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## Prime Minister General Soe Win receives Deputy Division Chief of IMF

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win received Deputy Division Chief Mr Leslie Teo Eng Sipp of International Monetary Fund (IMF), members of IMF, World Bank, Asia Development Bank and SEA group at Prime Minister's office in Nay Pyi Taw this evening.

Also present at the call were Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung and Deputy Director-General U Soe Win of Protocol Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.— MNA



*Prime Minister General Soe Win receives Mr Leslie Teo Eng Sipp, Deputy Division Chief of International Monetary Fund. — MNA*

## Shan State enjoying remarkable development largely due to extraordinary efforts and steps of the government

### Taunggyi Township served with Government Technological College (Ayethaya)

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—The three-storey main hall of the Government Technological College (Ayethaya) under the Ministry of Science and Technology in Taunggyi Township, Shan State (South), was inaugurated yesterday morning, attended by Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were SPDC Member

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, Shan State PDC Chairman Eastern Command Commander Brig-Gen Thaung Aye, the ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, deputy ministers, Dean of Diplomatic Corps Philippine, Ambassador Mme Phoebe A Gomez, diplomats, resident representatives of UN Agencies, departmental heads, local and foreign journalists, officials, local authorities, so-

cial organizations, principals and faculty members of the Government Technological College (Ayethaya) and Government Computer College (Taunggyi), nurses, local people and guests.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander Brig-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung formally opened the facility.

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*Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers a speech at opening ceremony of the main hall of Government Technological College (Ayethaya). — MNA*

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



# PERSPECTIVES

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## Work hard in concert for eternal peace

Nowadays in Myanmar, there have been favourable conditions for peace and development and democracy. In such a situation and at such a time like this, Commander U Mein Sin of Brigade (758) and 848 members of Shan State Army (South), realizing the genuine goodwill and loving-kindness of the entire national people, have returned to the legal fold.

U Mein Sin and members of his brigade brought together with them 24 assorted heavy weapons, 834 assorted small arms, 1990 magazines, 157,971 rounds of ammunition, 55 hand grenades, 63 landmines, 15 communication sets and 120 walkie-talkies.

The entire national people and local people of Shan State (South), Shan State (North) and Shan State (East) have been giving a rousing welcome to the peace group which has returned to the legal fold with a view to bringing peace to the nation and the people. Vehicles, power-tillers and presents have been provided to them in order that they can earn their living and carry out regional development work.

At present, the government has given priority to national reconsolidation and kept the peace door open with the genuine goodwill. Therefore, a total of 17 armed groups and small groups of national races have returned to the legal fold and, as a result, peace, stability and the rule of law are prevailing all over the nation.

The return to the legal fold by U Mein Sin with the rank of vice-chief of staff of Shan State Army (South) is a significant achievement on the road to peace. This is the most suitable response to genuine goodwill and loving-kindness people have shown towards them.

We believe that all the national brethren who have been living in the same land since the time of their forefathers will continue working hard in concert with the government for eternal peace so that they can fully enjoy the protection of the law and the fruits of development.

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### Reminder for mortorists

Yangon Division Peace and Development Council has reminded that U Wisara Road, Dhammazed Road, U Htaung Bo Road, the road to the southern stairway of Shwedagon Pagoda, Shwegondaing Road and Arzani Road will be temporarily closed from 6 am to 6 pm on 19 July while the 59th Anniversary Arzani Day Ceremony is being held at Arzani Beikman. The people are to use other roads during the time of the ceremony.

Yangon Division Peace and Development Council

## 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

## Basic journalism course No 6 for USDA opens



Secretariat Member of USDA U Tin Htut delivers a speech at the opening of USDA's basic journalism course. — MNA

YANGON, 17 July — The basic journalism course No 6 organized by the Union Solidarity and Development Association was opened at the USDA Headquarters on new University Avenue in Bahan Township this morning.

Member of the Secretariat of the USDA U Tin Htut delivered an opening speech. He said USDA members joined the association with the firm aims and concepts to serve the interest of the State and the people.

The association is formed with various national races and people from all walks of life and it is implementing the tasks to realize the national goal as a national force in cooperation with the people under the leadership of the government, he said.

He said the people come to understand the aims, basic principles and tasks through community welfare services and its members increased up to 23.1 million.

The association has been training and nurturing its members to promote their qualifications since its existence, he added.

He said progress has been made in all sectors due to the cooperation among the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. Ignoring the already-achieved progress, some external and internal destructive elements and organizations are committing destructive acts and interfering in internal affairs.

He urged the trainees to learn the lectures at the course after realizing the importance of the media.

The 10-week course is being attended by 51 trainees from states and divisions. — MNA

## Minister attends trees planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July — To mark the School Environment Day, teachers and students of Basic Education Schools across the country planted trees in school compounds yesterday.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt, Education Planning and Training Department Director-General U Bo Win yesterday visited No 1 Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw and planted trees in the compound of the school.

The minister and party viewed growing of Thitseint, Gantgaw and physic nut plants.

The minister also visited No 1 BEHS in Pynmana and No 2 Basic Education Middle School in Nay Pyi Taw and planted trees there.

MNA

### corrigendum

Please read "Ambassador Pehin Dato Mohammad Yusof Abu Bakar of Brunei Darussalam welcomes Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and wife at the ceremony to mark the 60th birthday of King of Brunei Darussalam." in the caption of the bottom photo featured on page-2 of this daily issued on 18-7-2006. Error is regretted.

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## Handbook on Leadership comes out

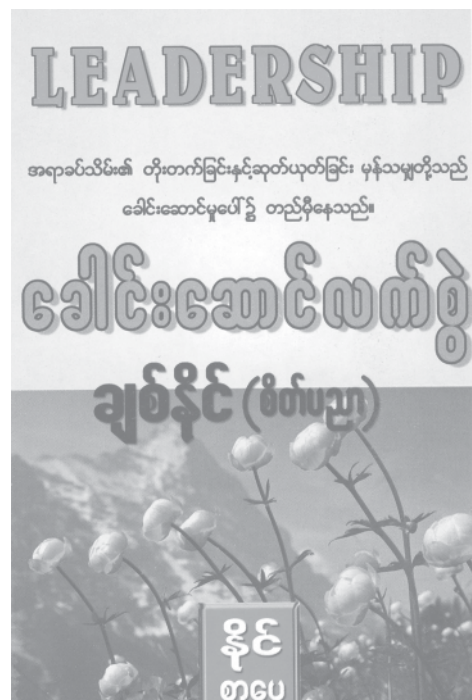
YANGON, 18 July — "Handbook on Leadership" of Chit Naing (Psychology) comes out today.

The book is the compilation of the writers' lectures at Union Solidarity and Development Association's special courses.

The book underscores guidelines for youths to overcome challenges.

Writer Chit Naing (Psychology) is the Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department. The book is published by Naing Publishing House and costs K 500 per copy. — MNA

Handbook on Leadership of Chit Naing (Psychology).





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# Putin takes swipe at British PM's fundraiser

ST PETERSBURG (Russia), 17 July— Russian President Vladimir Putin took a deliberate swipe at British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Saturday, turning a question about democracy into a jab at Blair's embattled fundraiser Lord Michael Levy.



Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Levy was arrested on Wednesday and questioned in a "loans-for-Lordships" scandal, a probe into allegations that state awards had been given in return for cash. Putin was fielding reporters' questions at the end of the first day of a G-8 summit in St Petersburg when a journalist from a British newspaper asked him how he would deal with Blair's inevitable grilling on the state of Russian democracy.

"We regularly talk about these kind of questions with all our colleagues, including the Prime Minister of Britain," Putin said. "We discuss this openly and willingly, and it's almost always on the agenda for our bilateral meetings."

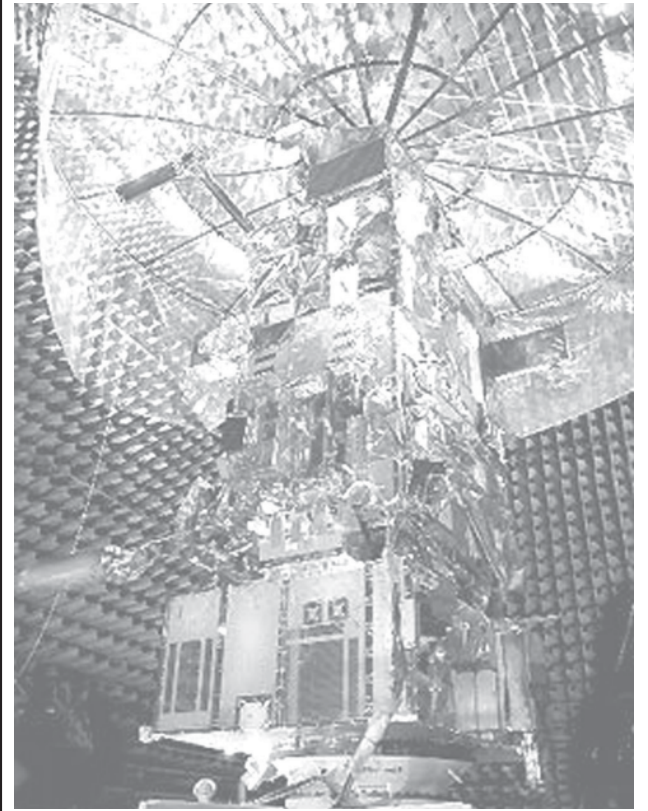
He said he always listened to criticism and was glad to take into account the views of fellow leaders at the summit, but Russia would always make its own decisions.

"There are also other questions," he said after a long pause. "Questions, let's say, about the fight against corruption. We'd be interested in hearing your experience, including how it applies to Lord Levy." Blair was not available to respond, having just finished dinner with Putin and the other G-8 leaders and their spouses.

Putin, a former KGB spy, often produces unexpected quips in an attempt to expose the weakness of his critics.

US Vice-President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice have both criticized Russia this year. But President George W Bush backed away from confrontation on Saturday, saying Russia had its own style of democracy.

But when Bush urged Russia "to promote institutional change in parts of the world like Iraq where there's a free Press and free religion", Putin replied: "We certainly would not want to have the same kind of democracy as they have in Iraq, I will tell you quite honestly." — MNA/Reuters



MetOp-A, the first member of a new family of European satellites designed to monitor the Earth's atmosphere from low Earth orbit, is to be launched from Baikonur, Kazakhstan, on 17 July, 2006.

