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Four political objectives

- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and
- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State
- 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
- 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

Myanmar considers its youth to be one of greatest assets in country

Government paying great attention to all-round development of young people

Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses ceremony to mark World Population Day for 2006

- A ceremony to

meeting hall of the Ministry of Immigration and mark World Population | Population here this morn-Day 2006 was held at the ing, with an address by

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addressing the World Population Day (2006) commemorative

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein

Present on the occasion were ministers, the chief justice, the attorneygeneral, deputy ministers, foreign ambassadors to Myanmar, charges d' affairs, resident representatives of UN agencies, responsible personnel, members of NGOs and social organizations, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments, guests and prize

First, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein made a speech on the occasion. He said: Every

year nations all over the world celebrate World Population Day on the 11th of July. We in Myanmar attach great significance to the com-

celebrate the World Population Day with the theme "Young People".

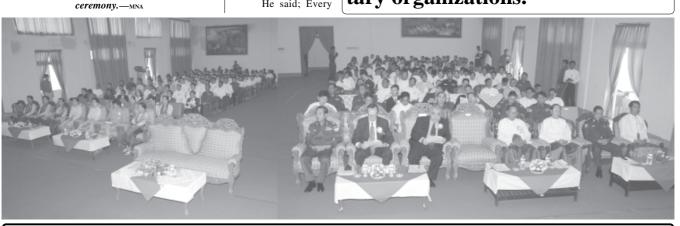
Allow me to explain the significance of the theme. The population of the world is currently estimated at 6.5 billion, out of which over 1 billion are young people between the ages of 10 to 24 repre-

senting the biggest generation in human history They are opportunities and assets to be nurtured, not problems to deal with. Their issues, especially those of girls, very young adolescents and married adolescents, need special attention.

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memoration of World Population Day and today marks the seventeenth time that Myanmar is observing it. This year we Programmes relating to the children, youth and families are also being implemented with the coordination and collaboration of Government agencies and volun-

tary organizations.



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Take part in peace-building process and national development endeavours

The common goal of the entire national people living in the Union of Myanmar is the emergence of a peaceful, developed and modern nation. For the realization of this common goal, the government of Myanmar is practising the national policy of non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sover-

In addition to the practice of the national policy, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are working in concert to implement the four polictical, four economic and four social objectives. As a result, considerable success has been made in various sec-

As the government is building the national solidarity with genuine goodwill and in proper way, 17 national race armed groups and other small groups have returned to the legal fold of their own accord and are taking part in the peace-building process together with the government. Moreover, they are enthusiastically participating in regional development endeavours.

Eight hundred and forty-eight 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 leagal fold at the Eastern Command on 6 July, 2006. They 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. They have done so because they are convinced of the government's national political undertakings, because they have seen for themselves developments and achievements of Myanmar and because they possess true patriotism.

At a time when the government, the people, the Tatmadaw and peace groups are working together for successful realization of their common national goal, we believe that remaining armed groups will also take part in the peace-building process and regional and national development endeavours.

Myanmar, Indian pharmaceutical entrepreneurs meet

YANGON, 11 July—The Myanmar Medical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association and Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council of India sponsored a meeting between buyers and sellers at the Ball Room of Traders' Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here this afternoon.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of Myanmar Medical 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 and CEC members, representatives from relevant companies, Counsellor (Commercial) Mr Rajinder Khanna of Indian Embassy, 11-member delegation led by Executive Director Raghuveer Kini of Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council.

Chairman Dr Maung Maung Lay made a speech and Executive Director Raghuveer Kini explained matters related to Indian Pharma Industry. The meeting focused on promotion of Myanmar-Indian medical and medical equipment trading.-MNA

People's Desire

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

Minister inspects construction of Hlinethaya-Yekyi (Athok) Power Line, Athok Sub-power **Plant**

YANGON, 9 July - Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, accompanied by Col Khin Maung Soe of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Committee and officials inspected the construction of Athok 230/ 66/11 KV 100 MVA Sub Power Plant in Yekyi Township, Ayeyawady Division on 8 July morn-

The minister and party first inspected the construction Hlinethava-Yekvi (Athok) 230 KV Power Line. Officials reported on the construction of the Power Line to the minister. On arrival at Athok Sub-power Plant in Yekyi Township, the minister heard a report by | tions. — MNA

officials on construction tasks, gave necessary instructions and attended to the needs. Later, the minister visited 33/11 KV

Ambassador presents credentials

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July- U Thet Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to New Zealand, presented his Credentials to Her Excellency The Honourable Dame Silvia Cartwright, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of New Zealand, on 27 June, 2006 in Wellington. -MNA



Sub-power Plant in Pantanaw Township in Ayeyawady Division and left necessary instruc-

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint visits 33/11 KV Sub-power Plant in Pantanaw Township.

MNA

Myitnge railway carriage factory to increase capacity

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation

yesterday met with employees of the railway carriage factory in Thura U Thaung Lwin | Myitnge and called for | vates 40 coaches a month

more efforts for exceeding the factory's target.

The factory reno-

and is expected to increase its capacity up to 50 coaches

During his tour of the factory, Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin inspected the renovation of coaches provided by the People's Republic of China.

The deputy minister also met with 145 employees of the Transport Planning Department at the office of the Road Transport Administration Department in Mandalay and urged them to abide by codes of conduct of service personnel.

MNA



Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin inspects Myitnge carriage factory. — Rail Transportation

Myanmar engineering delegation leaves for Singapore

YANGON, 11 July—A Myanmar engineering delegation led by Chairman of Myanmar Engineering Association U Than Myint on 9 July left here to attend the third annual meeting of AOGS 2006-Asia Oceanic Geosciences Society and the meeting of Restoration Programme from the Gaint Earthquakes and Tsunamis to be held in Singapore.

At the meetings to be held from 9 to 15 July, the Myanmar delegation will present papers on

Some Evidence in Support of Ascismic Tectonics along the Bengal Tectonic Boundary and Coastal Segmentation and Active Tectonics of Rakhine Coast a Preliminary Review.

Myanmar delegation members comprise Vice-Chairman of Earthquake Committee Dr Win Shwe and Secretaries U Tin Lwin Swe and U Soe Thura Tun.

China's tax revenues rise by 22.3% in first half

Beijing, 10 July— China's tax revenues hit 1.93 trillion yuan (241.25 billion US dollars) in the first six months, a rise of 22.3 per cent over the same period last year, according to the State Administration of Taxation.

The figure was 352.2 billion vuan more than the same period of last year.

An administration official attributed the rapid growth of tax revenues to the "stable and fast"

nation's economy.

He said the strict implementation of tax policies had also played an important role, predicting that tax revenues would continue to rise steadily.

China's income tax revenues from foreigninvested enterprises, domestic enterprises and individuals amounted to 546.5 billion yuan in the first half, an increase of

development of the | 27.8 per cent from the same period last year.

> Increased revenues from Customs tariffs. stamp duties on stock trading and motor vehicle purchase taxes also contributed to the growth

> These combined three revenue sources totalled 52.3 billion vuan in the first half, accounting for 14.8 per cent of the country's total, and helped push up the nation's tax revenue growth by 3.3 percentage points.

> > MNA/Xinhua



Li Changchun (R), member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, shakes hands with Cuban Vice President of the Council of State Esteban Lazo Hernandez during their meeting in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 July, 2006. —INTERNET

At least 135 killed, about 450 injured in Mumbai train blasts

Mumbai, India 11 July- At least 135 people have been killed in seven explosions on crowded rush-hour commuter trains in the Indian financial capital of Mumbai, police said.

About 450 people were injured in the blasts, which took place between 6:20 and 7 pm (1250 and 1330 GMT) when the trains were packed with commuters making their way home.

A correspondent for CNN's sister network, CNN-IBN, reported seeing 15 bodies at the Matunga train station.

Video from one station showed people with blood on them being treated, other commuters carrying victims and

motionless near train tracks.

At least one train was split in half by the explosion.

There was no claim of responsibility but the blasts took place in quick succession - a common tactic used by Kashmiri militants who have often targeted India's cities.

Mumbai's subway system was put on red alert following the blasts on trains in the city's western suburbs, and police in the capital New Delhi also heightened security.

Airports across India were also put on high alert, and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh called an emergency meeting of his ministers after the

The blasts hit trains or platforms at the Khar, Mahim, Matunga, Jogeshwari, Borivili and Bhayander stations, in that order. Another hit a train between the Khar and Santa Cruz stations. a police official told

CNN-IBN. One CNN-IBN correspondent who was on a train hit by an explosion said the train was just leaving the station when the blast occurred. Several people jumped from the train and were killed when they were hit by the train.

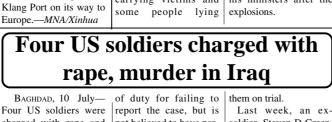
"Limbs (are) lying

everywhere, (were) cleared from the tracks by local business owners who rushed from their shops," the correspondent said.

On 7 March, 14 people were killed in attacks on a temple and a rail station in Varansi. On 12 March, 1993, more than 250 people were killed in Mumbai when 13 bombs exploded in several locations in the

The city's commuter rail network is among the most crowded in the world.

Internet



"Xin LA's arrival at Westports is a testimony of the growing bilateral trade between Malaysia and China," Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak said at a ceremony for welcoming the arrival of the giant ship in Klang Port, some 40 kilometres west of Kuala Lumpur.

