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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

## 848 members of Shan State Army-South (Ywet Sit) group return to legal fold

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July — Realizing the national development endeavours and sincerity of the government, the entire people and the Tatmadaw, 848 members of Shan State Army-South (SSA-S) (Ywet Sit) group led by Mein Sin with the rank of deputy chief of staff and brigade 758 commander, returned to the legal fold yesterday after making contacts with Eastern Command.

The SSA-S members brought with them 24 various kinds of heavy weapons, 834 assorted small arms, 1,990 magazines, 157,971 rounds of ammunition, 55 hand grenades, 63 mines, 15 communication sets and 120 walkie talkies.

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Commander Brig-Gen Thaung Aye welcomes members of (SSA-S) (Ywet Sit) group led by Mein Sin with the rank of deputy chief of staff and brigade 758 commander, who return to the legal fold. — MNA



Members of (SSA-S) (Ywet Sit) group who return to the legal fold.

MNA



Members of (SSA-S) (Ywet Sit) group who return to the legal fold seen together with their arms and ammunition. — MNA

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

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Preserve and promote eco-tourism

Being rich in national resources, Myanmar has prospects for the development of tourism industry. Eco-tourism plays an indispensable role in the drive for the development of the tourism industry.

Along the Myanmar coastlines are a number of islands and coral reefs alongside a wide range of rare species of aquatic fauna. The regions with scenic beauties of sea beaches such as Ngapali, Ngwe Hsaung, Chaungtha, Myeik and Dawei are fascinating the tourists who wish to ride a yacht to study the natural scenery for rest and recreation.

Taking measures for the development of eco-tourism can be expedited at such places as Alaungtau Katthapha National Park, Mt. Popa Garden, Ahtet Shwesettaw Chatthin Wildlife Park, Inlay Sanctuary, Hlawga Wildlife Park and Khakaborazi National Gardens.

In the northern part of Myanmar are snow-capped mountain ranges, mountains of scenic beauty, and green and lush forests. The confluence of the Maykha River and the Malikha River in Myitkyina Township, and Mulashedi Village, Mulashedi Suspension Bridge and Khakaborazi National Gardens are endowed with captivating natural beauties. So, it is required to preserve and protect the rare habitats, flora and mountain ranges in these regions.

Nowadays, the number of tourists to Myanmar is on the increase thanks to peace and stability of the State and people's warm welcome.

The Myanmar Travels Association, the Myanmar Hoteliers Association and the departments concerned are thus urged to take systematic approaches to the tasks in cooperation with local people for promotion of eco-tourism to further develop the Myanmar tourism industry.

**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**

## Industry-1 Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang received President Mrs Fang Fang and party of China National Building Material & Equipment I&E Corporation, the People's Republic of China at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on 5 July.

Also present were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Industry-1. — MNA

## NPED Minister receives outgoing British Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July — Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha received British Ambassador Ms Vicky Bowman who has completed her tour of duty at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister for NPED Col Thurein Zaw and officials. — MNA

## Ministry of Rail Transportation holds first Waso robes offering ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July — The first Waso robes offering ceremony of the Ministry of Rail Transportation took place at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

Present on the occasion were Vinayadhara Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sujata of Pyinmana Township and members of the Sangha, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and wife, Deputy Ministers Thura U Thuang Lwin and U Pe Than, departmental heads and officials.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sujata invested the congregation with the Five Precepts. Later, the minister and wife and the deputy ministers offered Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and wife Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha offer Waso robes to a Sayadaw. — RAILWAY

## NPE holds Waso robes offering ceremony



Managing Director U Soe Win of NPE and wife and congregation receive Five Precepts from Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Gunananda. — MNA

YANGON, 7 July — Under the auspices of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, families of News and Periodicals Enterprise held a Waso robes offering ceremony this morning at Dagon Pariyatti Monastery in the precinct of Eindawya Pagoda on Myoma Kyaung Street.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Sayadaws led by member of State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Presiding Nayaka of Dagon Pariyatti Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Gunananda. Also present were Managing Director U Soe Win of

NPE and wife, advisers, the director (news), chief editors, deputy chief editors, deputy directors, managers, officials and staff of the NPE.

The congregation led by Managing Director U Soe Win and wife received the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw.

Afterwards, the managing director and wife and those present offered Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaws. Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gunananda delivered a sermon and those present shared the merits gained. After the ceremony, 'soon' was offered to the Sayadaws.

### နိုင်ငံတော်အစိုးရဌာနပိုင် မော်တော်ယာဉ်မသုံးစွဲရနေ

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# Putin urges Iran to accept nuclear proposals

Moscow, 6 July—Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday urged Iran to accept the international proposals to shape the future of its nuclear programme, but said he did not expect Teheran's answer before the G-8 summit later this month.

"We would like very much the Iranian partners to accept the proposals of the six nations, and we would like to start dialogue on these proposals as soon as possible so that this

would take place before the St Petersburg summit," Putin was quoted by the *ITAR-TASS* news agency as saying.

The issue of Iran's nuclear activities will be one of the chief topics at the Group of Eight summit, which is scheduled to take place in St Petersburg on 15-17 July.

The five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, and Germany, offered Iran in mid-June a package of

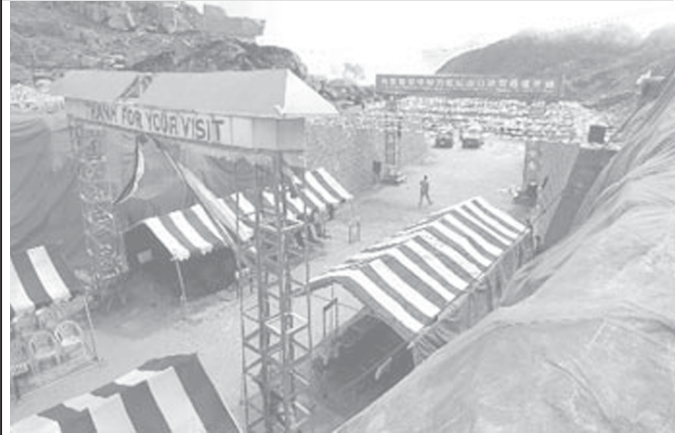
incentives aimed at persuading it to halt nuclear enrichment.

But Iran, which has repeatedly said its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes only, has snubbed calls for a speedy response to the proposals, insisting on giving a reply in August.

European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana is scheduled to meet Iran's top nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani on Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua

## ဗဟိုတိုက်ရိုက်သစ် ဝိန်းမြန်းကြ



The photo taken on 5 July, 2006 shows the gates and pavilions for the reopening ceremony of the China-India trade route at Nathu La Pass on the border.—INTERNET

# US panel orders Abu Ghraib documents from Pentagon

WASHINGTON, 6 July — A US congressional panel has ordered Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to turn over documents on the probe into abuse at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison after the Pentagon failed to respond to an earlier request.

The House Government Reform Committee issued a subpoena to Rumsfeld last week and said the Pentagon must produce a raft of documents, including all drafts of the report on the Abu Ghraib investigation, by the end

of business on 14 July.

The subpoena follows Rumsfeld's failure to respond to a 7 March letter from the congressional panel requesting the same documents.

The Pentagon said it had already provided many of the requested documents to its oversight committee — the House Armed Services Committee — and has now also delivered documents to the Government Reform Committee.

Images of prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib, including naked detainees stacked in a pyramid and others covering before snarling dogs, first became public in April 2004, triggering international condemnation of the United States.

The country's image has been further tarnished by a string of accusations that US servicemen have murdered Iraqi civilians, including the massacre of 24 civilians in Haditha.

"When the Committee requests information from executive branch

departments and agencies, we try to be reasonable and accommodate their legitimate concerns about the volume and the sensitivity of what we're asking for," said Representative Tom Davis, a Virginia Republican and chairman of the committee.

"But if the department won't even return a call, after three months, and

begin that dialogue, we really have no choice but to subpoena the material and compel their attention to our request."

The panel called for all drafts of the investigation report on the prisoner abuse and all communications related to information provided by Provance about Abu Ghraib.

MNA/Reuters



Quickstep's team rider Jose Rujano of Venezuela tries an old bicycle before the start of the 5th stage of the 93rd Tour de France cycling race between Beauvais and Caen, on 6 July, 2006.—INTERNET

# Perodua plans to triple exports

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 July—Perodua, which has displaced Proton as the country's top seller of passenger cars, is forging ahead with plans to triple exports to 10,000 units annually by 2010.

Perusahaan Otomobil Kedua Sdn Bhd (Perodua) managing director, Hafiz Syed Abu Bakar, said the bulk of the new exports were bound for Indonesia and other Southeast Asian countries. The 10-year-old carmaker, which now exports about 3,000 units a year to West Asia and Britain, said new export sales to Indonesia would start next May.

"Before that, we will sell around 500 units of Myvi a month to the UK from September," he told the *New Straits Times* yesterday. Perodua, partly owned by Japan's Daihatsu Motor Co Ltd, has been making waves with its popular Myvi compact car.

Industry sources said Perodua is poised to report

a monthly sales record of about 15,300 units in June, thanks mainly to the Myvi.

The previous peak of about 15,200 units set in May by Perodua had enabled it to overtake Proton as the country's top car seller.

Perodua controlled 42 per cent of the passenger car market in May, and sources said it should retain the pole position for June with a bigger share.