INTERNET



A man walks past the wreckage of a house in Pangandaran, Indonesia, on 18 July, 2006. A tsunami triggered by a strong undersea earthquake off the coast of Indonesia's Java island on Monday killed 105 people, swept away buildings and damaged hundreds of fishing boats, officials and witnesses said.—INTERNET

## Rescuers hunt for Indonesia tsunami survivors Over 300 people thought to have died

JAVA, 18 July— Rescuers have desperately sifted through wreckage for survivors of a tsunami that killed more than 340 people and left scores missing when it slammed into Indonesia's Java coast.

In a harrowing reminder of the 2004 disaster that left 220,000 dead across Asia, walls of water up to three metres high smashed ashore on Monday, toppling buildings and sending thousands of terrified residents fleeing.

The tsunami was

triggered by a 7.7-magnitude undersea earthquake off the south coast of Java island, where no early warning system had yet been put in place and many residents had no inkling of the tragedy to come.

At least 343 people were killed and 431 people injured across six districts along Central and West Java provinces, the social affairs ministry said.

Most deaths were in Pangandaran in West Java's Ciamis district, about 270 kilometres south-east of Jakarta.

Some 115 people remained missing while 68,464 people had been displaced by the surges of water. Television footage showed many residents still hiding in the hills, too afraid to return home.

Internet

## Yemen acquits 23 of aiming to fight US forces

SANAA, 17 July — A Yemeni court on Saturday acquitted 23 men on charges of forming an armed group that planned to go to Iraq and fight US-led forces there.

But the court found 21 of the men guilty of faking official documents, and handed down jail terms of between three years and two months, and three years and four months.

Two men were acquitted of all charges.

Earlier this month, another court acquitted 19 men, including five Saudis, charged with planning attacks against US interests in the Arab country due to lack of evidence.— MNA/Reuters

## Former British Labour Party official urges Blair to quit

LONDON, 17 July—A former deputy leader of the British Labour Party on Sunday urged Prime Minister Tony Blair to step down at the party's conference in September.

"If he did that I think he'd go out on a high note in

the party... the longer he stays on the more damaging it is for him as well as the party in my view," Roy Hattersley, deputy leader from 1983 to 1992, said in an interview to be aired on a Sunday television programme.

The image of Blair's Labour Party has been severely tarnished by a succession of scandals and evidence of incompetence at key Cabinet ministries.

Police are investigating allegations that Labour promised life-long seats in the unelected Upper House of Parliament in return for secret loans. The Conservatives are also being probed.

At least two government ministers — Science Minister Lord Sainsbury and Trade Minister Ian McCartney — have been questioned by police about the scandal, their spokesmen said. "The Prime Minister ought not to announce he's going at the party conference - he ought to go at the party conference," Hattersley said. "Then he should say that the time has come to pass the torch on to somebody else and thank the party for what they've done," he added. If Blair stayed on until next year, it would be "impossible to put new life" into the Labour Party, Hattersley said.— MNA/Xinhua



Actress Halle Berry poses for photographers during the premier of the movie 'X-Men: The Last Stand' in Tokyo on 14 July, 2006.—INTERNET

## Quake hits Banda Aceh

JAKARTA, 17 July—An earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter Scale occurred in the Banda Sea on Saturday at 2:00 pm (0700 GMT), about 221 kilometres south-west of Ambon, capital of Maluku Province, official news agency Antara Sunday quoted the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency

(BMG) spokesman as saying.

"To date, there has been no report of damage or fatalities due to the earthquake," Andri, duty officer at the local BMG, said here on Saturday. He could not say whether or not any local resident had felt the quake.

MNA/Xinhua



# China, Sri Lanka FMs issue joint Press communique

BEIJING, 17 July— Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing and Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Mangala Samaraweera issued a joint Press communique in Beijing on Saturday evening.

The joint Press communique said at the invitation of Li, Samaraweera paid an official visit to China from 12 to 16 July.

Samaraweera called on Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and held in-depth talks with Li. Samaraweera also met with Li Shenglin, Minister of Communications, Yu

Guangzhou, Vice Minister of Commerce, Shao Qiwei, chairman of China National Tourism Administration, Li Ruogu, president of the Export-Import Bank of China and Yuan Xingpei, chairman of China-Sri Lanka Friendship Group of China's National People's Congress.

Samaraweera delivered a speech entitled "Future Orientations in China-Sri Lanka Relations in the Context of the Evolving Political and Economic Development of China" at China Institute of International Studies.

The joint communique said during the meetings, the two sides exchanged views on bilateral relations as well as regional and international issues of mutual interest.

The two sides reaffirmed that China-Sri Lanka relations have enjoyed healthy and smooth growth on the basis of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence since the establishment of diplomatic relations 49 years ago.—MNA/Xinhua

## ဝက်မှူးမီးအား ခေတ်ကျော်လွှား



Military vehicles dating from WWII are presented during the 100 Years of Car Parade in downtown London, Britain, on 16 July, 2006.—INTERNET

# Poll shows Blair's Labour now sleazier than predecessor

LONDON, 17 July— Prime Minister Tony Blair's Labour Government is sleazier than the Conservative administration it swept from power nine years ago, an opinion poll showed on Saturday.

Its findings increased the pressure on the Premier to step down as his beleaguered government has been hit by sex scandals, mismanagement and accusations of trading state awards.

Blair, who promised to be "whiter than white" after defeating the Conservatives in a landslide 1997 election triumph, now faces even greater voter disillusionment.

The YouGov poll in Saturday's *Daily Telegraph* showed 69 per cent of people looked on Labour as "very sleazy

and disreputable" compared to 63 per cent for the last Conservative government.

The poll showed strong public backing for a police investigation into political party funding which has seen detectives question two of Blair's ministers and his chief party fundraiser and personal Middle east envoy, Lord Levy.

An overwhelming 81 per cent supported the investigation which has severely dented Blair's popularity.

He has promised to

step down before the next election after steering Labour to three straight poll victories.

"Historians 100 years from now will wonder how a government that began so well ended so badly," said Anthony King, professor of government at Essex University, commenting on the new poll.

Police are investigating allegations that Labour promised lordships — life-long seats in the Upper House of Parliament, the House of Lords — in return for

secret loans.

Even bookmakers have now slashed the odds on Blair quitting this year from 11-4 to 2-1. Labour came under pressure after it said it had received 14 million pounds (26 million US dollars) in loans from 12 businessmen, some of whom were nominated for seats in the House of Lords. A law introduced in 1925 makes it illegal to sell Lordships.

Labour denies all wrongdoing in the probe. Detectives have so far questioned almost 50 people.—MNA/Reuters



Russian President Vladimir Putin talks to China's President Hu Jintao during a bilateral meeting on the sideline of the G 8 summit in St Petersburg on 17 July, 2006. Photo taken with a wide angle lens.—INTERNET

# S Korea on crisis alert as heavy rain kills ten

SEOUL, 17 July — South Korea issued a national crisis warning on Sunday as torrential rain caused flooding in parts of the country, killing 10 people and leaving 17 missing and presumed dead.

The orange alert issued for the capital, Seoul, and its surrounding regions and for the eastern province of Kangwon was prompted by a "high likelihood of large-scale disasters" from heavy rain, the National Emergency Management Agency said.

The alert is a step below the category-red warning that shuts down schools and workplaces and bans access to major

highways.

The orange alert puts residents of affected areas on standby for possible swift evacuation and advises children and the elderly to remain indoors.

Up to 50 centimetres (20 inches) of rainfall in eastern South Korea since Friday had caused flooding, driving more than 2,000 people into emergency shelters, the emergency agency said in a report.

Further heavy rain was expected in central and eastern regions including Seoul, with more than 25 centimetres (10 inches) of precipitation expected in some areas before midnight on Sunday, the National Meteorological Agency said.

The rain, in part triggered by last week's Typhoon Ewinar, could affect southern regions later on Sunday, the weather agency said.

MNA/Reuters

# Bangladesh woman gives birth to quadruplet babies

DHAKA, 17 July — A Bangladeshi woman, a mother of four, gave birth to quadruplet babies in Dhaka Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical

University Hospital on Saturday, which doctors dubbed as a rare incident.

The quadruplet are two baby girls and two boys and they are looking well, according to doctors dealing with the case.

The father of the babies works in Saudi Arabia.

The doctors said four months ago, a medical check up of the mother, who is from Brahmanbaira, 116 kilometres northeast of Bangladesh's capital Dhaka, showed there were four babies in her womb.

MNA/Xinhua



A car falls off a road damaged by torrential rain in Pyongchang, about 180 km (111 miles) northeast of Seoul on 17 July, 2006. South Korea issued a national crisis warning on Sunday as torrential rain caused flooding in parts of the country, killing 10 people and leaving 17 missing and presumed dead.

INTERNET

# 17 bodies recovered as landslide buries village in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 17 July — The bodies of 17 persons in the landslide that took place in Kaski District in western Nepal Friday night have been recovered, 13 others went missing, Nepali national news agency RSS reported on Saturday.

Around 30 people of seven families are suspected to have been caught in the landslide triggered by heavy downpour on Friday night, the report said, adding that several houses were swept away by the landslide that fell from above the village. — MNA/Xinhua





California's Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger examines the remains of a home owned by David Morrow (R) while touring areas damaged by wildfire in Yucca Valley, California, on 17 July, 2006. The Southern California wildfire that has blackened more than 70,000 acres (28,000 hectares) was expected to spare a popular mountain resort town, officials said on Saturday. Schwarzenegger has declared a state of emergency for San Bernardino County as a result of the wildfires.—INTERNET

## More wildfires expected in western US

LOS ANGELES, 17 July — Thunderstorms were expected to hit parts of the Western United States, particularly California later Sunday and produce lightning capable of starting new blazes.

Although the thunder storms might be helpful in putting out some wildfires, but they might also ignite more blazes, the California Department of Forestry said on Sunday. "We're definitely concerned" about the coming thun-

derstorms, said department spokeswoman Karen Guillemin.

The runaway wildfires, which were started by lightning last Sunday, had destroyed 58 homes and blackened more than 110 square miles, according to the department.

So far one man had been killed and his body was found on Saturday after he went missing since one of the fires rushed through historic Pioneertown last week, police said.

Nearly 4,000 firefighters have been sent to the sports to contain the fires before they could endanger mountain resort towns where thousands live.

The fires, the most widespread since the 1970s, had charred about 75,000 acres of land.

Fire officials estimated damage at more than 8.4 million US dollars and firefighting costs at 10.3 million.

MNA/Xinhua

## Ecuador volcano spews melted rocks, villages evacuated

PINGUE (Ecuador), 17 July—The Tungurahua Volcano spewed ash, gas and melted rocks for the second day straight on Saturday, sending hundreds of Ecuadorean villagers crowding into schools and churches seeking refuge.

