirit of those who love aunt more than mother is to be cleansed. According to the saying which goes "The strength of the nation lies within", unity and solidarity among members of MAAF and brother and sister organizations such as Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar War Veterans Organization, Myanmar Red Cross Society and the Fire Brigade is of most importance. Under the leadership of the MAAF, the Division Women's Affairs Organization and other women organizations at different levels are striving to reach the goal of MAAF. Courses are being conducted and talks being held for 254,770 members of WAO.

On School Enrollment Day, we, members of WAO, in cooperation with NGOs, have provided K 4,030,850 in cash assistance to 3,961 students and awarded K 1,056,650 to 542 outstanding students. Moreover, volunteer night school, adult reading and teaching reading have been opened.

Regarding the health sector, educative talks on health have been given and health care services provided.

Talks on prevention of violence against women have also being given for 727 times to 103,166 women. Counselling centres have been opened in Hinthada, Myaungmya, Maubin and Pyapon districts to counsel those who have been fallen victims of the crime of violence against women physically or mentally. Vocational courses have been conducted, patients with clap lips and palate and other complaints are provided with health care services, education and sports training conducted. Moreover, talks on Myanmar culture have been given and fashion shows conducted in line with Myanmar culture. Competitions of reciting religious verses organized by WAO have been held.

In conclusion she pledged to strive for emergence of outstanding women who will be safeguarding the race and lineage and traditional culture and serving the interest of the nation and its people.

Next, Leader of the Work Group for Prevention of Violence Against Women District Judge Daw Lay Lay Mon read paper on eradication of violence against women and Leader of the Work Group for Social Affairs and Culture Professor Daw Than Than Nyunt of Patheingyi University, paper on Myanmar women and culture.

At the prize presentation ceremony, officials presented prizes to outstanding women in the respective fields. — MNA



Government Technological College (Maubin) in Maubin, Ayeyawady Division.

Bago Division (West) WAO holds Myanmar Women's Day



Bago Division (West) WAO Chairperson Daw Myint Myint Ohn addresses the ceremony of Myanmar Women's Day. —MNA

YANGON, 6 July — Bago Division (West) Women's Affairs Organization held Myanmar Women's Day on 3 July in Pyay, Bago Division (West).

In her opening address, Chairperson of the division WAO Daw Myint Myint Ohn briefed on the organization's efforts for the security and development of women and its participation in regional development tasks of the Government.

Bago Division is home to 2,435,221 people and shares the border with Yangon Division, Ayeyawady Division, Magway Division and Rakhine State.

In her address, she said over 16 dams and nine river water pumping projects have been built to irrigate farmlands. There are over 1 million acres of monsoon paddy and over 150,000 acres of summer paddy and the division's food production was in

surplus and exceeded the target last year. The extended cultivation of ten major crops and three other crops were carried out and per capita income rose last year and reached over K 300,000.

Regarding the transportation sector, she continued to say that 2,053 miles of tarred road, gravel and earthen road have been constructed so far in addition to renovation of roads. The 4,183-foot-long Nawaday Bridge across Ayeyawady River was inaugurated in 1997. The bridge linking Bago Division (West) and Rakhine region was constructed at a cost of US \$ 8.685 million. Moreover, the 1,520-foot-long Myitmakha Bridge on Letpadan-Hinthada Road and other bridges were constructed by the government. In the division's rail transportation sector, over 14 miles of rail roads were laid and four railway



Ayeyawady river crossing Nawaday Bridge, which is 4,183 feet long, in Pyay, Bago Division.

stations were constructed.

In the industrial sector, Khittara Industrial Zone was established in Pyay and a total of 166 industries have invested over K 507.74 million in total. The division's Pyitaungtan Oil Field produces over 199 barrels of crude oil and 2.18 million cubic feet of natural gas in a day.

There are 39 state-owned factories and 1,319 private-owned factories in Bago Division.

Therefore, residents find job opportunities from the factories apart from farming. That is why no one fell victim to human trafficking. While striving for the improvement of economic conditions in the region in an attempt to prevent HIV and AIDS infections, the division WAO, a non-governmental organization, also held educative talks on HIV/AIDS awareness in the division.

Regarding the environmental conservation sector, trees were

planted on 162,212 acres of land as part of the plan to green Bago Mountain Range. Moreover, special teak plantations, firewood plantations and other commercial tree plantations were carried out in the division. The division has 2,044 sq miles of the reserve forest and 8 sq miles of the protected reserve forest.

Now, Bago Division (West) is on the track to development and also participating in the implementation of the seven-point road map of the government.

However, exiled groups who are crazed for

Division (West).