July-The world's larg-

est container ship Xin Los

Angeles made its maiden call to Westports in Klang

Port near here Sunday.

The 9,600 TEU (twenty-foot equivalent unit) ship owned by China Shipping Container Lines (CSCL), a subsidiary of

BAGHDAD, 10 July-Four US soldiers were charged with rape and murder of an Iraqi woman and the killing of her three family members, the US military said on Sunday.

Co, made the stopover in

Professional actresses from Russia perform ballet

under water in an aquarium in Qingdao, east China's

World's largest container ship

makes maiden call to Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 | China Shipping (Group)

Shandong Province, on 8 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Earlier, the US military said that three were charged with rape and murder, but later corrected the number into four

A fifth soldier was charged with dereliction

Man held after four bodies found in house

explosion at a house in Newcastle on Sunday after finding the bodies of four

adults in the house. Northumbria Police said. Police said they were not seeking

anyone else in connection with the incident. Officers discovered the bodies after

the man had gone to a police station at 6:15 am on Sunday. — MNA/Reuters

London, 10 July -Police arrested a man and carried out a controlled

not believed to have participated in it directly, said the US military in a statement.

The statement did not reveal the names of the accused

The five soldiers will face further investigation and a hearing which will decide whether there is enough evidence to put

soldier, Steven D Green, was also charged with rape and murder in a US civilian court over the case. He plead not guilty. The charges came

after the US military investigated into allegations that soldiers from the US 101st Airborne Division raped a young Iraqi woman and killed her and her three family members and then burned their bodies in a bid to destroy evidence in Mahmudiya Village, south of Baghdad, in

MNA/Xinhua



A model displays a hairstyle during the 12th China International Hair and Beauty Commodity Expo at Beijing Exhibition Hall on 8 July, 2006.

INTERNET

CPC officials call for well implementation of central policies

Beijing, 10 July— Discipline inspectors of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and supervisors of the government should step up their efforts to oversee how major policies and arrangements made by the Central Authorities are carried out.

Currently, activities that have violated the government's macroeconomic control policy. such as blind investment, overlapped infrastructure projects, and illegal use of

land by local government, must be placed under administrative supervision

Wu Guanzheng, member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Central Committee Political Bureau and secretary of the CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI), remarked these at a conference which was held in Qingdao, Shandong Province, east China, on 7-8 July, and attended by directors of provincial level supervisory departments.

The CCDI and the Ministry of Supervision, which began to share the same office at all levels in 1993 have had their integrated powers well increased, said Wu.

He urged the two departments to work harder on preventing corruption, eliminating the soil and conditions for creating corruption from the origin, and making new contribution to the country's reform and development.

MNA/Xinhua

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Protesters hold signs at a rally denouncing free trade agreement talks between the US and South Korea in front of a venue where the talks are being held in Seoul, on 11 July, 2006. The protester's sign reads, "Stop the FTA between South Korea and the United States".—Internet

GOP husband, Democratic wife vie for seat OVERLAND PARK, 10 July—The candidates say they offer legitimate political differences. Their conservative critics say it's a campaign dirty trick.

Jeff Ippel is a Republican, involved in a three-way primary race for a seat in the Kansas House. His wife, Pam, is unopposed in the August Democratic primary for the same seat. Pam Ippel, whose platform emphasizes health care and funding for education, said she was the first to enter the race for an open seat from this Kansas City suburb. "The more Jeff thought about it, the more he thought he'd have a better chance," she said.

"Better ideas," said her husband, who is running on a platform of smaller government and fewer illegal immigrants. Other Republicans accuse the Ippels of working as a team"Personally, I think it's a fraud. It's a deliberate strategy of confusion," conservative Republican Jeff Colyer said. He says their real goal is to siphon away votes from his campaign to ensure the nomination of a GOP moderate, Sherrelyn Smith.

"It's an absolute sham. They're trying to confuse voters and manipulate the process," agrees Republican state Rep Eric Carter, who is giving up the seat to run for state insurance commissioner. The Ippels and Smith denied any collusion. "There's absolutely no truth to it." Smith said.—Internet

Expedition 13 crewmember Jeff Williams (C) and Discovery Pilot Mark Kelly (R) help Piers Sellers as he gets ready for his space walk with fellow astronaut Mike Fossum (L) in the International Space Station's Quest airlock in this view from NASA TV on 8 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Gunmen kill Congo journalist amid Press fears

KINSHASA, 10 July — Gunmen killed a journalist in Democratic Republic of Congo early on Saturday.

A local media watchdog said independent journalist Mwamba Bapuwa was shot at his home by unidentified intruders who took his mobile phone.

"Mwamba Bapuwa, (who was) 64 years old and a journalist who worked for several media, was killed at home in Kinshasa on Saturday, just after 2 am," Congolese Press watchdog Journaliste en Danger (JED) said in a statement.

JED said he bled to death after being shot by three assailants who broke into his home. There was no immediate comment from police or the government.

Bapuwa, who had recently returned from France where he had been working, survived a similar attack in March, JED said."JED expresses its shock following this vile killing of a journalist and condemns this crime, which does not seem to be a random act," the group said. -MNA/Reuters

China floods kill over 30, typhoon weakens

Beijing, 10 July— tions of cities along Floods and landslides have killed more than 30 people across China in recent days, state media said on Monday, as a typhoon threatening eastern cities stayed away and weakened into a tropical storm.

Seven oilfield workers were killed in a landslide in the northwestern province of Gansu on Thursday, the China Daily said.

Sixteen died in the southwestern province of Yunnan on Thursday and Friday and a landslide in the suburbs of Taiyuan, capital of the northern province of Shanxi, killed 11 migrant workers in an iron mine on Saturday.

Typhoon Ewiniar, which prompted evacuaChina's eastern seaboard on Saturday, missed China altogether, weakened into a tropical storm and rolled into South Korea.

MNA/Reuters

Miami, 10 July— A Cuban migrant died on Saturday from possible head injuries after the US Coast Guard chased a speedboat suspected of

smuggling 31 people into the United States and fired into its engines to stop the vessel, US officials said.

Migrant dies as US Coast Guard chases speedboat

The Coast Guard said the death of a woman on

of the shooting, which occurred after a highspeed chase about dawn that began 39 miles (63 kilometres) south of Key West and ended 4 miles (6.4 kilometres) south of Boca Chica in Florida.

Two Coast Guard vessels tried to corner the 36foot (11-metre) Carrera, a speedboat with three outboard motors that tried to ram one of the pursuing vessels more than five times. It had three suspected people smugglers on board in addition to 31 passengers.

An investigation will determine whether the smuggling suspects face charges and the status of

the boat was not as a result | the passengers will be determined later.

> The Coast Guard said two rounds were fired into one of the boat's engines to stop it and that "no migrants received injuries as a result of the disabling fire".

> It said three migrants were found to be in need of medical attention. including the woman, who had severe bruises to her face and apparent head injuries. She died as she was being taken to hospital. The dead woman might have sustained the head injuries during the high-speed voyage, Captain Phil Heyl, the Coast Guard commander in Key West, said.



Iraqi Army soldiers guard at a checkpoint in Baghdad on 9 July, 2006.



Tai Shan (R), a giant panda cub, digs into a special frozen treat with his mother Mei Xiang at the Washington National Zoo on its first birthday on 9 July, 2006.—Internet

Venezuela, **Colombia** launch gas pipeline construction

CARACAS, 10 July- Venezuela and Colombia on Saturday launched the construction of a natural gas pipeline in Venezuela's western state of Zulia.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, Colombian President Alvaro Uribe and Panamanian President Martin Torrijos attended the inauguration ceremony.

The 225-kilometre pipeline will link the natural gas fields in Colombia's La Guajira department and Venezuela's city of Maracaibo in Zulia.—MNA/Xinhua

Thailand to open new checkpoint along border with Cambodia

BANGKOK, 10 July Thai and Cambodian officials on Friday ended a two-day-meeting held in Thailand's southern island resort town of Phuket with an agreement to open a new checkpoint near the border between two

Thai caretaker Interior Minister Kongsak Wanthana, who led Thai officials in the third meeting of the Thai-Cambodian joint border committee, said the discussion was conducted in a friendly atmosphere.

Both nations agreed to a plan to open a new border checkpoint in Ban Bor Rai of Thailand's eastern Trat Province.

opposite Cambodia's | countries when crossing Battambang Province.

The joint committee also vowed to extend their cooperation to prevent and suppress cross-border crimes and improve their collaboration among local government officials to increase efficiency to tackle shared problems the official Thai News Agency said.

At present, local commercial travellers and workers from both sides of the border have been allowed to travel further into the neighbouring

at the Klong Leuk-Poipet permanent checkpoint.

The Thai Interior Minister said both countries also agreed to strictly comply with their agreement on crossborder travelling signed nine years ago which promised to facilitate every citizen who wished to cross the border.

The meeting also agreed that a special border pass would be issued to those who regularly cross the border. MNA/Xinhua

Clinton accuses Republicans of attempting to divide Congress

on Sunday.

Los Angeles, 10 Former US president Bill Clinton accused the Republican Party of using the immigration issue to divide Congress and the nation, local media reported on Sunday.