Tungurahua, located about 80 miles (129 kilometres) south of Quito, has been increasingly active since May, when it shot out large clouds of hot gas and prompted officials to renew a limited state of emergency in nearby towns.

Civil defence authorities and police continued to evacuate seven small villages around the volcano, whose name means "throat of fire" in the indigenous

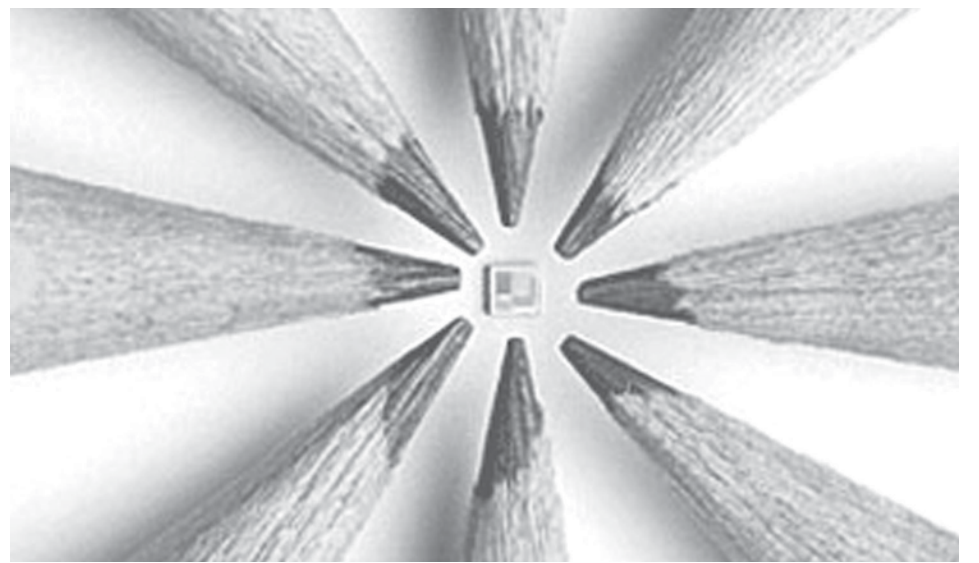
Quichua language.

Civil defence authorities said more than 3,600 people have been evacuated from the highest risk areas near the volcano.

"We need water, food and medicine ... but we are lucky we had no deaths or people hurt," said Juan Salazar, the mayor of Pinipe County on the outskirts of the volcano.

The Tungurahua's crater has blasted molted rocks during the two days, burning trees and grass on its way down in the volcano's highest recorded activity since it started erupting in 1999, local scientists said.

MNA/Reuters



Pencils surround a chip, showing its size in relation to the pencil points. The computer chip has enough memory to store a song, a photo, or a 100-page text document, Hewlett-Packard Co said on 16 July, 2006.—INTERNET

## Three killed in single-engine plane crash in Italy

ROME, 17 July— A single-engine plane headed to Germany crashed shortly after take-off from the Italian island of Elba on Sunday, killing three people and seriously injuring two others aboard, an Airport official said.

Smoke was seen coming from the aircraft just moments after it was in the air and the official at the Marina di Campo Airport said the crash appeared to be due to engine failure. The victims were all believed to be Germans, he said, but added further checks were necessary.

MNA/Reuters

## Nearly 250 detained in combing operation in Mumbai

MUMBAI, 17 July—At least 250 people were detained on Saturday from the city's Mahim area, which is allegedly frequented by illegal Bangladeshi immigrants, as part of the ongoing probe into Tuesday's serial train blasts.

The raids were conducted early in the morning by officials of the central region of Mumbai police and over 400 policemen from various police stations participated in it, police said.

Nearly a dozen history-sheeters and wanted

criminals also landed in the police net during the raid.

The combing operation was launched at 4 am, since there were reports that the area is frequented by illegal Bangladeshi immigrants.

The suspects will be individually interrogated later, while nearly a dozen history-sheeters and wanted criminals who have been arrested will be produced in Court for offences for which they were wanted, sources said.

MNA/PTI

## Death toll of flood rises to 115 in China

FUZHOU, 17 July—Floods and rainstorms accompanying Typhoon Bilis have killed 115 people across southeast China, according to official estimates on Sunday.

Rainstorms hit Fujian Province where Bilis landed at noon on Friday, causing flooding and landslides that left 43 dead, 24 missing and four injured.

Ten of the missing were confirmed buried in a landslide in Zhangzhou at 1:00 am on Sunday. Rescue work is underway, but city officials believe their chances of survival

is slim.

Heavy rain in Fujian is continuing. Fourteen of the province's 68 counties and cities have recorded rainfall of more than 200 millimetres, including two whose rainfall exceeded 400 millimetres.

Three million people had been affected by flooding, 19,100 houses destroyed and 519,000 people were evacuated by

6:00 pm on Sunday.

Rainstorms and floods ruined 144,680 hectares of crops and forced 1,865 industrial and mining enterprises to close, resulting in losses of three billion yuan (375 million US dollars).

The Fujian government has appropriated 4.3 million yuan (537,500 US dollars) for relief aid and delivered 2,000 quilts,

6,000 boxes of instant noodles and 12,000 tents to victims.

Aid has also been distributed in Hunan Province, where at least 39 people have died since torrential rains started at dawn on Saturday.

Rescuers have evacuated 262,000 people, but 112,000 are cut off by flooding.

MNA/Xinhua



Local residents transport their belongings through a flood in Huizhou, south China's Guangdong Province on 16 July, 2006. Torrential rainstorms and flooding unleashed by Typhoon Bilis killed at least 115 people across southeast China, according to Xinhua and local news reports.—INTERNET



# President says Philippine economy on rise and competitive

MANILA, 16 July—Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said on Friday the Philippine economy is now on the rise and capable of competing with the country's neighbours in attracting investment.

"The Philippines is now ready to rise and join the league of prosperity, peace and true freedom," she said in a statement to the Press.

Arroyo said economic indicators of the country vis-a-vis the rising oil prices in the world market shows the country's situation has been stabilizing despite political turmoil.

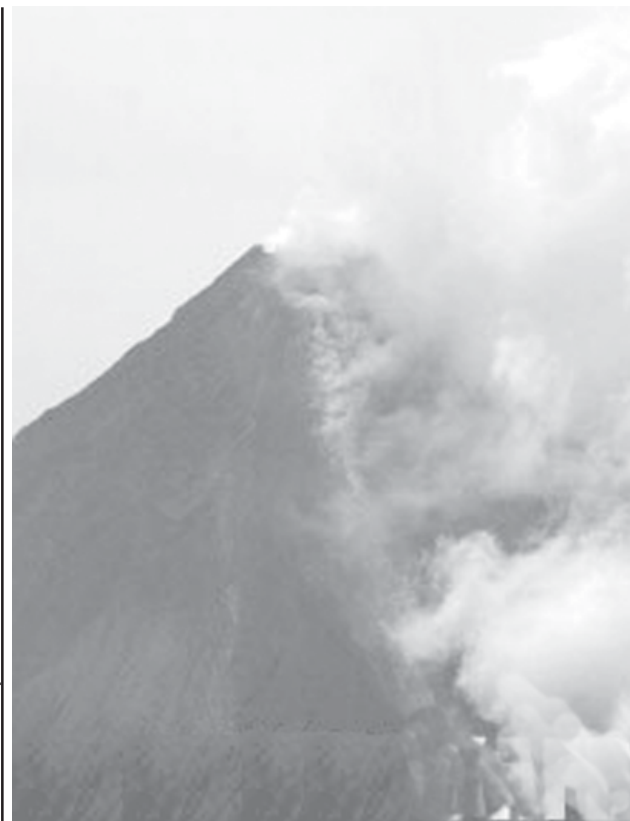
She also said government funds are available for vital projects because of increased tax incomes.

Indicators of an improving economy are a 5.5-per-

cent increase in gross domestic product for the first quarter of 2006 and an expected 6-per-cent growth for the second quarter, 21 billion US dollars in foreign exchange reserves, relatively low inflation, budget surpluses for April and May, foreign direct investments of 500 million US dollars for the first four months this year, and a double-digit growth of export of 17 per cent for May, she said.

"We will spend in public investment and infrastructure but also in social development, security livelihood and enterprise facility and good governance and this will in turn address the problem of employment, food and prices," she said.

MNA/Xinhua



A cloud of grayish-brown lava fragments flows down the gully of Mayon volcano as seen from Legazpi city in Albay Province in its continuing 'quiet eruption' on 15 July, 2006, 340 kilometres (212 miles) southwest of Manila, Philippines.—INTERNET

## China urges US, EU to push forward Doha talks

BEIJING, 16 July—Spokesman of Chinese Ministry of Commerce Chong Quan here Friday made a call to related departments of the United States and the European Union that they should show their political willingness to push forward the Doha talks.

The United States and the European Union should work out the negotiation pattern as soon as possible, so as to help the Doha round trade talks

to be concluded by the end of this year, he said at a Press conference.

"We are regretful that the just-concluded World Trade Organization (WTO) informal ministerial meeting in Geneva made no progress," he said. China insists on the general goal of concluding the Doha talks by the end of this year, so the negotiation momentum must be maintained, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## First job training centre for inmates opens in HK

HONG KONG, 15 July — Hong Kong's Correctional Services Department Friday opened its first vocational training centre on Hei Ling Chau, offering inmates full-time pre-release career coaching.

The Lai Sun Correctional Institution Vocational Training Centre provides 260 places with courses and lessons on a host of trades for inmates two years before discharge. Partici-

pants that pass the courses can get accredited certificates. Local male inmates aged 21 or above can apply to take the courses. Commissioner of Correctional Services Pang Sung-yuen said that with the training centre's establishment, rehabilitation services have reached a higher and more professional level.

"One of the important themes of the new correctional focus, with the aim of helping rehabilitated offenders reintegrate into society, is to execute a common social responsibility by integrating the resources and manpower of the community," Pang said.

At present, the courses and lessons provided by the centre include mechanical craft, food and beverage services (Western style), kitchen assistant training, printing and desktop publishing, computer skills training and hairdressing. Courses on clerical training and commercial studies, painting and decorating, air-conditioning and refrigeration as well as electrical fitting and installation will be provided at a later stage.

MNA/Xinhua

## "Bilis" leaves 42 dead, over 100 missing in China

BEIJING, 16 July — Rainstorms and floods caused by Typhoon Bilis have claimed 42 lives and left more than 100 missing after it landed in eastern China on Friday, government sources said Saturday.

Central China's Hunan Province is the worst hit as 36 people were confirmed dead and more than 100 went missing as of 4 pm Saturday, said the provincial flood control and drought relief headquarters.

