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True patriotism

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

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Mongolian President

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July— On the occasion of the anniversary of the National Day of Mongolia, which falls on 11 July 2006, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Nambaryn Enkhbayar, President of Mongolia. — MNA

Commander, ministers offer robes to members of the Sangha

YANGON, 10 July— Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council sponsored the Waso robes offering ceremony at the Shwesikhon Pagoda in Monywa yesterday morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and wife Daw Wai Wai Khine, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, departmental officials, businessmen, members of social and religious associations and others. The ceremony was opened with

the recitation of Namo Tassa three times. The congregation received the Nine Precepts from State Ovadacariya Mahajotikarama Kyaungtaik Presiding Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maharathaguru Bhaddanta Kavinda. Next, members of the Sangha recited parittas. The commander supplicated on religious affairs.

After that, the commander and wife, ministers and officials presented Waso robes and offertories to members of the Sangha.

Later, the commander and wife presented robes to nuns.

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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



The congregation including Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and wife Daw Wai Wai Khine, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint receive the Nine Precepts from Sayadaw Bhandanta Kavinda.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Work in concert for peace and development of Myanmar society

In the Union of Myanmar today, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are working hard in concert for peace and stability paving the way for modernization and development. Realizing the genuine goodwill and the national development endeavours of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw, 848 members of Shan State Army (South) of Ywet Sit group headed by U Mein Sin with the rank of deputy chief of staff returned to the legal fold at the Eastern Command on 6 July, 2006. It was an auspicious news.

The SSA-S members brought with them 24 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. As they truly realized the developments of the nation, they returned to the legal fold. Therefore, the national peoples in Shan State (South), Shan State (North) and Shan State (East) and the Tatmadaw warmly welcomed them as their brethren.

Responsible personnel of the Tatmadaw warmly welcomed U Mein Sin and members, allocated an area for them to live, earn their living and carry out regional development undertakings. The entire national people feel delighted at the thought of visualizing a developing area.

The present government has been building the national solidarity as one of the political objectives. As a result, 17 national race armed groups and other small groups have returned to the legal fold and have been working together with the government for peace and development.

As the national brethren headed by U Mein Sin are going to take an active and enthusiastic part in the peace and development process, which was unprecedented in the past, we believe that peace and stability will prevail all over the nation soon with oneness and unity in Myanmar Society. This augurs well for the entire national people.

“သတိပေး နှိုးဆော်ချက်”

- (က) မိုးရွာစဉ် ယာဉ်မောင်းလျှင် အောက်ပါအချက်အလက်များ သတိပြုပါ။
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 - (၆) ဘရိတ်ကို ရုတ်တရက် မနှိပ်ပါနှင့်။
 - (၇) ကုန်တင်ယာဉ်များ ဟန်ချက်ညီမျှရန် ဝရပြုပါ။
 - (၈) ရေသုတ်တံပါရှိရမည်။ ကောင်းမွန်ရမည်။
 - (၉) မိုးသည်းထန်စွာ ရွာသွန်း၍ မြင်ကွင်းမကောင်းလျှင် ရေမီးကြီးကို ဖွင့်မောင်းပါ။
- (ခ) မြေသလိယာဉ်၊ အုတ်၊ သဲ၊ ကျောက် သယ်ယာဉ်များ ပိတ်စင်မရှိစေရန် လုံခြုံစွာ တင်ဆောင်ပါ။
- (ဂ) အထက်ပါစည်းကမ်းချက်များအားမလိုက်နာ၍ ယာဉ်တိုက်မှု၊ ယာဉ်တိမ်းမှောက်မှုများ ဖြစ်ပွားပါကတိုင်ရောက်စွာ အရေးယူခြင်းခံရမည်။

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Oppose those Relying on External Elements

- * 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

Desks donated to schools in Taninthayi Division

YANGON, 9 July — Wellwishers donated 500 four-seater school desks worth K 7.5 million for the schools in Taninthayi Division yesterday afternoon. The school desk donation ceremony, organized by Taninthayi Division Union Solidarity and Development Association took place at No 1 Basic Education High School in Myeik and attended by Patron of the association Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, USDA CEC member Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein. Next, the

commander and the minister handed over the desks to district education officers concerned.

The commander and the minister also attended a ceremony to submit USDA membership applications of faculty members and students of Myeik University held at the university and made speeches. Rector U Thein Aung presented 663 applications to Division USDA Secretary U Kyaw Kyaw Htay. Later, the commander and the minister proceeded to the office of Taninthayi Division USDA where they met with fishery and livestock breeding entrepreneurs at the office of the Head of Taninthayi Division Fisheries Department. — MNA

Hotels under close supervision in Bago, Toungoo



Hotels and Tourism Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing meets hoteliers and staff of Shwe Wah Tun Hotel. — H&T

YANGON, 9 July — Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing together with Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and officials on 7 July met with hoteliers and travels agents of Taungoo at Amazing Kaytu Hotel in Toungoo.

The deputy minister and managing director of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services explained measures on improving hotels and tourism

services. The minister gave necessary instructions to officials.

The minister and party also inspected Kaytumati Restaurant and Shwe Wah Tun Hotel in Bago, where they met with agents and staff of Bago. The minister heard the reports presented by the responsible persons and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

Myanmar, India pharmaceutical merchants hold talks on trade promotion

YANGON, 10 July — Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association met with Indian Entrepreneurs of Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council at the meeting hall of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry this morning and they held talks on trade promotion of Myanmar and India.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association Dr Maung Maung Lay, Vice-Chairman U Nyunt

Tin, Secretary Dr Saw Hla Tun, Joint-Secretary Dr Thin Nwe Win, execu-

tives and 11-member delegation led by Executive Director Raghuvveer Kiri

of Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council. — MNA



Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association and Indian Entrepreneurs of Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council hold discussions. —MNA

Indonesia, Russia to sign agreement on satellite launching

JAKARTA, 9 July — Indonesia and Russia in August this year would sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on satellite launching cooperation, National Aviation and Aeronautics Institute (Lapan) spokesman Wisnu Marsis said Friday.

The launching pad will locate in Biak Numfor in Indonesia's easternmost province of Papua.

Wisnu said in Biak Numfor the MoU draft was in its finalizing process.

"Therefore, the team from Lapan in Jakarta comes here to inspect the Biak Numfor District administration's

preparation in supporting the satellite launching programme in 2009-2010," Wisnu was quoted by the national *Antara* news agency as saying.

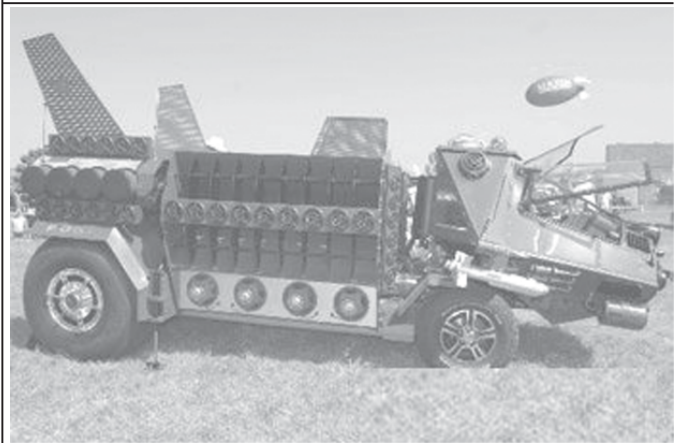
He added that a well and thorough preparation was needed to make the satellite launching project a success.

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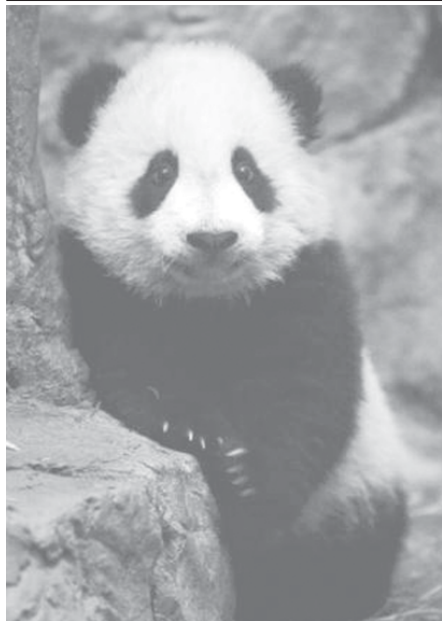
porting facilities such as road to Frans Kaisepo Airport here, the availability of airplane fuel and the logistic supply for the workers should be improved.

"After the MoU is signed by the Indonesian and Russian governments, the next programme is the implementation of its supporting physical development," Wisnu said. —MNA/Xinhua

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A car is displayed during the Autoexotica Car Show in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 8 July, 2006.—INTERNET



Panda cub Tai Shan sits against a rock wall as he claws his way around his exhibit at the National Zoo in Washington in this 29 November, 2005 file photo. Tai Shan turned one year old on 9 July, 2006. —INTERNET

Congress ally warned Bush on spy programmes

NEW YORK, 9 July — A key Congressional ally of US President George W Bush sent a sharply worded letter to the President in May warning that the administration might have broken the law by failing to inform Congress of some secret intelligence programmes, *The New York Times* reported in Sunday editions.

Peter Hoekstra, the Republican chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, was clearly referring to programmes that have not been publicly revealed, the *Times* said.

Hoekstra was among those who were briefed on, and supported, the National Security Agency's controversial domestic surveillance programme and the Treasury Department's tracking of international banking transactions,

The Times said.

"I have learned of some alleged intelligence community activities about which our committee has not been briefed," Hoekstra wrote.

"If these allegations are true, they may represent a breach of responsibility by the Administration, a violation of the law, and, just as importantly, a direct affront to me and the members of this committee who have so ardently supported efforts to collect information on our enemies," *The Times* quoted the letter as saying.