There is concern that the country's economic booming will come to a halt and job opportunities will decrease if there is an economic blockade due to false accusations of exile groups who were trying to use UN Security Council and ILO as a tool. It could lead to human trafficking and harm the economic stability of the State.

On behalf of Myanmar women, Chairperson of Bago

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power accused Myanmar of oppressing politicians, committing human rights abuses, forced labour and drug trafficking. Meanwhile, in an attempt to harm the peace and stability of the country, they also made groundless accusations against Myanmar and pushed UN to take action against the country.

The groundless accusations and sanctions have caused hindrances to Myanmar's transition to democracy. As the division's economic, education, health and transportation sectors have improved, there is hardly any HIV/AIDS infections and drug and human trafficking in Bago

Division WAO condemned the groundless accusations of some big countries and exiled groups. All WAOs would oppose the wrong expressions on Myanmar that were submitted to the UN General Assembly, she said.

In conclusion, she called on members of the Division's WAO to exert more efforts for achieving the Millennium Development Goals of the UN.

At the Myanmar Women's Day ceremony, officials of Bago Division Women's Affairs Organization awarded the outstanding members of the organization.

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The three-storey building of Pyay University in Bago Division (West).

Braving alien pressure, coercion and sanctions, Myanmar has managed to build political, economic, social and transport infrastructures to certain degree for national development

Kayah State observes Myanmar Women's Day

YANGON, 6 July—The Kayah State Women's Affairs Organization organized the celebration of the Myanmar Women's Day at the City Hall in Loikaw on 3 July.

Chairperson of the organization Daw Ohn Yin said that in Kayah State, there were 107 WAOs at Kayah State, district, township, ward and village-tract levels with 14,203 members. The women population of Kayah State stands at 152,684 or 49.28 per cent. The MWAF serves the interests of the women and the nation.

The government has been taking measures including the 24-Region Development Project and five rural development tasks in accord with the State's objectives and Our Three Main National Causes for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the nation. Nevertheless, beginning 2006 the West bloc has accelerated its calling on the UN Security Council to take action against Myanmar, attempting to exaggerate the Myanmar affairs into regional problems and intentional issues.



Kayah State WAO Chairperson Daw Ohn Yin speaks at Myanmar Women's Day ceremony. — MNA

The Ministry of Health is implementing the eight plans on health care for raising the health standard of local people.

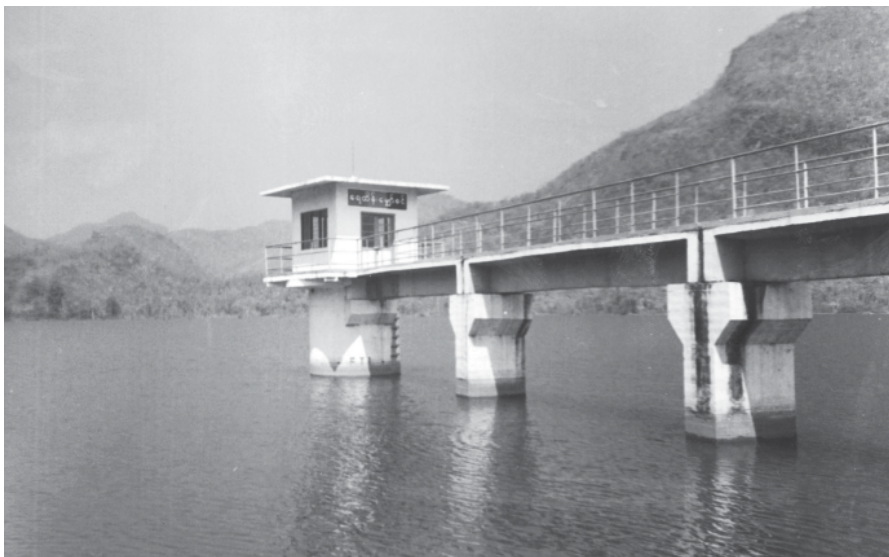
Under the instructions of the MWAF, collaborative measures are being taken constantly to provide health

Ta armed group led by U Sandar and KNG armed group led by U Kyaw Naing have entered the legal fold. They are now participating in the regional development plans. So, that has enhanced national unity.

The government is making efforts to accomplish the seven-step Road Map, upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

In conclusion, she urged the mass of Myanmar women to do their bit and join hands with the entire people in the drive for national development and the emergence of a modern developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline.

The chairperson and members presented gifts to outstanding members who won prizes in Myanmar Women's Day commemorative essay contest, Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, 2005 World Population Day commemorative essay contest, local and international sports events, and those who have donated blood for 24 times and 33 times. — MNA



The Loinapha Dam built in Dimawhso Township, Kayah State.