Six people died and nine others were missing in South China's Guangdong Province, said the Guangdong headquarters of flood control at 5 pm Saturday.

In Hunan another 349 people were injured and 40,000 people in the cities of Hengyang and Chenzhou were stranded by floods.

Hunan Party Chief Zhang Chunxian and Governor Zhou Bohua asked rescuers to save people and reduce casualties at all costs. The two senior officials have rushed to flood-hit areas to coordinate rescue efforts.

Hunan flood control headquarters have sent 140 vessels to search and rescue the trapped.

Eight reservoirs in the province are in dangerous condition while the dam of one of the reservoirs could collapse at any time as the sluice is crammed by floating tree trunks and cannot open.

The State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters reported earlier 29 people died and more than 50 were missing in Hunan, where rainstorms caused serious flooding in several counties in the eastern and southern parts of the province.

MNA/Xinhua



Children with their donkey and dog are escorted by police rescue officers from the Cusua village in the laps of Ecuador's Tungurahua volcano, some 178 km south of Quito on 15 July, 2006. Ecuador's Tungurahua volcano spewed ash, gases and molten rocks on Friday, forcing authorities to evacuate four nearby villages after the crater registered its most volatile activity since a 1999 eruption.—INTERNET

## Iraq's top sports officials abducted

BAGHDAD, 16 July — Some 50 sports officials and athletes, including the head of Iraq's Olympic Committee, were abducted by gunmen when they were holding a meeting in central Baghdad. The gunmen rode in three government vehicles wearing police uniforms when they broke into a cultural centre, police Lieutenant Thaeer Mahmoud said.

Ahmed al-Hijjiya, president of the committee, was

taken away around 1:30 pm along with his bodyguards and some 30 athletes as they were attending a conference in Karradah, a Shiite neighbourhood in Baghdad.

Others abducted included the deputy head of the Olympic committee, Ammar Jabbaral-Saadi; the chairman of the Taekwondo

Federation, Jamal Abdul-Karim; and the chief of the Boxing Federation, Union Bashar Mustafa. The director of sports medicine, Dr Faleh Francis, was originally reported to be among those abducted, but state-run television later said he was not part of the group. — MNA/Xinhua

A woman holding an umbrella walks in a street in Taizhou, east China's Zhejiang Province on 14 July, 2006. Typhoon Bilis approaches east China, bringing torrential rains and strong winds to the affected provinces.—INTERNET





# Workshop on bio-diesel producing technology held

YANGON, 17 July— The workshop on growing physic nut plant and bio-diesel producing technology sponsored by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council was held at No 2 Basic Education High School on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township here this morning, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and members, Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee U Tin Soe, station commanders under the Yangon Command, commanders of battalions and regiments, chairmen of the District/Township PDCs, members of the district/township agricultural coordination

committees, rectors of universities, professors and lecturers, businessmen and merchants, those from industrial zones and guests. In his address, Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win said that the growing of physic nut plants is being carried out with might and main in the states and divisions as a national duty. The commander quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as saying during his tour of Ayeyawady Division that bio-diesel is being extracted easily from physic nuts to be substituted for diesel. This being the case, extended cultivation of physic nut plants is to be carried out for regional development and the development of agricultural sector. In the coming one-and-half or two years, farmers will be

able to fully engage in double cropping with the use of bio-diesel. In the meantime, efforts are to be made to fully utilize land resources in the nation.

In accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, each state and division including Yangon Division is to put 500,000 acres of land under physic nut plants, said the commander.

He stressed the need for those present to hold a discussion through good idea and effective technology.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and officials viewed the demonstration of technologies on cultivation of physic nut plants and extraction of bio-diesel, and documentary photos on growing of physic nut plants in districts being displayed.



**Lt-Gen Myint Swe views extraction of bio-diesel from physic nut seeds. — MNA**

After that, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence fulfilled the requirements and the first session of the workshop came to an end.

The second session of the workshop followed at 8:30 am.

Adviser to the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Oo discussed agricultural subject, Director-General U Tin Nyein (Retd) of Trade Administration Department marketing subject and Rector of

Yangon East University Dr U Win extraction of bio-diesel.

After that, papers compiled by those present were read out and approved, which brought the workshop to a close.

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**Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and ministers sprinkle scented water on locomotive shed of Up-train No 27 prior to its maiden trip. — MNA**



**Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and ministers pose for a documentary photo together with residents after the opening ceremony of Thazi-Kungyano railroad section. — MNA**

## Nay Pyi Taw-Thazi-Meiktila-Myingyan...

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presented gifts to them as a gesture of hailing the launch of the express.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and party arrived at Thazi Station by No 27-up express train and attended the opening ceremony of Thazi-Myingyan bypass railroad held at platform No 1. Ministers Maj-Gen Aung Min and U Aung Thaung formally opened the ceremony. The ministers then had a documentary photo taken together with those present. Thanks to the opening of bypass railroad, anyone can travel along the route of Thazi-Meiktila-

Myingyan within a short time. Thirteen small and big bridges have been constructed along the railroad.

On arrival at Meiktila Station by express train, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and party were welcomed by departmental officials, local people and students. Afterwards, they went to Myingyan Station.

No 27-Up Nay Pyi Taw-Thazi-Meiktila-Myingyan Express Train leaves Nay Pyi Taw at 8:45 am and arrives at Myingyan Station at 4:40 pm. No 28-Down Myingyan-Meiktila-Thazi-Nay Pyi Taw Ex-

press leaves Myingyan Station at 4:45 am and arrives at Nay Pyi Taw at 12:10 pm. Stopovers are Ywataw, Tatkon, Yamethin, Pyawbwe, Thazi, Meiktila-Mahlaing and Taungtha. Special class train tickets are available three days

before departure, tickets for ordinary class one day ahead and the remaining tickets from 5 am to departure time. Ordinary class tickets will be sold at K 610, first class at K 760 and special class at K 1220.

Myanmar Rail-

ways launched Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Express on 11 July 2005, Nay Pyi Taw-Bagan-Nay Pyi Taw Express on 18 May 2006, Nay Pyi Taw-Pyay-Nay Pyi Taw Express on 25 May, Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw Ex-

press on 7 June and Nay Pyi Taw-Myingyan-Nay Pyi Taw Express on 16 July.

DaikU-Myitkyo-Sittoung railroad is under construction and Pyawbwe-Phayangasu Bypass will be built in 2006-2007. MNA



**Minister U Aung Thaung and Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min formally open the Thazi-Kungyano railroad section. — MNA**



## Shan State enjoying remarkable development largely due to ...

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The Secretary-1, the guests and the diplomats posed for a documentary photo together with members of the national race cultural troupe.

The Secretary-1, the ministers, guests and diplomats planted commemorative trees in front of the building. The Secretary-1 formally unveiled the bronze plaque of the facility and sprinkled scented water on it.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander, the dean of diplomatic corps, Minister U Thaung and Laotian Ambassador Mr Chanthvy Bodhisane also sprinkled scented water on the bronze plaque.

The Secretary-1 in his speech said that U Kan Na and members of Brigade-11 of SSNA, U Aik Mone and members of PSLA, and U Gon Khay and members of Brigade-19 of SSNA, that returned to the legal fold beginning in the middle of 2005, have unconditionally exchanged arms for peace.

He said the ceremony to mark the return to the legal fold of a national race armed group led by Brigade (758) commander U Mein Sin with the rank of vice chief of staff from Shan State (South) (SSA-S) of Ywet Sit was held the day before.

In conjunction with the ceremony, the destroying of seized narcotic drugs took place in Laikha Township that demonstrated success in the government's drug-elimination drive.

In its drive for enabling the motherland to catch up with the international community, the government is



**Prime Minister General Soe Win welcomes Mr Leslie Teo Eng Sipp, Deputy Division Chief of IMF. (News on page 1) — MNA**

based in border areas, the special development zones projects based in states and divisions, and the rural development tasks that cover countryside regions of the nation. As a result of the projects, all parts of the Union including Shan State are now having prospects for development.

With the centre of the four of the development regions established under the special plan by the government — Taunggyi, Lashio, Kengtung and Panglong — Shan State has seen stability and all-round develop-

ment. Specialists hospitals, general hospitals, health care centres, rural health care centres, coal-fired and hydropower power stations and modern airports that jets can use.

It is encouraging to see increasing development of



**Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspect a classroom of the Government Technological College (Ayethaya). — MNA**

taking all necessary steps for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the Union based on the progress of the region concerned.

In the process, it is harmoniously implementing border areas and national races development projects

ment dramatically.

Today, Shan State has got basic foundations for development such as a network of transport facilities, schools, universities and colleges where local national races youth can pursue higher education, spe-

**Secretary-1 grows a tree in front of the main building of Government Technological College (Ayethaya) to mark the opening of the building. — MNA**

Shan State with industrial zones and border trade centres that can effectively enhance regional development, such modern border cities as Muse, Chinshwehaw, Laukkai, Mongla and Tachilek, tourism industry and trade.

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**Government Technological College (Ayethaya) in Taunggyi, Shan State. — MNA**



# Shan State enjoying remarkable development largely due to ...

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He said he would like to let local people know that such remarkable development Shan State is enjoying is largely due to extraordinary efforts and steps of the government.

When the Tatmadaw took up the State's responsibilities, Shan State was in a desperate plight owing to evil legacy left by colonialists and neo-colonialists.

rule policy of the colonialists, the quagmire the drug problem had created, chronic feudalism, Kuomintang intrusion, domination of the Burma Communist Party. In consequence, local people had to withstand all trials and tribulations of armed insurgency, drug-related cases and lack of infrastructures due to insecurity.

Inequality and rich-poor divide resulting from



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveils the bronze plaque of the main hall of Government Technological College (Ayethaya). — MNA



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for a documentary photo together with guests and national races. — MNA

And because of lack of peace and stability resulting from the armed insurgency, local people could not lead a peaceful life but had to stay in precarious conditions in earning their living. Schools were destroyed, youth could not pursue education, and elderly persons could not perform meritorious deeds, and local people's life was totally uncertain due to bullying and terrorist acts.

Racism and personal-ity cult were growing, resulting from the divide-and-

the failure to build infrastructures for regional development throughout the past successive years made Myanmar vulnerable to attempts that would cause dissension among the national races. The government has striven for peace, prosperity and progress of Shan State in accord with the national policy.

Thanks to the endeavours to strengthen mutual, amity, respect, forbearance, the nation has been able solve all problems of Shan State including drug men-

ace, lawlessness and poor infrastructure.

