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## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends message of sympathy to Indonesia

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July — Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Mr Muhammad Yusuf Kalla, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia for the loss of lives and property caused by Tsunami in the Southwestern coast of Indonesia's main island of Java after a powerful earthquake that struck Indonesia on 17 July 2006. — MNA

### 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

## Secretary-1 attends destruction of seized narcotic drugs in Laikha

**K 28,377.55 million (US \$ 46.99 million) worth narcotics destroyed**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July — The fifth ceremony to incinerate narcotic drugs seized in Shan State (South) was held at Myoma Sports Ground in Laikha, Shan State (South), at 11 am on 16 July, attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were 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, Chairman of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, Secretary of CCDAC the Director-General of Myanmar Police Force, departmental heads, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Philippine Ambassador Madame Phoebe A Gomez and ambassadors of foreign missions, Charges d' Affaires ai

and diplomats, resident representatives of UN agencies, the Director (News) of News and Periodicals Enterprise and officials, the President, the Secretary and members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, CEC members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, chief editors and editorial staff of local journals and magazines, members of Shan State Army (South) (SSA-S) (Ywet Sit Group) (See page 8)



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party attend 5th ceremony to destroy narcotic drugs seized in Shan State (South). — MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### March forward in unison according to Road Map

Nowadays, the scope of peace and stability in Shan State has become wider and wider and it is due to sincerity, mutual understanding, mutual forgiveness, mutual respect and friendship between the government and leaders of various national races. Moreover, the government, in cooperation with local national people, has succeeded in tackling the danger of narcotic drugs, the lack of law and order and the delay in development of some regions — evil legacy of the colonialists.

The government has been making every endeavour for national and regional development and its efforts are bearing fruit now. Almost all the groups of national races who took up arms against the government have returned to the legal fold and are now working together with the government for peace and development. The number of groups of national races who have abandoned the struggle line for eternal peace has increased. In the near future, it is very likely that the entire Shan State will be able to enjoy peace and stability.

And we must not forget that Shan State is not wholly peaceful because there is a handful of dogmatic destructive elements who still follow the armed struggle line. Some big nations are also trying to drive a wedge between national peoples by sowing discord. It is time the remaining armed groups realized that they will be moving away from the people, that they will always have to rely on foreign countries and that they will never have a chance to play their role in the national affairs so long as they do not abandon the armed struggle line.

It is necessary for all national races to go on living in unity and amity as their forefathers did, to maintain peace already achieved and not to let Union Spirit diminish and national unity disintegrate.

We would like to call on all the national brethren, who have lived together through thick and thin for ages, to march forward in unison according to the seven-step Road Map to be able to promote the national interest.

### Victorious Myanmar Judo Team honoured

YANGON, 19 July — A ceremony to honour Myanmar Judo Team that secured one gold and two bronze medals in the International Invitational Judo Contest held in Chatapuri of Thailand on 8 and 9 July was held at Letywaysin Restaurant on Theinbyu Street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township on 16 July evening.

President of Myanmar Judo Federation U Tun Tun gave a speech, and leader of the Judo team Lt-Col Saw Shwe recounted the experiences in the competition.

The MJF President presented K 300,000 and certificate to Ma Moe Sanda Tun who bagged one gold medal in the 42-kilo event, and K 100,000 each and certificates to Ma Aye Aye Thin who won one bronze in the 52-kilo event and Ma Thanda Win who got one bronze in the 57-kilo event.

On behalf of Patron Daw Myint Myint Aye, Vice-President Dr Min Naing presented K 250,000 to Ma Moe Sanda Tun and K 50,000 each to Ma Aye Aye Thin and Ma Thanda Win. On behalf of the winners, Ma Moe Sanda Tun spoke words of thanks. Later, all were served with dinner.

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### Oppose Destructive Elements

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

### U Min Thein appointed Ambassador to Russia

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Min Thein as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Russian Federation.