The company foresees total car sales growing 12 per cent to 155,000 vehicles this year, with the Myvi making up about half of the volume.

It has sold 70,000 Myvi since May 2005, and expects the number to rise to 120,000 units by the end of the year. Perodua also sees potential to sell 600 units of the Myvi monthly, in Indonesia in 2007.

Internet



A bus and a police car are trapped on a flooded street in Wuhu, a city in east China's Anhui Province, on 5 July, 2006. Many areas of Anhui Province were stricken by rainstorm in recent days, leaving 4.12 million people affected and three dead.—INTERNET



Yuan Mengxin reads a magazine while coiling on a column at the People's Square in Wudi County, east China's Shandong Province, on 4 July, 2006.

The 65-year-old man started doing his special morning exercise last spring, and has since developed it into a unique feat.—INTERNET

# Angry father buys 20 Barbie dolls to subdue willful daughter

BEIJING, 6 July — An angry father who bought two dozen Barbie dolls to stop his eight-year old daughter's hysterical demands for toys almost ended getting divorced, the *Beijing Morning Post* has reported.

The man, surnamed Sun, was so desperate to please his whining daughter he spent 5,000 yuan (about 750 US dollars) on ten school bags and 20 Barbie dolls.

The father's shopping spree ended up frightening his daughter who stopped making gift demands but the wasted money angered his wife who threatened to divorce him.

Finally, the man's mother-in-law settled the dispute by contacting the shop attendants who took back the goods and refunded all the money. — MNA/Xinhua



This photo taken on 5 July, 2006 shows an outer view of the "Water Cube" aquatics centre in Beijing, capital of China. —INTERNET

## Kyrgyzstan urges US to reach agreement on payment rise for airbase

ALMATY, 6 July — Kyrgyz Foreign Minister Alikbek Jekshenkulov on Tuesday said his country hopes to quickly reach an agreement with the United States on raising the lease terms on the US airbase in Kyrgyzstan, reports reaching here from Bishkek said.

When meeting with Marie Yovanovitch, the US Ambassador in Bishkek, Jekshenkulov said the rent and usage fees for the airbase as set in the initial agreement is

too low, which is not in line with the national development interests of the Central Asian country.

A quick settlement of the issue will help solidify bilateral relations and facilitate the airbase to play an active role in safeguarding peace and security in the Central Asian region, Jekshenkulov said.

Kyrgyzstan has sought to increase revenues from the US-led base set up in December 2001 at Kyrgyzstan's Manas International Airport near the capital Bishkek. Now some 1,500 soldiers from

the United States and its NATO allies are stationed in the facility, which is used as a transit point for troops going to or coming from Afghanistan.

In April, Kyrgyz President Kurmanbek Bakiyev threatened to expel US troops if Washington does not agree by 1 June to pay more for stationing forces in the military base. The two countries negotiated in early June, but Washington refused Kyrgyz demand for raising the rent to 200 million US dollars per year.

MNA/Xinhua

## Oil companies reluctant to invest in Iraq

DUBAI, 6 July— In Iraq's peaceful north, a trio of foreign oil companies have begun classic wildcat exploration, hoping a gusher of black gold will bring them untold wealth.

But the companies are little-known outside the industry — something that's unlikely to change until security improves. And the deals they have cut with the Kurdish regional administration bypassing the central government leaves them in a murky legal situation.

More than three years after the US-led invasion, no big oil company has stepped forward to spend the huge sums necessary to tap Iraq's giant oil reserves and get crude flowing and revenues pouring into Iraq's government to help pay for food, jobs and even medical care.

"It will take a lot more to bring in the big guys," said Sharif Ghalib, a senior analyst with Energy Intelligence Research in New York. None is likely to start prospecting until company chiefs feel reasonably assured that their workers won't be sent home in coffins and

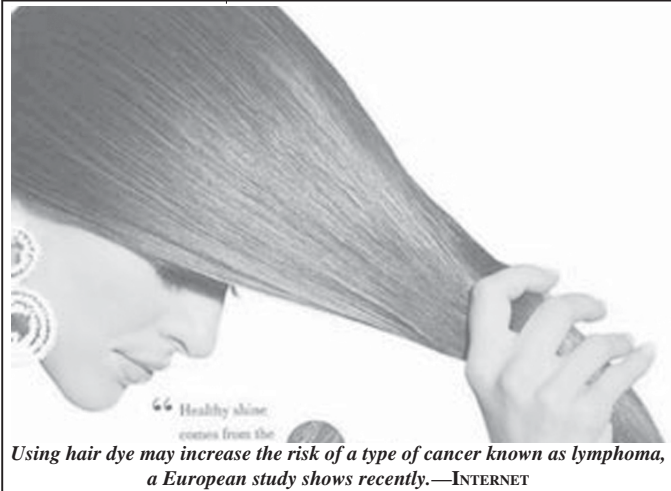
that their investments have legal protection that won't be taken away by a new government.

"We are interested and they are interested. But we need those conditions in place to take it to the next level," Shell Oil Co. President John Hofmeister told *The Associated Press*. "It's too soon to make a judgment on how close we are. I suspect

we could be a few years away.

"The government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is eager to get them in quickly. Even with the resources of major oil companies, it would take at least five years to dramatically boost production and refining. "Of course we want major foreign oil companies to come into Iraq. We need

funds and we need technology," said Assem Jihad, spokesman for the Oil Ministry, which has called for up to \$20 billion in investment. But big companies like Shell and ConocoPhillips won't budge until Iraq has a law governing oil-sector investment and figures out just who owns the country's underground oil. —Internet



Using hair dye may increase the risk of a type of cancer known as lymphoma, a European study shows recently. —INTERNET

## Spanish police arrest 42 for selling child pornography

MADRID, 6 July — Spain's Civil Guard said on Wednesday it had arrested 42 people and charged them with selling child pornography through the Internet.

Police raided 54 houses and seized several computers, which contained illegal minor pictures, as well as further investigated 120 others for possession of child pornography.

The detainees included businessmen, doctors, public officials and computer experts across 21 Spanish provinces, the civil guard said.

The operation was carried out in 40 Spanish provinces and the neighbouring state of Andorra. It began seven months ago, when a 17-year-old girl went to the police, saying that the nude photos of her taken when she was 13 were circulating online.

The police traced the real identity of users who logged in onto the images of the adolescent girl, whose identity they did not reveal. The operation remains open, as images of the girl have spread to 16 nations outside Spain. — MNA/Xinhua

## Report says jobless on rise in Asia-Pacific economies

JAKARTA, 6 July— Asia-Pacific has nearly doubled its share in global trade in the last 15 years, but many of its economies are creating far fewer jobs and experiencing higher unemployment, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) said Wednesday.

Job creation across the region has plummeted by nearly half, from more than 330 million in the booming 1980s to some 170 million by the start of the 21st century, UNDP said in its report released here.

"This worrisome trend of "jobless growth" has profound implications for human development in Asia-Pacific because employment represents the main channel for the effects of trade on the non-income aspects of poverty," it said.

Young women and men aged 15 to 24 bore the brunt of the rising unemployment, while youth made up one-fifth of Asia-Pacific's labour force in 2004, or nearly half of the region's total jobless population, it said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Singapore, Indonesia conduct bilateral air exercise

SINGAPORE, 6 July — Air Forces of Singapore and Indonesia are conducting a regular bilateral air exercise from 3 to 22 July, Singapore's Ministry of Defence said in a statement Wednesday.

The biennial exercise, code-named Exercise Elang Indopura, involves some 300 personnel and 17 aircraft from the two air forces this year.

The drill, the 14th in its series, consists of two phases, namely a Command Post Exercise at Paya Lebar Air Base in Singapore and an air manoeuvre Exercise at Iswahyudi Air Force Base in Indonesia's Eastern Java.

"Exercise Elang Indopura helps strengthen the ties between the two air forces and enhances their interoperability," the statement said. Personnel from the two air forces will also carry out a joint socio-civic programme to distribute food packages and offer medical and dental services to the people of Madiun, Indonesia, on 15 July. — MNA/Xinhua



Takeru Kobayashi of Japan poses for pictures after winning Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Competition in New York, on 4 July, 2006. —INTERNET

## Singapore, Brunei to strengthen environmental cooperation

SINGAPORE, 6 July—Senior officials from Singapore and Brunei agreed here Wednesday that the two countries will strengthen their cooperation in environmental protection and water management.

Potential cooperation areas include waste management and recycling, control and management of hazardous substances and toxic waste, control of movement of ozone-depleting substances, air quality monitoring, air pollution control, water resource management and water conservation.

These were discussed during a

meeting between Singapore's Minister for the Environment and Water Resources Yaacob Ibrahim and visiting Bruneian Minister of Development Pehin Dato Abdullah Bakar, according to a statement jointly issued by the two ministries Wednesday.

Under the framework of the Brunei-Singapore Joint Committee on the Environment and the Brunei-Singapore Working Group on the Environment, officials from the two ministries also met to identify areas and projects for bilateral collaboration.

MNA/Xinhua



A restoration expert works on a mural painting at the 10th century AD Boyana church, near the capital Sofia, on 6 July, 2006. This is the first time the church is opened to be photographed from the inside after years of restoration. —INTERNET

## Cuban officials charge US planning regime change

HAVANA, 6 July—Two senior Cuban officials charged on Wednesday that a report on the Communist nation delivered to the Bush Administration's National Security Council amounted to a blueprint for an Iraq-style regime change in the Caribbean.