The results of the government's goodwill efforts are that almost all the national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold and joined hands with the government in striving for regional peace, stability and development. The number of national race armed groups that are building eternal peace after totally abandoning the armed struggle line is increasing. All are going to witness in the near future the preva-

lence of peace in the entire Shan State.

But all must be aware of a handful of extremist saboteurs launching an armed opposition against the government. The gov-

However, blinded by greed, anger and delusion, the extremist saboteurs could not bear to witness the Shan State enjoying peace and progress in all sectors due to concerted efforts of the local

ing drugs, and that Shan national race girls are falling victim to sexual violence and human trafficking.

The extremist saboteurs are trying to spread racial hatred among the national people. They will become worthless and lose public support totally as long as they do not abandon their armed struggle line. Hence they should realize which way they are heading for.

Instead of falling for alien flattery, the extremist saboteurs should view the international events objectively and reconsider their situation correctly. It is heart-rending to witness the terrorist acts of killings and attacks between the people of different faiths or different races daily in the world.

All should realize the double standard the powers are practising to dominate the entire world, sowing seeds of discord among the peoples of other nations. All the national people should preserve Union Spirit and safeguard the national unity.



Ambassador Mme Phoebe A Gomez waters a sapling planted to mark the opening of GTC (Ayethaya). — MNA



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander Brig-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister U Thaung formally open the Government Technological College (Ayethaya) in Taunggyi. — MNA

ernment fully believes that the entire Shan State will enjoy total peace and prosperity when all the armed opposition cease to exist. With much patience and tolerance, the government will continue to work steadfastly towards peace.

nationalities. Hence, the extremist saboteurs are distancing from the people. They are trying to tarnish the prestige of Myanmar by floating slanders, saying that the situation of Shan State is deteriorating, that the government is incompetent in curb-

Ma Ingyin Ngon of the college thanked the government.

The Secretary-1 and party visited computer room, lab room, drawing room, research labs and e-library.

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# Industrial zones making progress to some extent...



**Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein makes cash donation at Maha Ratthabhisamaggi Pagoda in Panglong. — MNA**



**Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein visits Maha Ratthabhisamaggi Pagoda in Panglong. — MNA**

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lights to the Buddha image and paid obeisance to the Buddha images in Gandakutitaik.

The Secretary-1 and party signed in the visitors' book and donated cash to the pagoda funds.

They went to the Government Computer college in Loilem where they were welcomed by Principal Dr Aye Aye Seint and faculty members. The Secretary-1 discussed academic and administrative matters and fulfilled the requirements.

The Secretary-1 greeted the principal and faculty members.

The Secretary-1 and party proceeded to the government technological college (Panglong) where Principal Dr Han Min Tun reported on academic matters.

The Secretary-1 discussed promotion of the qualification of the faculty members and training of students to become well-versed scholars in practical field.

The Secretary-1 and party went to Yadanasi Monastery where they presented offertories to Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Silananda.

The ministers and the

deputy ministers also presented offertories to the members of the Sangha.

On 16 July, the Secretary-1 and party arrived in Laikha. They were welcomed by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaug Aye, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin

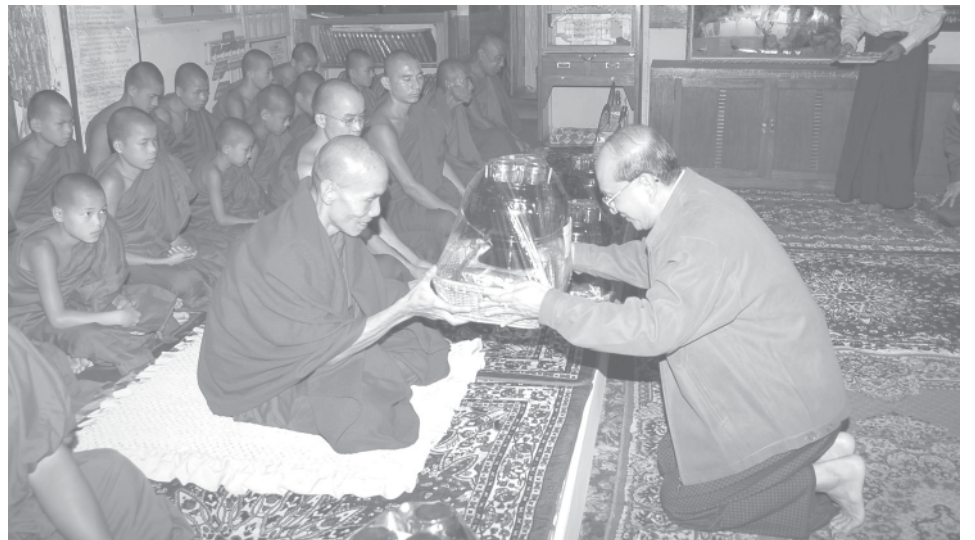
Yi, Brigade (758) commander U Mein Sin with the rank of vice-chief of staff of Shan State Army

(South) (SSA-S) (Ywet Sit) and members.

At 10 am at Thiri Hantha Hall in Laikha, the

Secretary-1 and party arrived in Taunggyi by helicopter.

The Secretary-1 attended the dinner hosted



**Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents offertories to Presiding Sayadaw of Yadanasi Monastery in Loilem Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Silananda. — MNA**



**Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein meeting with members of Ayethaya Industrial Zone Development Committee and businessmen at the zone's modern foundry shop in Taunggyi. — MNA**



**Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets Principal Dr Aye Aye Seint and faculty members of Government Computer College (Panglong) in Loilem. — MNA**

Secretary-1 attended the ceremony to mark the abandoning of armed struggle line and return to the legal fold by Brigade (758) commander U Mein Sin with the rank of vice-chief of staff of Shan State Army (South) (SSA-S) (Ywet Sit) and members and the fifth destruction of seized narcotic drugs in Shan State (South).

The Secretary-1 met U Mein Sin and members and discussed peace and tranquillity in the region and regional development.

In the evening, the Sec-

retary-1 attended the ceremony to mark the abandoning of armed struggle line and return to the legal fold by Brigade (758) commander U Mein Sin with the rank of vice-chief of staff of Shan State Army (South) (SSA-S) (Ywet Sit) and members and the fifth destruction of seized narcotic drugs in Shan State (South).

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Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein hears a report presented by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi at the modern foundry shop in Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi. — MNA

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millers and future programmes of the foundry shop.

In his discussions, he said that they were there to inspect Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi and provide necessary assistance for its development. He said he frequented the industrial zone and whenever he arrived there he witnessed its development all the more.

The government has established the industrial zones for industrial development and provided all the necessary assistance in this regard. Thus, he said, all the industrial zones are making progress to such an extent that they have been able to produce automobiles and farm equipment.

A glance at the international community will reveal that the industrialized nations are prosperous. Those industrialized nations had to begin like ours to reach such a status. Monetary and human resources are imperative for industrial development.

Therefore, efforts are being made to obtain the investment for the industrial sector from the agricultural sector. At the same time, the education sector is training and nurturing human resources for industrial development.

As priority is being given to improvement of the

agricultural sector for national development, the industrial zones are to produce farm equipment more and more for development of the agricultural sector.

In the meantime, the industrial zones are to sufficiently produce spare parts that have to be imported for the factories and workshops. And the industrial zones are to strive to be able to install computer-used modern equipment and to nurture and produce intellectuals and technocrats.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party inspected Fly Wheel 2 C, Liace Brake Drum and Van Brake Drum at the Machine Shop, Fly Wheel 5B, physic nut crushing machines and production of physic nut oil, physic nut stoves and refining of irons at the Foundry Shop and production of chassis for Shan Star automobiles at the Forging Shop.

After that, he viewed fertilizer produced by Ayethayar Industrial Zone, various kinds of Jeeps, light trucks, excavators and power tillers on display at the salesroom.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party left there by helicopter and arrived in Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.

Secretariat member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, who accompanied the Secretary-1 as a member, on 15 July met with the USDA secretaries and executives of Loilem District USDA and Loilem/Namhsam Township USDAs at

the office of Loilem District USDA.

On 16 July, he met with secretaries and executives of the Shan State (South) USDA and Taunggyi District USDA at the office of the USDA and urged them to strive for realization of the association's objectives, to engage in extended growing of physic nut plants and in national development tasks.

Likewise, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, who accompanied the Secretary-1 as a member, on 15 July met with departmental officials of General Administration Department, Myanmar Police Force, Special Investigation Department and Prisons Department at the hall of Loilem Township Development Affairs Department and stressed the need for discharging duties in accord with laws, rules and regulations and actively participating in nation-building endeavours.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, who accompanied the Secretary-1 as a member, on 15 July inspected Loilem General Hospital and gave necessary instructions to officials concerned.

Similarly, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, who accompanied the Secretary-1, on 15 July met with the township education officer, teachers and education staff of basic education schools at No 1 Basic Education High School in Loilem and discussed administration and academic matters.

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Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun receives Mr Leslie Teo Eng Sipp and party of IMF Consultation Mission. — MNA

## F&R Minister receives IMF Consultation Mission

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun received Mr Leslie Teo Eng Sipp of IMF Consultation Mission

at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. At the meeting, they discussed matters on financial affairs.

Also present at the

call were Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung and officials. — MNA

## Minister inspects beach hotels

YANGON, 18 July — Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing inspected Patheingyi Hotel in Patheingyi on 16 July.

Accompanied by Director-General U Htay Aung of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, the minister met with hoteliers in Ngwehsaung Beach Hotel. He said as the ministry is upgrading transport to the beach and making arrangements for increasing the number of vacationers, the hoteliers should make efforts to offer better service.

During his inspection of Aureum

Palace Hotel, he spoke of the need to take natural disaster preparedness measures.

The minister also visited hotels and met with hoteliers in Chaungtha Beach. — MNA

## Six members of Taze Township NLD resign

YANGON, 18 July — Six members of Taze Township National League for Democracy in Sagaing Division resigned of their own accord from the party and sent their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and authorities concerned. U Tin Shwe of Wayongon Village resigned on 21 May, U Nyo of Thayagon Village

on 24 May, U Myint Wai and Daw Tin Lay of Kyuntawgon Village on 8 June, U Myo Thein of Nganwezun Village on 11 June and Treasurer U Hmat Tin of PawU Ward in Taze Township on 19 June this year.

In the resignation letters sent to Sagaing Division Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-commis-

sion, they said they quit the party of their own volition as they lost interest and trust in the NLD.

The number of those who resigned from Taze Township NLD has now reached eight as U Pe Than of PawU Ward and U Tin Aye of Koetaungpo had already quit the party, it is learnt.