"It is a way of creating a divided community and distracting people from the real challenges facing the country, whether it is in Iraq and Afghanistan, or homeland security, or how to build a clean energy future, or how to solve the healthcare crisis, or how to create new jobs for America," Clinton told one of the nation's largest Latino civil rights groups in Los Angeles Saturday

Calling the immigration debate a divisive distraction, Clinton said hard-liners are "basically

saying these undocumented broke the law, send them home - never mind that they are 5 per cent of the workforce and a far bigger percentage in certain critical areas".

"It's crazy to think about sending 11 million people home" to their native countries, Clinton said in remarks published by the Los Angeles Times

"America is and always will be a nation of immigrants," he said. "We have to create one America based on our

diversity, not trying to deny it." Clinton's speech was

some of his most extensive since the issue of illegal immigration heated up in Washington this year. It

came as competing congressional proposals for immigration reform are being debated this summer in committee hearings around the country. Clinton voiced approach to changing immigration laws although he disliked some elements of the bill

support for the Senate's

China con man proves money doesn't grow on trees

Beijing, 10 July—A Chinese man who conned dozens of farmers out of 2 million yuan (135,770 pounds) to grow trees he said would be used in the 2008 Olympics has been jailed for 12 years, a Chinese newspaper said on Tuesday.

Liu Lutang was barking up the wrong tree when he duped more than 50 farmers into contracts to buy saplings of a maple tree for 20 yuan (\$2.50) each, promising them he would buy them back at a higher price after six months, the Beijing News said.

"He told the farmers (they) would be used in the Olympics," the paper

Liu, who had set up a bogus forestry company with offices in several Chinese cities, convinced the farmers the trees would sprout six to eight branches in a year and that he would

pay them 8 yuan (\$1) per branch, the paper said.

Liu's con was perpetrated between December 2001 and March 2002. He was arrested in 2002, but then skipped bail and evaded police for nearly three years, the paper said.

Internet

149-foot canoe said to be record-breaker

NEWPORT,10 July— A canoe touted to be the world's longest, at 149 feet and one inch, was launched here this weekend at Sebasticook Lake.

The boat, which is constructed from 18 sections that were bolted together, is 32 feet longer than the existing record holder listed in the Guinness Book of World Records. The boat was built as a project that started at Nokomis Regional High School about a year ago. The goal was to raise money for a special pontoon boat that can take disabled people fishing.

The record-breaking canoe that was launched Saturday may be long, but the ride was short. It lasted only about four minutes while the 36 paddlers went about 100 feet from the dock before returning when one of the sections near the middle broke.-Internet

Shop assistants show a pair of huge rosewood chopsticks in a shop in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 9 July, 2006. The 1.6-metre rosewood chopstick weighs 20 kilogrammes, with a market price of 180,000 RMB yuan (22,500 US dollars) INTERNET



Pakistani police arrest rogue surgeon for kidney removal

KARACHI, 10 July — Pakistani police have arrested a surgeon who is accused of stealing a kidney from a patient during an operation to remove a gall bladder, police said on Saturday.

Mohammad Kashif | complained to police that he went in for the gall bladder operation on 7 May and ended up minus one kidney.

Police arrested the surgeon on Friday in the southern city of Karachi.

"We are investigating the matter as we are keen to know why the doctor

where it has gone," senior police officer Zubair Mehmood told *Reuters*.

"We would like to know if the kidney has been sold and if there is a recipient. We want to recover it and find out if this is something bigger," he said.

Lacking effective

removed the kidney and | legislation, Pakistan has become the centre of a cash-for-kidneys trade, with hundreds of people selling their organs to private hosnitals

> But it is rare for people to have their kidneys removed without their knowledge.



A plane with about 41 passengers and four crew members on board crashed on 10 July, 2006, in the eastern Pakistani city of Multan.—INTERNET

Beijing, 10 July—The | All-China Federation of Trade Unions (ACFTU). the world's largest union in terms of membership, will set up 120,000 more branches in 2006.

The ACFTU has a membership of 150 million and has 1.174 million branches. In 2006, the union plans to install more than 120,000 branches across the country, with more than 13 million new members. according to Sun Chunlan, vice-president of the ACFTU.

The union said that one of its major tasks is to urge all companies, especially those foreign-funded or transnational ones, to have a labour union to safeguard employees' rights.

ACFTU figures show that among the existing 1.174 million grass-roots unions, 773,000 are affiliated to companies, making up for 66 per cent of the total, with a membership of 111 million.

China's Trade Union Law says that employees may voluntarily apply for setting up labour unions but fails to specify the duty of companies in assisting such a process.

Many foreign companies, including the world's leading retailer Wal-Mart, have been

A model

displays

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taking advantage of this stipulation to obstruct the setting up of a union, a ACFTU official said.

China has more than 100 000 overseas companies, and many from Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao, but less than 30 per cent of them have set up labour unions.

The ACFTU was formally founded on 1 May, 1925.

MNA/Xinhua



A boy plays in a fountain during the midday heat in central Tbilisi, on 9 July, 2006—Internet

Welding equipment producer opens new firm in E China

SHANGHAI, 10 July—ESAB, the world's biggest producer of welding equipment, has invested 30 million US dollars in a second plant in China, the world's largest welding products market.

The new plant, in the port city of Zhangjiagang, eastern Jiangsu Province, will provide 170 jobs for local people and produce 30,000 tons of solid welding wire and 10,000 tons of flux-cored wire. said Jon Templeman, ESAB's chief executive officer in Shanghai.

ESAB Welding Products (Jiangsu) Co, Ltd is the second Chinese branch of the Londonbased manufacturer, which established a welding and cutting products company in Shanghai last October.

China is the world's

largest welding products | according to an ESAB market, with an annual consumption accounting for a fifth of the world total, and is growing by 5

report.

ESAB's sales in China reached 14.9 million pounds in 2005, a yearper cent every year, on-year rise of 28.4 per

cent and it planned to open five more plants in China in next three to four years to meet market demand. said Templeman.

MNA/Xinhua

Nepali Govt presents 34-point policy and programme

KATHMANDU, 10 July-Nepali Deputy Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli presented a 34-point policy and programme of the government at the joint session of the House of Representatives and National Assembly on Sunday.

The government's policy is aimed at restoring lasting peace in the country through an election to a Constituent Assembly after the

interim Constitution and formation of an interim government.

It has urged the guerillas to enter party politics by renouncing weapons.

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promulgation of an expressed government's commitment to fully implement understandings and agreements reached between the Seven- Party Alliance and the guerillas at different times.

MNA/Xinhua



by Manila shanty fire

Manila, 10 July-Around 5,000 people were left homeless after a huge blaze swept through one of the biggest slum colonies in the Philippine capital on Monday, killing one man and injuring six, fire and local officials said.

The three-hour fire. sparked at 4:30 am by still unknown causes, ripped through the shanty town's narrow streets in Malabon, a coastal area in the capital's northern suburb.

"It is a disaster," Mayor Tito Oreta said, adding about 150 to 200 families lost their homes. "Our problem now is setting up temporary shelters for the families because there were

classes in schools normally used as evacuation centres during calami-

Narrow prevented firefighters from getting close to the source of the fire which spread rapidly because most of the structures were made of light materials, such as plywood and galvanized iron sheets, said

MNA/Reuters

One dead in accident at British **National Diving Centre**

London, 10 July-A man has died in a diving accident at a diving centre in Leicestershire, police said on Sunday.

An RAF helicopter took three other divers suffering from the bends to a hospital in Liverpool.

There were no further details of their condition, police said.

The accident happened at the National Diving Centre in Stoney Cove, based at a flooded quarry.

MNA/Reuters

Spanish troops hurt in Afghan blast, one dies

Madrid, 10 July—A Peruvian serving with the Spanish military was killed in an explosion in Afghanistan on Saturday and four others were wounded, a Defence Ministry spokeswoman

said."The happened when the soldiers were out on patrol ... We are trying to find out whether the explosion was a mine or an intentionally detonated device," she

The dead man, originally from Peru who had enlisted in the Spanish military, died while being transferred to the Spanish-Italian base at Herat. The ministry named him as Jorge Arnaldo Hernandez Seminario. Spain has 680 soldiers in Afghanistan, serving with the UN force.

MNA/Reuters



Firefighters work through the debris from a five-alarm fire in a collapsed building in New York, on 10 July, 2006. A three-story building collapsed in Manhattan on Monday morning after an apparent gas explosion, causing injuries, a frantic rescue operation and sending smoke billowing into the air.—INTERNET

Gas leak sends 164 to hospital in N-W China

gas leaking from a rusting pipe in northwest China has put 164 people in hospital, Xinhua news agency said on Monday.

The accident happened on Sunday at a chemical factory in Yinchuan, capital

Beijing, 10 July —Toxic chlorine of the Ningxia Hui autonomous region, bordering Inner Mongolia.

"Police received calls late Sunday night about people poisoned in a factory in Xixia District, where 210,000 residents live," the agency said.

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At the inauguration of the Government | the region around 1950. Computer College (Hpa-an) held on 10 June 2006, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein said, "Having a look at the international affairs, we can notice a lot of incidents of worse conditions on account of intrigues, divisive acts, infighting leading to murders, and loss of sovereignty of some nations from which we should take valuable lessons.

"Therefore, the government has kept open the door to peace in order to restore national reconsolidation and the stability of the State and to ensure the development of the nation to be free from terrorist acts".