The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association are taking part in the measures for control of AIDS/HIV.

The mobile team made up of representatives from MWAF and UN-IAP conducted the training of service providers on trafficking in persons in Kayah State on 19 to 21 April 2006. In 2004-2005, educative talks on anti-trafficking in persons have been conducted 93 times and seminar on anti-trafficking in persons, 24 times in Kayah State.

Funds are provided and vocational training courses opened to prevent human trafficking in Kayah State.

Now, Myanmar is harvesting fruits from the 30-year education plan. Thanks to better transport, peace, and encouragement of the government, there has been a school each in a three-mile radius area. The government is facilitating Kayah State with universities and colleges. As a result, local youths can pursue higher education in respective regions. And assistance and cash are being provided for the students.

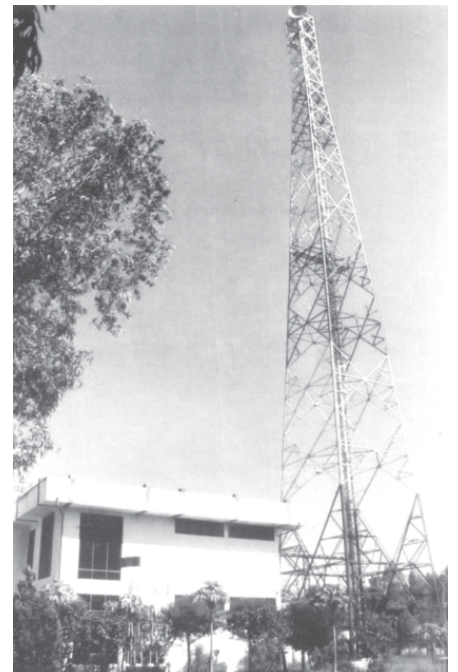
care.

The government has been able to develop the health sector that directly contributes towards national development. There have emerged 1000-bed hospitals throughout the nation. In Kayah State, the government has opened a 200-bed general hospital, seven township hospitals, eight station hospitals, 27 rural health care centres, one traditional medicine hospital and nine traditional medicine health care centres.

However much unscrupulous elements are manufacturing fabrications, Myanmar people are fully aware of the prevailing conditions of the nation.

Braving the alien pressure, coercion and sanctions, the nation has managed to build political, economic, social and transport infrastructures to a certain degree for national development. And mutual understanding and trust has been built among national brethren.

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Mad cow disease confirmed in central Canada

OTTAWA, 5 July—The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) on Tuesday said final tests confirmed that a cow from the country's central province of Manitoba was infected with mad cow disease.

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Gunmen kidnap Iraqi Deputy Minister, bodyguards

BAGHDAD, 5 July — Gunmen pulled the Deputy Electricity Minister from his car in a busy Baghdad street on Tuesday, kidnapping him and 19 bodyguards in an audacious attack that underlined the vulnerability of Iraq's new government.

The abduction, the second of a politician in three days, is a blow to attempts by Shiite Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's

new national unity government to show Iraqis that it is coming to grips with the relentless guerillas and sectarian violence.

There has been no let-up in bombings and shootings in Baghdad, despite a security crackdown. A bomb in a crowded market in the Shiite district of Sadr City killed more than 60 on Saturday, the worst such attack in three months.

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NZ health authority warns of Campylobacteriosis disease

WELLINGTON, 5 July— An infectious disease already prevalent in New Zealand is on the rise again, said a health officer on Tuesday.

Infection rates of Campylobacteriosis in New Zealand are already higher than in other countries and have recently rocketed with up to 300

cases being reported a week, said Donald Campbell, principal adviser of public health for the New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA).

He said it is not known what is behind the increase.

People who become ill with Campylobacteriosis suffer diarrhoea,

cramps, stomach pain and fever within two to five days of being exposed to the organism. The illness usually lasts a week but can cause a serious life-threatening infection in people with weak immune systems.

Campbell said investigations are undertaken but it has been hard

to make clear the key reason. Campbell said NZFSA now reminds people that there are things they can do to help reduce the risk of infection.

Two of the most important of these are to cook fully the food and wash thoroughly the hands.

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Five British soldiers arrested after exercise death

LONDON, 5 July—Police have arrested five soldiers on suspicion of manslaughter over the sudden death of a 22-year-old fellow serviceman in southwest England.

Wiltshire police said the soldier, serving with the 2nd Battalion of The Royal Welsh, collapsed and died after exercising at around noon on Monday.

A post mortem will be held later on Tuesday.