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## UMFCCI General Secretary receives Chairman of NACF

YANGON, 17 July — General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and Joint Secretary-2 U Tun Aung of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry met with Mr In Mok Koo, Chairman of the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation of the Republic of Korea at UMFCCI office on 14 July.

At the meeting, they discussed matters on the investment in agricultural sectors. It was attended by executives of Myanmar Rice Producers Association.

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**At least two killed, 30 wounded in bomb attack in Baghdad**

BAGHDAD, 17 July — A roadside bomb went off at a busy commercial area in southern Baghdad on Sunday, killing at least two people and wounding up to 30 others, a police source said.

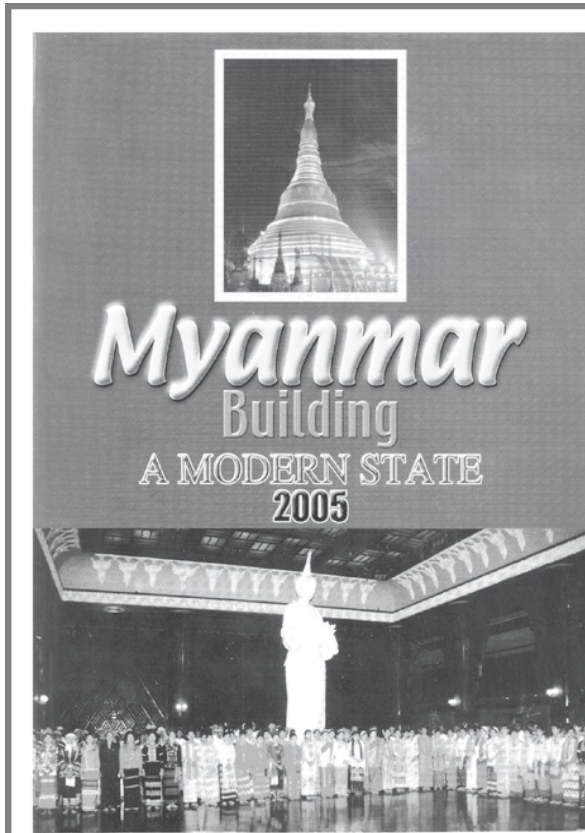
The bomb detonated at the Baghdad Mission market for vehicles' spare parts, the source said, confirming that all the victims were civilians.

The attack came a day after gunmen wearing police uniforms abducted some 50 sports officials

and athletes, including the head of Iraq's Olympic Committee, while they were holding a meeting in central Baghdad.

Ahmed al-Hijjiya, president of the committee, was taken away around 1:30 pm (1030 GMT) along with his bodyguards and some 30 athletes as they were attending a conference in Karradah, a Shiite neighbourhood in Baghdad, according to a police source.

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**British firms commit to pensions, but costs bite, says survey**

LONDON, 17 July — British companies are pumping large slices of workers' salaries into workplace pensions and these payments are biting into profits, according to a survey published on Monday.

Companies now pay an average of 19.6 per cent of staff salaries to defined benefit (DB) pensions — a figure including payments to cut scheme deficits. A quarter of firms pay more than 25 per cent of salaries to pensions, according to the survey, carried out by Mercer Human Resource Consulting.

Contribution to DB pensions — in which benefits are usually linked to salaries — are more than double those paid to retirement pots linked to investment returns, the survey showed.

Hundreds of British

firms have closed DB plans to new recruits in recent years, citing as reasons the rising costs of an ageing workforce and weak investment returns. Some companies, such as pest-control business Rentokil, have even shut final-salary plans to existing members.

The survey was drawn from 355 companies employing a total of 900,000 staff with retirement scheme assets totalling 76 billion pounds (140 billion US dollars). The report was carried out on behalf of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), the business lobby group.

“The rising cost of pensions has had a serious impact on corporate cashflow, profitability, investment and the ability to pay dividends. And this survey shows that government actions have

not alleviated the pressure,” Richard Lambert, CBI director-general, said in a report.

While three-quarters of firms are committed to providing a workplace pension of some kind, only 7 per cent believe they should offer a plan that pays a pre-determined benefit, the survey showed.

Among detailed findings, 74 per cent of firms with final-salary pensions say their rising costs have significantly or severely reduced company profits, compared with 50 per cent taking this view in 2004. Companies contributed an average of 14.2 per cent of pay to a defined benefit pension, while contributions to pensions based on market returns, known as defined contribution (DC) schemes, were 6.6 per cent. — MNA/Reuters

**Oil on rise after weekend of Middle East violence**

SYDNEY, 17 July — Oil surged back toward record highs above 78 US dollars on Monday after a weekend of worsening conflict between Israel and Hizbollah guerrillas, leaving traders nervous the violence could escalate and spread across the oil-producing Middle East.

US light, sweet crude for August delivery was trading up 58 cents or 0.75 per cent at US dollars 77.61 a barrel by 0020 GMT, climbing for a fifth day. Prices soared on Friday to a record high 78.40, US dollars but pared those gains by day's end.

London Brent for September the new front month contract, rose 43 cents to 78.01 US dollars a barrel, just off Friday's record of 78.03 US dollars. — MNA/Reuters

**New York doctor suspected of blowing up house dies**

NEW YORK, 17 July — The Manhattan doctor suspected of blowing up his townhouse last week in an apparent suicide bid connected to a nasty divorce has died of injuries suffered in the blast, hospital officials said on Sunday.

Dr Nicholas Bartha, who was alone in the four-story townhouse on East 62nd Street when the explosion levelled it on Monday, was rescued from the rubble but had been in hospital with severe burns and had been on a respirator, so he was never

questioned by police.

Several of his friends, as well as his ex-wife and some media outlets and politicians, received e-mails from him before the explosion saying he would leave the home the couple once shared “only if I am dead.”

Bartha, 66, had been ordered by the courts to sell the multimillion-dollar home, where he had his practice, as a result of the couple's acrimonious divorce and was reportedly served with eviction papers just days before.

MNA/Reuters

**Coalition soldier killed during firefight in S Afghanistan**

KABUL, 17 July — One US-led coalition soldier was killed during a firefight with insurgents in the Day Chopan District of Afghanistan's southern

province of Zabul on Sunday, said the military.

The coalition unit was conducting a combat patrol in the area and attacked by small arms fire from enemy fighters, the coalition said in a news release. — MNA/Xinhua

DONATE BLOOD



A man holds rosary beads as he inspects the ruins of a popular coffee shop after Sunday night's suicide bomb attack in the town of Tuz Khurmatu, 170 km (106 miles) north of Baghdad, on 17 July, 2006. — INTERNET



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Leaders attend an informal dinner for the G8 Summit in the outskirts of St Petersburg, Russia, on 15 July, 2006.—INTERNET

### China's technology imports up 60% in first half of the year

BEIJING, 16 July — China signed 5,461 technology import contracts valued at 13.2 billion US dollars in the first half of 2006, up 62.2 per cent on the previous year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

A report of the ministry published this week said the railway transport industry signed contracts worth 3.93 billion US dollars from January to June, eight times that of the same period of last year.

The electronics and telecommunications industry signed 782

technology import contracts, with the contractual value reaching 2.79 billion US dollars, up 150 per cent. The European Union is still the number one technology exporter to China. In the first six months, China signed 5.62 billion US dollars worth of technology import

contracts with the EU, a rise of 45.7 per cent.

Japan and the United States ranked second and third, with technology contracts signed with China standing at 3.36 billion and 2.08 billion US dollars, up 25.4 and 15.7 per cent respectively.

MNA/Xinhua

### Philippines continues to receive high overseas remittances

MANILA, 16 July — Overseas remittances sent to the Philippines through banking system amounted to 1.1 billion US dollars in May, the highest ever on monthly basis, the Philippine Central Bank or Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said Friday. The May level brought the cumulative remittances for the first five months to an all-time high of 4.9 billion US dollars, nearly 15 per cent higher than last year, said the central bank.

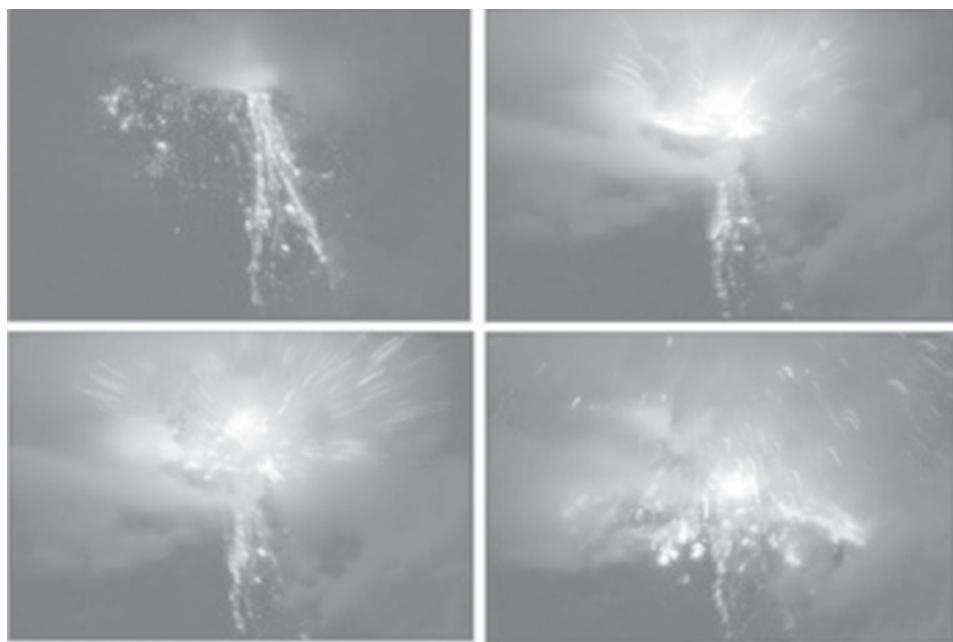
BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr said the increase was due to the continued increase in deployment of Filipino workers and the commercial banks and more efficient banking services.

Citing pre-liminary data from the Philippine Overseas Employment

Administration, Tetangco said total deployment rose by nearly 13 per cent in May. For the first five months, deployed sea-based workers posted a

15-per-cent increase to 115,557, offsetting the 3.6-per-cent decline to 350,705 in deployed land-based workers.

MNA/Xinhua



A combination photo shows Ecuador's Tungurahua volcano erupting near Banos, about 80 miles (130 miles) south of Quito, on 15 July, 2006. The volcano, whose name means "throat of fire" in the indigenous Quichua language, spewed ash, gas and molten rock for a second day on Saturday, driving hundreds of evacuated villagers into nearby schools and churches in search of refuge. —INTERNET

### Shell Gas joins hands with N-W China peer on coal liquefaction

YINCHUAN, 15 July — The Netherlands-based Shell Gas and Power Developments BV and Shenhua Ningxia Coal Industry Company Ltd (Shenhua-Ningmei) have

recently signed an agreement on joint study of coal liquefaction technology in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.