The Times noted that since his appointment as committee chairman in 2004, Hoekstra has been a major White House ally on intelligence matters,

supporting controversial policies including the treatment of terrorist suspects.

The domestic spying programme, which Bush ordered soon after the 11 September attacks, allows the National Security Agency to monitor the international phone calls

and e-mails of US citizens without first obtaining warrants if in pursuit of al-Qaeda suspects. The programme has stirred an outcry among civil-rights groups and lawmakers who believe Bush overstepped his constitutional authority.

MNA/Reuters

Psychiatrist becomes Britain's oldest mother at 62

LONDON, 9 July — A 62-year-old child psychiatrist has become Britain's oldest mother after undergoing fertility treatment abroad, a newspaper reported on Saturday.

The Daily Mail said that Patti Farrant, a mother to three grown-up children from a previous marriage, gave birth to a boy by Caesarean on Wednesday.

It said the baby, who weighed in at 6 pounds 10-1/2 ounces (about 3 kilos), was born at the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton, southern England, although hospital officials could not immediately confirm the news.

Farrant, known professionally as Patricia Rashbrook, becomes

Britain's oldest mother and one of the oldest in the world.

"He is adorable and seeing him for the first

time was beyond words," Farrant said in an interview with the *Daily Mail*.

MNA/Reuters



Elvira Maria (C) from Paraguay waves after winning the Best National Costume award during a contest of the 2006 Miss Tourism Queen International in Pinghu, Zhejiang, on 6 July, 2006. —INTERNET

US military death toll rises to 2,545

WASHINGTON, 9 July — As of Saturday, 8 July, 2006, at least 2,545 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 2,009 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

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

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

Helicopter crashes into sea off Tenerife, four dead

MADRID, 9 July — Four people died and two were missing on Saturday after a firefighting helicopter crashed into the sea off Tenerife, one of the Spanish Canary Islands off the coast of Morocco, the emergency services said.

Rescue services were combing the zone for the missing people, using helicopters and lifeboats, a spokeswoman for the emergency centre in Tenerife said. She could not say what the helicopter was doing in the area. No major fire has been reported on the islands. — MNA/Reuters



Mongolians perform a traditional ritual during the opening ceremony of the annual Naadam festival in the town of Arvaikheer, some 400 km (250 miles) west of Ulan Bator, on 9 July, 2006. —INTERNET

Singaporean gun dealer jailed for nine months

SINGAPORE, 9 July — A 30-year-old Singaporean who had conspired to move 20,000 AKMS assault rifles from Bulgaria to Syria was sentenced to nine months in prison, Channel NewsAsia reported on Friday.

This is the first case here in which one is prosecuted and convicted for brokering strategic goods like arms and explosives, the report said. Investigations showed that the guns involved are worth 3.4 million US dollars and were meant for a shady party in Syria. They were not actually traded.

The offender named Colin Mak had no permit to deal in arms and hid the transaction with false documents, the report said, adding Singapore Customs officers caught him on a tip-off.

Singapore's Strategic Goods Control Act

stipulates that anyone who is found guilty of dealing in arms without a licence could be fined up to 100,000 Singapore dollars (about 63,000 US dollars) or three times the value of the goods, or jailed for up to two years or both.

MNA/Xinhua

NATO-led peacekeeper killed in Afghan blast

KABUL, 10 July — A roadside bomb hit a patrol of NATO-led peacekeepers in western Afghanistan, killing one and wounding four, the NATO force said.

The blast hit the patrol in Farah Province on Saturday evening, the force, known as the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), said in a statement.

"Five ISAF troops were injured; one of the soldiers subsequently died," the force said. It did not give their nationality.

MNA/Reuters

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Cambodia approves draft law on anti-terrorism

PHNOM PENH, 9 July — Cambodian Cabinet on Friday approved a draft law on anti-terrorism to join international efforts in fighting against terrorism.

The draft law "is aimed at protecting the interest of the country, and to join international cooperation in the fight against terrorism so as to prevent the terrorists from hiding in any country," said a statement issued by the Cabinet.

In addition, the adoption of the draft law clearly shows that "Cambodia will not allow the existence of any

violence, particularly, the violence against civilians — a move which is commonly believed to harbour political, religious and ideological intentions," it added.

The law was drafted based on 13 conventions and international protocols of the United

Nations as well as on the resolutions of the UN Security Council concerning terrorism, and with cooperation of Australian legal experts and support of the British Government, according to the statement. It has 13 chapters and 111 articles.

MNA/Xinhua



A girl races in a high-heel sprint sponsored by a fashion magazine in Moscow's Red Square on 8 July, 2006. —INTERNET

Russian passenger plane crashes, 150 killed

Moscow, 9 July — A Russian plane with 200 people on board crashed on landing in Siberia early on Sunday and *Interfax* news agency quoted local security services as saying more than 150 people had been killed.

The *Airbus A-310* passenger plane on a night flight from Moscow to Irkutsk was carrying 192 passengers and eight crew members when it crashed at 0250 Moscow Time (2250 GMT Saturday) on landing.

RIA news agency said

during its final approach after the flight of about 5,000 kilometres (3,125 miles), the plane overran the runway, crashed into a building and caught fire.

"As a result of the air crash, 43 people were taken to hospital with

burns. The rest have died, according to our preliminary information," *Interfax* quoted a source at the prosecutor's office in Irkutsk as saying.

Those killed included the eight-member crew, *Interfax* said.

MNA/Reuters



Fishing boats fill up the Shenjiamen Port to shelter from strong wind in Zhoushan, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 9 July, 2006. Typhoon Ewinar was to the southeast of Zhejiang. Local government released alarm and urged boats out at sea to return to harbours. —INTERNET

Five coalition soldiers wounded in clash in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 July — Five coalition soldiers were injured in an attack by anti-government militants in the southern Zabul Province of Afghanistan, a spokesman of coalition forces in Kandahar said Saturday.

"The incident took place in Taziabad area of Zabul Province at around 9:00 pm on Friday, when

the enemies attacked the soldiers with machine-guns, hand grenades and rocket-propelled grenades," Captain Julie Robert told *Xinhua*.

One insurgent was killed during the fire exchange, he added, but declining to give more details.

A coalition soldier was also killed on

Thursday in Baghran District of the neighbouring Helmand Province. Taliban-linked guerilla has claimed more than 1000 lives, including militants, Afghan and US troops as well as pro-government social figures and aid workers, since the beginning of 2006.

MNA/Xinhua



Relatives of an Airbus A-310 crash victim, react at Moscow's Domodedovo airport, from where the plane took off Sunday, 9 July, 2006. —INTERNET

Low-emission cars popular in China in first half year

BEIJING, 9 July—Economy cars with low emissions remain popular in China's auto market in the first half year of 2006, accounting for half of the top ten best selling vehicles.

Statistics from the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers show that of the top ten brands, five of them were cars with emission below 1.6 litres.

Xiali, manufactured by the Tianjin FAW and popular for its low energy-consumption, kept its top position on the list of top selling low-emission cars with 93,800 vehicles sold in the first half of the year.

It was followed by the Excelle of Shanghai General Motors and Elantra of the Beijing Hyundai with sales of 86,900 and 85,400, respectively.

Santana of Shanghai Volkswagen and Jetta of FAW Volkswagen topped the list for June sales, with 15,400 and 14,300 sold each. Insiders attributed the popularity of low-emission cars to soaring oil prices and preferential government policies on vehicles with low emissions. China has raised the price of processed oil twice in the first half of this year,

raising the price by 300 yuan per ton in March and by 500 yuan per ton in May.

Experts said that the new auto consumption taxes may still need adjusting, noting that there should be more preferential policies for environmentally-friendly

vehicles.

China has outlined a series of measures to guide car consumption, including the release of restrictions on small-engine vehicles in some large cities and a consumption tax on cars that consume a lot of gas.

MNA/Xinhua



Belgium's Justine Henin-Hardenne plays a shot to France's Amelie Mauresmo during their women's final match at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London on 8 July, 2006.—INTERNET



Recently, there has been heated discussion on whether the Qianling Mausoleum should be dug out in Xian.—INTERNET

Tongues are big business in the meat trade

CHICAGO, 9 July—Beef tongues, a popular export item to Japan, tumbled from \$5 a pound wholesale in the United States to about \$1 when Tokyo banned all US beef about two and a half years ago. Bruce Berven, director of marketing for the California-based Harris Ranch Beef Company, hopes that the tongues it used to ship to Japan will go

back to \$5 now that Tokyo has agreed to buy US beef again.

"On a per head of cattle basis, you are looking at \$13 to \$15 difference per head. That's huge economically in the beef business," said Berven.

The tongue incident is a good example of why foreign markets are important to US meat

companies.

Each year, US beef, pork, and poultry companies export hundreds of millions of dollars worth of various meat items that most Americans never see on store shelves, but are considered a delicacy elsewhere.

Foreign countries buy steaks, pork chops, and chicken too but it is the stomachs, tongues, kidneys, livers, and chicken feet that US meat companies are particularly anxious to export because if sold domestically, those products would bring much lower prices.

The beef tongues that Harris Ranch sells is a case in point. Japan and other countries banned US beef products in late 2003 when the United States reported its first case of mad cow disease. It was shortly after that Berven saw tongue prices drop to \$1 to \$1.25 per lb.—Internet



A policeman inspects explosives found by the police dog at Dongzhai Village in Ningwu County, north China's Shanxi Province, on 8 July, 2006.—INTERNET

US congressman calls for US-Cuba energy joint ventures

HAVANA, 9 July—A US congressman made a public call here on Friday for US and Cuban companies to establish joint ventures in energy.