Police arrested four soldiers from the same battalion, aged 44, 33, 31 and 28, on Monday.

On Tuesday police said they had arrested another soldier from the battalion, aged 29. All are being questioned at Salisbury police station.

A Ministry of Defence spokeswoman said: "With great sadness we can confirm that a 22-year-old soldier from the 2nd Battalion The Royal Welsh Regiment died yesterday.

"We are unable to comment further as an investigation is ongoing."

The battalion is based at Tidworth, Wiltshire.

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The pack of riders cycles past fields during the 4th stage of the 93rd Tour de France cycling race between Huy, Belgium, and Saint-Quentin, France, on 5 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Cyprus hosts Asia-Europe Interfaith Dialogue

NICOSIA, 5 July — A three-day Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Interfaith Dialogue opened in Cyprus' southeastern coastal town of Larnaca on Monday.

More than 200 delegates from 40 European and South Asian countries as well as some international organizations participated in the meeting. They include governmental officials, political and religious leaders, academics, intellectuals and representatives of the Press.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Cyprus President Tassos Papadopoulos said the interfaith dialogue can and should become an annual event and permanent feature of the ASEM Process.

In late July 2005, over 130 religious and political leaders, academics and intellectuals from Asia and Europe met in Bali for the first ASEM Interfaith Dialogue, examining ways of promoting interfaith harmony through education, culture, social institutions and the media.

Papadopoulos expressed that Cyprus is keenly aware of the need for a dialogue as a means of improving mutual understanding of the historical, religious and cultural experiences of one another and "put us firmly on the road to close cooperation, rather than mere side-by-side coexistence".

Hamid Bin Syed Jaafar Al Bar, Foreign Minister of Malaysia, also spoke at the occasion, saying that cultural and religious diversity can be a source of strength upon which "we could build trust and respect for a harmonious relationship". He called upon all world leaders and governments to engage in dialogue that will result in tolerance and harmony, adding that education and media can contribute to peace and harmony among people of different religions.

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Beatrice Trezeguet (L), wife of France's David Trezeguet, and Nicole Merry, wife of France's Thierry Henry, celebrate after France defeated Portugal in their World Cup 2006 semi-final soccer match in Munich on 5 July, 2006. —INTERNET

Iraq's Deputy Minister released hours after abduction

BAGHDAD, 5 July — Gunmen released Iraqi Deputy Electricity Minister Raad al-Harith Tuesday evening, hours after he was kidnapped on a busy street in Baghdad.

Officials from the Electricity Ministry told the Press that al-Harith was released in the evening, but provided no further details.

On Tuesday morning, unknown gunmen kidnapped the Deputy Mini-

ster and 19 of his guards in Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua.

The source said unidentified gunmen, wearing Iraqi Army uniforms, ambushed the convoy of Raad al-Haris

on the Qanat Street in eastern Baghdad.

A number of government senior officials and Parliament members have been seized away in a new wave of kidnapping in Iraq.

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Microsoft to establish Balkans' biggest logistics centre in Sofia

SOFIA, 5 July— Microsoft Corp has decided to open a software logistics centre in Sofia, which will be the biggest in the Balkans, Teodor Milev, CEO of the Microsoft Bulgaria, announced on Monday.

At an official ceremony, Microsoft's Senior Vice-President Eric Rudder and the Bulgarian Information Technique and Communication Agency signed a memorandum for cooperation mapping out long-term partnership between Bulgaria and the world software giant.

The logistics centre will serve clients from all-Balkan countries, such as Bulgaria, Romania, Slovenia, Macedonia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Greece, according to Milev.

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The Space Shuttle Discovery's docking port can be seen inside the payload bay of the orbiter in this view from a video camera mounted on the spacecraft's robotic arm on 5 July, 2006. —INTERNET

Indian rains kill 32, Mumbai badly hit

KOLKATA (India), 5 July—Heavy rains triggered floods and landslides across India, killing 32 people and disrupting life in the financial hub of Mumbai for a second day on Tuesday, officials and residents said.

The bad weather caused by a depression over the east coast and a revival of the June-September annual monsoon rains which had hit a lean patch, leading to a dry spell across large swathes of the subcontinent.

At least 24 people were killed in the eastern states of Orissa and Jharkhand and several were missing in neighbouring West Bengal after

torrential rains caused rivers to break their banks and triggered landslides, officials said.

Navy boats and helicopters had been pressed in to rescue marooned people from rooftops and also to drop food, medicine and water packets, authorities said.

In Mumbai, the country's commercial capital, schools and colleges were shut and emergency workers

flushed muddy waters from submerged streets as the bustling city struggled to cope with a second day of monsoon rains.