"We are facing a real threat of aggression," National Assembly President Ricardo Alarcon said of the Commission for Assistance to a Free Cuba's report, flashing a draft he said had appeared briefly on the US State Department's web page, to a national television and radio audience.

The report, ordered by President George W Bush and delivered but not made public on Wednesday, focuses on insuring communism ends when President Fidel Castro, who turns 80 in August, can no longer govern the Caribbean island nation, according to draft seen by Reuters. The new report supports the earlier one and calls for building an international coalition to support a transition, increased organizational and financial support for dissidents and a further tightening of economic

sanctions, among other measures.

The first chapter, entitled "Hastening the End of the Castro Dictatorship: Transition not Succession," includes a separate "classified annex" of recommended actions. "You can't accomplish what they propose without

an invasion, without a war. ... This plan implies a US military invasion of Cuba, a direct US intervention," said Bruno Rodriguez, First Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The United States denies it has any military designs on Cuba. Western diplomats generally

discount a US military threat, pointing out the country is bogged down in the Middle East and the large number of Cubans living in the United States who would oppose a military venture because of family and friends on the Caribbean Island.

MNA/Reuters



A Siberian tiger yawns as another tiger looks on from their cage at the Hengdaohezi Siberian Tiger Zoo in Hailin, northeastern China's Heilongjiang, on 6 July, 2006. According to the zoo, which has a total of 256 tigers, it is the world's largest breeding centre for Siberian Tigers. —INTERNET



A member of Venezuelan reserve troops marches during a military parade to celebrate the 195th anniversary of Venezuelan Independence in Caracas on 5 July, 2006. —INTERNET

## Malaysia, Indonesia stage joint military exercises

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 July—Malaysia and Indonesia are staging their joint military exercises in West Kalimantan, Indonesia, involving 5,000 servicemen from sea, land and air forces of both countries, local newspapers reported Wednesday.

Malaysia has sent more than 1,100 soldiers, ten aircraft and two warships to participate in the six joint exercises between the two countries, which started last Saturday in Singkawang area in West Kalimantan. Indonesia has dispatched more than 3,800 soldiers, some armoured vehicles as well as seven warships and 20 aircraft, including nine C-130s, to join in the seven-day manoeuvres.

Malaysia and Indonesia have been holding their joint sea, land and air military exercises every five years since 1981 in a bid to strengthen their military cooperation on border and defence affairs.

Local newspapers said that the joint exercises this time were also aimed to show the international community that the two countries are able to handle affairs in the region with their own military forces, including the maritime security. —MNA/Xinhua

## Heavy rains, winds in eastern India leave 12 dead

NEW DELHI, 6 July—At least 12 people have died in Orissa in eastern India due to drowning and landslides triggered by heavy rains and high-speed winds lashing the state for the past three days, local officials said Tuesday.

The monsoon rains caused by a depression over the Bay of Bengal hit the state on Saturday. At least 13 people were reported missing after the boats they were travelling in were drowned, according to Indo-Asian News Service Tuesday.

JN Sahu, officer on special duty in the state revenue control room, said one person was drowned in Nayagarh District, 10 were killed in a landslide in the southern district of Gajapati and another rain-related death has been reported from Jagatsinghpur District. —MNA/Xinhua

## Truck rams tractor-trolley killing six in eastern Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 6 July—A tractor-trolley Wednesday was hit into a river by a truck near Midyali at Sheikhpura, 37 kilometres in the west of Lahore in Pakistan Punjab Province, killing six labourers and injuring 15 on board, local private Geo reported.

Police said that the tractor-trolley loaded with iron bars, other domestic goods and carrying labourers was hit from behind by a truck at Nala Dek channel near Midyali, which lost control, went crashing the bridge's periphery into the Nala Dek, killing six labourers and wounding 15. —MNA/Xinhua

## Seven killed, 31 injured as minibus collides with truck in India

NEW DELHI, 6 July—At least seven people were killed and 31 others injured when a minibus collided with a truck on the Jammu-Pathankot highway in the early hours of Wednesday.

The accident happened at Chaan Rorian on the highway, about 55 kilometres south of Jammu, the winter capital of India-controlled Kashmir, Indo-Asian News Service reported. —MNA/Xinhua

## At least two killed in suicide car bombing in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 July—A suicide car bomb went off near an Iraqi police patrol on Wednesday in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, killing at least two people and wounding four others, police said.

A suicide bomber blew up his explosive-packed car near a passing police patrol in the city, some 400 kilometres north of Baghdad, a police source said. He said a police officer and a civilian were killed in the attack. —MNA/Xinhua

## Pakistan's geographic location key for India, China, Iran

ISLAMABAD, 6 July —The geographical location of Pakistan made it an important link for trade among countries like India, China and Iran besides providing better access to members of regional groupings of SAARC, Shanghai Cooperation Organization and Economic Cooperation Organization, President Pervez Musharraf said.

"Iran, India, Afghanistan, China and Central Asian Republics cannot interact and access each other without Pakistan," Musharraf said at the inaugural ceremony of a dry port at Sust near the Chinese border in Pakistan-controlled Northern Areas.

Also, Pakistan's association with the SAARC, SCO and ECO regional blocks offered it a key role because of its geographic location.

"Such is Pakistan's geo-strategic strength — it would play a vital role in promoting trade between members of major

regional groupings including SAARC, ECO and SCO. Trade between the regional countries has to take place through Pakistan," he said.

The dry port which was established at the height of 10,000 feet on the Pakistan-China border with state-of-the-art facility, would provide Beijing with the shortest access to the Middle East and other world markets through Pakistani deep sea ports, including Gwadar in southwest Baluchistan.

"We are talking of Pakistan-China inter-connectivity in terms of energy and trade,

improvement in the Korakoram Highway, development of railway link and gas and oil pipeline linkages and even fibre optics connectivity along the KKH under one project which simultaneously will open up immense prospects of trade and economic growth," he said. — MNA/PTI



(L to R) Argentina's President Nestor Kirchner, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, Bolivian's President Evo Morales and Paraguayan's President Nicanor Duarte watch a military parade to celebrate the 195th anniversary of the Venezuelan Independence in Caracas on 5 July, 2006.—INTERNET



A girl cools off in a public fountain in downtown Bucharest on 6 July, 2006, as temperatures reached 35 degrees Celsius (95 degrees Fahrenheit) in Romania's capital.—INTERNET

## Monsoon rains kill 41 in India, flood Mumbai

KOLKATA(India), 6 July — Monsoon rains have killed 41 people across India over the past two days and continued to disrupt life in the financial hub of Mumbai on Wednesday, officials said.

At least nine people were swept away in flash floods in the eastern coastal state of Orissa overnight, taking the death toll in the state and neighbouring Jharkhand to 33. The heavy monsoon showers also damaged hundreds of hectares of rice paddy. Landslides and flooding killed eight people in the southern states of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

In Mumbai, thousands of people waded through knee-deep water to reach work on Wednesday as monsoon rains flooded homes for a third day and disrupted road and rail transport.

MNA/Xinhua

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## Vietnam posts higher vegetable, fruit export earnings

HANOI, 6 July— Vietnam reaped vegetable and fruit export revenues of 136 million US dollars in the first half of this year, posting a year-on-year rise of 14.5 per cent, a local trade agency said on Wednesday.

Most of the local products were exported to China, Russia and Japan, the Trade Information Centre under the Trade Ministry said, noting that Vietnam is expanding vegetable and fruit cultivation areas, encouraging relevant factories, traders and exporters to renovate technologies and pay more attention to such issues as quality and packaging.

Vietnam has targeted 550,000 hectares of vegetables, 750,000 hectares of orchards, and 10,000 hectares of flowers by 2010, which are expected to annually turn out 11 million tons of vegetables, 9 million tons of fruits and 3.5 billion of flower sprigs, according to the country's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Vietnam, which had over 1.2 million hectares of vegetables and orchards with total output of nearly 12.7 million tons by the end of 2005, earned 234 million dollars from shipping the products abroad in the year, posting a year-on-year increase of 30.8 per cent, according to the country's General Statistics Office.

MNA/Xinhua

## Survey says majority of Singaporeans lack retirement plan

SINGAPORE, 6 July — The majority of Singaporeans lack a formal financial plan for retirement, Channel NewsAsia report quoted a survey as saying Wednesday.

Though about half of the people polled expressed their worries about not having sufficient funds to lead a comfortable retirement life, only one-third of them have a structured

retirement plan.

The survey also found that instead of asking professional investment advisers for retirement advice, 68 per cent of the respondents would consult their friends and 57 per cent would turn to the Internet.

As most of the people surveyed just put their money in deposits to save for their retirement, experts suggest allocating

more to equity-type investments which will offer longer-term growth, the report said.

Commissioned by the Singapore branches of the American financial services company Citigroup and the investment management organization Franklin Templeton Investments, the survey involved 400 interviews.