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### U Nyunt Hlaing appointed Ambassador to LPDR

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Nyunt Hlaing as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

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### Foreign Minister sends message of sympathy to Indonesia

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Mr Noer Hasan Wirajuda, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia for the loss of lives and property caused by Tsunami in the South-western coast of Indonesia's main island of Java after a powerful earthquake that struck Indonesia on 17 July 2006. — MNA

### Minister inspects Thazi Microwave Station

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw on 16 July went to Thazi, Mandalay Division, and inspected the town's microwave station.

On his inspection tour, the minister also inspected the operator room of the auto-exchange office at the station. — MNA

## Livestock and Fisheries Ministry holds tree planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July — The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries held a tree planting ceremony for 2006 on 15 July in Nay Pyi Taw.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, senior officials and employees of the ministry participated in the ceremony. They planted mango trees and physic nut plants at the environs of the ministry.

Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and officials of the Ministry released fingerlings into the ministry's dam No 29 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Over 50,000 fingerlings were released into the dam. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein releases fingerlings into the dam of Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in Nay Pyi Taw. — L&F

### Talks on Zoonotic Diseases from Animals to Man 22 July

YANGON, 19 July — A continuing medical education session on Zoonotic Diseases from Animals to Man, organized by Microbiology Society of Myanmar Medical Association, will be held at MMA from 8.30 am to 12 noon on 22 July (Saturday) morning.

All interested persons are cordially invited to register and attend.

Registration can be done at the Department of Microbiology, University of Medicine-1 in Lanmadaw Township or MMA Office. Handbooks of the proceedings will be distributed to the registered participants. — MNA

### The Commerce Journal in circulation

YANGON, 19 July — No 13, Volume 6 of the Commerce Journal comes out today.

It contains news about agricultural produce in Myanmar, Bangladesh's proposal to purchase onion from Myanmar, a plan for boosting production of tomatoes in Inlay Lake and organizing of three agricultural produce trading associations in Shan State (South).

The issue also contains articles of writers Maung Su San, Dr Khin Maung Nyo, Maung Hsu Shin, Kyi Shun, Maung Paso Gyan, Thein Mya Thein and Han Tha Tun.

The publishing house at No 38, 30th Street, Pabedan Township will distribute the issue.

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### All this needs to be known

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





Low-cost carrier AirAsia said it plans to fly to Asia's booming economies of China and India in early 2007 as Malaysia liberalises its aviation industry.

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## ADB project to bring cheap tap water to Philippine slums

MANILA, 18 July—The Asian Development Bank (ADB) said on Monday that it had launched a pilot project to bring tap water to a number of slums in Rizal, a Philippine Province bordering south of the capital.

Small water pipe networks would be built for more than 1,000 households in the

province, the Manila-based ADB said in an on-line statement, adding that the poor communities will no longer need to pay more than four times the cost of tap water in other areas served by Manila's water utilities.

These communities would get the water supply at 12 pesos (23 US cents) per cubic metre, giving

households savings of more than 40 pesos per cubic metre, according to the statement. The pilot project was set up with the recent signing of a memorandum of understanding by the ADB and Manila Water Company, which owns the tap water distribution franchise in eastern Manila, it added.

MNA/Xinhua

## Susilo calls for stepping up alertness against disaster

JAKARTA, 18 July — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has asked leaders of regions above the tectonic crust like Sumatra, Java, Sulawesi and Papua, to step up alertness to anticipate quake and subsequent tsunami which may happen expectedly.

"I hope that following the quake and tsunami hitting Pangandaran beach in Ciamis and other districts in Java Island, the leaders of quake-prone regions, including district heads, governors and mayors, whose regions are located within the 'ring of fire' would immediately take steps designed to enhance their alertness," Antara news agency on Tuesday quoted the head of state as saying.

"If such disaster happens, at least we are prepared and the number of victims would be minimized," the President said here on Monday.

The President made the call after an earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter Scale struck the southern coast of Java on Monday afternoon. The quake was followed by a tidal wave, killing at least 105 people and leaving hundreds of others missing.