"We are very limited in the areas where we can

work together, but if the embargo is lifted, many states would negotiate not only agriculture deals, but also in energy and fuels," said Solomon Ortiz, a Democratic Congressman for the US state of Texas,

who is here for a visit from Wednesday.

In the past, Cuban officials have said that they would be willing to work with US exploration companies seeking energy resources in the Gulf of Mexico waters.

MNA/Xinhua

Blast at Montenegro explosives depot injures 32

PODGORICA, 9 July—A blast ripped through an explosives storage facility in northwestern Montenegro on Saturday, injuring 32 people and damaging houses, police and hospital officials said.

Shockwaves from the explosion, which occurred just after midnight, were felt up to 5 kilometres (3.1 miles) away from the privately-owned depot in Vir near the town of Niksic.

None of the victims suffered life-threatening

injuries. Police are investigating the cause of the blast and officials have cordoned off the area, fearing more explosions.

"I was in the guard's barrack when sometime after midnight something started burning. Then it exploded and threw me in the air," depot guard Ratko Bozovic told reporters in hospital. He said he was the only person in the depot at the time.

MNA/Reuters

Conjoined twins die in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 9 July—The conjoined twins, who were born on 3 July in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) early Friday, local media reported on Saturday. "The twins died at around 3:00 am due to respiratory troubles," said Professor Kabirul Islam, head of the Department of Paediatric Surgery at the DMCH.

A 27-year-old mother gave birth to the female twins who were joined at their chest and abdomen

at the DMCH.

The twins weighing four kilograms had separate heads, three legs and four hands, but single anus and genital.

The ultrasonography test of the newborns reveals that they had one liver, one rectum, two kidneys instead of four and one urinal bag instead of two. Professor Kabirul Islam said the conjoined twins, who had been fed through pipe for the last three days, were improving and it seemed that they would grow up normally.

"The pair had some bleeding through the anus on Wednesday. As we treated, the bleeding stopped around two hours later," he said, adding that they also injected one bag of blood into the body on Thursday but they died.

Physicians said they might have died due to infections as many people gathered around the hospital bed where they were kept and touched them. Besides, the parents were reluctant to take care of the twins, they added.

MNA/Xinhua

Construction site accident leaves five dead in central China

WUHAN, 9 July—Five workers were killed and two more injured at a construction site of the Wuhan Iron and Steel Company in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province. The tragedy took place on Friday when the conveyor belt facilities connecting the No 4 furnace the seven workers from a local construction company were dismantling suddenly collapsed.

The furnace will undergo major repairs, sources from the company said. Cause of the accident is being investigated.

MNA/Xinhua

UN mission in DRC says chopper pilot injured in Ituri District

KINSHASA, 9 July — A helicopter of the UN mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) was attacked over the volatile northeast Ituri District and the pilot was injured, UN officials said Friday.

The helicopter was flying a mission Thursday 30 kilometres south of Bunia, the capital of the restive Ituri District, when militiamen on the ground fired AK-47 assault rifles, injuring the Bangladeshi pilot in the leg.

The aircraft was there spreading leaflets to

urge local militiamen to lay down their arms, UN officials said.

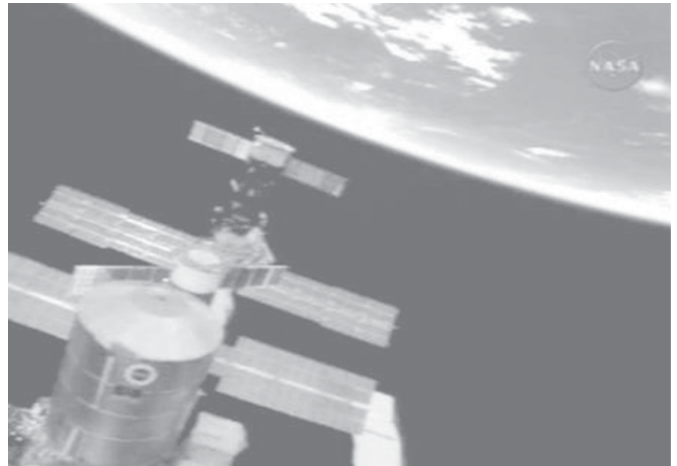
The injured pilot was immediately taken to a hospital run by the UN mission in Bunia.

The attack occurred weeks ahead of the general elections set for 30 July, the first in 45 years in the

DRC. Insurgency in Ituri remains active after the end of a war that embroiled the vast Central African country between 1998 and 2003.

Around 17,000 UN peacekeepers are stationed in the country to help the government troops drive well-armed rebels out of civilian zones in time for the voting.

MNA/Xinhua



The International Space Station with the earth in the background is seen in this view from NASA TV on 9 July, 2006. —INTERNET



Cowboy Chris Hansen of Barrhead, Alberta is run over by the bull Scorpion during the Bull Riding event at the Calgary Stampede Rodeo in Calgary, Alberta on 8 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Congo plane crash kills three Russians, one local

KINSHASA, 9 July — Three Russian crew members and one Congolese were killed when a cargo plane crashed in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, the latest in a series of air crashes in the African nation, an official said on Saturday.

The Russian-made Antonov-12 aircraft, which is widely used in the Congo, came down on Friday during a flight from the eastern border town of Goma to Kisangani.

“The plane crashed Friday afternoon at about four,” Paluku Acille, a senior civil aviation official in Congo’s North Kivu Province, told Reuters by telephone.

“We don’t know exactly what happened but four crew members were killed when the plane hit a hill,” he added.

Acille said rescuers found the plane completely destroyed and the bodies of the three Russian and one Congolese crew members badly burned. No other people were on board.

Friday’s accident was the latest in a spate of air crashes over the last year in the vast Central African country, which is holding its first free elections in four

decades on 30 July and is struggling to recover from years of war and chaos.

Last month, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) called the air safety records of several African countries, including Democratic Republic of Congo, an “embarrassment” for the industry.

In March, the European Union banned all but one of the 51 carriers operating in the Congo from flying in Europe.

MNA/Reuters

Road accident kills 12, injures 15 in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 9 July — Twelve people, including three children, were killed and 15 others injured in a collision between a bus and a microbus in Bangladesh’s northeast Habiganj District, 264 kilometres of the capital Dhaka, private news agency UNB reported.

Police and local sources said the microbus, carrying a bridal party, collided with the bus while trying to take a turn in Kamaichhara hilly area at about 2:30 pm, killing 11 people on the spot while another died at a local hospital.

Of the deceased, eight were identified as microbus passengers. The identity of four others could not be known immediately.

Of the injured, four have been admitted to Habiganj Sadar Hospital and are in critical condition.

MNA/Xinhua

Landslide kills 11 workers in N China

TAIYUAN, 9 July — Eleven migrant workers were killed in a landslide at a local iron mine in the suburbs of Taiyuan, capital of north China’s Shanxi Province, early on Saturday.

The mishap happened at 5:10 am when an elevated stretch of land slipped and buried one temporary tent where 12 migrant workers were sleeping.

Except one migrant worker who escaped the mishap unhurt, the remainder were rushed to the nearest hospital and claimed dead there, according to Liu Wei, who is in charge of the construction of a pump station at the Jianshan Iron Mine, about 120 kilometres away from

downtown Taiyuan.

Both Liu and another executive representing the Taiyuan Iron and Steel Co Ltd, which owns the Jianshan Iron Mine, said they were saddened at the sudden deaths of the migrant workers and offered condolences to relatives of the deceased.

Liu, who works with the Shanxi Provincial Institute of Prospecting and Designing, said they had altogether hired 23 migrant workers from Luoyang, a city of central China’s Henan Province,

for the construction and the workers arrived at the site of the construction on Thursday.

The workers, who just laid the foundation for the pump station on Friday, were arranged to live in three separate tents until the landslide occurred.

All the killed are male, with ages ranging from 25 to 45.

According to Liu, authoritative people from the Shanxi Provincial Institute of Prospecting and Designing, Taiyuan Iron and Steel Co Ltd, together

with officials of related provincial government departments including the Shanxi Provincial Bureau of Construction have been negotiating over the handling of the aftermath arising from the accident. Cause of the accident is being investigated.

MNA/Xinhua

Light aircraft crashes in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 9 July — Two men were seriously injured when a light aircraft crashed near the Fish River Bridge in East London of South Africa’s Eastern Cape Province on Saturday.

East London police disaster management coordinator Captain John Fobian said that the two had been airlifted to St Dominic’s Hospital in East London. “They’re both in the emergency unit at the moment.

They’re both quite seriously injured,”

said Fobian.

A hospital official described the men’s condition as “stable”.

Fobian said the injured were believed to be a flight pupil and instructor, using a Jac light plane.

MNA/Xinhua



Newly released prisoners bow their heads on the ground after arriving at a central bus station in Baghdad from the Abu Ghraib prison, on 8 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Commander, ministers offer robes to...

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Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maharathaguru Bhaddanta Kavinda delivered a sermon, and the congrega-

tion led by the commander and wife shared merits gained.

The ceremony came to an end with the three-

time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ciram Tithatu.

The Waso robes donated today were worth over K 13,032,010.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan offers Waso robes and alms to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and wife Daw Wai Wai Khine donate Waso robes and offertories to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents Waso robes and donations to a Sayadaw. — MNA

A&I Ministry holds Waso robes offering ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Under the auspices of Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo and wife Daw Ni Ni Win, staff family of the ministry held Waso robes offering ceremony at Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

It was attended by Maj-Gen Htay Oo and departmental officials. First, Pali Tekkatho Mingalarzayon Monestry Sayadaw invested the congregation with the Nine Precepts. The minister and wife and staff families offered Waso

robes and provisions to Sayadaw and members of Sangha.

Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and those present shared the merits again. After the ceremony, they donated 'soon' to members of the Sangha. —MNA

Dhammacariya Course on 20 July

YANGON, 10 July — Dhammacariya Course organized by Dhamma Beikman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sasana Vara will

be conducted at Abhayama Monastery on Myoma Kyaung Road in Dagon Township on 20 July.

Those wishing to attend

the course may contact Dhamma Beikman (Ph 211359), No 606 on Strand Road between 5th and 6th streets. — MNA

Waso robes donated to Pantapwint Taungtawya Sayadaw

YANGON, 10 July — Under the patronage of Pantapwint Taungtawya Sayadaw, Waso robes offering ceremony was held at Pantapwint Taungtawya, Taikkyi, Yangon North District on yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were Pantapwint Taungtawya Sayadaw Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Pannasaya and members of Sangha, wellwishers and dwellers.

First, the congregation received the Nine Precepts from the Sayadaw. Next, wellwishers and their families donated Waso

robes to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. Afterwards, the con-

gregation shared merits gained.

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A wellwisher donates Waso robes to Pantapwint Taungtawya Sayadaw. — MNA

Ministry of Electric Power No 2 holds Waso robes offering ceremony

YANGON, 10 July — Yangon Electric Power Supply Board of Ministry of Electric Power No 2 held Waso robes offering ceremony, here this morning.

It was attended by Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Col Khin

Maung Soe of Yangon Electric Power Supply Board, departmental officials and staff families.

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Missionary leaves for US



Presiding Sayadaw of TawyatatU Monastery prior to Buddhist missionary visit to the USA. —MNA

YANGON, 10 July — Presiding Sayadaw of TawyatatU Monastery in Aung San, Insein Township, Bhaddanta Saddhamma Kittisara left

here for the United States of America on 4 July.

The missionary was invited by Mogok Insight Meditation Centre in New York and he will teach

meditation in NY, Washington, Los Angeles and San Francisco and in Canada during his four-month tour abroad. — MNA

Danger to the nation

Kaytu Nilar

According to the prevailing situations in Myanmar, the entire national people are exposed and ward off the dangers posed by certain internal and external saboteurs who are bent on disrupting the efforts to implement the national goal of the nation and the people — transition to a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline.

In historical trend today, the entire people are putting into action the political, economic and social objectives through the might of national unity under the leadership of the government heading for the era of national politics. This shows the rising degree of national politics. According to the law of nature, if the political development is hindered and blocked, the perpetrators will be eliminated under the rising tide of national political development.

That is to say, in the present period, the entire people are demonstrating their duty consciousness by discharging national duty in building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline, the common goal.

In the process, the efforts are based on the State's seven-step Road Map that can guarantee the effective realization of the State's political, economic and social life of the nation.

So, the National Convention is being held to frame a constitution, the most fundamental and first step of the programme. At the NC, the representatives-elect, representatives from the political parties and national races, and representatives of people from all walks of life have discussed and adopted the 104 basic principles and the detailed basic principles. Now, good foundation has been laid for the emergence of the constitution.

Such positive developments have made it impossible for the scheme of certain big countries and the National League for Democracy, fugitive terrorists abroad, and insurgent groups — to make Myanmar a minion nation and to install a puppet government that will dance to their tune. That has increased the anxiety of internal and external destructive elements and certain big powers, and they are brazenly committing various acts such as making desperate attempts and inventing stories.

Of the elements, the NLD under various pretexts was absent from the National Convention but made an improper demand for purported genuine dialogue. And it shouted more loudly in harmony with the armed groups including expatriate terrorists taking advantage of the pressure put by certain big countries to exaggerate Myanmar's internal affairs into an international issue to put before the UN Security Council. And they tried to play down and wipe out the achievements of the National Convention and resorted to various means and ways to dent the ongoing NC.

The NLD made inappropriate demands for so-called genuine political dialogue with it, for the participation of Daw Suu Kyi in the dialogue and her immediate release, for fixing of time frame for transitional period at the meeting, and for convening Hluttaw to declare the Tatmadaw Government legitimate. It also said that its demands were to be responded by specified date.

In this regard, there arose several questions for the NLD. What are the norms of the so-called genuine political dialogue? Is the demand for a genuine political dialogue with the NLD just to satisfy its wishes? Is it to hold a political party congress under the name of a national convention in which the NLD can be the manipulator after dissolving the ongoing NC? Is it the conviction of the NLD that the dialogue with the NLD will solve the political, economic and social problems of the nation and democracy can be introduced immediately to the nation? Does the NLD believe that party leader Daw Suu Kyi has spiritual powers to overcome the State's political, economic and social difficulties immediately? Or can Daw Suu Kyi's political experience transform Myanmar into a democratic one overnight? What would the NLD answer, then?

To be frank, the so-called genuine political dialogue the NLD is demanding for is set up with the norms designed just to implement the 1990 election results and to save Daw Suu Kyi's face politically.

The NLD's tactic of demanding for a dialogue seems to buttress its deteriorating political and organizational status and to wreck the NC. Its tactic is the same as that of the Burma Communist Party (BCP) that propped up its deteriorating

military, political and organizational position through calls for a dialogue with the government and cessation of internal armed conflicts from 1952 to 1954. The historic evidences of Myanmar show that although the BCP was organizing the armed forces and the people, its ultimate aim was to seize power through armed struggle line in accordance with its strategy. Now is in the period of political transition from the old system to a new one. So, the conviction that a wide variety of problems the nation is facing can be solved through a dialogue with a political party leader is like the dream of a lunatic that will never come true.

Pragmatically, the national stand on the political affairs is that the National Convention that represents the real desires of the entire people will be able to tackle the political problems of the nation. The NLD's conviction that it is able to handle the political problems by itself ignoring the national political stand has indicated its interests in one-party rule. **This is the political trend leading to the dictatorship of a single party under the name of a democracy party.**

Similarly, one's conviction that one will be able to resolve the national problems of a country in a heroic manner is just a dream. In particular, with what experiences will a person like Daw Suu Kyi who got married to a foreigner and lived abroad for 28 years tackle the delicate problems in the political, economic and social sectors of the nation from the post-independence period to now? Can she manage? It is doubtful.

Without taking into consideration such hard facts, the NLD is making use of the pressure put on and sanctions imposed against Myanmar by some big nations and attempting to transform its demands into international ones and international issues in complicity with renegade terrorist groups, armed insurgent groups, groups of remnant UGs in some border areas and abroad, those of the so-called NGOs under the domination of the international spy agency and some so-called experts. Such acts are making Myanmar far away from the democratic path.

To make matters worse, fugitives in some border areas and those in exile and armed insurgent groups are making accusations as if the Myanmar government were illegitimate one, while the NLD claimed that it would recognize the government as legitimate one if Hluttaw (legislative body) was convened. In reality, their voices are echoing the instructions of the same master. It is the foolishness of the NLD that said it would declare the ruling government to be legitimate in spite of the fact that Myanmar has been recognized as a UN member by the UN. And its demands to reply within a fixed date amount to threats to the government. So, the NLD has relegated itself to a group of people who are threatening others.

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The remnant members of the BCP that collapsed in 1989 were active again after the 65th anniversary of the BCP held on 15 August 2003. They speeded up their activities commencing 2004. In July the same year, they declared the scheme "Demo-2006" No (1) to commit destructive acts in the nation. The major purpose of the scheme is to incite mass demonstrations in 2006. And they formed a 'work group to incite mass protests' with members from the political parties and groups that are committing UG acts. The purposes of the formation of the group are to organize the people by forming underground cells throughout the nation to manufacture exaggerated and invented stories and rumours especially to launch attacks in Ayeyawady delta region, to drive a wedge to break up the unity of the Tatmadaw members, and to incite mass demonstrations where the NLD cannot carry out its political activities.

Accordingly, BCP remnant UGs or underground elements infiltrated the left-leaning NLD (LA) (North) and ABSDF (North) and after the establishment of contacts with the latter, the UGs distributed anti-government leaflets. They also sent BCP statements and instigative materials to anti-government groups at home and abroad exchanging information with them with the use of Internet and email. They made contacts with NLD members in the country and carried out activities and sent made-up stories to the United Nations, the International Labour Organization and the groups and the so-called politicians under the influence of an international spy agency posing as an NGOs. The BCP remnants are committing subversive acts under 'Demo-2006' scheme in their attempts to enable the UN to take action against the Myanmar Government.

Meanwhile, fugitives and expatriate terrorist groups at the border and in other nations and remnant insurgent groups in the jungle have blasted bombs and killed the people in Yangon, Bago, Toungoo and in small border towns to cause panic among the public. They have gone so far as attempting to mine railroads and bridges. With high security

alert, the Tatmadaw, in cooperation with the people took pre-emptive action; by so doing the government have managed to prevent the possible loss of public life and property. Under such unavoidable circumstances, the Tatmadaw had to take measures for the security of public life and property and the rule of law and warded off the insurgents. However, there arose accusations that the Tatmadaw had launched ethnic cleansing and that it was dislodging the Kayin ethnic people from their villages, and that the number of refugees fleeing their villages had risen to as many as tens of thousands. The exaggerated stories of this sort were spread by some of the powerful nations, expatriates, fugitive terrorist groups and a group of the so-called Hluttaw representatives and politicians under the influence of the international spy agency through foreign broadcasting stations.

Diplomats and staff of the embassies in Yangon of some powerful nations of the west bloc daily visited the NLD Office headquarters in Shwegondine in the country. They held discussions and had correspondence. This is a blatant act of interference in the internal affairs of the host nation and lack of self-respect. Obviously, their intention must be to make Myanmar their minion and install a puppet government that would follow their dictates.

Similarly, the so-called "88 new generation" elements recalled the 1988 anarchic acts and described them to be a democratic revolution, and accusing the Tatmadaw government of destroying the revolution. Meanwhile, they contacted with fugitives outside the nation and organized and instigated the people, the students, the Tatmadaw members and service personnel to unite for the introduction of democracy. This way they have been inciting public riots.