MNA/Xinhua



Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus reacts, as actor Brad Garrett looks on, to receiving a nomination at the 58th annual Primetime Emmy award nominations announcement at the Leonard H Goldenson theatre in North Hollywood on 6 July, 2006. The Primetime Emmy awards will be given out in Los Angeles on 27 August.—INTERNET

## Chinese college students desire jobs in IT Internet businesses

BEIJING, 6 July— The favoured work-place destinations for Chinese college graduates are companies specializing IT, Internet, electronics, finance, consulting and petrochemicals, according to a recent survey.

A total of 30,537 college students responded to the survey, conducted by China HR.com, on "the best employers for Chinese college students in 2006".

The survey shows the popularity of Internet companies rising fast, with seven entering the list of "the 50 best employers for Chinese college students in 2006". Only one was on the list last year.

The survey also indicates domestic enterprises are winning college students' favour, while the popularity of foreign-funded enterprises dip.

There are 24 domestic enterprises on the 2006 list, compared with 19 last year. The number of listed foreign-funded enterprises fell from 31 to 26.

"The rising popularity of domestic enterprises shows the recruiting

system, working environment, welfare, remuneration and training opportunities in such enterprises have improved," said Zhang Jianguo, Chief Executive Officer of ChinaHR.com, a leading online employment agency.

It also shows competition in foreign-funded enterprises has become too fierce, said Zhang.

MNA/Xinhua

# Smooth transportation, regional stability lead Kayin State to economic development

## Myanmar Women's Day marked in Kayin State

YANGON, 7 July— Kayin State Women's Affairs Organization organized the celebration of the Myanmar Women's Day on 3 July at the Zwegabin Hall in Hpa-an.

Chairperson of Kayin State WAO Daw Tin Sein made a speech, saying that before 1988 there was no rice sufficiency in Kayin State. But now, the state produces 35.7 million baskets of paddy for 1.64 million people residing in the state. Rice sufficiency of the state is over 132 per cent.

In 1988, paddy was sown on only 380,000 acres of land but now 6.05 million acres of land were put under paddy.

As there was an increase in sown acreage, dams and reservoirs have to be built to irrigate these land. Before 1988, there was only 51 dams in the state but now the number of the irrigation facilities stood at 97 and thus benefited acres have increased up to over 50,000 acres. Moreover, six water pumping stations have benefited 7,800 acres of summer paddy. Thanks to regional stability, land which could not be put under



*Chairperson of Kayin State WAO Daw Tin Sein speaking at the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day. — MNA*

income of the state reaching over K 120,000 in 2005-2006 from K 40,000 in 2001.

To uplift the health standard of locals living in Kayin State, hospitals have been upgraded, new hospitals opened and health care services provided to the people. Similarly new schools have been opened to produce human resource with high caliber.

All-round development of Kayin State is due to efforts for regional stability. Over the span of 50 years, KNU members who have followed the armed struggle line since 1949 have not brought prosperity to the state.

hands with the government after exchanging arms for peace and taking part in regional development endeavours.

The warm welcome to the groups who exchanged arms for peace and endeavours made for regional development by the government was witnessed during the tour of Thabyenyunt village, Thandaung Township, Myainggyingyu region and Phayagon Peace village in Hpa-an Township by diplomats and journalists led by the Minister for Information.

Despite achievements in regional development tasks, those who want to grab power through short cut



*Chairperson of Kayin State WAO Daw Tin Sein presents prize to an outstanding woman.*

MNA

crops are now changed into arable land.

Hpa-an region is one of the 24 Special Development Regions and thus universities and colleges, basic education schools, hospitals and dispensaries have been opened and 180 feet and above and bridges have been built in the region.

After 1988, altogether 195 bridges large and small including five 180 feet and above major bridges were built in the state and thus locals and all national people are now enjoying the fruits of smooth transportation.

Smooth transportation and regional stability led the state to economic development with per capita



*Gyaing Bridge (Zathabyin) that links Kayin and Mon States across the Gyaing River.*

Therefore, five groups — DKBA led by U Tha Htoo Kyaw, a group led by Phado Aung San, a group led by U Saw Tha Mu He, a group led by U Ko Gyi and a group led by U Saw Phe Re Mo—split from the KNU have joined

are trying to hinder the development of the State. They try to use UN Security Council as they have no chance to stir up trouble in the affairs of the country as they wish.

They made accusations that there were ethnic cleansing; villages were destroyed and families displaced by force and refugees flocked to the other country; narcotic drugs and HIV/AIDS; government was not serious about matters of trafficking in persons; and limitations in religious and social affairs. They exaggerated these matters through media.

With the population of 1.6 million, Kayin State is home to such national races as Kachin, Kayin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine, Shan, and Pa-O and it is like a mini-union in the Union. Fifty-nine per cent of the residents are Kayin nationals and Mon and Bamar constitute 12 per cent. Kayin State WAO is formed in different levels right down to ward and village levels. Members of WAO are residing in various parts of the state and thus if there is a case of ethnic cleansing and forced displacement of villages, WAO members living there will surely know the incidents but there was no report on these matters. Therefore, these accusations are baseless and just a political trick.

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*Government Computer College in Hpa-an opened on 10.6.2006.*

# Yangon-Kyaukpyu Union Highway, a reality about which we have not dreamt

*San Kyaw Tha*

My happiness grew beyond expression on 17 April 2006—the day the Yangon-Kyaukpyu highway was put into commission. And since then, I had a wish to write an article about the highway.

I am a Rakhine and a native of Kyaukpyu. Despite having settled in Yangon I visit my native town once or twice a year. But the journey to Kyaukpyu was mainly by boat off the coast. The journey on the coastal waters took more time than travelling by road and heavy rains or storms were other setbacks. It was a journey I had to travel for certain reasons, but with much anxiety.

It was in 2000 that we began to hear the news on the construction of Yangon-Kyaukpyu highway. I knew that the terrain of Taungup and Maei, through which the highway passes, is formed with marshlands and tidal areas. Building of a road and bridges in the area seemed almost impossible then. Many people were doubtful about the highway project. As for me, I thought that it was beyond my dreams.

To the amazement of all, Yangon-Kyaukpyu highway did emerge. I didn't know how to express my happiness for the commissioning into service of the highway of which I never dreamt. Rakhines have to thank Senior General Than Shwe a lot for the highway. The Senior General's idea was beyond others' imagination, and he managed to materialize it. Thanks to his vision, plans and sincerity, the entire nation is witnessing development in all sectors as never before.

What I am writing about in this article comes from the bottom of my heart.

The highway is ready to serve not only the Rakhines, but also the entire nation at any time of the year and under any weather condition. Nowadays, my journey to Kyaukpyu is along the highway that has a lot of bridges spanning many natural watercourses on it.

How did the highway emerge? How was it

**Over 20 miles of the 40-mile Maei-Sane section of the highway were mangrove forests, marshes and swamps. Various methods were applied to harden the foundation of the ground. It was the most difficult part of the project where geotextile method was used. The method covered groundwork, bamboo laying and formation of a two feet thick layer of a mixture of earth and rocks to harden the ground layer by layer. The method prevents land and road subsidence.**



A map showing the route of Yangon-Kyaukpyu highway.

built? What difficulties were faced? Who were the builders? All were interesting questions for me. So I approached some of the persons who took part in building the highway to know the facts about the project. I also studied about the facility in the news report on its opening in the dailies.

The first highway that was launched in Rakhine State is the 535-mile long Yangon-An-Sittway highway. Not long after the opening of the facility, the construction of Yangon-Kyaukpyu highway began. The 20-mile long stretch of land between Kyaukpyu and Maei of the highway is a tidal area. But thanks to the geotextile technology the road could be built through the difficult terrain normally impossible for road and bridge construction.

The project started in 2000 with the survey to decide the axis for the Taungup-Maei section covered by phase I that was completed in 2005. Phase II covered the Maei-Kyaukpyu section.

Engineers of Public Works, Tatmadawmen and local people of Rakhine State had to make greater efforts for over four years to complete the 120-mile long Taungup-Kyaukpyu section of the highway. The work was tough for both the road builders and the bridge builders.

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# Yangon-Kyaukpuy Union Highway a project about which we have never heard before

*San Kyaw Tha*

(from page 8)

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As the section ran through the coastal area where only tidal creeks flowed, freshwater supply became another problem. The Myakun-taung Dam and ten ponds were built to store up to over 70 million gallons of fresh water that was also supplied to local people in addition to the project.

All the participants of the project that was implemented despite the many difficulties deserved honour. Before the advent of the highway, there were many people in Rakhine State who hadn't been to other regions of the nation because of the mountain



*Yangon-Kyaukpuy highway and Minkyaung bridge on it were put into service on the same day.*

range dividing Rakhine State from the rest of Myanmar.

There were people who could not visit the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon due to poor transport. But now, the highway has enabled local people of the state to visit any other place they wish to at any time. The facility has brought so much joy to the Rakhine people.

The goodwill of the government and the state leaders has created new economic opportunities for locals, promoted health,

education and social sectors and increased per capita income.

It is axiomatic that both the Yangon-Sittway and Yangon-Kyaukpuy highways cannot be built with average goodwill and effort. Never in our dreams had we seen cars running on the road linking Yangon and Kyaukpuy via Yanbye.

Thanks to the major roads An, Taungup and Gwa passes have become important gateways to Rakhine State. The Yangon-

Kyaukpuy highway helps create farmlands on both sides and economic opportunities in Yanbye and its surrounding areas.