In fact, the Sasana and the Teachings of the Buddha have been flourishing in the Union of Myanmar since the beginning of the nation's history, and harmony has been set up between successive kings and the people better than any other nation. Moreover, auspiciousness flourishes most in

The history shows that Myanmar was deprived of such auspiciousness by the colonialists who colonized the nation for more than one hundred years and their minions and lackeys.

During his tour of the South-East Command region on 9 June 2006, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said, "Our nation fell under alien subjugation for more than one hundred years. Due to the wedge the colonialists drove among the national races, in 1948 when the nation regained independence, the nation faced multi-coloured insurgents based on dogmatism, ideology and racism. The chronic armed insurgency lasted about forty years and the nation lacked peace and stability and could not carry out development tasks effectively.

"In consequence, Myanmar was reduced to a least-developing nation in South-East Asia in 1988 although it stood as one of the top nations in

"The Tatmadaw Government that took up the State responsibilities in 1988 laid down the 12 political, economic and social objectives to overcome such hardships and adversities. And it strove for restoration of stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order.

"At the same time, it built national reconsolidation without fail. Altogether 17 national race armed groups and small armed groups without racism and dogmatism returned to the legal fold. So far, some of them have unconditionally exchanged arms for peace. That has enhanced national solidarity, peace and stability. With greater national unity, almost the entire nation has seen peace and stability and has enjoyed significant progress".

The 17 national race armed groups are five Shan (North) groups, three Shan (South) groups, one Shan (East) group, three Kayah group, two Kachin groups, one Kayinni group, one Mon group and one Rakhine group. Thanks to the encouragement and assistance of the government, they are devoting themselves to the tasks for restoration of peace and stability and regional and national development.

Although the prospects for development have improved, some armed groups still place too much reliance on foreign countries and cling to racism.

The minister also said, "The remnant insurgent groups that stick to armed struggle line due to their reliance on aliens and racism are KNU remnant group, KNPP that went underground again, and SSA-S Ywet Sit group. These groups are no longer in a position to stand in the nation. Now, they have to stay hidden along the Myanmar-Thai border line. In particular, they take a stronghold in the socalled refugee camps in the neighbouring country and commit destructive acts in the nation.

"In the nation, only some border areas close to the camps of the insurgents still lag behind in stability and development".

They are certain western powers who are good at resorting to hegemony and implementing the plan to set up puppet governments under their domination, while interfering in internal affairs of other nations under the pretext of democracy and human rights and transforming internal affairs of world countries into international issues, along with their expatriate lackeys, and some NGOs and media stations under their influence.

The handful of remnant insurgents time and again enter the nation and perpetrate destructive and terrorist acts in collusion with aboveground hard-core members. So, local people in border areas still suffer the evil consequences of such acts. They abhor such acts.

Peace and stability has not been restored yet in some regions of southern Shan State owing to the acts of SSA-S, in some regions of Kayah State owing to the acts of KNPP, and in some regions of Kayin State owing to the acts of remnant KNU insurgents, thereby making local people impoverished. Who is responsible for such undesirable effects?

Local people in border areas who are suffering from the immense impact of the insurgency know well, through their experiences, who are responsible for their hardships. They have realized that the insurgents are the perpetrators who harm the regions, life and the interests of local people, socio-economic life of local people, Shan State and the State.

Then, who are the masterminds behind the acts of the insurgents?

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Their tactic is to make use of remnant insurgents as robots.

Their strategy is to install puppet governments.

What they fear most and pretend not to know is the solid unity firmly built between the Tatmadaw Government and more than 54 million people.

Now, it is not late yet for the remnant insurgents to serve the interests of their regions, their races, their states and motherland with added momentum, having a clear outlook on the prevailing conditions of the nation. And it is time they remedied their mistakes and wrong acts they have committed and they sought ways and means to know what they should do.

For them, it is best to return to the embrace of the public as the door of peace is kept open.

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Young people in Myanmar enjoying...

(from page 16)

- One in four young people in developing countries are living in extreme poverty.
- There are 133 million youth who cannot read or write, another 115 million children who do not go to school and another 100 million children who will be forced to leave school before having learned to read and write.
- 82 million girls in the developing countries will be marrying before they are 18. Each year, 15 million girls aged 15 to 19 gave birth and 4 million undergo abortions, often in unsafe conditions.
- More than 60 million people have been infected and about 50 per cent of the HIV infections occurred among young people and many of them suffered the disease before they

Given the gravity



Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party together with prize winners pose for documentary photo after the ceremony of World Population Day for 2006. — MNA

ation in our country. The current population of Myanmar is 55.4 million and the young people between the ages of 10 to 24 is nearly 15 million.

Myanmar been able to achieve significant economic progress. Due to the efforts of the Government, the gap between different regions of the nation as well as beGovernment agencies and voluntary organizations. Myanmar consid-

ers its youth to be one of the greatest assets in the country. The Government is therefore paying great attention to the all-round development of our young people. While a comprehensive health programme including health education programmes for youth is ple in Myanmar enjoying opportunities to uplift their standard of living and quality of life.

Recognizing the reproductive health is a crucial component in human resource development, Myanmar's National Health Policy places high priority on strategies that seek to encourage, strengthen and intensify actions for improving reproductive health. Accordingly, the Government launched Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Programme as one of the component of RH programmes which links to the programme of United Nations agencies as well as Non-Governmental Organizations.

departments and NGOs.

In addition to the Government efforts, a nation-wide NGO. Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (MMCWA) is actively engaged in providing quality reproductive health counselling and services, giving advocacy talks and meetings and seminars on reproductive health, adolescent reproductive health, sexually transmitted diseases such as STDs and AIDS, etc.

In Myanmar, the age at marriage is generally high and increasing and the age at first birth has also

It has contributed in reducing the number of

For the out-of-school youth in the community, RH information as well as life-skills is provided through youth training programmes carried out by the departments and NGOs.

and childbearing is very low in our country.

With regard to the education sector, Myanmar has a very high adult literacy rate. The Government of Myanmar is implementing programmes to enable every individual to acquire Basic Education, and the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs (MNCWA) along with UN organizations, local and international NGOs are collaborating and cooperating to achieve this objective.

Under the National Education Policy, Myanmar is endeavouring to provide all children with primary education. The Ministry of Education is also endeavouring for ac-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets foreign diplomats and guests at the ceremony of World Population Day for 2006. —MNA

of these challenges, we must act in time and we must act together to help alleviate the sufferings of

I would now like to touch briefly on the situ-

tween urban and rural areas has narrowed significantly. Programmes relating to the children, youth and families are also being implemented with the coordination and collaboration of

promoted nation-wide, our education system is guiding our young people to the path of high moral standards as well as preparing them to meet the challenges of life. Today young peo-

For the school children, the reproductive health information including lifeskills is included in the cocurriculum of the school children. For the out-ofschool youth in the community, RH information as well as life-skills is provided through youth training programmes carried out by the

births occurring in the adolescent years when health risk to mother and children are greater. The proportions of both women and men never marrying have also been increasing continuously over time. Hence, the number of teenage girls who expose themselves to health risks by marrying

cess to education in the rural areas to be in harmony with urban areas. As for higher education, there are now 156 universities and colleges compared with 32

After international conferences like ICPD and the Women's Conferences, (See page 9)



Vice-President of MWAF Daw Khin Lay Myint presents a prize to winner in a quiz to mark World Population Day for 2006. —MNA



Vice-President of MMCWA Daw Ave Ave hands a prize to a winner in poster competition level-5 (open class) to mark World Population Day for 2006. —MNA

Young people in Myanmar would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Excellencies and distinguished guests, and to

(from page 8)
Myanmar has set up
"Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs
(MNCWA)" and later
"Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation (MWAF)"
with a view to promoting
all-round development of
Myanmar women and enabling them to operate systematically as a united force
on a nation-wide scale.
Today, MWAF is functioning nation-wide to maintain
the momentum of the
progress Myanmar women

trafficking by promoting education and income generation activities.

Concerning prevention of HIV/AIDS, Myanmar has formulated a National AIDS Control programme, allocated resources, built up the capacity to ensure multi-sectoral collaboration and cooperation, and encouraged participation in regional and inter-country programme. Youth in schools are given AIDS education by the township health depart-

sincere thanks and appreciation to Excellencies and distinguished guests, and to all concerned, for making this commemoration of the World Population Day a success. Let us all aspire with the noble aim to promote the quality of life of the young people and equip with the necessary tools so that they will become leading citizens of the world.

Next, representative of UNFPA Mr Daniel B Baker read out a message sent by Executive of UNFPA Ms Thoraya.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presents prize to a winner in student poster contest. — MNA

are making, to enable them to take part in the nation building and to thoroughly fulfill the requirements of the mass of women across the country.

Trafficking in women and children is considered one of the issues under Violence Against Women. The National Task Force on Trafficking in women and children is represented by various Ministries and representatives from MNCWA and NGOs. A new national working committee to combat trafficking in persons is established in 2002.

The Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs has established training centres in the towns near the border areas providing vocational training to girls and women to address one of the root factors of trafficking in women.

MMCWA is also combating

ments, school based Healthy Living and HIV/ AIDS Prevention Education (SHAPE) curriculum is introduced in Basic Education schools from grade 2 to 9.