In parallel, exaggerated stories were invented in connection with rising bus fares paid by university students. There were attempts to sow discord among the service personnel themselves, and between the public and service personnel pointing out the higher pay extended to the service personnel. Expatriate experts under the influence of the international spy agency and foreign radio stations organized interviews

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POEM:

Do Respectful Honour

* 'Cause they been driving wedge, sowing
bad blood
Throwing sand in the eyes
Sight's been blurred, unclear
Leaving kin they've resorted to jungles
And though they had to subsist
They've weighed what they heard, seen
Determined which is good, which bad
Who's right and who's not
And when its clear in the mind
Brothers who've stayed separated
Joined hands, with light mind
Myanmars of same land who've heard
and seen
Friends and relatives rejoice
With happiness unending.

* Don't believe what outsiders say
For as kin with strong goodwill
And right loving-kindness, who have
realized well
Led by Mein Sin, entered legal fold
Currently with clear conscience
We respectfully do honour
To brothers born of the land.

Po Wa (Trs)

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A study of the above-mentioned points will show that along with certain foreign powers, NGOs under the influence of an international spy agency, BCP remnant UGs, NLD and the so-called "88" new generation group, expatriate and fugitive terrorist groups, remnant armed insurgents colluding with anti-government groups inside and outside the nation, foreign radio stations and the so-called experts or the minions of the international spy agency, have been levelling accusations at the Myanmar government with invented stories and attacking the latter, applying political and economic pressure on the country and attempting to create internal affairs of Myanmar into an international issue. All those acts seem to occur in different places committed by different persons and different groups but there lies behind the scene the notorious international spy agency with a global network manipulating the strings of the puppets.

Hence, all the subversive acts of the internal and external destructive elements should be seen as the danger to the nation and they must be crushed with the strength of national unity to be able to build a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nations, the national goal of the people of Myanmar at present.

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USDA's future work programmes...

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accord with the future tasks of the association. All-round developments have been made with the public confidence and cooperation. Now members of the association have increased up to 23.1 million.

He said they are to implement the nation-building tasks for progress as a united national force under the correct leadership of the association. In doing so, high qualification of individual member is an important factor. Therefore the association always trains its members. With the high qualification of the members, the association at different levels can serve the interest of the respective regions, he added.

He said the association conducts courses with the aim of effective implementation of the tasks for the interest of the people. Every training course has its lofty aims. The present course for the executives was conducted with the objective of effective implementation of the future tasks of the association and promotion of the public cooperation.

He said the trainees at the course are the executives of State, Division and District USDAs who actively participate in every task of the association with convictions and concepts. They have experiences in carrying out the tasks for stability and development. He urged the trainees to learn the lectures at the course.

The nation is the place where the national races have been living in unity and amity since yore. Its history has witnessed the flourishing of Union Spirit based on mutual understanding, sympathy and love. True patriotism is the foundation of Our Three Main National Causes. All the USDA members are striving to realize the objectives with true patriotism. They will have to vitalize patriotism of the people.

Thanks to unity based on patriotism the nation is achieving peace and stability and progress. They are many persons who after realizing the goodwill and practical efforts of the government are cooperating in the regional development with unity. The USDA will continue to strive for regional development together with the people.

The government has been implementing the 24- special development zone project, border areas development project and rural development project. The association has been taking part in the projects, especially in the rural development undertakings in cooperation with the people.

As there are sound foundations, the government laid down and is implementing the seven-point Road Map for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state. National Convention, which is the first step of the Road Map, is in the process of drafting a new constitution. The USDA will have to play a part in the successful implementation of the Road Map.

Commander, minister attend ceremony to form agricultural producers associations in Shan State (South)

YANGON, 10 July—A ceremony to form agricultural producers associations in Shan State (South) was held at the meeting hall of Shan State in Taunggyi on 7 July with addresses by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thuang Aye and Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein.

The ceremony was also attended by President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and members, local authorities, departmental officials, farm crops producers and others.

Commander Brig-Gen Thuang Aye made a speech on the occasion.

Next, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein spoke.

After that, UMFCCI President U Win Myint and chairmen of the respective farm crops producers associations discussed matters on the forming of the associations.

Next, the ceremony to donate provisions to monasteries and cash for education purpose followed. The commander, the minister and officials accepted the donations—K 1 million by U Win Myint of Shwe

A new durable nation must be built with internal strength according to the objective conditions, history and traditions and culture. Only the people have the most ardent wish to serve the national interest and know the objective conditions. So they have the ability to choose the most suitable way for national development. The entire nation will have to ward off slanders based on antagonism, wrong assessments and interferences.

The association's future work programmes are aimed at serving the national interest. The USDA should strive to win public cooperation with practical efforts. Developments are driving the nation towards its goal — a peaceful, modern and developed democratic state. The members should be aware of the attempts of the internal and external destructive elements to destroy and delay national developments. As those attempts are un-constructive, they should inform the people about them.

In conclusion, he urged the trainees to strive with conviction for successful realization of the 12 objectives, the seven-point Road map, the five rural development tasks and the nine future work programmes of the association; to implement the task of ensuring progress and stability of the nation based on patriotism; to organize more people to take part in the task of vitalizing public patriotism and ensuring regional peace and stability and development; to practi-

Nagamin Co, K 40 bags of rice by UMFCCI President U Win Myint, 10 bags of rice by Chairman U Tun Aung of Myanmar Grain Association, 10 bags of rice by Chairman U Aung Lwin of Myanmar Timber Merchants Association, 10 bags of rice by Chairman U Zaw Min Win of Myanmar Industrialists Association, 10 bags of rice by Executive U Win Naing of Myanmar Rice Millers Association and others.

Patron of Shan State (South) USDA Commander Brig-Gen Thuang Aye and Shan State (South) USDA CEC Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein together with members of state/district/township USDAs proceeded to Nanpan Village in Nyaungshwe Township where they attended the cash presentation ceremony for construction of the basic education middle school held in conjunction with the ceremony to present the USDA membership applications and made speeches on the occasion.

Afterwards, the commander and the minister arrived at Grape Wine factory of Padamy Naga Co in Myinsakhon village, Nyaungshwe Township and inspected the factory. At 2 pm, they met with members of state/district/township USDAs and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

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cally implement the future work programmes; and to serve the national interest as a consolidated national force under the association's leadership understanding the importance of duty and responsibility.

The USDA secretary-general cordially conversed with the trainees. — MNA



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo cordially greets trainees at the opening ceremony of USDA Advanced Management (Special) Course No 2. — MNA

Notice for power consumers

YANGON, 10 July — Beginning 1 August monthly process of meter reading will be conducted between 1 and 5 for previous month's consumption, bills preparation between 6 and 10 and sending of bills to consumers between 11 and 15.

Consumers may make payments between 16 and 25 every month. Power supply will be cut off from the household that fails to pay the charges within the prescribed days beginning 26.

Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and Yangon City Power Supply Committee urge people to help staff read meters conveniently and prepare bills systematically and to pay the power charges in time.

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Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint offers Waso robes to members of Sangha at the First Waso robe offering ceremony of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board on 10 July. (News on page 7) — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo and families of staff offer Waso robes to a Sayadaw at the 15th Waso robe offering ceremony of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation on 10 July. (News on page 7) — MNA

The Secretary-General's Message on World Population Day 11 July 2006

YANGON, 11 July— The following is UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's message on the World Population Day, observed today.

The theme for this year's World Population Day, "Young People", focuses attention on the unique challenges faced by the burgeoning ranks of the young in our societies. Today, nearly half the world's population— more than 3 billion people— are under the age of 25. They represent the largest cohort of young people in human history, and far too many among them confront bleak prospects.

No matter where they are born, the lives of young people are shaped by forces beyond their control—the prevalence of poverty, the incidence of crime, the availability of education and training, opportunities for decent employment and access to affordable health services. Yet, today's young men and women are also more aware of the lives led by their counterparts across the world. As a result, many of them are demanding action to narrow the gap between rich and poor, and measures to increase opportunities for all.

There is a clear need to answer their call. After all, providing for youth is not just a moral obligation, it is a compelling economic necessity. Study after study has shown the benefits—to the young and to their communities— of investing in education, reproductive health, job skills and employment opportunities for young people. Such returns are especially great in the case of girls. Healthy, educated and informed young women are better prepared to participate fully in society and contribute to the life of their communities.

Sexual and reproductive health information and services are a particularly important— though often neglected— pillar of youth empowerment. Their availability can enable young men and women to make responsible and informed choices to protect themselves. It can help the global fight against AIDS, and it can allow the young to make better decisions about starting families.

The decisions young people make will shape our world and the prospects of future generations. Yet, underinvestment in the young means that they often lack the resources, training or information to act. Government must, inevitably, lead the way in addressing this failing. But all of us— policy makers, civil society actors and ordinary citizens— should contribute in ways, both large and small.

On this World Population Day, let us all reaffirm our determination to promote the human rights and well-being of young people, and work with them to build a better world for us.— UNIC



Chairman of Insein Township PDC U Aung Swe and members accept K 650,000 donated by wellwishers U Kyaw Kyaw San-Daw Htaik Htaik Aung and family members under the patronage of grandparents from both sides on 9 July. — H

Turkey calls on Israel, Palestinians to stop violence

ANKARA, 10 July— Turkey on Saturday called on Israel and the Palestinians to put an end to acts of violence immediately.

The Turkish Foreign Ministry said in a statement that "despite all warnings and calls for restraint, the Israeli-Palestinian dispute has been further deteriorating".

"Turkey has launched active diplomatic initiatives since the very beginning of the crisis, and held talks with UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the third countries in an effort to end acts of violence."