The President also reminded that when a quake and tsunami hit Aceh in 2004, some regions in Indonesia had been declared prone to quake or tsunami.

More than 160,000 people died in the 2004 tsunami in Indonesia.

"The ring of fire is lying across the western part of Sumatra, South Java, Sulawesi toward the Philippines and Papua," he said.

It is true we never know when and where such a

disaster will strike including the magnitude of the quakes. Therefore readiness, alertness and steps from regional leaders should be made in anticipation of possible quakes," Yudhoyono said. — MNA/Xinhua



Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono (C) gestures as he meets with his ministers during a Press conference in Jakarta. At least 105 people were killed when an undersea earthquake unleashed huge waves on Indonesia's Java island, echoing the devastating 2004 Asian tsunami, the Red Cross said.

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## China plans to protect environment

LONDON, 18 July—China plans to spend 1.4 trillion yuan (\$175b) over the next five years on protecting its environment.

The sum—equivalent to 1.5% of China's annual economic output—will be used to improve water quality, and cut air and land pollution and soil erosion.

China has some of the world's most polluted cities and waterways.

A chemical spill in a river near the city of Harbin last year drew international attention, as water supplies to almost four million people had to be suspended for nearly a week.

Under the plan, sewage treatment plants will be built in 10 river valleys to reduce the

harmful impact of waste water from cities.

Money will also be spent on cutting levels of sulphur dioxide and dust in large cities. The state-owned Xinhua news agency said money would be used to curb soil pollution, which has contaminated agricultural produce.

The agency quoted Zhou Shengxian, director of the State Environmental Protection Administration, as saying that every year 12 million metric tonnes of grain were polluted by heavy metals that had found their way into the soil.—Internet



Local Iraqi people gather around a destroyed car, Kufa, on 18 July, 2006.

INTERNET

## Singapore to conduct exercise against flu pandemic

SINGAPORE, 18 July — Singapore will conduct a multi-agency exercise on the coming Friday and Saturday to test its Flu Pandemic Readiness and Response Plan, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Health (MOH) Monday.

Code-named SPARROWHAWK II, the exercise will involve more than 1,000 personnel from 21 ministries and agencies including the MOH, the Ministry of Education, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, Immigration and Checkpoint Authority and Maritime Port Authority.

MNA/Xinhua



Pedestrians walk past a new apartment building in Beijing on 18 July, 2006. Driven by surging exports and a building boom, China's economy grew a stunning 11.3 percent in the second quarter, the government said on Tuesday, raising expectations of an interest rate hike to cool the rapid expansion.—INTERNET

## Three US soldiers killed in Iraq on Monday

BAGHDAD, 18 July — Three US soldiers were killed in separate attacks in Iraq on Monday, the US military said.

The first soldier was killed in western Baghdad, the second died of injuries sustained in an explosion south of the capital, and the third soldier died in "enemy action" in western Anbar Province.

At least 2,553 US military personnel have died in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to media count.

MNA/Xinhua



# British officers will not face charges over Metro shooting

LONDON, 18 July — British police officers who shot dead an innocent Brazilian in London last year in the mistaken belief he was a suicide bomber will not face criminal charges, state prosecutors said on Monday.

Instead, London's Metropolitan Police Force will be prosecuted

under health and safety laws over the 22 July, 2005 shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes, a 27-year-old Brazilian electrician who was living in the British capital.

"There is insufficient evidence to provide a realistic prospect of conviction against any individual in this case,"

Stephen O'Doherty of the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said in a statement.

Firearms officers shot De Menezes seven times in the head after he boarded a train in south London.

The de Menezes shooting came amid frenzy in London over the threat of suicide attacks. Just 15 days earlier four British Islamists had blown themselves up on Tube trains and a bus, killing 52 innocent people.