Myanmar is fully committed to the ICPD Programme of Action and is guided by the principles adopted by the ICPD. Myanmar is determined to continue playing an active role in population-related programmes while strengthening its collaboration and cooperation with all nations. In this regard, I wish also to acknowledge the important role played by the United Nations agencies like the WHO, UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA as well as the international and national NGOs like MMCWA and MWAF in developing our young peo-

In conclusion, I

first prize to Naing Naing Tun (Sanchaung), second to Pharinki Tun Tin and third to U Myint Thein in colour photo contest while Vice-President Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Lay Myint handed first prize to No 5 BEHS Tamway team comprising Maung Hein Thu Aung, Maung Yeza Win Thein and Maung Wai Lwin Thaw, second to Myanmar Medical Association team comprising Maung Htet Wai Aung, Maung Saing Moe Thant and Ma Zun Phyu Lin and third to Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association team comprising Maung Aung Nyein Myat, Ma Zin Zar Maung and Maung Min Myint Nyan in quiz contest.

Next, Vice-President of MMCWA Daw Aye Aye gave away first prize to U Win Myint Tun, sec-

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Representative of UNFPA Mr Daniel B Baker presents prize to a winner in essay contest. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents prize to a winner in photo contest. — MNA

ond to U Zarni Tun and third to U Ye Htut Aung in poster competition level-5 (open class).And Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presented first prize to Maung Zin Ko Ko (Tenth Standard Student) of No 4 BEHS, Ahlon Township, second to Ma Khin Chan Myay Thu (Tenth Standard Student) of No 2 BEHS Lanmadaw Township and Ma Hnin Le Phyu (University of Computer Studies-Yangon) in poster competition level-4 in the aged (16-18) and first to Maung Hein Htet Aung (Ninth Standard) of InstiNaing (Third Standard) of Institute of Education Practicing School, Kamayut Township and third to Ma Khin Kyehmon Oo of Institute of Education Practicing School, Yankin Township in poster competition level-1 in the aged (6-8).

Afterwards, representative of UNFPA Mr Daniel B Baker presented first prize to Ma Shwan Wint Swe of Loikaw Government Technological College, second to Ma Hsu Le Win of Myeik University and third to Ma Su Myat Hlaing of Yangon Education College, Ka-

2 BEHS, Mingaladon Township in BEHS level essay competition and first to Ma May Myat Hmu Aung (Seventh Standard) of No 1 BEHS, Bago, second to Ma Thazin Nyein Thu (Seventh Standard) of No 1 BEHS, Bahan Township and third to Ma Yon Shwe Yi Hlaing (Seventh Standard) of No 1 BEHS, Myeik Township in BEMS level essay competition.

After the prize presentation ceremony, Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members and prize winners posed for a documentary photo. Next, Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greeted those



Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aung Kyi presents prize to a winner in student poster contest. — MNA

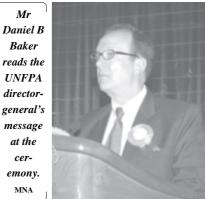
tute of Education Practising School, Kamayut Township and second to Ma Pwint Tharaphy Aung (Ninth Standard) of No 1 BEHS, Dagon Township in poster competition level-3 in the aged (13-15) and Maung Sai Kaung Thura (Ninth Standard) of No 1 BEHS, Taunggyi.

Next, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aung Kyi awarded first prize to Maung Si Thu Aung (Seventh Standard) of No 5 BEHS, Tamway Township, second to Ma Aye Myat Thu (Seventh Standard) of No 2 BEHS, Latha Township and Maung Htet Naing Lin (Seventh Standard) of No 1 BEHS, Dagon Township in poster competition level-2 in the aged (9-12) and first to Ma Hsu Hteik Htar (Third Standard) of No 1 BEHS, Dagon Township, second to Ma Phu Thinzar

mayut in college/university level essay competition; first to Maung Kyaw Khine Htet (Eight Standard) of No 1 BEMS, Pathein Township, second to Maung Thant Aung Phyo (Ninth Standard) of No 2 BEHS, Myeik Township and third to Ma Yin Nwe Aye (Tenth Standard) of No

present. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Thein Sein viewed documentary photos on efforts made by the Ministry of Immigration and Population, preparations to mat World Population Day for 2006, wall posters, essays and colour photos on display.

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Supervisory Committee for Greening 30-mile radius of Yangon City meets

July-The Supervisory Committee for Greening 30-mile radius of Yangon City held its coordination meeting at the meeting hall of Hlegu Township Peace and Development Council in Yangon North District yesterday morning with an address by Chairman of Yangon Division Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win.

In his address, Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win said that significant progress has been made in the drive for greening 30-mile radius of Yangon City but there are still disadvantages and weaknesses. Duties were assigned for planting trees and other crops without sparing any virgin and fallow land and steps are to be taken from now on for acquisition of irrigated water and reclamation.

The commander called upon officials concerned to grow physic nut plants on virgin and fallow lands where



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win speaks at the meeting of Supervisory Committee for Greening 30-mile radius of Yangon City. - MNA

cultivation of paddy is impossible.

Next officials from Zones 1, 2 and 3 reported on agricultural tasks.

Later, departmental officials reported on measures to be taken for successful realization of the project.

The commander attended to the needs and urged those responsible to try their utmost to exceed the target of cultivating 1.2 million acres of monsoon paddy and 240,000 acres of summer paddy Yangon in Division.

Afterwards, the commander and party inspected canal-2 of Ngamoeyeik Dam in Hlegu Township and canal-3 of the dam between Dagon Myothit (East) and Dagon Myothit (South).

On arrival at the Maso Farming and Resort of YCDC in Dagon Myothit (South), YCDC Vice-Chairman Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa reported on progress in cultivation of monsoon paddy and other crops and future tasks.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Shwenatha Orchid Garden of Myanma Agriculture Services in Shwenatha village in Mingaladon Township and gave instructions on extension of Shwenatha Orchid Special Zone.

Later. commander inspected Sangyiwa river water pumping project in Mingaladon Township and fulfilled requirements .- MNA

CPT Minister inspects communication stations in Bago

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July- Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, accompanied by officials of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, on 9 July inspected communication stations in Bago Division.

The minister and party also inspected auto exchange stations in Swa and Yedashe.

meeting with officials of MPT at Toungoo Exchange Station, the minister called for the upgrading the trunk call lines.

During his tour of inspection, the minister also inspected auto exchange stations in Ottwin, Kanyutkwin and Pyu. He went to Penwegon and inspected the site chosen to build auto exchange.

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Minister visits construction site of National Landmarks Garden

Yangon, 11 July Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung on 9 July morning visited the National Landmarks Garden construction site in PyinOoLwin and gave necessary instructions to officials

He also visited National Kandawgyi | Myanma orchid species

Garden where he was conducted round the garden by Wood Land Co Managing Director U Win Aung. Next, in Myanma Orchid Garden the minister viewed 187 species of Myanma orchid and called on officials to gather more

and to build another orchid garden before December. Then he also inspected the bird sanctuary.

Later. the minister visited Myanmar Forest School in PyinOoLwin and left necessary instructions.



CPT Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspects Kanyutkwin Auto Exchange. — CPT



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects National Landmarks Garden construction site in PyinOoLwin. FORESTRY

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Waso robes offered

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July-Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung on 8 July offered Waso robes and alms to Chairman of Mandalay Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Rhaddanta Sasana Bhivamsa at Shwe Wah Win monastery in Maha Aungmye Township in Mandalay Division.

He donated Waso robes and offerings to Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Panña Samivamsa at Masoeyein monastery in the township.

On 9 July, he also offered Waso robes and alms to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kaguña of Lepaw monastery of Dekkhinayama Phayagyi Taik in Chanmyathazi Township, and Wakhingon Member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Savadaw Kammathana Cariya Maha Dhamma



Minister U Aung Thaung greets students at school desks donation ceremony for No (2) BEPS in Maha Aungmye Township.—Industry-1

Bahujana Hitadhara Bhaddanta Tikkha at Taungsalin Taikthit in Pyigyi Myetshin Ward. Chanayethazan Township.

He attended the presenting of desks to No 17 BEPS in Kyigon Village, Patheingyi Township, Mandalay. He also attended the similar ceremonies at No 2 BEPS in Maha Aungmye Township and at Pyigyi Dagun Township BEPS.

On arrival at Mandalay Division USDA office, he inspected the making of desks for primary and middle schools Mandalay.

The secretariat member offered Waso robes and alms to the Sayadaw of Jotikarun monastery in Kyunlon Okshaung Ward in Chanmyathazi Township.

Next, he held a meeting with officials from Mandalay and Sagaing

relief

camps.

Divisions at the Myanmar Foodstuff Industries in

Mandalay.

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Steps for regional development discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha met with industrialists in the Pakokku Industrial Zone in Magway Division on 8 July.

He dealt with programmes for the industrial sector, speedy operation of the factories, future plans for sustainable progress of the industrial zone.

In the evening, the CEC member discussed future tasks at the meeting with secretaries and executives of Magway Division, Pakokku District, and township USDAs in Pakokku District USDA office.

At the ceremony to present desks and printer at No 4 BEHS in Pakokku on 9 July, he elaborated on fruitful results of national progress, national education promotion plans, and rural development tasks of the association. He handed over desks and a printer to the school.

He also attended the presenting of desks at Kan Hla Village post-primary school in Pakokku Township and handed over the donations.

In the afternoon, he met local farmers, townselders, teachers and USDA members.

Yesterday morning, he met service personnel at Meiktila District Planning Department in Mandalay Division. — MNA



Minister U Soe Tha hands over documents related to school desks to the Kanhla Village BEPS headmistress. — MNA

Torrential rain causes floods in some areas

Yangon, 11 July - The torrential rain has caused flooding in many parts of the country.