"Although both Israeli and Palestinian parties gave encouraging responses to our calls, the crisis has been further deepening. We are extremely concerned about recent developments."

"Previous clashes proved that Israeli-Palestinian dispute could not be resolved through military methods. Therefore, we call on the parties once again to put an end to acts of violence immediately and act with common sense to prevent more bloodshed."

Tension between the Palestinians and Israel

escalated as Israeli troops expanded their broad military offensive in Gaza in a bid to free an Israeli soldier kidnapped by Palestinian militants and stop Palestinian militants firing rockets.

Over 30 Palestinians

and one Israeli soldier have been killed since the start of the Israeli military operation on 28 June, the first major invasion in Gaza since Israel quit the coastal strip last summer after 38 years of occupation.

MNA/Xinhua



Dancers in Malaysian traditional dress perform during a rehearsal of the "Colours of Malaysia" festival in Kuala Lumpur on 7 July, 2006. — INTERNET

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Greek, Turkish Cypriot leaders begin meeting with UN official

NICOSIA, 9 July—Cypriot President Tassos Papadopoulos and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat held a key meeting in the presence of UN Undersecretary General for Political Affairs Ibrahim Gambari over the prospects to resume stalled reunification negotiations here on Saturday.

The meeting began at 1540 pm (1240 GMT) at the residence of UN Special Representative in Cyprus Michael Moller in the UN buffer zone in the Cypriot capital Nicosia.

President Papadopoulos said he was going to the meeting hoping for the best for Cyprus.

Papadopoulos is accompanied by Director of the President's Diplomatic Office Tasos Tzionis, Government Spokesman Christodoulos Pashiardes, Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the UN Andreas Mavroyiannis and other officials.—MNA/Xinhua

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Indonesia's Pertamina to invest in gas fuel business

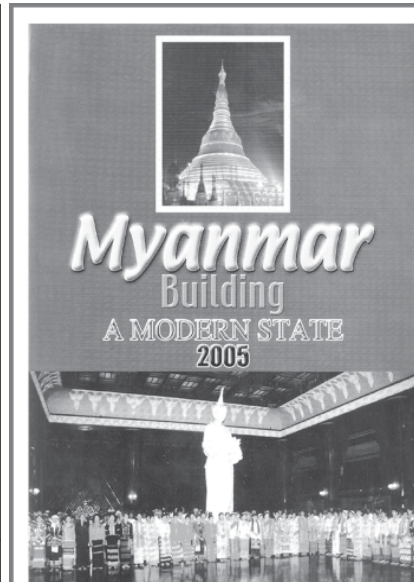
JAKARTA, 9 July—Indonesia's state-run oil and gas company PT Pertamina will invest 7.5 billion rupiah (7.5 million US dollars) to revitalize the gas fuel business in seven locations in the greater Jakarta, a report said Saturday.

A Pertamina spokesman said the revitalization of the gas fuel business was to anticipate energy diversification and "blue sky" (fresh air) programmes declared by the government on 20 May, 2006.

Moreover, the government also planned to launch 4,000 converter kits for public transportation which will use gas fuel, so that it will reopen Pertamina's opportunity in the gas fuel business, reported the Antara news agency.

The number of gas-fired cars is very small in the country, making the business unable to develop properly.

Pertamina has been



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Iran says "terrorists" should not be let into Iraq

TEHERAN, 9 July—Iran, accused by the United States of stirring up an Iraqi guerilla, said on Saturday "terrorist" groups should be stopped from entering Iraq because they created an excuse for foreign troops to stay.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad also said in a speech to a meeting of ministers from Baghdad's neighbours that surrounding states were committed to ensuring stability in Iraq.

"It is necessary to stop the crossing of terrorist groups into Iraq who aim at creating insecurity, hatred and differences, and pave the way for the presence of foreign forces in Iraq," Ahmadinejad told the foreign ministers in Teheran.

He did not say from where or how the groups were entering.

Washington accuses Teheran of backing anti-US guerillas in Iraq, a charge Teheran denies saying the US occupation is to blame for the instability. "We are all committed to try to restore stability, security and progress in Iraq," Ahmadinejad told the gathering.

Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki called for a timetable to be drawn up for foreign forces to leave and said Iraq's neighbours should not be blamed for the country's problems.

"It is impossible to bestow freedom and democracy by resorting to violence and to cover up the failures in Iraq by accusing and conspiring against its neighbours," he said in a speech to the closed session, a copy of which was handed out.

Syria has also been accused by Washington of not doing enough to stop militants crossing into Iraq.

Asked what more Damascus could do to secure its border, Syrian

Foreign Minister Walid al-Moualem said: "We are doing our best."

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said Iraq wanted neighbouring states to help improve security and to support the new government of Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki and its national reconciliation plan.

"We asked them to use their influence over all the groups to participate, to embrace this national reconciliation initiative," Zebari told reporters without naming the groups.

Iraqi officials have said some Iraqi guerillas have asked Arab states to act as mediators following the offer of dialogue.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesian, Australian police foil drug smuggling attempt

JAKARTA, 9 July—The Indonesian police have assisted the Australian Federal Police (AFP) in foiling the attempted smuggling of common allergy and flu medication capable of producing 2.4 trillion rupiah (around 2.6 billion US dollars) of methamphetamine, local Press reported Saturday.

Indonesian Police spokesman Brigadier General Anton Bachrul Alam said the police had apprehended two men allegedly involved in the illegal shipping of drugs to Australia, while the AFP had also detained three Australians and one Indonesian in Sydney.

The investigation began last month when the

AFP stopped a shipment of furniture from Indonesia and found two million pills labelled Actifed and Sudafed produced by PT Glaxo Wellcome Indonesia, reported *The Jakarta Post* newspaper.

Actifed and Sudafed can be used as precursors for making ecstasy pills.

Both the antihistamine Actifed and Sudafed, a nasal decongestant, are pseudoephedrine-containing tablets that were formerly available over-the-counter, before their widespread misuse in making methamphetamine. A prescription is now required to obtain them in most countries.

From the shipping documents, the ship-

ment's recipients were identified as a couple who owned a furniture store in Sydney, Belinda Mary Campbell, who also is a pharmaceutical expert, and her husband, Simon Philip Campbell. The two were promptly arrested, and their alleged accomplices, Zang Jun, an Australian, and Judha Suryadhana, who is Indonesian, were later detained.

Acting on information from the AFP, the police arrested Peter Ka Tjien Jong on 19 June at Soekarno-Hatta International Airport here for allegedly acting as the middle man to hand over payment to the couple's alleged partner in Indonesia, Samuel Rantesalu.—MNA/Xinhua

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Nepal starts campaign against Japanese Encephalitis

KATHMANDU, 9 July — The Nepali Government has launched vaccination campaign against the Japanese Encephalitis, which causes problem in various districts in Terai region of the country, state-run Radio Nepal reported Saturday.

The vaccine purchased under the financial assistance of the World Bank is being rendered to residents of the most affected districts including Banke, Bardiya, Dang, Kailali, Rupandehi and Kanchanpur districts in southern parts of the country, the radio said.

It was estimated that the disease has spread in 24 districts of the region in form of epidemic since the onset of the rainy season infected at least 1,000 to 3,000 people and claimed 200-400 lives

every year.

Some two million people live in the region, which is considered to be a highly affected area.

In order to prevent the epidemic, more than three million doses of vaccines have been arranged, according to the radio.

Director-General of the Department of Health Services Mahendra Bista said that the vaccination against the disease will be carried out regularly under the Extensive Vaccination Programme in the years to come.

Usually, the disease breaks out in the region with the onset of monsoon season during June-September.

As many as 726,000 people have been targeted for vaccination programme, according to an earlier report.

Meanwhile, 1,229 vaccination centres will be set up in Terai Region, for which 276 vaccination workers and 3,700 volunteers will be mobilized, according to the office.

MNA/Xinhua



Astronaut Piers Sellers is seen in the open hatch of the Quest airlock at the beginning of his spacewalk with fellow astronaut Mike Fossum from the International Space Station in this view from NASA TV on 8 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Study reveals gender gap of same gene

LOS ANGELES, 9 July — Same genes in same organs may behave

differently simply depending on whom the genes belong to men or women, a new study of men and women in their reactions to disease risk and drug response. The findings will be published in the August issue of the journal *Genome Research*.

The team examined brain, liver, fat and muscle tissue from mice to search genetic clues related to mental illnesses, diabetes, obesity and atherosclerosis. They focused on gene expression, a process by which a gene's DNA sequence is converted into cellular proteins.

Scrutinizing more than 23,000 genes to

measure influenced the expression levels of thousands of genes in the liver, fat and muscle tissue.

Earlier studies have identified roughly 1,000 sex-biased genes in the liver and brain, but the new study is the first to uncover a gender difference in gene expression in fat and muscle tissue.

The gender differences in gene expression also varied by tissue. Affected genes were typically those most involved in the organ's function, suggesting that gender influences important genes with specialized roles, not the rank-and-file.

MNA/Xinhua

Dengue resurfaces in Dhaka

DHAKA, 9 July — At least one person has been killed and over 100 others have been infected as dengue fever resurfaced in the Bangladeshi capital Dhaka during the last three days, a Health Ministry control room said on Saturday.

An emergency doctor in the Holy Family Hospital confirmed the death of a dengue patient and said everyday they are receiving many new patients of dengue in the hospital.

Dr ASM Raihan in the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University on Saturday said the dengue outbreak this time was a bit earlier due to the scattered rains.

He said Aedes mosquito, responsible for carrying the virus, might grow due to the scattered rains. "The number of patients is increasing every day in the university hospital," Dr Raihan said.

He said the number of dengue patients comparatively was more than that of the previous year and these patients are getting admitted to different hospitals and clinics.