MNA/Reuters



Jamie Lynn Spears, sister of Britney Spears, arrives for the premiere of the film 'Monster House' on 17 July, 2006, in Los Angeles. INTERNET

## ဝက်ပျံစွမ်းအား ခေတ်တော်လွှား



European multi-role combat fighter "Typhoon" on display at Farnborough International Airshow in Farnborough, southern England, on 17 July, 2006. The biennial show, which is in its 45th year, showcases aerospace equipment and technology and is the largest aerospace event in the world.

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# Pahang lass bags Miss Malaysia Model title

KUALA LUMPUR, 18 July—The pretty 20-year-old is 175cm tall and slender—good model material. The judges obviously thought so because she beat 18 other models in the Miss Malaysia Model of the World 2006 pageant at Syuen Hotel on Sunday.

Lai, who is from Pahang, was also crowned Miss Model Personality and Miss Model Classic Beauty. She strutted away with RM5,000 and a trophy, a return air ticket to China, jewellery, modelling assignments and other sponsored gifts. Sales executive Priscilla Khoo, 23, from Penang, was first runner-up as well as Miss Model Best Catwalk and Miss Model Crowning Glory. She received RM2,000, a trophy, jewellery, modelling assignments and sponsored gifts.

Perakis Sarah-Jade Schipper, a 19-year-old hotel management student, emerged second runner-up, and bagged the Miss Model Radiant Skin

and Miss Model Audience Choice Award. She received RM1,000, a trophy, jewellery, modelling assignments and sponsored gifts.

Other subsidiary titles

were Miss Body Beautiful (Carmen Cheong), Miss Model Beautiful Legs (Iris Hing), Miss Model Photogenic (Jessie Teoh), Miss Model Best in Swimwear (Jasy Wan) and

Miss Model Cover Look (Paris Ice Philips). The winner will represent Malaysia at the Miss Model of the World 2006 contest to be held in China in October.—Internet



Miss Lai is flanked by Khoo (Left) and Schipper.—INTERNET

# Leaders of six developing countries discuss cooperation

ST PETERSBURG (Russia) 18 July — Leaders from China, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, the Republic of Congo and India held a group meeting here Sunday to discuss the strengthening of cooperation among developing countries.

Chinese President Hu Jintao, who arrived here earlier Sunday to attend the outreach session of the G-8 Summit scheduled for 17 July, said during the group meeting that the surging economic globalization and advances in science and technology in the world today have brought about rare opportunities of development for every country around the world.

At the same time, however, no country, especially those in the developing world, is immune from grave challenges, said Hu, noting that the gap between the North and the South is widening, and world economic development is more uneven.

Against the backdrop of both opportunities and challenges, said Hu, to strengthen cooperation among

developing countries, "we need to focus on the present and adopt a strategic and long-term perspective".

MNA/Xinhua

# EU sees higher eco-efficiency as response to globalization

HELSINKI, 18 July — EU environment ministers concluded their two-day informal meeting in Turku in Finland on Sunday, calling for higher eco-efficiency to respond to globalization.

As holder of the EU presidency, Finland wishes to initiate far-reaching discussions about the future course of EU environmental policy. The Finnish Environment Ministry drafted a background paper entitled "Going global on eco-efficiency — Finland's initiative for a new generation of environmental policy" for the discussions.

EU environment ministers emphasized that new forms of environmental policy are needed

to meet challenges related to globalization. They said that globalization highlights the need to use natural resources sparingly, and promote more eco-efficient production and consumption patterns. Without such developments it will be impossible to curb climate change and halt the ongoing decline in biodiversity. Using natural resources more sustainably can improve EU countries' competitiveness in global markets and reduce Europe's dependence on imported

raw materials, while also reducing harmful environmental impacts.

They believed that financial instruments and incentives will play a major role in improving the eco-efficiency of production, and in promoting more sustainable consumption patterns. They expect the European Commission to promptly issue a green paper on the use of market-based and financial instruments in environmental policies.