Under the accord, the world's leading gas company will work together with Shenhua-Ningmei on the technological and commercial feasibility for launching an indirect coal liquefaction facility with a daily production capacity of 70,000 barrels of oil products and chemicals at the Ningdong coal production base, one of the 13 major such bases approved by the Chinese Government.

Lim Haw Kuang, executive chairman of Shell China operations, said that as a leader in

clean coal technology, "We have proven technology that converts coal to gas and then gas to liquids. We believe this technology is important to China, particularly in large coal-producing areas such as Ningxia."

Zhang Wenjiang, chairman of Shenhua-Ningmei, said, "Ningxia is not only rich in coal but in water and power supply, which are all important for the successful development of an indirect coal liquefaction project."

Shenhua-Ningmei is the principal investor and constructor of Ningxia's Ningdong base. Capital construction has begun at the base for the indirect coal-to-liquid project, Zhang added.

MNA/Xinhua

### Govt grants financial aid to battle crisis in Sao Paulo

RIO DE JANEIRO, 16 July — Brazil's federal government announced on Friday it would grant 100 million reais (45 million US dollars) to help Sao Paulo's state government fight the recent crime wave.

In a meeting with Sao Paulo's Governor Claudio Lembo on Friday afternoon, Brazil's Minister of Justice Marcio Thomaz Bastos said that 50 million reais (22.5 million dollars) would be used for the reconstruction and renovation of prisons, and the other half would be used to strengthen intelligence services.

But the governor said it was still not enough to solve all the states security problems. He added that the reconstruction of the

prisons destroyed in May alone would cost 75 million reais. The state requested a grant of 754 million reais (339 million dollars) just for security matters, Lembo added.

In addition, other measures would be taken to calm down the situation in the state. Lembo said military intervention was not necessary, and Bastos added that only the Army's intelligence agencies would help the state police. — MNA/Xinhua

### British princes lash out over Diana's death photos

LONDON, 16 July — Britain's princes William and Harry lashed out on Friday at an Italian magazine that published taboo photographs of their mother Princess Diana dying in the wreckage of a Paris car crash.

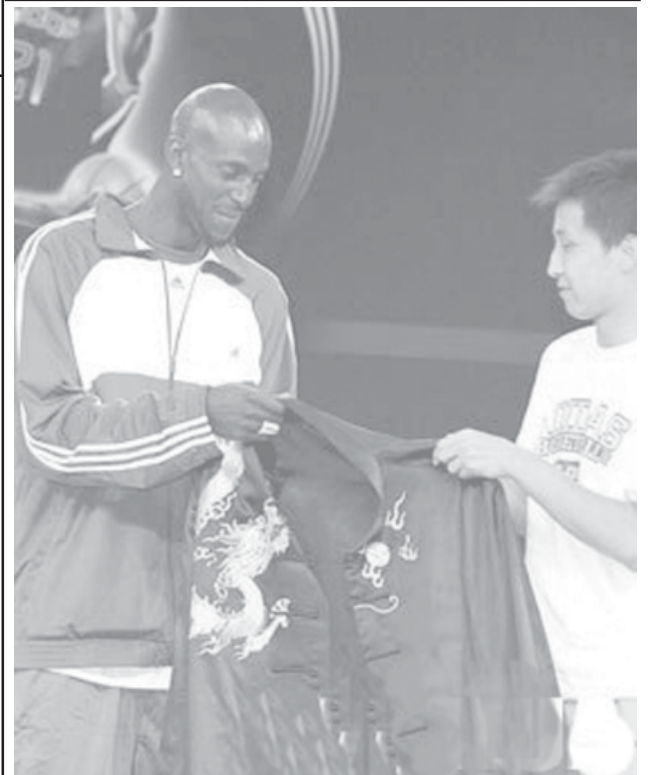
"We feel deeply saddened that such a low has been reached," the two princes said in a rare statement. "Despite the support shown to us and our mother's memory by so many people over the last eight years, we feel that, as her sons, we would be failing in our duty to her now if we did not protect her, as she once did us."

"Therefore, we appeal to all forms of media throughout the world to

appreciate fully that publishing such material causes great hurt to us, our father, our mother's family and all those who so loved and respected her."

Milan-based magazine Chi defended its decision to run the photo, which showed Diana slumped and dying in the mangled Mercedes moments after it slammed into a tunnel at high speed, killing her, her lover and their driver.

MNA/Reuters



NBA star Kevin Garnett (L) of the Minnesota Timberwolves receives a traditional Chinese dress as a gift presented by a fan during an activity in Shanghai, east China, on 15 July, 2006.—INTERNET



## SPORTS

## Fiorentina fans block railway to protest relegation

ROME, 18 July— Supporters of Italian soccer team Fiorentina blocked one of the country's main railway lines on Monday in protest at last week's sports tribunal verdict relegating the club to Serie B.

A spokesman for the state railway company said around 1,000 fans had marched on to the lines at Campo Di Marte station, Florence's second largest, at around 6:30 p.m. local time (1630 GMT) causing all trains to be suspended on the main Rome-Milan line.

MNA/Reuters



**Hungarian Gabor Balogh raises his arm after finishing in first place during the horse riding competition at the individual men's Modern Pentathlon European Championship in Budakalasz, near Budapest, on 16 July, 2006.—INTERNET**

## Dujkovic steps down as Ghana coach

ACCRA, 18 July— Ghana coach Ratomir Dujkovic quit his post at the weekend, saying he had turned down an offer to extend his contract with the west African national side.

Dujkovic told *Reuters* he was leaving despite having a contract with Ghana until the end of the year. The Serbian-born coach led the Black Stars to the World Cup second round in Germany last month on their debut appearance at the finals and

in the last three years has earned a reputation as something of a miracle worker in African soccer.

"I think I have proven again what I can do," he said of his team's World Cup run.

Dujkovic said he was hoping for an appointment elsewhere on the continent or in Europe, adding: "I have had many offers. I will be studying them to see where I will go next."

He said he had experienced a difficult stay in Ghana where the media had been hostile to him despite their World Cup achievements. "They did not support me and made it very frustrating," he said.

MNA/Reuters

## Rebrov named Ukraine's Player of the Season

KIEV, 18 July— Dynamo Kiev striker Serhiy Rebrov, a member of Ukraine's World Cup side, has been named the Ukrainian Premier League's Player of the Season for 2005-2006, the club said on Monday.

Rebrov, 32, is the top scorer in Dynamo's history with 106 goals in 216 matches. He scored against Saudi Arabia in Ukraine's first appearance at the World Cup finals in Germany.

He played for Dynamo from 1992 to 2000 and returned to the club in 2005 after a spell in England with Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham United.

Dynamo won the cup last season but lost the league title to arch rivals Shakhtar Donetsk in a playoff after the two sides had finished level on points. Dynamo beat Shakhtar 2-0 at the weekend to win the Supercup, the season curtain-raiser.

MNA/Reuters

## S America federation unaware of Colombia Cup bid

RIO DE JANEIRO, 18 July— The South American Football Confederation (CSF) was unaware of a Colombian bid to host the World Cup finals in 2014, a spokesman said on Monday.

Nestor Benitez said the CSF still considered Brazil as their only candidate to host the tournament in eight years' time, due to be staged in South America under FIFA's new rotation system.

"Brazil is unquestionably the only candidate for the 2014 World Cup," he told *Reuters* by telephone from the CSF's headquarters in Asuncion.

However, Colombian Vice-President Francisco

Santos told reporters he would meet with the CSF this Friday to pitch the idea of Colombia hosting the World Cup.

Colombia President Alvaro Uribe said in a speech on Saturday evening that his country wanted to stage the tournament in the future, although he did not give any details.

Colombia was awarded the 1986 finals but pulled out less than two years

before the tournament was due to be staged claiming financial difficulties. Mexico stepped in and held the competition for the second time in 16 years.

The 10 members of the South American confederation voted in 2003 to back Brazil as their only candidate for the 2014 World Cup.

However, Brazil, who have won the World Cup five times but only hosted it once in 1950, would still have to meet FIFA's standards to be awarded the event.

"If Colombia wanted to bid for the World Cup, it would have to come through the Colombian federation," said Benitez, adding no such bid had been made.

In Bogota, the Colombian federation would not comment on Uribe's speech.—MNA/Reuters

## Manchester United debt deal cuts interest bill

LONDON, 18 July— Manchester United have finalized a 660-million pound (1.2-billion-US-dollars) debt restructuring to cut their annual interest bill, Tuesday's *Financial Times* said.

The newspaper said the restructuring would strengthen the Glazer family's grip on the club and reflects their improving financial prospects.

A spokesman for the Glazers said the amended structure would continue to provide team manager Alex Ferguson with "sufficient funds in the transfer market".

The FT, citing people familiar with the package, said the club's annual interest charge would fall to 62 million pounds, compared to 90 million pounds under the old deal.

It said overall borrowings would rise to 660 million pounds from 580 million, but the club had halved to 135 million pounds the amount they owe in the form of higher risk payment-in-kind notes.

The club could not immediately be reached for comment.

US financier Malcolm Glazer and his family took control of Manchester United just over a year ago after a bitter takeover battle.

United have not won the Premier League title since 2003 when they were crowned champions for the eighth time in 11 seasons.—MNA/Reuters

## Inter to sue Moggi over match-fixing comments

ROME, 18 July— Inter Milan will sue former Juventus general manager Luciano Moggi for comments he made about their president in a newspaper interview, Inter owner Massimo Moratti said on Monday.

Moggi, at the centre of a match-fixing scandal that has rocked Italian football, said in the interview with daily *Repubblica* that Inter were unfairly trying to take the moral high ground in the scandal which has engulfed Juve, AC Milan, Lazio and Fiorentina. illicit dealings.

Moratti said in comments published on Inter's official website: "These are the words of desperate people...Facchetti above all, and we at Inter, will sue Moggi because we have nothing to do with this and these things should not even be thought of."