Raihan could not give the exact number of patients, but said everyday many patients are falling ill with the fever and being admitted to different hospitals and clinics.

MNA/Xinhua



Germany's players celebrate and pose for a picture after defeating Portugal in their third-place playoff World Cup 2006 football match at Stuttgart, Germany, on 8 July, 2006. Germany won 3-1.—INTERNET

Water diversion project to curb sandstorms in N China

BEIJING, 9 July — Water supplied from China's gigantic South-to-North Water Diversion Project will help curb the use of groundwater and eventually may reduce sandstorms in its arid north in the later part of this century, said a Chinese official.

The water diversion project is designed to carry 44.8 billion cubic metres of water annually from the Yangtze, China's longest river, through its eastern, central and western routes.

The water supplies will help reduce the exploitation of groundwater by 3.6

billion cubic metres per year by 2010, said Li Xinjun, Director of the Construction and Management Department with the South-to-North Water Diversion Project Office of the State Council.

"Regular water supplies from the diversion

routes will help restore the ecological system in dry plain areas in the Yellow, Huaihe and Haihe River basins, with wetlands replenished and the biodiversity protected," Li said at a forum during the just-closed "Sino-Italian Green Week".—MNA/Xinhua

Weekend flood alert for five provinces in Thailand

BANGKOK, 9 July — The Meteorological Department of Thailand Friday warned residents living near northern hills in three provinces and two eastern coastal provinces of possible flash floods during the weekend.

The weather forecast predicted less rain countrywide after a tropical storm in the Andaman Sea and the Gulf of Thailand began to weaken. But the department urged people living near mountains in Mae Hong Son, Chiang

Rai, and Tak provinces in northern Thailand and those in eastern seaside towns of Chanthaburi and Trat to remain vigilant for high tides and flash floods for the next few days.

Fishermen were told to beware of strong waves as high as two metres

while at sea as strong winds were reported in the Andaman Sea and the upper Gulf of Thailand.

The department also warned travellers to Japan this weekend to be alert as a typhoon is heading towards the island.

MNA/Xinhua



A wild duck walks in a lake in Salburua Natural Park near Vitoria, northern Spain, on 7 July, 2006. A Spanish laboratory has confirmed the country's first case of H5N1 bird flu after analysing a sample taken from a wild migratory water bird, the Agriculture Ministry said on Friday.—INTERNET

SPORTS



Coach Marcello Lippi celebrates with his players after leading Italy to their fourth World Cup win in their history.—INTERNET

Zidane equals World Cup final goals record

BERLIN, 10 July— Zinedine Zidane's successful seventh minute penalty for France against Italy on Sunday meant he became the fourth player to score three goals in the history of the World Cup final.

Zidane's early spot kick added to the two headed goals the French playmaker scored in the 3-0 win over Brazil in the 1998 final on home soil in Paris.

Geoff Hurst scored three goals in England's 4-2 win over West Germany in 1966 and is the only man to score a hat-trick in the final. Pele scored three times in two finals with two goals in Brazil's 5-2 win over Sweden in 1958 and one in the 4-1 victory over Italy in 1970, while Vava also scored twice for Brazil in their 1958 win and another against Czechoslovakia in a 3-1 victory in 1962.—MNA/Reuters

Zinedine Zidane won the Golden Ball award

LONDON, 10 July— Zinedine Zidane won the Golden Ball award for the World Cup's best player, despite being dismissed for headbutting Marco Materazzi in the final.



France captain Zidane polled 2,012 points in the vote by journalists mostly carried out at half-time.

The midfielder, 34, beat Italians Fabio Cannavaro (1,977 points) and Andrea Pirlo (715 points) in the ballot. He scored a penalty early on in the final but was sent off in extra time as France went on to lose on penalties.

The former international player of the year and 1998 World Cup winner announced last month that he was retiring from football after the tournament.

On Sunday, he put France ahead from the spot in the opening minutes but was sent off after slamming his head into Materazzi's chest during the tense second period of extra time, which ended 1-1.

It was to be his last act as a professional player and, with the French missing his prowess in the ensuing penalty shootout, Italy went on to claim the World Cup title. Other players on the Golden Ball shortlist included Maniche (Portugal), Michael Ballack (Germany), Gianluca Zambrotta (Italy), Thierry Henry (France), Gianluigi Buffon (Italy), Patrick Vieira (France) and Miroslav Klose (Germany).

Germany goalkeeper Oliver Kahn won the prestigious award in 2002, while other previous winners include Brazilians Ronaldo (1998) and Romario ('94), Italy's Salvatore Schillaci ('90) and Argentine great Diego Maradona.

Germany striker Miroslav Klose was the Golden Shoe winner as leading scorer at the World Cup with five goals. Italian Gianluigi Buffon was named the tournament's best goalkeeper.

And semi-finalists Portugal won FIFA's most entertaining team award.

German striker Lukas Podolski pipped Portuguese winger Ronaldo to be named the World Cup's best young player. —Internet

Italy win World Cup final after shootout

BERLIN, 10 July— Italy beat France 5-3 on penalties in the World Cup final after the teams finished level at 1-1 after extra time in a dramatic encounter in which French playmaker Zinedine Zidane was sent off.

David Trezeguet hit the bar with his spot kick and the decisive penalty in the shootout was scored by Fabio Grosso.

France captain Zinedine Zidane was sent off after 111 minutes for a head butt into the chest of Marco Materazzi after the two players had a heated exchanged of words.

The game had got off to a controversial start when Thierry Henry needed extensive treatment after being dazed by a Fabio

the tournament.

Zidane, who headed two goals in the 1998 final, became the fourth player to score three times in finals after Brazilian duo Vava and Pele and England's Geoff Hurst, who got a hat-trick in the 1966 final.

Italy equalized after 19 minutes when Materazzi atoned for his earlier misdemeanour by rising magnificently above Patrick Vieira to head home an Andrea Pirlo corner from



French hearts broken by the penalty shoot-out. INTERNET

the start of the second half.

Twice he jiggled through the defence with dangerous runs and then had a sharp shot blocked by Buffon.

France were looking the more dangerous although Fabien Barthez was beaten again in the 62nd minute by a Toni header which was ruled out for offside.

France lost key midfielder Patrick Vieira to a hamstring strain midway through the second half but maintained the pressure amid the tiredness as the error count rose.

Six years ago Italy led

in the final of the European Championship until injury time when France grabbed an equalizer and then won with a golden goal.

There was no late drama in the 90 minutes this time, however, and the final went into extra time for the fifth time.

France remained the more sprightly, Franck Ribery shooting just wide after 99 minutes and Zidane forcing a spectacular save from Buffon five minutes later after meeting a Willy Sagnol cross with a stunning header.

Italy had beaten Germany with two goals at the end of extra time in their semifinal but the Italians looked out on their feet on Sunday and were unable to reproduce anything close to the same level of creativity this time.

The match turned into chaos soon after halftime in extra time when Zidane felled Materazzi with a head butt.—MNA/Reuters



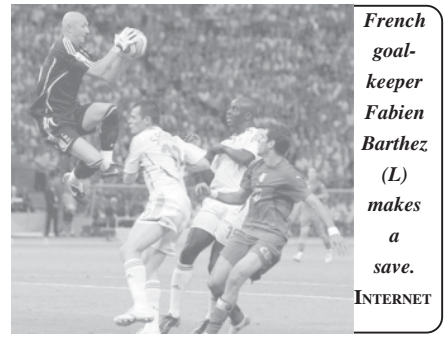
The game goes to penalties and Pirlo, Wiltord and Materazzi all score before David Trezeguet's spot-kick hits the bar.—INTERNET

Cannavaro body-check as the Italy captain made an early impact in his 100th international.

The worried French fans were soon cheering however when Florent Malouda drove into the box and was felled by a clumsy challenge from Marco Materazzi.

Zidane stepped up to take the seventh-minute penalty, opting to nonchalantly dink it above the diving Gianluigi Buffon and the ball struck the bar before bouncing down behind the line to put France ahead.

Zidane nevertheless gave a nervous glance towards the linesman, who correctly signalled the goal, before peeling away in celebration of the first goal an opposition player had scored against Italy in



French goalkeeper Fabien Barthez (L) makes a save. INTERNET

the right.

It was the first time both teams had scored in the final in 20 years and Italy went close to getting their second in the 36th minute when Pirlo curled in another tempting corner which striker Luca Toni headed against the bar.

Henry, who was a frustrated, unused substitute in the 1998 final against Brazil, burst into life at



Materazzi atones for giving away the penalty by powerfully heading home Andrea Pirlo's corner on 18 minutes.—INTERNET

Lippi says most satisfying moment of my life

BERLIN, 10 July— Italy coach Marcello Lippi said winning the World Cup was the most satisfying moment of his life after his team beat France 5-3 in a shootout on Sunday. "I have to say thanks to the players," said Lippi. "This is the most satisfying moment of my life. We are very happy."

"I dedicate the victory to my family. The players have unlimited heart, character and personality," he added.

Italy won on penalties after the match finished 1-1 following an extra time period that saw France captain Zinedine Zidane sent off for a head butt on Marco Materazzi.

MNA/Reuters

Federer beats Nadal for 4th Wimbledon title

LONDON, 10 July— Roger Federer claimed his fourth consecutive Wimbledon title on Sunday, beating Spain's Rafael Nadal 6-0, 7-6, 6-7, 6-3 on Centre Court.

Playing in his first Wimbledon final Nadal was blown off court in a 24-minute opening set but from then on he gave the Swiss maestro an uncomfortable afternoon in breezy conditions.

Nadal served for the second set but failed to close it out and Federer hit back to take a tiebreak 7-5.

Federer conceded his first set of the tournament as Nadal roared back to snatch the third set on a tiebreak. The top seed broke twice in the fourth to end the contest in two hours 50 minutes.