MNA/Xinhua

# High wind strands five vessels on Bohai Sea, 96 saved

QINGDAO, 18 July— Overnight rescue operation has lifted 96 people out of danger in seawaters off east China's Shandong Province, the local Maritime Bureau said early Tuesday.

High wind stranded a passenger ship and caused four unpowered engineering boats to go adrift close to Dongying Port on the Bohai Sea Monday afternoon, the Shandong Provincial Maritime Bureau reported at 4:00 pm.

A spokesman of the Bureau said the five vessels were carrying a total of 96 people, including sailors and engineering staff, and were in danger of sinking in the high wind at any moment.

The Bureau sent eight salvage boats to the emergency rescue operation and worked 12 hours to anchor all the five vessels.

All the 96 people had been lifted out of danger by 5:00 am Tuesday, Bureau said.

MNA/Xinhua





The cruise ship *Crown Princess* travels into Port Canaveral, Florida, on 18 July, 2006, after an incident at sea forced the ship to return to port.—INTERNET

## India issues tsunami warning for Andaman Islands

PORT BLAIR (India), 18 July—India issued a tsunami warning on Monday for its Andaman and Nicobar islands, which are located near Indonesia, officials said, but a senior seismologist said there was no threat.



Policemen on horses patrol the Marina beach after a tsunami warning in the southern Indian city of Chennai on 17 July, 2006. India issued a tsunami warning for the Andaman and Nicobar islands, badly hit by the 2004 tsunami, but officials said there was no real threat.—INTERNET

The Indonesian island of Java was hit by a tsunami earlier in the day, killing at least 105 people, after an undersea earthquake.

"We have alerted all the people in the coastal areas but there is no evacuation yet," deputy commissioner of the Nicobar group of islands, Ankita Mishra, told *Reuters* from Car Nicobar Island.

Another official, Vikas Anand, said that a warning had also been issued for the Andaman part of the archipelago in the Bay of Bengal.

"A tsunami warning has been issued for a couple of hours from local control room," Anand told *Reuters* in Port Blair, the capital of the Andaman and Nicobar islands,

HAIKOU, 18 July—China has set up a nautical rescue base on Yongxing Island, the biggest of the Xisha Archipelago in the South China Sea.

The base, 180 nautical miles from the Sanya Rescue Base in China's southernmost island province of Hainan, is located at Yongxing Island and possesses a newly-manufactured

rescue ship, the *Nanhaijiu 111*.

The sea area around the Xisha Archipelago is one of the busiest international shipping routes with half of world's oil tankers shuttling between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific via the area.

However, frequent typhoons, monsoons and wide-spread shoals and reefs have also made the area an accident zone.

Built by the South China Sea Rescue Bureau under the Ministry of Communications, the base

is the eighth nautical rescue center in the South China Sea. Chinese rescuers launched a large-scale marine salvage project in May this year just off the Dongsha Islands in the South China Sea, saving 15 Vietnam's fishing boats and 330 people hit by Typhoon Chanchu.

"From the new base, the time for the rescue ship to reach an accident spot will be reduced by more than 10 hours," said Xu Zuyuan, Deputy Minister of Communication.

MNA/Xinhua

## Trade Ministers plea to G-8 leaders on WTO talks

WELLINGTON, 18 July—New Zealand Trade Minister Phil Goff has led a call by ministers from four other countries for the worlds major economic powers not to let the Doha Round of WTO talks fail.

According to Tuesday's government Press release, Goff said the Trade Ministers hope the letter conveys the message to the G-8 attendees and other large developing countries attending the G-8 outreach, including Brazil and India, that they must work together to help the Round move forward.

Goff has engaged with likeminded colleagues from countries represented in the "Green Room" negotiating group in Geneva to create a public statement coinciding with the G-8 Summit in St Petersburg.

The countries include Australia, Chile, Kenya and Singapore, and Hong Kong.

The letter said the issues (Doha Round talks) are tough because they involve change. Agreement will not be reached without commitment to real market opening and real subsidy reform. Nor will agreement be possible without an assurance that the interests of the most vulnerable members of our global society will be secured.