Low-lying areas in Bago Township 50 miles from Yangon are flooded and residents in the areas were evacuated yesterday. So far, 21 temporary relief centres have been set up in Bago. Officials are keeping on a close watch on the flood. and if Bago River' water level exceeds the danger level, all residents in flood areas will be evacuated to relief centres. Although Yangon-Mandalay Road is not flooded yet, some primary schools are closed temporarily. Bago River's water level reached at 891 centimeters yesterday evening and its danger level is 910 centimeters.

Similarly, due to the heavy rain on 7 and 9 July, some roads in Yekvi Township, Ayeyawady Division, were flooded.

In Ayeyawady Division, Hinthada, Lemyathna and Ingapu

| townships experienced the floods and some residents Hinthada were evacuated. In Ingapu, the water overflowed from Nankathu Dam, and officials have carried out relief work

In Mon State, a concrete bridge between Mile Posts 91/5 and 91/6 in Kyaikto was damaged by the flood yesterday morning. After repair work was carried out, the bridge was in good condition in the evening. In Kyaikmayaw, Attayan River water rose near the flood level yesterday and residents in flooded areas were evacuated. In Bilin Township, three villages and four wards were flooded due to the torrential rain and flood victims were evacuated to

Mawlamyine-Yangon Road was temporarily closed as it was flooded. The torrential rain has caused a landslide on mile post no 83/3 of Padaung-Taunggap Road in Taunggup, Rakhine State, and traffic were halted and a wooden bridge on the road collapsed. On 9 July, Thandwe River reaches the danger level and flooded the roads in Thandwe, and receded on 10 July. Some bridges were destroyed during the flood. In Taninthayi, water level reached above the danger level on 6 July. Residents in the flooded areas were evacuated and some schools were closed. Officials are carrying out the relief work for the victims. - MNA

All this needs to be known

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

LBVD continues to carry out bird flu

YANGON, 11 July — Avian Influenza (bird flu) occurred in Shwebo, KinU, Kanbalu, YeU and Monywa Townships in Sagaing Division and Chanmyathazi, Pyigyidagun, Chanayethazan, Mahaaungmye, Aungmyethazan, Amarapura and Singaing and Kyaukse Townships in Mandalay Division in central Myanmar.

Altogether 650,000 fowls and quails from 545 farms were culled and buried for prevention.

During the outbreak of the disease, Dr Watanabe and Dr Mac Arthur, regional coordinators of FAO and USAID, Dr Sudarat, AI Diagnostic Expert of JICA and Dr Prasit, AI Epidemilogist of FAO and officials of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department carried out preventive

tasks in the disease-hit townships

The LBVD issued remainder on biosecurity regarding the sale of chicken and chicken products.

A coordination meeting of ten ASEAN nations led by ASEAN Secretariat was held on 28 October 2005 and the meeting laid down the ASEAN Eight Strategies. They are as follows:

- (a) Disease Surveillance and Alert System
- (b)Effective Containment, Ouarantine and Movement Control Measures
- (c) Disease Diagnostic Capabilities
- (d) Information Sharing System
- (e)Stamping out and Vaccination Policy (f)Emergency Pre-
- paredness Plan (g)Establishment of Fisheries. — MNA

Disease Free Zone (h)Public Awareness and Communication Network System

Arrangements are being made for establishment of four capabilities under the bird flu preventive capability establishment plan for Asia. The four capabilities forecasting capability, risk prevention capability, early warning capability and emergency response capability.

After laying down the strategies, capabilities and biosecurity regulations, the LBVD implementing the bird flu preventive tasks in cooperation with local authorities, related departments and Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation under the guideline of the Ministry of Livestock Breeding and

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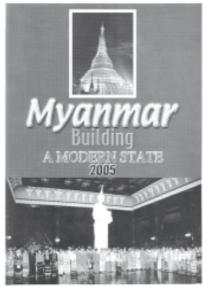
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Chinese officials sacked over college entrance exam fraud

XI'AN, 10 July— A county education bureau head and a middle school principal were sacked on Fridayoveracollegeentrance exam fraud, local sources said. Wang Yukui was sacked from his post as director of the Education Bureau of Yangxian County and Li Pengyun, principal of

the Yangxian Middle School, was also removed from

Fifteen others, including a deputy director of the county education bureau and a dean in charge of education affairs of the middle school, also got punished because of

Eleven feared dead in Kenya factory fire

Nairobi, 10 July— Fire ripped through a paint factory in the Kenyan capital on Saturday, killing four people and leaving another seven missing feared dead, police said.

After a machine apparently exploded, a huge fire sent smoke billowing into the sky over the factory next to a busy highway in north Nairobi, witnesses said.

Workers said some victims were unable to escape because managers had locked the company's heavy metal doors -- but police disputed that.

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Extension of Invitation for Quotation

The Project Management Unit, Public Works, Ministry of Construction has invited Quotation for LEINLI SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

On behalf of the Ministry of Construction of the Union of Myanmar, Project Management Unit gives notice that the date for completion and return of the Quotation has been extended to 31st October 2006 instead of 31st July 2006

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37 new sites to be examined for World Heritage list

VILNIUS, 10 July — Thirty-seven new sites from 30 countries will be examined for inclusion on the World Heritage list during the 30th session of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee slated for 8-16 July in the Lithuanian capital.

UNESCO officials are due to review 27 cultural sites, eight natural sites and two mixed sites, a Press release from the committee said on Saturday.

The list of countries that have proposed sites is Austria, Azerbaijan, Bolivia, Britain, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Colombia, the Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Italy, Malawi, Malaysia,

Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Oman, Poland, Senegal, Spain, Syria and Tanzania.

Finland, Nepal, Serbia and Sweden are applying for the extension of sites already included.

New sites are added each year to the list by the World Heritage Committee, which consists of representatives of 21 countries and regions.

Review of the 34 sites currently on the List of World Heritage in Danger will also be on agenda. During the session, the committee will also discuss measures to preserve heritage in view of climate change. These sites, which face serious threat from a variety of causes, such as pollution, pillaging, war, poorly managed tourism and poaching, include the Minaret and Archaeological Vestiges of Jam in Afghanistan, Cologne Cathedral in Germany and Garamba National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

UNESCO's World Heritage list, created in 1972, has enlisted 812 sites of outstanding universal value around the world — 628 cultural, 160 natural and 24 mixed properties in 137 nations or regions.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia to develop vehicle safety database

Kuala Lumpur, 10
July — Malaysia will
develop a vehicle safety
database in order to rank
the maker and type of
vehicles in terms of safety,
a senior official said on
Thursday.

The creation of the database is initiated under the vehicle safety performance evaluation programme, which is part of the country's 2006-2010 Road Safety Plan, Malaysian Transport Minister Chan Kong Choy said.

Engineering is an important factor in road safety, including road engineering, vehicle engineering and safety device engineering, as they can contribute remarkably to bringing down road risks, the minister said in a speech delivered to a seminar near here.

"Any compromises in safety standards and practices by manufacturers and industry players may lead to deaths, permanent disability on the road," he added.

MNA/Xinhua



A 'recortador' jumps over a wild cow during a show in Pamplona, Spain, on 8

July. 2006. — INTERNET

China remeasures sacred mountain Taishan

JINAN, 10 July — China has launched a survey to find out the precise height of Mount Tai (Taishan Mountain) that is dubbed as the most preeminent of China's five sacred mountains, following the remeasurement of the world's highest peak of Mount Everest last year.

It is the first time for Taishantobemeasured with modern tools including global posi-tioning systems, said Lin Hai, an official with the Shandong provincial

department of land and resources.

The current altitude of Taishan is known as from 1,533 metres to 1,545 metres, while the 1,545-metre height is the most often seen in various documents although nobody knows how or when the figure came into being.

Chinese surveyors measured the mountain as 1,533 metres and 1,536 metres high in the 1950s and the 1980s respectively with simple and crude methods, which made the figures

Bulgarian archaeologists uncover ancient Thracian City

Sofia, 10 July — Archaeologists have uncovered an ancient Thracian town in Karlovo Municipality in Central Bulgaria, local media reported on Sunday.

Initial estimates dated it to the 5th Century BC, and remnants of the town's fortress wall have been unearthed.

The archaeologists will be looking for the residence of the ruler, supposed to have been a powerful Thracian king, reports said.

Greek vessels, most probably used to keep wine, have also been found. — MNA/Xinhua

unreliable.

Thirty experts arrived on Tuesday in Tai'an, east China's Shandong Province, to start the measurement

MNA/Xinhua



China's Yan Zi, right, and partner Zheng Jie congratulate each other after winning their Women's Doubles semi-final against Cara Black and Rennae Stubbs at Wimbledon, on 7 July, 2006.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Kahn quits international football for Germany

STUTTGART, 10 July — Germany goalkeeper Oliver Kahn announced on Saturday that he was retiring from international football after his team beat Portugal 3-1 in the World Cup match for third place on Saturday.

He told ZDF German TV: "That was my last international match. It was a beautiful time but you have to know when it's all over."

Kahn, who had 86 caps for Germany, was captain of the team that reached the World Cup final in 2002, where they lost to Brazil 2-0. He nevertheless won the Golden Ball, an award given to the most valuable player of the 32-team tournament. —MNA/Reuters

England defender Campbell to leave Arsenal

London, 10 July — England central defender Sol Campbell is leaving Arsenal after five years at the Premier League club.