The Taungup-Kyaukpuy section of the highway includes 13 major bridges that are longer than 180 feet. They are Kyaingshe, Tanhlwe, Lamu, Maei, Kyaukkyee Pauk, Sane Pauk, Londaw Pauk, Deedok, Thanthamagyi, Thanthamashe, Thazintan Pauk, Wanfight and Minkyaung bridges.

Senior General Than Shwe graced the opening of the Yangon-Kyaukpuy highway held in conjunction with the launching of Minkyaung bridge. Cars are now running on the facility which is a Union highway helping promote trade and unity and amity of the

national people.

The highway links Bago, Magway and Mandalay divisions through Taungup pass, and Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions from Gwa-Ngathaingchaung road. The highway is also connected with Nay Pyi Taw-Magway-Kyaukpuy road, Taungoo-Pyay-Kyaukpuy road, and Pathein-Kyaukpuy road. For over 300,000 people of 400 villages in Kyaukpuy and Yanbye townships on Yanbye Island, the highway serves as the main gateway.

Thanks to the 45-mile long Maei-An road, northern and southern Rakhine State can be linked through An-Maei-Taungup road and An-Maei-Kyaukpuy road. A coastal highway emerges in the state.

The nation now has 19,020 miles of roads, up 5,386 miles from 13,635 miles in 1988. In addition, the Tatmadaw government has built 216 over 180-foot long bridges including seven on Ayeyawady River, two on Chindwin River, five on Thanlwin River, and one on Sittoung River.

The facilities including the one like the Yangon-Kyaukpuy highway are the fruits of the unprecedented progress. Yangon-Kyaukpuy Union highway have emerged for the socio-economic development of all the nationalities including Rakhine people.

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# Magway Division enjoys fruits of govt efforts for regional development

## Magway Division WAO observes Myanmar Women's Day

YANGON, 7 July — Magway Division Women's Affairs Organization held Myanmar Women's Day ceremony on 3 July at the city hall in Magway.

In her opening address, Chairperson of Magway Division WAO Daw Mya Myint Thu criticized the accusations of US and exiled groups that Myanmar could not control the human trafficking and the spread of HIV/AIDS in the country.

It is regrettable that US and exiled groups made false accusations pushing the UN Security Council to take action against Myanmar.

She continued to say that as economic sanctions could raise the jobless rate

In 2005, ILO demanded that sanctions be imposed on Myanmar. As a result, 160 garment factories were closed down and 40 factories had to reduce the labour force. The closure left over 80,000 workers jobless including 70,000 women. Therefore, some women fell victim to human trafficking while struggling for their living.

ILO allowed terrorist groups to participate in its meetings and managed to place economic sanctions on Myanmar at its 95th meeting.

Hence, MWAF had to strongly object ILO's decisions to impose economic sanction which could lead to human trafficking, she said.

Magway Division has



Chairperson of Magway Division WAO Daw Mya Myint Thu speaking at the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day. — MNA

constructed in Magway Division to supply water to 421,521 acres of farmland. Thanks to the building of these facilities, Magway Division's rice sufficiency has stood at 94.61 per cent in 2005-06.

Having 429 per cent of edible oil sufficiency, the division has contributed its surplus oil to 42 per cent of the State's demand.

In the afforestation sector, 192,922 acres of forest plantation, 1,500 acres Thitseint plantation, 51,790 acres firewood plantation have been set up in the division apart from its 3,880 acres of forest reserve. In addition, Magway Division WAO also participated in the cultivation of physic nut plants on 236,858 acres joining hands with other social organizations.

Regarding the division's transportation sector, 12 bridges above 180 feet have been built in

the division and Magway Division is now enjoying the fruits of development.

ChaungU-Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay railroad has emerged, and from Kalay passengers can travel to Tamu at the border with India.

promising oil fields have been discovered and Ayadaw, Chauk, Lanywa, Yenangyoung, Mann, Yenanna, Htaukkshabin, Kanni, Patpe, Kyaukkwet, Letpando, Thagyitaung and Sabe oil fields are contributing much to the

Thanks to the efforts of the MWAF and other social organizations school enrollment rate of the division reached 70.98 per cent.

Myanmar now has sound economic foundations and on the



Chairperson of Magway Division WAO Daw Mya Myint Thu presents prize to an outstanding woman. — MNA

in the division which is now on the road to development, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation opposed any actions against Myanmar.

enjoyed the fruits of the government's efforts for the development of the region.

So far 50 dams and 51 river water pumping stations have been



Magway University of Medicine.

Magway, Kyaukhtu and Pakokku airports can now handle passenger jet flights and many more airfields have been built in the division. Industries in Magway region were relocated at Yenangyoung and Pakokku industrial zones to generate more job opportunities for the local people.

Cars and motorcycles assembled by the zones are in high demand. Mone Creek Multipurpose Dam is now generating 75 megawatts to supply power to homes and industries in the division.

Thirteen more

national economic development.

The government has built 14 universities, colleges and institutes including one Community Health Care University, two government computer colleges and two government technological colleges in the division, and over 57,000 are attending the classes at the institutions of higher learning.

Over 460,000 boys and girls are attending classes at the 72 high schools, 188 middle schools and 3,612 primary schools in the division.

right track to progress. Hence, the MWAF totally opposed outside economic sanctions that will create layoffs in the nation.

The Magway Division Organization for Women's Affairs is striving with firm conviction for all-round development of Myanmar women, she concluded.

At the ceremony, personnel of Magway Division WAO presented prizes to outstanding members in the respective fields.

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An aerial view of No-1 Fertilizer Plant (Sale) of the Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy in Chauk.

# Government implementing policy on anti-trafficking in persons as national duty

## Chin State WAO marks Myanmar Women's Day 2006

YANGON, 7 July — Chin State Women's Affairs Organization observed the Myanmar Women's Day at the City Hall in Haka, Chin State, on 3 July morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairperson of Chin State WAO Daw Rwai Ja said that tasks are being carried out for protecting the national races who live in Chin State and for preserving traditional cultures. In addition, the plans are being implemented for ensuring uplift of living standard of the local people and environmental conservation.

In the agriculture

being undertaken with the expertise of Chinese technicians.

Furthermore, Chin State has put 70,000 acres of land under physic nut plants in 2006 to produce bio-diesel extracted from physic nut seeds. Up to 2009, cultivated acres of physic nut plants will be extended to 500,000 acres. Therefore, women in Chin State will have the opportunities to work at the bio-diesel-run mills.

From 2004 to 2006, 8,663 viss of coffee seeds yielded from 1,175 acres of coffee plantation, and local women have been manufacturing coffee products at the cottage



Chairperson of Chin State WAO Daw Rwai Ja speaking at the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day. — MNA

multimedia facilities have been installed at 25 schools. In providing health care services to the local people, 71 doctors, eight traditional medicine practitioners, 22 health assistants, 21 health staff, 535 nurses and 10 midwives are discharging duties at two 100-bed hospitals, one 50-bed hospital and three rural health care centres. In addition, Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department had built 25 TV retransmission stations, 25 telephone stations and 16 rural dispensaries and 22 basic education schools where 153 teachers are nurturing 3,847 students.

The Government has spent K 57 million on tarmacking of 120-mile Kalay-Falam-Haka Road, and construction of the retaining walls and conduits in 2005-06. Therefore, local people

can use the road safely and smoothly even in rainy season. Likewise, the Government maintained 173-mile Haka-Matupi Road by spending K 55

K 218 million on the tasks of transport sector in Chin State.

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and

being undertaken in Chin State.

The Government is providing health care services to the people successfully in line with

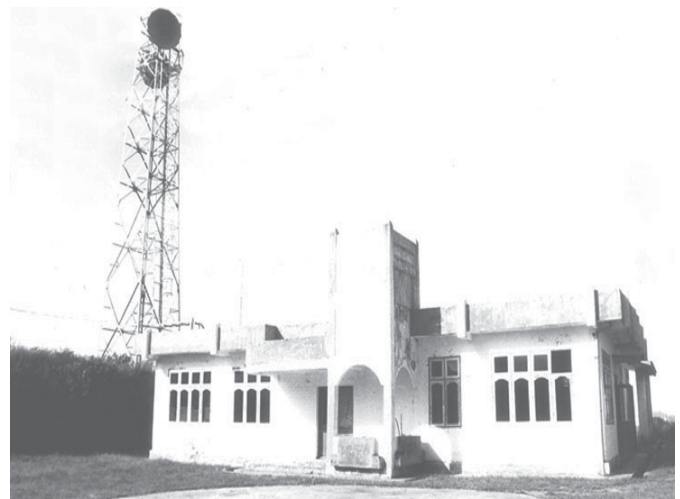


Chairperson of Chin State WAO Daw Rwai Ja presents prize to an outstanding woman. MNA

sector, 5,533 acres of tea plantations are thriving in Chin State to create job opportunities for local women. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, growing of mulberry plants and culture of silkworms are

industries. A total of 45,331 domesticated wild oxen are being bred in Chin State.