Weather officials said a depression on the east coast was weakening and was heading towards Mumbai. This would bring more rain to the city and the central state of Madhya Pradesh over the next few days, they warned.

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SPORTS

Zidane earns France World Cup final spot

MUNICH, 6 July— The great Zinedine Zidane gave France a 1-0 win over Portugal on Wednesday with a penalty that handed them a place in the World Cup final.

Eight years after their Zidane-inspired home triumph, Les Bleus will feature in the title match of the showcase tournament for the second time when they face Italy on Sunday in Berlin.

The 34-year-old Zidane, who retires after the finals and will play the last game of a glittering career at the Olympic stadium, got the winner after 33 minutes by converting a penalty after Thierry Henry's ankle was caught by Ricardo Carvalho. Portugal, playing in their second semifinal after a 1966 appearance with the great Eusebio, have to be content with meeting hosts Germany for third place on Saturday in Stuttgart.

"What matters now is to go all the way," said France coach Raymond Domenech. "We can't be content with that. We have to recuperate and start focusing. We must give all we have in that final to make sure we have no regrets."

Henry added: "I think the thing that made the difference is that after the penalty we defended amazingly. We defended like lions. We were not in much in danger."

"You could see that that team has desire and commitment and everything, plus a lot of technique. I'm trying to shine with the team. Today I got my reward."

It was the first loss in 13 World Cup matches for Portugal coach Luiz Felipe Scolari after 11 wins and the



France's Zinedine Zidane (R) shakes hands with Portugal's Luis Figo before a World Cup 2006 semifinal in Munich, Germany, on 5 July, 2006. —INTERNET

Scolari's tribute to France for "deserved" win

MUNICH, 6 July— Portugal coach Luiz Felipe Scolari paid tribute to France after they ended his dreams of a second successive World Cup triumph with a 1-0 semifinal defeat of his team on Wednesday.

Zinedine Zidane's first-half penalty doomed Scolari, who had guided Brazil to victory in 2002 in Japan, to his first World Cup finals defeat in 13 matches.

After the final whistle, Scolari angrily berated the officials on the field for the 33rd-minute penalty decision against Ricardo Carvalho but he later conceded that France had deserved to go through to Sunday's final against Italy.

"It was deserved victory, definitely, for France. There are situations that are difficult. We did everything we could, we did our best. Congratulations to France," he told reporters.

"We have to accept this. We knew it would be a difficult match and had a few chances but, unfortunately, didn't do it and lost."

Scolari's future as Portugal coach will now be open to further

speculation after he was reported in British and Portuguese media to be on the verge of becoming England boss before the World Cup finals.

"I have a contract until the end of July then we'll see what happens," he said.

England have since appointed Steve McClaren as manager but Brazil, who lost in the quarterfinals to France too, are widely expected to have a vacancy as coach open shortly.

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France's Lilian Thuram (R) celebrates with team mate Franck Ribery after their World Cup 2006 semi-final soccer match against Portugal in Munich on 5 July, 2006. —INTERNET



Thierry Henry (L) of France controls the ball for a pass against Portugal's Deco during the semifinal of World Cup 2006 in Munich, Germany, on 5 July, 2006. —INTERNET

draw against England in the quarterfinals that his team won on penalties.

Portugal, the Euro 2004 runners-up, have a reputation for losing ill-tempered battles against the French, whom they have not beaten since 1975.

Wednesday's clash on a warm, still night at the high-tech Allianz Arena was tense, as expected, but largely free of ugly scenes though Scolari remonstrated with officials at the end.

"There are situations that are difficult," he said. "We did everything we could, we did our best. Congratulations to France. We have to accept this. We knew it would be a difficult match. We had a few chances but unfortunately didn't do it and lost."

France, relying on a bunch of gifted thirty-somethings, started the tournament in sluggish fashion before stepping up a few gears to recapture their winning ways, dumping out champions Brazil in the previous round.

MNA/Reuters

Henin parachutes into semifinals

LONDON, 6 July— Mental toughness honed by an unusual passion for skydiving helped Justine Henin-Hardenne into the Wimbledon semifinals.

The French Open champion beat qualifier Severine Bremond 6-4, 6-4 to set up a meeting with her Belgian rival Kim Clijsters in the last four of the only Grand Slam event she is yet to win.

Henin-Hardenne talked afterwards of her daring hobby and its

benefits.

"It's really a passion. It's something I love to do," said the 24-year-old. "When I was off the courts because of injuries and illnesses, I needed to find something to give me adrenaline, and I did."

"For me as a tennis player, winning a Grand

Slam is the most amazing thing I did in my life. What is amazing about skydiving, is you are very, very nervous in the plane.