MNA/Reuters

Congo militiamen free Nepali UN peacekeepers

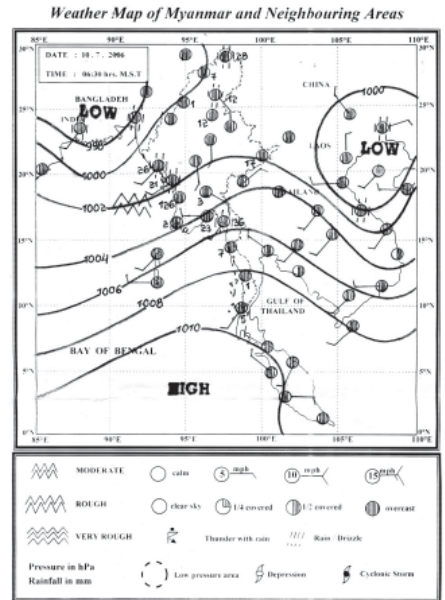
KINSHASA, 10 July — Five Nepali UN peacekeepers held hostage for more than a month by militia fighters in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo were released unharmed and without conditions on Saturday, the United Nations said.

The UN peacekeeping mission in the Congo (MONUC) said the five soldiers, part of a group of Nepali blue helmets captured after a 27 May clash with militia in northeast Ituri District, were released safe and sound by their captors. Although the release was a relief for the

17,000-strong UN contingent in the vast Central African state, violence by rebels and renegade militia groups in the east has dogged preparations for historic elections due to be held on 30 July.

One Nepali soldier was killed, three were wounded and seven were captured in the May gunbattle with fighters loyal to Peter Karim, a warlord from the local Lendu ethnic group. The militiamen released two of the Nepalis on 27 June.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Monday, 10 July, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or rainshowers have been isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Chin State and upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Ayeyawady Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Maungtaw (7.60) inches, An and Hinthada (6.89) inches each, Kyauktaw (5.83) inches, Thandwe (5.59) inches, Ye (4.72) inches, Bago (2.88) inches, Hpa-an (2.76) inches and Nay Pyi Taw (0.51) inch. Maximum temperature on 9-7-2006 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 10-7-2006 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 10-7-2006 was (93%). Total sunshine hours on 9-7-2006 was nil.

Rainfalls on 10-7-2006 were (0.63) inch at Mingaladon, (0.91) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.51) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (40.08) inches at Mingaladon, (50.08) inches at Kaba-Aye and (53.66) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (20) mph from Southwest at (14:00) hours MST on 9-7-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 11-7-2006: Rain or rainshowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Chin State, upper Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States and Taninthayri Division. Degree of certainty is (100%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35 to 40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 11-7-2006: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 11-7-2006: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 11-7-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

New Rainfall Record

(Issued at 10:30 hours MST on 10th July 2006)

The amount of rainfall (175) mm (6.89 inches) observed at (09:30) hours MST on 10th July 2006 in Hinthada is the (24) hours new maximum rainfall record at the station for the month of July during last (39) years. The former record was 145 mm (5.71 inches) on 18th July 1994.

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Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 10-7-2006)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1177) cm. It may remain above its danger level of (1070) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Shwegyin River at Shwegyin is (734) cm. It may fall below its danger level of (700) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is (754) cm. It may remain above its danger level of (750) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today.

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Bereaved Family.

AL-Haj Ismail Ebrahim Ariff Age (91) years

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AL-Haj Ismail Ebrahim Ariff, beloved husband of Hajima Daw Sara Bi Bi, father of Al-Haj Ebrahim Ismail Ariff & Hajima Daw Farida, late Hajima Daw Amina, grandfather of Hajima Khatiza Bi, Fatima Bi, Sara Bi, Hajra Bi, Mohamed and Ismail, expired, on Sunday 9-7-2006 corresponding to 13th Jamadul-sani 1427 at 4 am, at his residence No. 234, Shwebontha Street, Pabedan Township, Yangon and the remains were buried the same day after Zuhur-namaaz at Yeway Sunni Muslim garden-qabarastan.



Tuesday, 11 July
View on today

7:00 am

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- 3. To be healthy exercise

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- 4. Morning news

7:40 am

- 5. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

- 6. ကဗျာပန်းပွဲယျာဉ်

8:00 am

- 7. အတိတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

- 8. Songs of yesteryears

8:20 am

- 9. အတိတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

- 10. အသွင်သဏ္ဍာန်တောက်သည့် သာဓင်တန်ခေါက်တံတား

8:30 am

- 11. International news

8:45 am

- 12. Let's Go

4:00 pm

- 1. Martial song

4:15 pm

- 2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:40 pm

- 3. အထောင်တော်လှန်ရေးရက်ပြိုင်ပွဲကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ရုက္ခဗေဒအလှူပြု) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)

4:45 pm

- 4. Dance of national races

5:00 pm

- 5. စံစားနားဆင် တေးစာတံဝင်

5:10 pm

- 6. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေး ဂီတတေး

5:20 pm

- 8. “သုခလံချင်းမရှိတဲ့ ဥပဒေ” (မင်းခေါ၊ ခင်စာခြည်ကျော်၊ စကရီကျော်ကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဇော်ယုဉ်ကျော်)

5:25 pm

- 8. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

- 9. Evening news

6:30 pm

- 10. Weather report

6:35 pm

- 11. The mirror images of the musical oldies

6:50 pm

- 12. အမြဲစိမ်းနေမည့် အမြဲစိမ်းရာတာမြို့ (နန်းခမ်းမြို့)

7:00 pm

- 13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းဆွဲ “ရလိုင်နံနက်ခင်း” (အပိုင်း-၈)

8:00 pm

- 14. News

- 15. International news

- 16. Weather report

- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းဆွဲ “ရစ်သူးအိပ်မက်လှလှ” (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

- 18. The next day's programme

USDA's future work programmes aimed at serving national interest

Advanced Management (Special) Course No 2 for USDA Executives opens

YANGON, 10 July — Advanced Management (Special) Course No 2 for Executives of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was opened at Pyidaungsu hall of the training school of USDA in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, this morning.

Secretary-General of the USDA U Htay Oo delivered a speech at the

opening ceremony.

Present on the occasion were CEC members of the USDA, guests, course in-charge Lt-Col Khin Win and supervisor officers and trainees.

In his address, Secretary-General U Htay Oo said the goal of all the national races is emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic

nation. It is obvious that the government, the Tatmadaw and the people, the genuine strengths of the State, are endeavouring for gentle transition of old system to a new one. Stability was restored and progress has been made in all sectors due to the correct policy, the way based on the prevailing conditions and practical implementation

with goodwill, he said.

In building a new nation, there must be the basic foundations such as stability of the State, strong economy of the State and its people and human resource development for perpetuation of the State. As is known to all that a nation cannot be built if there is no basic foundation, he said.

USDA members do not come from a particular class and they come of the national races living in various parts of the country. They have witnessed and enjoyed the development of the respective regions. He said they joined the association of their



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo delivers an address at No 2 Advanced Management (Special) Course.—MNA

own accord with the firm aims and concepts of participating in the tasks for stability and development in accord with the discipline laid down. They are to not only take part in the tasks but organize the people to do so under the correct leadership.

The USDA was formed on 15 September 1993 and it is 12 years old. Systematic arrangements have been made since its existence. The USDA members at different levels continuously carried out practical community welfare services for stability and development of the respective regions in

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USDA Secretary inspects development tasks in Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Secretary of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung on 8 July attended a ceremony to present stationery and desks to the basic education middle school and basic education primary schools held by Ngazun Township USDA.

The ceremony was also attended by departmental officials, secretaries of division/district/township USDAs, executives and organizers, wellwishers and guests. Myingyan District USDA executive U Kyaw Tint reported on educational activities in Ngazun Township.

Next, the cash donation for presentation of stationery and desks took place.

Minister U Aung Thaung accepted the donations—K 384,000 by departments, K 136,000 by Ngazun Township USDA and K 80,000 by wellwishers, and handed over them to the Township Education Officer.

Afterwards, member of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee USDA Secretary U Aung Thaung met with members of the Township War Veterans Organization and the Township USDA at the meeting hall of Ngazun Township PDC. The chairman of Ngazun Township WVO and

the secretary of the Township USDA reported on works carried out for regional development and future tasks.

The USDA Secretary fulfilled the requirements and called on members of the WVO and the USDA to carry out the regional development works with added momentum and try their utmost to be well-qualified.

Next, the USDA Secretary inspected the thriving physic nut plants in Sikaung Village in Ngazun Township. After that, he met with members of TadaU Township USDA at the office of the Township USDA and urged them to make all-out efforts to be qualitatively and quantitatively qualified and to fully engage in national development tasks.

Later, the USDA Secretary arrived at Maha Gandhayon Kyaungtaik in Amarapura where he presented Waso robes and offertories to Presiding Sayadaw Maha Dhammakathika Bahujanahitadhaya Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kuntalarbhivamsa and members of the Sangha.

Next, the USDA Secretary offered Waso robes to members of the Sangha of Masoyein Kyaungtaik and Mahavithudhayon Taikthit in Maha Aungmye Township, Mandalay.—MNA

Weather Forecast for (11-7-2006)

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

Yangon and neighbouring areas
Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Mandalay and neighbouring areas
Likelihood of isolated rain.
Degree of certainty is (60%).

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In parallel, exaggerated stories were invented in connection with rising bus fares paid by university students. There were attempts to sow discord among the service personnel themselves, and between the public and service personnel pointing out the higher pay extended to the service personnel. Expatriate experts under the influence of the international spy agency and foreign radio stations organized interviews aimed at creating disunity; they worked in collusion to commit such divisive acts.