With regard to the education sector, 382 basic education schools were built after 1988. Among these schools,



Microwave Station in Falam, Chin State.

million and the 86-mile Haka-Gangaw Road, the 35-mile Haka-Thantlang Road, and the 43-mile Haka-Falam Road in Haka Township by spending K 52.5 million. Furthermore, the 102-mile Mindat-P a o k k u - P a u k - Kyaukhtu-Kanpetlet-Matupi Road is being maintained in Mindat District with the use of the Government budget. Similarly, the 22 miles long road section of the 45-mile Falam-Reed Lake Road was maintained, spending K 7.5 million. Afterwards, Manhsaung Bridge crossing Manipur River was put into service in 2005. Therefore, local people in Chin State have easy access to every region in the country through the roads at any time. Indeed, the Government has spent

Child Welfare Association gave educative talks and sponsored telecast of the dramas and plays on HIV/AIDS elimination tasks. Likewise, combating HIV/AIDS disease was

the health policies, by upholding the uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation — one of the 12 objectives of the State. Voice of anti-government (See page 15)



The 480 feet long and 10 feet and 9 inches wide Kattel suspension bridge across Manipur river is located in Tiddim Township, Chin State.

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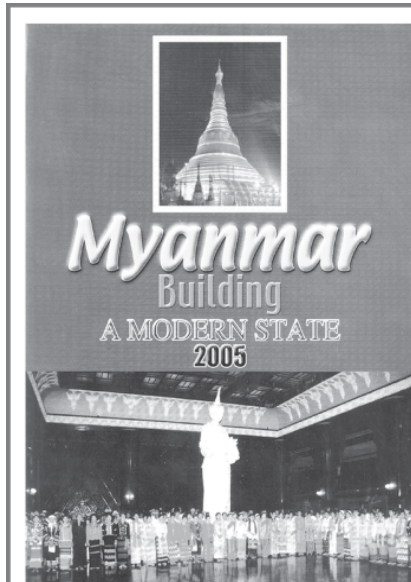
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## Defying US, Chavez shows off new Russian jets

CARACAS (Venezuela), 6 July—President Hugo Chavez marked Venezuela's Independence on Wednesday, showing off Russian fighter jets his government is planning to buy as well as attack helicopters and rifles it has already purchased after Washington blocked US arms sales to Caracas.

Two *Sukhoi SU-30MK* fighters sent from Russia roared overhead as troops,

tanks and vehicles filed past Chavez and his counterparts from Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay who were visiting for a summit of the Mercosur trade bloc.

Relations between Washington and Caracas are tense after the United States banned arms sales, citing Chavez's close ties to Iran and Cuba. US officials say the populist Chavez is destabilizing the

region, a charge he rejects as propaganda.

Chavez, a former Army officer, is seeking to buy 24 of the high-performance *Sukhoi* fighters to replace his government's *F-16* jets in a deal analysts estimate would cost nearly one billion US dollars. He has already bought *Kalashnikov* rifles and attack helicopters from Russia.

"The US Government has sabotaged us, failing to meet contracts and agreements, delaying or not sending parts for US-made aircraft," Chavez said. "See now how our Air Force is recovering operations, especially with these *Sukhoi*, the most powerful combat jets in the world."

Joining Chavez at the ceremony was Mikhail Kalashnikov, the Russian

who designed the original weapon to bear his name, the *AK-47*. Venezuela has purchased 100,000 new *AK-103* rifles to replace its military's aging *FAL* weapons.

Critics question why Venezuela would need an advanced jet like the *Sukhoi* and US officials, who opposed sales of Spanish and Brazilian arms to Caracas, have already said they will seek to dissuade Russia from the sale.

Chavez, who says he is battling US imperialism, travels to Moscow at the end of this month to sign a deal for the combat aircraft. He has curbed military cooperation with the United States and this year expelled a US naval attaché he charged was spying.— *MNA/Reuters*

## China's State Council orders Govt reports on misused billions

BEIJING, 6 July—China's State Council has ordered 48 government departments to explain the misuse of 5.51 billion yuan (689 million US dollars) of central government funds last year.

The State Council, China's Cabinet, would then report to the legislature by the end of the year on efforts to correct the budget problems according to a decision made at an executive meeting presided over by Premier Wen Jiabao in Beijing on Wednesday.

The State Council urged the departments to "conscientiously analyze their problems and immediately correct their wrongdoing to give the Chinese people a serious, responsible and satisfactory reply".

A release from the meeting said budgeting and budget implementation were "an important duty entrusted by the Constitution to the State Council" and all departments must rigidly enforce the central budget

approved by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, China's legislature.

A source at the meeting said the State Council stood by the annual audit report delivered by the National Audit Office in June on misused central funds last year and the rectification orders of the legislature.

State Councillors agreed the closure of loopholes in the budget management system was a high priority and required central government departments to improve budgeting transparency and to make their revenue forecasts more scientific and accurate.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Abductors of Iraqi lawmaker demand timetable for US withdrawal

BAGHDAD, 6 July—Militants who took an Iraqi female lawmaker hostage demanded a timetable for the withdrawal of US troops from Iraq, Iraqi Vice-President Tareq al-Hashimi said on Wednesday.

The kidnappers also demanded a guarantee of safety of Shiite mosques in return for the abducted lawmaker, Hashimi added.

In addition, the Vice-President said that Taiseer Najah al-Mashhadani, a female Sunni Arab lawmaker who was kidnapped last week, was still alive.

Hashimi, also a Sunni, said that the group which claimed holding Mashhadani had contacted his Iraqi Islamic Party and declared the demands, without revealing further details.

On 1 July, unidentified gunmen kidnapped Mashhadani along with seven of her bodyguards in a Shiite neighbourhood in northeastern Baghdad.

The incident prompted the Sunni Arab bloc in the Iraqi Parliament to boycott sessions until Mashhadani is released.— *MNA/Xinhua*

## Peru's Garcia denies alliance against Chavez

BOGOTA (Colombia), 6 July—Peruvian President-elect Alan Garcia denied on Wednesday he is seeking a regional strategic alliance against Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

Garcia, who will assume the presidency on 28 July, arrived in Bogota to meet for the first time Colombia's President Alvaro Uribe. Garcia has already visited Chile and Brazil and heads to Ecuador on Thursday.

Some analysts say Garcia is pushing for a regional bloc with Brazil, Chile and Colombia to balance Chavez' influence in the region with allies Cuba and Bolivia. "In no way I am planning an axis or group of countries to offset the interventionist influence of a country. I am convinced that only with our democracy Peru has been able to stop any pressure or intervention, and doesn't need to go beyond that," Garcia told reporters in Bogota.

Garcia did not comment directly about Chavez.

Chavez recently called Garcia "a lap dog" of Washington after a series of verbal exchanges during the presidential campaign in Peru. Chavez openly endorsed former Peruvian presidential candidate Ollanta Humala which ignited a diplomatic crisis that led the recall of their respective ambassadors.— *MNA/Reuters*

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### China approves first 30 national heritage sites

BEIJING, 6 July — The Chinese Government has approved the first batch of 30 national heritage sites, including 17 natural heritage and 13 natural and cultural heritage sites, the Ministry of Construction said Wednesday.

Among the 30 sites are Qinghai Lake in northwest China's Qinghai Province, Wutai Mountain known for its many ancient Buddhist temples in north China's Shanxi Province, and Jiuhuashan Mountain in east China's Anhui Province.

Chen Xiaoli, the ministry's chief planner, said the establishment of the national heritage system was an important

development in China's national heritage protection system.

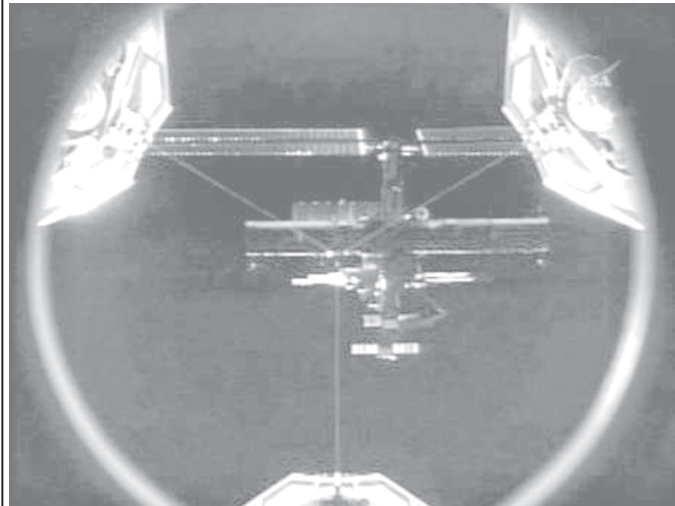
Sites on the national heritage list would have priority for candidacy for world heritage sites, she said. Candidates for national heritage sites would receive guidance and assistance from the ministry regarding the protection of resources, establishing an administration, and the

World Heritage Committee rules, to pave the way for their inclusion on the World Heritage List, she said.

China has 31 world heritage sites, second only to Spain and Italy.

Chen warned that all national heritage sites must strictly observe the rules for their management, or risk removal from the list.

MNA/Xinhua



The International Space Station is seen in the cross-hairs of the space shuttle Discovery's specialized mating adapter mechanism as the shuttle approaches the ISS for docking in this view from NASA TV on 6 July, 2006.—INTERNET



A bolt of lightning strikes Qianfo Mountain in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 5 July, 2006.—INTERNET

### Man convicted for biggest copyright theft in NZ

WELLINGTON, 7 July — A New Zealander pleaded guilty Wednesday to what is said to be New Zealand's biggest copyright theft.