"That's maybe what I feel before walking on the court. So it's pretty similar." Henin-Hardenne said she took up skydiving on the suggestion of her husband after a first round defeat at the French Open in 2002.

"My husband said, 'Let's go.' I jumped. It was nine o'clock in the evening. It was the last plane that was going to take the skydivers up. It was amazing. Everyone should do it. 'It's something that you don't have any regrets about. Maybe you only do it once because you're too scared but you are really proud of it. It's a bit crazy. You need to be a bit crazy to do it.'" Henin-Hardenne refused to buckle on Tuesday when Frenchwoman Bremond fought gallantly in each set before eventually succumbing.

MNA/Reuters

Federer outclasses Ancic to reach semis

LONDON, 6 July— Men's champion Roger Federer outclassed Croatia's Mario Ancic 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 to reach the Wimbledon semifinals on Wednesday.

In the last four the Swiss, who is attempting to become only the third man in the professional era to win four consecutive Wimbledon singles titles, will face either Czech Radek Stepanek or Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman.

Ancic's shock first round win over Federer at Wimbledon in 2002 was the last time the Swiss lost a match on grass but the seventh seed failed to cause the top seed any real problems in humid conditions on Wednesday. —MNA/Reuters

Sharapova streaks into semifinals

LONDON, 6 July— Maria Sharapova overcame the distraction of a male streaker to dispatch fellow Russian Elena Dementieva 6-1, 6-4, in the Wimbledon quarterfinals.

The 2004 champion ran seventh seed Dementieva ragged for much of the match with hefty serves and typically brutal hitting down both flanks in sultry conditions on Centre Court. In her third successive Wimbledon semifinal Sharapova will face either French top seed Amelie Mauresmo or Russia's Anastasia Myskina. "I got off to a really good start and put a lot of pressure on her serves," Sharapova told the BBC. "I had a little bit of a let down in the second but I'm really happy to be in the semifinals again."

Dementieva's serve is her biggest flaw and she failed to hold her opening service game. Sharapova took charge and she was a set up after only 27 minutes.

Sharapova broke the 2005 US Open semifinalist twice at the start of the second set and seemed to be cruising to victory when, at 3-0, the streaker ran on to court.

The 19-year-old averted her gaze as he cart-wheeled in front of her before being hustled away in a red blanket by security.

Sharapova was soon 4-0 up but her aim suddenly went awry and Dementieva broke serve to trail 4-2 and then held again to narrow the gap to only a game.

Still apparently rattled, Sharapova had to save two break points before holding serve for 5-3. Composure restored, she served out the match to love, securing victory when Dementieva netted a service return. —MNA/Reuters



Milwaukee Brewers baserunner Rickie Weeks (L) takes out Cincinnati Reds second baseman Brandon Phillips, as Phillips throws to first base in time to create a double play to end the ninth inning during a National League baseball game in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 5 July, 2006. —INTERNET

Myanma Insurance offers Waso robes to Sayadaws



Managing Director U Thein Lwin of Myanma Insurance and wife donate Waso robes and alms to a Sayadaw. — MI

YANGON, 6 July — The 8th Waso robe offering ceremony of Myanma Insurance under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was held at the office of Myanma Insurance this morning. On the occasion, officials and staff of Myanma Insurance took the Five Precepts from the Pabedan Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Chairman Sayadaw Maha Ganthavacaka. Managing Director U Thein Lwin and wife and heads of departments offered Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaws. Chairman Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and those present shared merits gained and offered “soon” to the Sayadaws. — MNA

Flood Bulletin
(Issued at 12:00 hours MST on 6th July 2006)

According to the (06:30) hours MST observation today, the water level of Shwegyin River at Madauk is (1113) cm. It may remain above the danger level (1070) cm during the next (48) hour commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hours MST observation today, the water level of Shwegyin River at Shwegyi is (734) cm. It may remain above the danger level (700) cm during the next (48) hour commencing noon today.