Campbell arrived in 2001 from north London rivals Tottenham Hotspur and played 197 games for the Gunners, winning two league titles and three FA Cups.

In a statement on Saturday, the 31-year-old said he wanted a "fresh challenge" and hinted he would go abroad.

Campbell suffered a torrid 2005/06 season due to injury and personal problems. He stormed out of Highbury at halftime during a match against West Ham United in February after being responsible for two first-half goals by the visitors.

He was then out for 10 weeks with a series of minor injuries before returning to the side in time for the Champions League final against Barcelona when he scored in a 2-1 defeat.

"It is with a sense of pride, achievement and the desire for a fresh challenge that I depart," Campbell said. "Playing abroad is something that would really interest me but at the moment I am keeping all of my options open."

Campbell was in England's World Cup squad but was second choice behind John Terry and Rio Ferdinand at the heart of the defence.

"Sol has been a giant for us since his arrival in 2001," said Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger.

MNA/Reuters

FIFA hands Rooney two-match ban

Berlin, 10 July — England striker Wayne Rooney was banned for two competitive matches and fined 5,000 Swiss francs (4,072 US dollars) by FIFA's disciplinary committee on Saturday for his dismissal in last week's World Cup quarterfinal with Portugal.

FIFA also banned Argentina defender Leandro Cufre for four matches and fined him 10,000 Swiss francs for his part in the melee after their quarterfinal exit on penalties to Germany.

His teammate Maxi Rodriguez was banned for two matches and fined 5,000 Swiss francs for his role in the same incident.

Cufre will miss the first four games of the Copa America in Venezuela next June, while Rodriguez will have to sit out the first two matches of the tournament.

Rooney was sent off in the 62nd minute in Gelsenkirchen last Saturday after Argentine referee Horacio Elizondo ruled he had intentionally stamped on Portugal defender Ricardo Carvalho.

SPORTS

Pirlo named Man of Match in World Cup final

BERLIN, 11 July- Italian midfielder Andrea Pirlo was named Man of the Match in the 2006 World Cup final here on Sunday. Italy beat France 5-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw in fulltime.

Pirlo, 27, played a key role in the Italian attacking and defence and sent the first penalty shot home for Italy. He was a pivotal presence for Italy throughout their Germany 2006 campaign, and saved one of his best performances for the biggest match of all, earning the Man of the Match honors for his display in Italy's penalty shoot-out victory over France in the Final.

Pirlo, who was also recognized as the outstanding player in Italy's semifinal win against Germany, combined with fellow AC Milan midfielder Gennaro Gattuso to frustrate Zinedine Zidane and Frank Ribery, severely limiting their ability to create chances for center forward Thierry Henry, who was restricted to just two shots in 106 minutes.

And just as he did against Germany, Pirlo also added the attacking dimension that Italy needed with Francesco Totti smothered by France's own defensive midfield pairing.

Pirlo took virtually all of the set-pieces for the Azzurri, including the magnificent outswinging corner that Marco Materazzi headed home in the 19th minute to equalize Zidane's seventh-minute penalty.

And then with the eyes of the world focused on him, Pirlo stepped up to convert the first spot-kick for Italy, setting them on the path to their 5-3 shoot-out win.

MNA/Xinhua

Italy welcomes diversion of Azzurri glory

Rome, 11 July — Hundreds of thousands of Italians gathered on Monday in Circus Maximus, one of ancient Rome's most famous stadiums, to fete their own conquering heroes after the national soccer team's World Cup victory in Germany.

A deafening roar, fireworks and a sea of flags greeted the team's opentopped bus when, at almost 11:00 pm (2100 GMT), it finally entered the vast rectangular arena that used to house chariot

The crowd had been building since late afternoon after the team returned home from a triumph that took minds off the imminent outcome of a match-fixing trial.



As he exited the plane, Cantain Fabio Cannavaro held the trophy aloft for all to see.—Internet

The mayor's office estimated the crowd at 600,000, with hundreds of thousands more who accompanied the bus in its snail's paced progress from a reception at Prime Minister Romano Prodi's residence a few kilometres way. The revelers had prepared for the party by parading an ornate funeral hearse carrying a coffin covered by a French flag to symbolise Italy's victory in Sunday's final.

Team coach Marcello Lippi and his players clambered onto a stage and raised the golden Cup one by one as loudspeakers blared out Italy's national anthem and rock group Queen's modern-day sporting anthem, "We are the Champions.'



As the squad touched down at Pratica di Mare military airport in Rome, the Italian Air Force staged a flyover in their honour.—Internet

On a hot night under a full moon the team danced and sang along with abandon for about 40 minutes, led by Juventus striker Alessandro Del Piero who stripped to the waist.

At a more sober ceremony in the afternoon Prodi had greeted the players in a packed square outside his official residence and raised the Cup alongside Lippi and captain Fabio Cannavaro, one of the tournament's outstanding performers.

MNA/Reuters

France cheers beaten team, Zidane forgiven

Paris, 11 July- France greeted its beaten World Cup team with tears and cheers on Monday as the nation struggled to understand what prompted their midfield maestro Zinedine Zidane to head butt a player in the World Cup final.

President Jacques Chirac paid handsome tribute to the disgraced French football captain, despite the shock red card, and several thousand French fans gathered in central Paris to welcome home the weary World Cup finalists. A sheepish-looking Zidane bowed before the flagwaving crowds as one-byone the French players stepped forward on the balcony of a luxury hotel to greet their die-hard supporters.

"Zizou for president," fans chanted, referring to Zidane's nickname, calling him back for a second curtain call that suggested they had forgiven his red mist.

Striker David Trezeguet, whose penalty shootout miss cost France

the chance to win their second World Cup, wept uncontrollably and had to be comforted by his team mates. Zidane was sent off in Sunday night's game following an astonishing blow to the chest of Italy defender Marco Materazzi that ensured he missed the decisive shoot-out.

Neither man has spoken in public about the verbal exchange that preceded the ignominious end to the career of a soccer icon whose bewitching ball skills made him best of his generation. Despite the controversy, Chirac had only praise for an "exceptional captain", the team and much-criticized coach Raymond Domenech as he greeted the team at his Elysee Palace.



Yan Zi (R) and Zheng Jie of China hold their Women's Doubles Championship trophies on the Centre Court at Wimbledon, on 9 July, 2006.—Internet

"Dear Zinedine Zidane, what I want to express to you at this perhaps most intense and difficult time in your career, is the admiration and the affection of the whole nation -- it's respect too," Chirac said.

"You are a virtuoso, a genius of world football. You are also a man of the heart, of commitment, of conviction, and that's why France admires and loves you." Zidane's team mates refused to publicly criticize the player or divulge his locker room explanation of the head butt.



Traffic came to a standstill as the coach crept through the city streets.—Internet

Henry says TV evidence should be used for everyone

the losing side in a major

international final for the

second time in eight weeks.

shrugged aside his per-

sonal disappointment and

BERLIN, 11 July-Thierry Henry said match officials should use video evidence for everyone, not just selected incidents, after his captain Zinedine Zidane was dismissed in France's World Cup final MNA/Reuters | defeat by Italy on Sunday.

praised the French team. Italy won the World Cup for a fourth time with a 5-3 triumph on penalties following a 1-1 draw that will be remembered chiefly for Zidane's red card.

"It's football, isn't it?" he said. "When a game goes

Henry, who finished on to penalties you have to accept it. It's the way things are sometimes. But it is not good when things are decided that way.

"I don't know what happened, not exactly, but I don't think it is right to use video evidence that way (in Zidane's red card). If they want to use it for one thing, they should use it for everything and that includes Materazzi."

MNA/Reuters

Materazzi denies calling Zidane "terrorist"

Rome, 11 July-Italy defender Marco Materazzi on Monday denied a report that he had called Zinedine Zidane a "dirty terrorist" seconds before the French captain head-butted him in Sunday's World Cup final.

'It is absolutely not true, I did not call him a terrorist. I'm ignorant. I don't even know what the word means,' the Italian news agency ANSA quoted Materazzi as saying after the Italian team returned to Rome.

"The whole world saw what happened on live TV,"

The Paris-based anti-racism group SOS Racism had earlier quoted well informed sources as saying Materazzi had apparently used the phrase.

"According to several very well informed sources from the world of football, it would seem that the Italian player Marco Materazzi called Zinedine Zidane a 'dirty terrorist'," SOS Racism said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters

Forlan extends contract with Villarreal until 2010

Madrid, 11 July- Uruguay striker Diego Forlan has extended his contract with Villarreal until 2010, the Primera Liga club said on Sunday.

Forlan hinted at the renewal in a news conference earlier in the week. "I'm very happy at Villarreal," he said. "It shows when I train and when I mix with my team mates. I feel very comfortable here and have never seen myself leaving the club." The 27-year-old, whose original deal was due to expire in 2009, joined the club from Manchester United two years ago for a reported fee of 3.8 million US dollars)after a frustrating period at Old Trafford. - MNA/Reuters

White House kept "major programme" secret from Congress

Washington,11 July — The Bush Administration was running several intelligence programmes, including one major activity, that it kept secret from Congress until whistle-blowers told the House of Representatives Intelligence Committee, the committee's chairman said on Sunday.