John Houston pleaded guilty to 21 charges in a South Auckland District court. The prosecution came after a joint investigation by the local police, Internal Affairs and the Federation Against Copyright Theft.

The Federation's Director of Operations Tony Eaton said Houston was burning bootlegged copies of the latest movies to DVD and selling them at street markets all over Auckland.

Eaton said Houston's activities over

the past five years have been particularly hurtful for local film-makers.

Eaton said Houston's meticulous records show he earned up to 150,000 New Zealand dollars (93,000 US dollars) a year for the past five years.

In court on Wednesday the judge indicated copyright crime is being taken seriously and Houston is likely to face a prison sentence. The maximum penalty is a fine of 150,000 New Zealand dollars and five years in jail. — MNA/Xinhua

### Researchers discover why mosquitoes hate about humans

LONDON, 6 July — Researchers have identified smelly chemicals from the sweat of some lucky people that drive away mosquitoes.

British researchers identified the chemicals, but refused to divulge the names of the chemicals until they are patented, according to *New Scientist*

Tuesday on its website.

These helpful chemicals occur naturally in everybody's sweat but some people have a much higher ratio than others, James Logan at Rothamsted Research in Harpenden, who carried out the research in collaboration with researchers at the University of Aberdeen, was quoted

as saying.

Everybody produces a mixture of odorous chemicals in their sweat, some of which attract biting insects, such as lactic acid, but people who do not get bitten also produce smelly chemicals that appear to mask the scent of the attractive chemicals.

MNA/Xinhua

### Indian, S Korean Coast Guards test marine pollution control measures

NEW DELHI, 6 July — Indian and South Korean Coast Guards are testing out marine pollution control measures off the Chennai Port during their five-day joint exercises that ends Friday, according to *Indo-Asian News Service* Wednesday.

Coast Guard vessels of the two countries will examine the measures to be taken to protect marine flora and fauna in case of oil spillage from tankers, the report said.

Certain measures are being contemplated to avert spillages and these will figure in the joint exercises, an Indian Defence Ministry news release said.

The use of pollution

control equipment like booms will be demonstrated. Spillages can be encircled by a boom and contained into a localized area so that the oil can be extracted by the use of skimmers, the release said.

Any oil that remains can be dispersed off by using biodegradable processes.

Another type of boom is laid out at river mouths to prevent the pollutants they are carrying from being dumped into the sea, the release said.

Seven Indian Coast Guard vessels will

participate in the joint exercises with the Korean Coast Guard Ship *Teapyungyang No. 6* that has a compliment of 79 personnel and also embarks a helicopter. Superintendent Ju Mum-Seok commands the visiting vessel.

This is the second exercise being undertaken between the two countries, and is in continuation of their initiatives for strengthening regional co-operation in the field of maritime safety and security. —MNA/Xinhua

### India becomes 3rd largest investor in Britain

NEW DELHI, 6 July — Indian companies nearly doubled their investments in Britain during 2005-06 to emerge as the third largest overseas investor in that country.

According to Britain Inward Investment Report released Wednesday in Mumbai, Indian companies invested 1.02 billion pounds during the year.

"India is now the third largest investor in Britain with Indian foreign investment projects into Britain increasing by a staggering 110 per cent in 2005-06," *Indo-Asian News Service* quoted Mark Dolan, British trade and investment deputy director (inward investment) for India, as saying. — MNA/Xinhua



A 59-year-old American is believed to have become the oldest woman in the world to give birth to twins, it has been reported recently. Lauren Cohen, who turns 60 on 11 August, and husband Frank Garcia's babies, a boy and a girl, named Gregory and Giselle, were successfully delivered by Caesarean section on 22 May despite life-threatening complications, according to the *New York Post*. —INTERNET

# SPORTS

WORLD CUP FIXTURES	
<i>Sunday, 9 July 2006</i>	
<b>Germany v Portugal</b>	<b>01:30 MST</b>
<i>Monday, 10 July 2006</i>	
<b>Italy v France</b>	<b>00:30 MST</b>



*Kyeong Bae of South Korea tees off on the second hole during first round play of the LPGA Women's World Match Play Championships in Gladstone, New Jersey on 6 July, 2006.*

INTERNET

## Germany's Kahn in goal for third place match

BERLIN, 7 July— Germany's number two goalkeeper Oliver Kahn will play in the host nation's third-place match against Portugal on Saturday, *Bild* newspaper reported.

In an article on the paper's website, *Bild* said coach Juergen Klinsmann had opted for Kahn over favoured keeper Jens Lehmann who has played all Germany's other matches so far.

"I don't see this as just a gesture at all," Kahn told the newspaper. "I am looking forward to it. For me even third place in the World Cup has a value."

*Bild* said Klinsmann had informed Kahn, who at 37 is the oldest player in the German squad, of the decision on Thursday.

Earlier Lehmann said he would be prepared to sit out the third-place match in order to give Kahn a final taste of the World Cup.

The Arsenal goalkeeper has fought a long battle with Bayern Munich's Kahn to be named as first choice for the finals.

MNA/Reuters



*Russia's Maria Sharapova waves to the crowd after being defeated in her semi-final match against France's Amelie Mauresmo at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London on 6 July, 2006.—INTERNET*

## Big Phil salutes Portugal's achievement

MUNICH, 7 July— Portugal coach Luiz Felipe Scolari paid an emotional tribute to his team on Thursday, saying he was proud of his players despite a 1-0 loss to France in Wednesday's semifinal.

"Thirty-two teams started the World Cup and four got to the semifinals. To be among the four is an achievement for us, it's historic," he told reporters.

"We want to thank everyone in Portugal for all the displays of affection towards our players and to tell them our players did their best from the start."

"I want the world to know that we're proud of our players," added the man known as Big Phil, who led his native Brazil to their fifth world title in 2002.

"We're not going to drop our heads or feel bad because of yesterday's defeat," he added, after leading Portugal to the last four for

the first time since 1966.

"We lost to an outstanding team, we want to thank immensely everyone who supported us yesterday, not just in Portugal but in other parts of the world."

Scolari avoided any criticism of Uruguayan referee Jorge Larrionda, who gave France a controversial penalty from which Zinedine Zidane scored the only goal of the game.

"We will play a third place match with Germany, although we would rather be playing for first and second place against Germany," he said. "For us, third place would be marvellous."

MNA/Reuters

## Zidane short-listed for Golden Ball award

BERLIN, 7 July— France playmaker Zinedine Zidane, who will end his glorious career in the World Cup final against Italy on Sunday, has been short-listed for the prestigious FIFA Golden Ball award.

The winner of the prize, which is given to the most valuable player in the 32-team tournament, will be announced on Monday. The nominations were dominated by Italy and France with hosts Germany earning two spots and Portugal one.

Four Italians were nominated by FIFA's Technical Study Group — keeper Gianluigi Buffon, central defender Fabio Cannavaro, midfielder Andrea Pirlo and fullback Gianluca Zambrotta.

France, who face Italy at the Olympiastadion, had three players short-listed — Zinedine Zidane, striker Thierry Henry and midfielder Patrick Vieira.

Germany's playmaker Michael Ballack and striker Miroslav Klose were also selected along with midfielder Maniche of Portugal, who play the hosts in Saturday's third-place match.

"It's going to be difficult to pick a winner this time," Franz Beckenbauer, Germany's organizing committee president, said after the nominations were announced.

"The one thing that can be said is this is the first time there are not any new names. I'd say one of the older players... will take it—I liked Henry and Zidane and Figo, even though he isn't on the list."

The winner will be picked by FIFA accredited journalists and announced the day after the final at the end of the month-long tournament that began with 32

teams on 9 June. In 2002, Germany goalkeeper Oliver Kahn won the Golden Ball, an honour presented six times since 1982.

Italy's Paolo Rossi won the first award before it went to Argentina's Diego Maradona (1986), Italy's Salvatore Schillaci (1990) and Brazilians Romario (1994) and Ronaldo (1998).

The nominations for this year's award are: Fabio Cannavaro (Italy), Maniche (Portugal), Michael Ballack (Germany), Andrea Pirlo (Italy), Gianluca Zambrotta (Italy), Thierry Henry (France), Gianluigi Buffon (Italy), Patrick Vieira (France), Miroslav Klose (Germany), Zinedine Zidane (France).—MNA/Reuters



*France's Zinedine Zidane shoots from the penalty spot to score past Portugal's Ricardo Pereira (L) during their World Cup 2006 semi-final soccer match in Munich on 5 July, 2006.—INTERNET*

## Cristiano Ronaldo on Young Player Award shortlist

BERLIN, 7 July— Six players including Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo were shortlisted on Thursday for FIFA's inaugural Gillette Best Young Player Award at the World Cup.

Ronaldo received a barrage of media and fan criticism for his part in the sending-off of England's Wayne Rooney in Portugal's penalty shootout quarterfinal victory. He complained to the referee vociferously about a foul by his Manchester United teammate before Rooney's red card in the hot tempered match in Gelsenkirchen on Saturday.