Asleep in Jesus

U Saw Hsa Loo, Age (96) (Dawei) Headmaster (Rtd)

(Morrow Kayin High School)

U Saw Hsa Loo, beloved husband of Naw Bway Paw, father of Hazeline-Paul, Eddie-Hay Thar, Augustine-Tulip, Angeline-Thet Soe and Dah Eh, grandfather of (8), passed away at 10:00 pm on Sunday (2-7-2006) at Dawei. Funeral service was held at Kayin Baptist Church, Dawei on (6-7-2006) at (2:00) pm and the remains were buried at Kyet Sar Byin Cemetery. **Bereaved family**

Afghanistan burns over 40 tons of narcotics

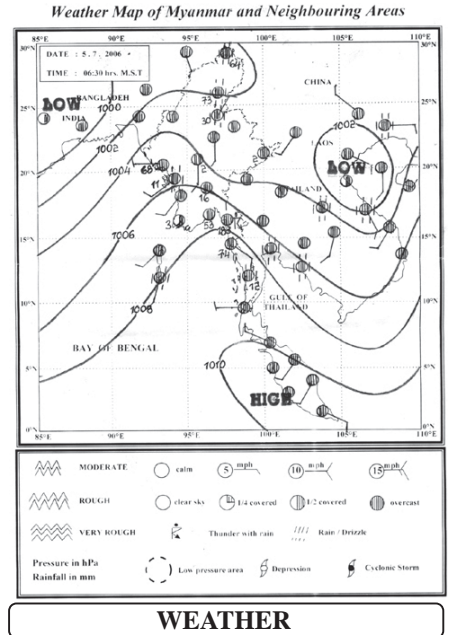
KABUL, 6 July — The Afghan Government as part of its efforts to eliminate illegal drug in the country burned more than 40 tons of narcotics at a ceremony held here on Wednesday.

The narcotics include 4.1 tons of heroin, 12 tons of opium and 24 tons of hashish. Speaking on the occasion Counter Narcotics Minister Habibullah Qaderi expressed the Afghan Government's firm determination to get the country rid of the drug menace.

“The government of Afghanistan has always been trying to fight against narcotics.

So that we can disrupt and foil the efforts made by drug traffickers. And the drug eliminated today is a testimony to this fact,” Qaderi told the gathering attended the ceremony.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Thursday, 6 July, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in Chin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and isolated heavyfalls in Kayin State and Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hpa-an (13.74) inches, Ye (8.94) inches, Dawei (6.02) inches, Thaton (5.28) inches, Mudon (4.92) inches, Myeik (3.93) inches, Mawlamyein (2.76) inches, Pinlaung (2.36) inches and Yamethin (1.62) inches.

Maximum temperature on 5-7-2006 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 6-7-2006 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 6-7-2006 was (100%). Total sunshine hours on 5-7-2006 was nil.

Rainfalls on 6-7-2006 were (0.48) inch at Mingaladon, (0.59) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.51) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (36.42) inches at Mingaladon, (46.22) inches at Kaba-Aye and (47.99) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 5-7-2006.

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

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

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35 to 40) mph. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of likelihood of decrease of rain in Rakhine State. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 7-7-2006:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 7-7-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

New Rainfall Record

(Issued at 10:30 hours MST on 6th July 2006)
The amount of rainfall 349 mm (13.74 inches) observed at (09:30) hours MST on 6th July 2006 in Hpa-an is the (24) hours new maximum rainfall recorded at the station for the month of July during last (43) years. The former record was 237 mm (9.33 inches) on 1st July 1997.

TV Myanmar

Friday, 7 July
View on today

7:00 am
1. ဓမ္မစာအုပ် ရှင်းလင်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဟောပြောရုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဟောသဒ္ဒ္ဒဗေဒတီကာ တီပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မသဏ္ဍာနဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am
5. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင် စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

8:00 am
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am
7. The mirror images of musical oldies

8:15 am
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am
9. မရမ်းကုန်းရေထိန်းတံခါး

8:30 am
10. International news

8:45 am
11. English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm
1. Martial songs

4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. Musical programme

4:45 pm
4. အဆောင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ်(ရုက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)

4:55 pm
5. Song of national races

5:10 pm
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:15 pm
7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:25 pm
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:35 pm
9. “ဟွန်းသံ” (ဓရာနှင့် ယာဉ်ထိန်း ရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့ဝင်များ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

5:45 pm
10. Song of yesteryears

6:00 pm
11. Evening news

6:30 pm
12. Weather report

6:35 pm
13. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညောင်ရှင်

7:05 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရှမ်းလိပ်ပြာလေးတစ်လည်လည်” (အပိုင်း-၄)

8:00 pm
15. News

8:00 pm
16. International news

8:00 pm
17. Weather report

8:00 pm
18. Myanmar Video Feature “အောင်ကြီး၏လက်ဆောင်” (အပိုင်း-၂) (လွင်မိုး၊ အောင်လွင်၊ နန္ဒာလွင်၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မျိုးမင်း)

8:00 pm
20. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

Friday, 7 July
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:
-I may be too young

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:
-Some people

8:50 am National news / Slogan

9:00 am Music:
-Up from the skies

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music:
-Laying eyes (Eagles)