Moratti also reiterated his call for last season's Serie A title to be awarded to Inter, who have not been involved in the biggest scandal in European soccer for decades.—MNA/Reuters



**Ferrari's Formula One driver Michael Schumacher of Germany jumps on the podium after winning the French Grand Prix at the Magny-Cours circuit on 16 July, 2006.—INTERNET**

## Sweden's Larsson retires from international stage

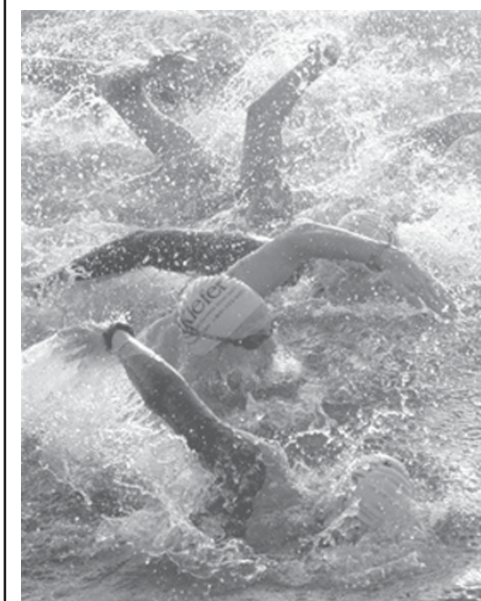
STOCKHOLM, 18 July— Sweden striker Henrik Larsson called time on his international career on Monday. "I'm quitting now. It feels right. I've done my time for the national side," the former Barcelona and Celtic striker told Canal Plus on Monday.

Larsson made his international debut in 1993, earning 93 caps and scoring 36 goals. He scored his final goal for Sweden in the 2-2 draw against England in the group stage of the World Cup.

Sweden lost 2-0 to hosts Germany in the second round of the World Cup. Larsson failed to convert a penalty during the match.

The 34-year-old Swede played 13 years abroad and wrapped up a final season with Barcelona by setting up both goals in the Catalan club's 2-1 win over Arsenal in the Champions League final.

He returned to his home-town club Helsingborg this season after 13 years abroad.—MNA/Reuters



**Male athletes swim in Lake Michigan at the start of the triathlon during Gay Games VII in Chicago on 16 July, 2006.—INTERNET**

## Bulgaria's Vihren sack Greek coach

SOFIA, 18 July— Bulgarian Premier League club Vihren Sandanski have sacked coach Dionysios Beslikas and replaced him with former striker Petar Zhekov, the club said.

"It's a decision made by our president Konstantin Dinev and we'll have to respect it," the club's chief executive Valeri Stoichev told *Reuters* on Monday.

The 56-year-old Greek Beslikas was at the helm for just three weeks as he failed to establish any form of rapport with the players during the pre-season training.

MNA/Reuters



# Ecuador volcano explosion destroys homes of 100,000

QUITO, 18 July — Patricio Donoso, president of Ecuador's Chamber of Agriculture, said on Monday that 100,000 people have lost their homes and 15,000 hectares of land were destroyed by the eruption of Tungurahua Volcano some 135 kilometres south of the capital Quito.

"Farmers in the region are losing everything: livestock and planted land. The situation is very, very bad," Donoso told Teleamazonas television, calling on the government to provide emergency help.

The government evacuated 5,500 people who lived close to

Tungurahua's crater on Friday.

The 5,029-metre-high volcano was showing the region with burning hot lava for a fourth day on Monday.

The Andean provinces of Tungurahua and Chimborazo in southern Ecuador have been put under an orange alert and regional

authorities were watching the volcano, ready to declare a red alert which implies the total evacuation of the area around the volcano.

Hot and dangerous lava was due to reach the town of Banos, which has 15,000 residents, on Monday, experts told television.

MNA/Xinhua

# "Discovery" touches down in Florida

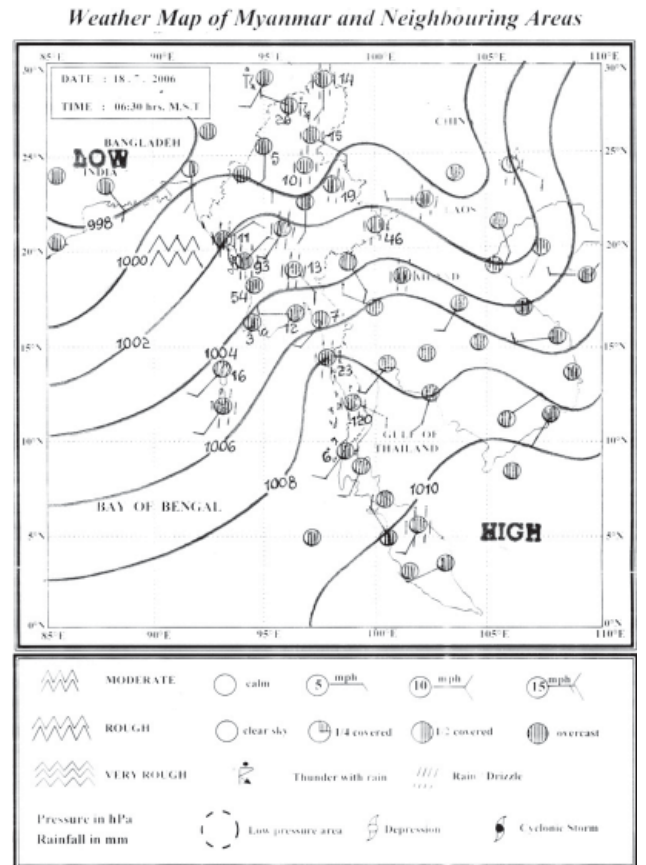
CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 18 July — US Space shuttle *Discovery* landed smoothly in Florida on Monday at the end of a 13-day mission meant to show the fleet is fit to fly safely, three years after the fatal *Columbia* accident.

Double sonic booms thundered over central Florida as the shuttle glided through partly cloudy skies heading toward a three-mile-long (five-kilometres) runway at the Kennedy Space Centre.

Commander Steve Lindsey gently steered the shuttle through a series of turns to burn off speed before the winged spacecraft set down at 9:14 am (1314 GMT).

"Welcome back *Discovery*. Congratulations on a great mission," said astronaut Steve Frick from NASA's Mission Control at the Johnson Space Centre in Houston.

"Thanks. It was a great mission, a really great mission," said Lindsey. — MNA/Reuters



## WEATHER

Tuesday, 18 July, 2006

### Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining states and divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Kayin States, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (5.11) inches, Kyaukpyu (4.53) inches, Nyaunglebin (3.31) inches, Hpa-an (3.03) inches, Thaton (2.71) inches, Thayawady (2.44) inches, Thandwe (2.41) inches, Shwegyin (2.21) inches, Pinlaung (2.17) inches and Aunglan (0.63) inch.

Maximum temperature on 17-7-2006 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 18-7-2006 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 18-7-2006 was (93%). Total sunshine hours on 17-7-2006 was (1.8) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 18-7-2006 were (0.16) inch at Mingaladon, (0.47) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.18) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (45.75) inches at Mingaladon, (54.49) inches at Kaba-Aye and (58.82) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (25) mph from Southwest at (17:30) hours MST on 17-7-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 19-7-2006:** Rain will be isolated to scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining states and divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally strong monsoon.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 19-7-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 19-7-2006:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 19-7-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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The crew of the space shuttle *Discovery* on Mission STS-121, (From L-R) Piers Sellers, who was born in England, Stephanie Wilson, Pilot Mark Kelly, Commander Steven Lindsey, Lisa Nowak and Michael Fossum stand in front of the shuttle as Lindsey speaks after *Discovery* landed at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on 17 July, 2006. One crewmember, Germany's Thomas Reiter, remained on the International Space Station. — INTERNET

## Radio Myanmar

Wednesday, 19 July  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -One sweet day
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: I see you
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -It's in his kiss
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Cotton eye
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music -I will always love you -Till I can make it on my own -Even if my heart would break -Will you be there
- 9:00 pm Variations on a tune -Jamaica farewell
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request: -Mysterious girl -Because you loved me -Brighter day
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Wednesday, 19 July  
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am 5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:00 am 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am 7. လယ်ယာစီးပွား မြင့်မားစေရန် ပဲခူးရေလှောင်တံမံ
- 8:20 am 8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am 9. International news

- 8:45 am 10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm 5. Song of national Races
- 5:15 pm 6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:20 pm 7. Classical song
- 5:35 pm 8. "ချစ်သောမြေ ချစ်သောရေ" (ရာဇာနေဝင်း၊ နိုင်နင်းစေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်စွဲစွဲ)
- 5:45 pm 9. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင် အာဆီယံ အစီအစဉ်
- 6:00 pm 10. Evening news

- 6:30 pm 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 12. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညောင်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm 13. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:15 pm 14. Musical programme
- 7:30 pm 15. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:40 pm 16. ကြားမြင်သုတ ပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 8:00 pm 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. မြန်မာနိုင်ငံ အမျိုးသမီးရေးရာ အဖွဲ့ချုပ်၏ ကြီးကြပ်မှုဖြင့် ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း အမျိုးသမီးရေးရာ အဖွဲ့မှ စီစဉ်တင်ဆက်သော ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ်၊ ဇူလိုင်လ(၃)ရက် မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့အထိမ်းအမှတ် မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်ထုံးစံဖွံ့ဖြိုးပွဲ (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 21. The next day's programme



Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

# Industrial zones making progress to some extent and manufacture automobiles, farm equipment

## Secretary-1 inspects regional development in Shan State (South)

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein together with the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of departments arrived in Loilem in Shan State (South) by helicopter on 15 July.

The Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Deputy Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, senior military officers of Loilem Station and departmental officials.

The Secretary-1 and party, the deputy commander and Col Tin Htay

*Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects jeeps and light trucks produced by Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi.*  
MNA



of Loilem Station inspected development of Loilem and its beauty.

The Secretary-1 and party visited Maha Rathabhisa Maggi Pa-

goda. They were welcomed by members of the pagoda board of trustees,

Township War Veterans Organization and Dhammaçakka Associa-

tion. The Secretary-1 offered flowers, water and  
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# Nay Pyi Taw-Thazi-Meiktila-Myingyan-Nay Pyi Taw Express Train launched

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July — A ceremony to launch Nay Pyi Taw-Thazi-Meiktila-Myingyan-Nay Pyi Taw Express Train was held at Pynmana Railway Station in Nay Pyi Taw on 16 July morning.

It was attended by Minister for Rail Trans-

portation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein,

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Deputy Ministers for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, directors general and managing directors under the Ministry of Rail Transportation and officials.

First, the ministers and deputy ministers cordially greeted the passengers on board the train and  
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Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min gives presents to travellers on No-27 up train which runs from Nay Pyi Taw to Myingyan. — MNA

### INSIDE

*We believe that all the national brethren who have been living in the same land since the time of their forefathers will continue working hard in concert with the government for eternal peace so that they can fully enjoy the protection of the law and the fruits of development.*