Representative Pete Hoekstra, a Michigan Republican who chairs the House Intelligence Committee, said on Fox News Sunday he had written a four-page to President George W Bush in May warning him that the failure to disclose the intelligence activities to Congress may be a violation of the law. In doing so, he confirmed a story that first ran in Sunday editions of the New York Times.

"I take it very, very seriously otherwise I would not have written the letter to the President," Hoekstra said. "This is actually a case where the whistle-blower process was working appropriately and people within the intelligence community brought to my attention some programmes that they believed we had not been briefed on. They were right," said Hoekstra, a close ally of Bush.

Critics have charged

'Soon' offering ceremony in memory of Daw Thein Saing

The bereaved family of late Daw Thein Saing, who passed away on 10 July invite relatives and friends to attend the ceremony to offer 'soon' to members of the Sangha in memory of the deceased at No 124, Pyidaungsu Yeiktha in Dagon Township from 7 am to 10 am on Sunday, 16 July 2006.

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Thu Nadi, Ma HtweTra Nandi; Great-grandmother of three peacefully passed away on 10 July 2006 evening 5:45 pm. Her remains will be cremated at 11:00 am on 12 July (Wednesday).
The cortege will leave the above residence at 10 am.

Bereaved Family.

that the Bush Administration has a penchant for secrecy and has pushed its legal powers to the limit and possibly beyond in pursuing its "war on terror."

But Hoekstra's complaint was particularly significant since it came from a strong supporter of the Administration's tactics.

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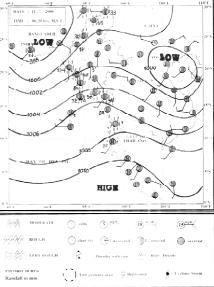


Mongolians watch the opening ceremony of the annual Naadam festival in the town of Arvaikheer, some 400 km (250 miles) west of Ulan Bator, on 9 July, 2006. This year's festival is bigger than ever, as Mongolia celebrates 800 years since Genghis Khan united the nation. — INTERNET

U Kyi Win (EDDY KHOO) Age (67)

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 11 July, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain have been scattered in Kayah State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Shan State and Magway Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon States and Yangon Division, isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of neavylans in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Gwa (6.62) inches, Kyaukpyu (5.59) inches, Kayan (5.08) inches, Bago (5.03) inches, Sittway and An (4.92) inches each, Theinzayat (4.37) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (3.46) inches, Thaton (3.07) (3.26) inches, Machanbaw (3.23) inches, Thaton (3.07) inches, Yamethin (0.67) inch and Nay Pyi Taw (0.55)

Maximum temperature on 10-7-2006 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 11-7-2006 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 11-7-2006 was (100%).

Total sunshine hours was (4.9) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 11-7-2006 were (3.46) inches at Mingaladon, (2.32) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.48) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (43.54) inches at Mingaladon, (52.40) inches at Kaba-Aye and (56.14) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (15) mph from Southwest at (12:25) hours MST on 10-7-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12-7-2006:

Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan and Chin States and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon States, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 12-7-2006: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%)

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 12-7-2006: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%)

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 12-7-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

New Rainfall Record

(Issued at 10:30 hours MST on 11th July 2006)

The amount of rainfall (129) mm (5.88 inches) observed at (09:30) hours MST on 11th July 2006 in Kayan is the (24) hours new maximum rainfall record at the station for the month of July during last (24) years. The former record was 126 mm (4.96 inches) on $30^{\rm th}$ July 1984.

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Wednesday, 12 July View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့ အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ချပ်၊ အဘိဓဓမဟာရဌ ုရ၊ အဘိဓေအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မ က ဧောတ်က၊ တိပိဋကၡေ၊ မွေဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိတ္ထသာရာဘိဝဲသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် 7:15 am

2. တိ**ပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိ**က၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ဘဒ္ဒန္တ သိရိန္ဒာ ဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်)ဟော ကြားတောင်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိ ဝါဠိတော် 7:25 am

3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning news

7:40 am 5. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ 8:00 am 7. မြူမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:15 am 8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

9. ဟင်းရွက်ရေလှောင်တမံ 8:30 am 10. International news

8:45 am

11. Let's Go 4:00 pm

1. Martial song 4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm 3. Practice in Reading

4:45 pm 4. အစေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သကြား သင်စန်းစာ –ပထမနှစ် (ရက္မဗေဒအထူးပြု)

(ရက္မဗေဒ) 5:00 pm

5. Song of national races

5:15 pm 6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:30 pm 7. Classical song

5:45 pm 8. **"အန္တ ရာယ်ဆို**တာ လက်တစ်ကမ်းမှာ"

(စိုးသူ၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်) 5:50 pm 9. ရူဇွယ်စုလင် အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ် 6:00 pm

10. Evening news 6:30 pm

11. Weather report 6:35 pm

12. သုတစုလင် ရွှေဘဏ်ရှင် 7:00 pm

13. "ကူသမနှေး တီဘီဘေး (ရာစာနေဝင်း၊ သူမောင် ညီဂျော်၊ မတူး)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ–ပန်းချီစိုးမိုး) 7:10 pm

14. အတီးပြင်ပွဲ 7:15 pm 15. Musical programme

7:25 pm 16. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ

മാഗദോഗാ 7:35 pm

17. ဆင်းရွှေလီစပါးစိုက်ပျိုးသူများ စီးပွားရေးတွေအမှန်တိုးပွား

8:00 pm 18 News 19. International news

20. Weather report 21. "မြန်မာ့ဓာတ်ပြားအေတ်အစဉ်" (ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင် စီစဉ် တ**င်ဆ**က်သည်)

22. The next day's programme

Wednesday, 12 July Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news 8:35 am Music:

-Giving it all way 8:40 am Perspectives 8:45 am Music:

-So magical 8:50 am National news & Slogan

9:00 am Music: -Little red Rodeo 9:05 am International

9:10 am Music

1:30 pm News & Slogan 1:40pm Lunch time music -The gift

-Girl friend -Only for you -Kiss the girl **9:00pm** Variations on a

> -Blue eyes crying in the rain

9:15 pm Article 9:25 pm Music at your request -Miss you

-Truely -May be 9:45 pm News & Slogan 10:00 pm PEL

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Young people in Myanmar enjoying opportunities to uplift their standard of living and quality of life

(from page 1)

Today's young people have diverse experiences given the different political, economic, social and cultural realities they face in their communities. Yet there is a common thread running through all of their lives and that is the hope for a better future. This hope is strengthened by Millennium Development Goals agreed to by world leaders in 2000. As such, the time has come for all nations to take measures individually and collectively to ensure that the youth have a chance for better life. Investing in young people will yield large returns for generations to come. Commitments to young people are found in the 1994 Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). Other international agreements such as the United Nations 1995 World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and beyond, the 2000 United Nations Millennium Declaration, the outcomes of United Nations Special Sessions on HIV/AIDS (2001) and on Children (2002) provide further inspiration, targets and

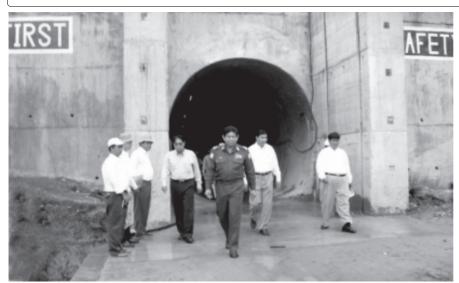
Now, allow me to highlight some of the issues related to young people the world is facing today.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party observe documentary photos on efforts made by the Ministry of Immigration and Population, preparations for World Population Day, wall posters, essays and colour photos on display. — MNA

Diversion tunnel of Pyuchaung Dam completed



Nay Pyı Taw, 11 July — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 9 July went to the construction site of Pyuchaung Dam across Pyu creek in Pyu Township and inspected the dam's diversion tunnel.

The construction of the diversion tunnel of the dam started on 19 February, 2003 and completed on 19 April this year. The construction of the main dam is scheduled to start in the opening season.

The dam's 13-foot-diametre diversion tunnel is 2,477 ft long.

On his tour of inspection, the minister also inspected the tunnel and construction tasks.

After his inspection tour, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo donated cash for renovation of religious edifices at Moekaung Monastery in Kanyutkwin.

MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects construction of diversion tunnel in Pyuchaung multi-purpose dam. — MNA

Eight quit Einme Township NLD due to loss of trust in NLD HQ and its leaders

Yangon, 11 July — Eight members of Einme Township National League for Democracy in Ayeyawady Division U San Aung of Mayanbin village, U Min Zaw, U Htay Win, U Htay Lin, Daw Thuza Hlaing, U Soe Tun, U Tun Oo and U Tun Tun Lin resigned from the party on 1 July of own volition after sending the signed letters of resignation to the NLD head-

quarters and local authorities.

In the signed letter of resignation they submitted to Einme Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commission, it was said that they totally lost trust in the NLD and its leaders as their acts were heading towards giving trouble to the people and the nation; and that they quit the party. —MNA

Flooding Warning

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According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Bago river at Bago is 889 cm. It may reach its danger level (910) cm during the next 24 hrs commencing noon today.

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Now, it is not still late for the remnant insurgents to serve the interests of their regions, their races, their states and motherland with added momentum, having a clear outlook on the prevailing conditions of the nation. And it is time they remedied their mistakes and wrong acts they have committed and they sought ways and means to know what they should do.

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