Two of the criteria for the prize are fair play and role-model behaviour as well as skilful and exciting play. The other candidates for the award which will be announced in Berlin on Friday are Ecuador's Luis Valencia, Lionel Messi of Argentina, German Lukas Podolski, Tranquilo Barnetta of Switzerland and Spain's Cesc Fabregas.—MNA/Reuters



*France's Amelie Mauresmo celebrates winning her semi-final match against Russia's Maria Sharapova at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London on 6 July, 2006.—INTERNET*

## Capello aims to rediscover Real's lost spirit

MADRID, 7 July— New coach Fabio Capello said he wanted to restore a lost spirit to Real Madrid after signing a three-year contract on Thursday.

"I'm really looking for-

ward to working with this club," the 60-year-old Italian told reporters. "I'm convinced this is the most important club in the world."

"We have to win trophies and to do that we have to work hard, be humble and rediscover the spirit of Real Madrid. I think we have lost that spirit in recent years."

Club president Ramon Calderon said the nine-times European champions had signed the former Juventus coach because of the way he revived Real during his first spell a decade ago.

"Contracting Fabio Capello was an obsession of mine because he is a born winner," said Calderon.

"The 1996-97 season when he took over a team in crisis is fixed in my memory. He took over a team that came sixth in

the league and led it to the championship.

"He also laid the foundations for the team that won the European Cup in 1998."

Calderon said he would not involve himself in Capello's work with the players.

"Capello and (sporting director Predrag) Mijatovic will work together without any interference from me or the rest of the board," he said.

"He is here to restore the self-esteem of the players, to instil order and discipline and give them necessary affection too. It is a difficult task but he is a master of this art."

Capello said one of his first tasks would be to demand more commitment from a squad of players that includes high-profile figures such as Ronaldo, David Beckham, Robinho and Raul.—MNA/Reuters



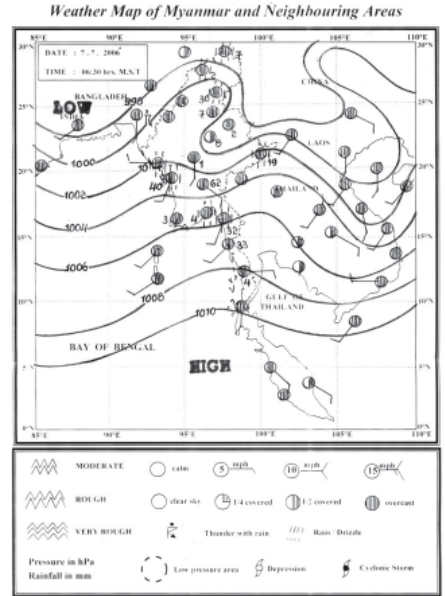
**Camp Commandant Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein views**  
*Tatmadawmen taking part in the contest of military code of conduct. — MNA*

### Contest of Military Code of Conduct held

**NAY PYI TAW, 7 July**— A contest of military code of conduct for the first four monthly of 2006 took place at Kyansittha hall of the Ministry of Defence in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Camp Commandant Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein of Camp Commandant's Office of Ministry of Defence and officials encouraged the participants.

A total of 175 participants including 32 officers took part in the contest. — MNA



### WEATHER

**Friday, 7 July, 2006**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Bago Division, Rakhine and Kayin States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Ann (6.10) inches. Hpa-an (4.06) inches, Shwegyin (3.66) inches, Taungoo (2.60) inches, Gwa (2.13) inches, Bago (2.08) inches, Maungtau (1.85) inches and Dawei (1.73) inches.

Maximum temperature on 6-7-2006 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 7-7-2006 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 7-7-2006 was (94%). Total sunshine hours on 6-7-2006 was (Nil).

Rainfalls on 7-7-2006 were (0.16) inch at Mingaladon, (0.16) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.16) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (36.58) inches at Mingaladon, (46.38) inches at Kaba-Aye and (48.15) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from West at (9:30) hours MST on 7-7-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 8-7-2006:** Rain will be isolated in Chin and Kayah States scattered in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Mon and Kayin States. 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:** Decrease of rain in Northern Rakhine and Chin States.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 8-7-2006:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 8-7-2006:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 8-7-2006:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Weather outlook for second weekend of July 2006:** During the coming weekend, rain will be widespread in Yangon Division and isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.

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### Smooth transportation...

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Although the 17 national race armed groups have been participating in regional development undertaking hand in hand with the government, there exist a handful of insurgency in the country. Taking refuge in remote border areas, they dance to the tune of big nations. They try to jeopardize the country and the worst is that sending terrorists into the country to cause internal instability. It is known to all that innocent students were killed in the explosion that occurred at Monkey King sports gear shop in Hpa-an committed by KNU insurgents. The Tatmadaw had to take action against a handful of KNU for regional stability but the insurgents invented stories such as the government's ethnic cleansing and replacement of villages by force.

Buddhists constitute 84 per cent, Christians 9 per cent and Islam 5 per cent out of 1.6 million nationals living in Kayin State. There are over 1200 Buddhist monasteries, 340 churches and 60 mosques.

Everybody can freely practise his or her faith and thus accusations that there are limitations in conducting religious and social affairs are totally wrong.

In Kayin State, educative talks on trafficking in persons were given to 45,731 people. Moreover, 16,103 persons were prevented from working illegally in the other country and of them 23 persons were handed over

to their families systematically. Actions were taken against 127 persons in 82 cases of trafficking in persons.

Accommodation camp for trafficked persons was opened in Myawady on 18 February 2002 and in with the cooperation of UNIAP, Safe the Children (UK) and World Vision, measures are being taken to accept trafficked persons, hand them over to the respective families and conduct rehabilitation work.

MWAF, in cooperation with Social Welfare Department, accepted Myanmar women who had been in Kredtrakam Women Centre in Bangkok starting from 22 June, 2005. Altogether 20 women were accepted three times.

The entire people including the mass of women are concerned that some big nations who want to install a puppet government are imposing sanctions on the nation, supporting anti-government groups who are committing terrorist acts and inventing fabricated news.

The total number of those persons who commit such misdeeds will not be even a third of Kayin State WAO members. In conclusion, she, on behalf of the women mass of Kayin State, urged the UN to correctly stand in this matter after thoroughly assessing the objective condition. Afterwards, the chairperson and members of WAO presented prizes to 23 outstanding women and a man in Kayin State. — MNA

### Government implementing policy...

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organizations on matters related to prevention against infectious diseases including HIV/AIDS in Myanmar were only one-sided accusations.

Nowadays, it is difficult to collect victims of human trafficking in the world. However, it can be studied that more than 27 million victims fell into human trafficking cases. Furthermore, from one to two million persons were victimized in human trafficking cases throughout the world yearly, especially in Mekong Valley Region. Among the victims, the largest number of women and children were included in the cases. In Asia, UNODC reported that human trafficking cases occurred in China, Thailand, Bangladesh,

Cambodia, India, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines and Vietnam, and a large number of victims were sent to the United States, the UK and Japan.

Myanmar initially paid attention to the problem of trafficking in persons around 1995. The preventive measures of trafficking women and children was one of the future tasks included in the Beijing Declaration from the World Women's Conference held in 1995. For carrying out uplift of the living standard of the women and security of their lives, the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs was formed in 1996, and the committee is making efforts to carry out tasks of anti-trafficking in persons.

With the concept that the commitments of trafficking in persons undermine the adorable traditional culture and national prestige of the State, the Government had laid down and is implementing the policy on anti-trafficking in persons as the national duty.

In October 2004, Myanmar hosted the Co-ordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking (COMMIT-2004) where ministers of six countries from Greater Mekong Sub-Region attended, and they signed the MoU on Cooperation in Combating Human Trafficking in Mekong Region. Since 1992, Myanmar has been cooperating with NGOs, UN agencies and INGOs to fight against human trafficking. The Work Committee for Anti-

trafficking in Persons chaired by the Deputy Minister for Home Affairs was constituted under the MNCWA in 1997. From 2003 to 2005, educative talks were given to 788,396 persons at the border areas, and 19,535 persons were handed over to their parents systematically. From 2002 to 2005, action was taken against 1,365 persons in 677 cases of trafficking in persons. A total of 3,473 victims were rescued in these cases. At present, MWAF is joining hands with UNIAP, SCUK, World Vision and other NGOs to implement its aims and objectives.

Next, the chairperson and members of Chin State WAO presented prizes to winners in the essay contest to mark the Myanmar Women's Day 2006 and outstanding students and athletes. — MNA

# 848 members of Shan State Army-South (Ywet Sit)...

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Officials led by Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thuang Aye warmly welcomed them. The commander allocated a region for them to live, earn their living and carry out regional development undertakings. Moreover, he made arrangements to provide food, clothing and shelter for their convenience.

The entire national people including all the national races in southern, northern and eastern Shan State and the Tatmadaw, who wish to see peaceful progress of the nation, have warmly welcomed the SSA-S members with great pleasure as they returned to the legal fold in a large group with correct outlook and realization. — MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Thuang Aye of Eastern Command presents cash assistance to deputy chief of staff and Brigade 758 commander Mein Sin. — MNA

**The entire national people including all the national races in southern, northern and eastern Shan State and the Tatmadaw, who wish to see peaceful progress of the nation, have warmly welcomed the SSA-S members with great pleasure.**



Some of 848 members of SSA-S led by deputy chief of staff and Brigade 758 commander Mein Sin seen with arms. — MNA



Some of 848 members of SSA-S (Ywet Sit Group). — MNA



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