1:30 pm News / Slogan

1:40 pm Lunch time music:
-Devoted to you
-Till he says goodbye
-Leaves that are green

9:00 pm WOM
-Songs of Spanish, French, German, Laos

9:15 pm Article

9:25 pm Music at your request
-A place in the sun
-Honey
-Don't tell me goodnight

9:45 pm News / Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

Shan State (East) Committee for Anti-trafficking in Persons formed with 15 members to effectively take preventive measures against trafficking in persons

Myanmar Women's Day 2006 observed in Kengtung

YANGON, 6 July — Organized by Shan State (East) Women's Affairs Organization, the Myanmar Women's Day 2006 was observed at the City Hall in Kengtung, Shan State (East), on 3 July morning.

In her address, Chairperson of Shan State (East) WAO Daw Mar Mar Thein said that Shan State (East) is sharing border with three neighbouring countries — the People's Republic of China, Laos and Thailand. The area of Shan State (East) is 16,015 square miles and

its population density is 52 per square-miles. The state is located between 1,200 feet and 8,000 feet sea level. Regional products are paddy, coal and lime stone.

Shan State (East) is constituted with four districts, 11 townships, seven sub-townships, 71 wards, 215 village-tracts and 2,979 villages. National races from 134,548 households of 848,293 population are residing in the state. A total of 103,690 members had joined one Shan State (East) WAO, four Dis-

trict WAOs, 10 Township WAOs and 227 Ward and Village WAOs in Shan State (East).

For ensuring equitable development of all the regions of the nation, the Government is accelerating enhancement of education, health and economic sectors in the entire Shan State. In constantly undertaking regional development tasks in Shan State (East), the Government had constituted Mongla Township and Sub-Townships in 2002. In the education (See page 8)



Chairperson of Shan State (East) WAO Daw Mar Mar Thein speaking at the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day 2006 in Kengtung.—MNA

Short-term and long-term projects laid down and being implemented for all-round development of the State

Myanmar Women's Day held in Sagaing Division

YANGON, 6 July — The ceremony of Myanmar Women's Day, organized by Sagaing Division Women's Affairs Organization, was held at City Hall in Monywa, Sagaing Division, on 3 July.

First, Chairperson of Sagaing Division WAO Daw San Myint made a speech on the occasion, saying that there were many broad areas in Sagaing Division and Sagaing, Monywa, Shwebo Districts were scorching and dry and they were lack of rain and water in the past. Now, Sagaing Division becomes flourishing by building dams and river water pumping stations. There had been an improvement of regional food security. Thaphan-seik Multi-purpose Dam Project, situated in Kyunhla Township, is one of the largest dams in South-East Asia. Owing to the advantages of Kintat, Karboe, Kyeebinet, Ingyinthapo, Maha Nanda Lake,



Chairperson of Sagaing Division WAO Daw San Myint gives an address at the ceremony in commemoration of Myanmar Women's Day 2006 in Monywa. — MNA

Ayadaw, Ainglyar, Myothitchaung and Okpo dam clusters, Sagaing Division can rely on Shwebo and Monywa plains as a rice bowl. Moreover, western part of Chindwin River became lush and green and could produce paddy and beans and pulses. There had been considerable increase of paddy, beans and pulses and edible oil crops in Sagaing and Monywa Districts thanks to construction of clusters of dams and river water

pumping projects. So far, over 7.4 millions acres of farmlands had been reclaimed in Sagaing Division. A total of 2 million acres of paddy, 1.58 million acres of beans and pulses and 1.75 million acres of edible oil crops had been grown in the division. In addition, 115.6 million baskets of paddy, 44.6 million baskets of edible oil crops and 44.3 million baskets of beans and pulses had been produced in the division.

A total of 51 factories and workshops had been built by the Government. There had been 4,828 private-owned factories and workshops in the division. (See page 8)

Eight members of Einme Township NLD quit

Owing to loss of trust in NLD leaders

YANGON, 6 July — Members of Einme Township National League for Democracy in Ayeyawady Division U Hla Shwe, U Shwe Kyi, U Tin Thein, U Lu Tay, U Yar Pyat, U Thein Hsaing, U Than Doak and

U Min Min Zaw of Kyakhatkwin village resigned from the NLD of their own accord on 26 June.

They sent the letters of resignation to NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In their letters, they said NLD party had committed acts that are detrimental to the people and the State. The reason for which they resigned from the party was that they had lost trust in the NLD. — MNA

Flood Bulletin

According to the (15:30) hours MST observation today, 6 July, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is (630) cms. It may remain above the danger level (750) cms during the next (48) hours commencing this evening.