"As G-8 leaders acknowledged last year in Gleneagles, what is at stake here is also a key element in the global development agenda," said the letter.

MNA/Xinhua

## Wind farm on track after renewable energy announcement

BALLARAT, 18 July—A proposed wind farm near Ballarat will now go ahead, after it was in limbo for 12 months.

Energy company Acciona will start building a 128-turbine farm at Waubra in September.

The company committed to the project after the State Government announced electricity companies will be required to buy 10 per cent of their power from renewable sources by 2016. Acciona managing director, Brett Thomas, says Waubra will be one of the largest wind farms in the southern hemisphere.

"As a greenhouse project this is an outstanding contribution

and the Waubra wind farm will deliver something like 750,000 tonnes of savings of greenhouse gas emissions alone, which is equivalent to putting about 170,000 cars off the road each year, so it's a substantial project."

Waubra farmer Lawrence Gallagher expects to host about six turbines on his property, when the wind farm is built. He says the project's construction phase should not reignite old tensions.

"I think it's quietened right down," he said.

"The main problem was, when it first come out, everybody said property prices were going to go down and they wouldn't be able to sell, but the evidence seems to

be that property prices will get the other way."

Internet

There are around 400,000 people in the Andaman and Nicobar islands, 1,200 kilometres (750 miles) from India's eastern coast.

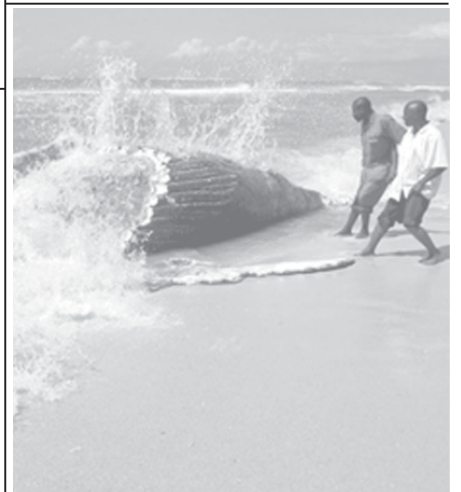
MNA/Reuters

## 51 confirmed dead, four missing in N China colliery blast

LINGSHI (Shanxi), 18 July—Rescuers said Tuesday they have found the bodies of 51 miners — as well as a mistake in the former headcount of casualties — following last Saturday's fatal colliery blast in north China's Shanxi Province. By 9:00 am Tuesday, four miners are still missing in the ill-fated coal pit of Linjiazhuang Colliery of Lingshi County, Jinzhong City, the emergency rescue headquarters confirmed.

The rescue headquarters said 55 miners, instead of 57 as was previously reported, got trapped when the coal dust explosion went off at 4:40 pm last Saturday.

By Tuesday morning, rescuers are able to cross out two lucky miners, Qi Baoyin and Li Xinling, from the casualties. Qi had left the coal pit to make a phone call shortly before the accident occurred, rescuers said. "When I hang up and reentered the pit, I saw dense smoke and sensed trouble. So I ran away as fast as I could," he said. He was not immediately seen in the chaos following the tragedy.— MNA/Xinhua



Hotel workers approach a decomposing whale along an Indian Ocean beach in the Kenyan coastal city of Mombasa on 17 July, 2006. The 15 tonne (15,000kg), 32 feet (10m) long and 16 feet (5m) wide whale was discovered by local hotel employees.—INTERNET



# Myanmar to further augment efforts to wipe out menace of drugs in friendly and close cooperation with international organizations, neighbouring countries and with countries within the region

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July — *The following is the full text of the clarification on drug eradication endeavours of Myanmar made by Secretary of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi at the fifth destruction of narcotic drugs seized in southern Shan State, Laikha, Shan State (South).*

We have invited you to attend today's press

tions and through representatives of local and international press agencies.

During the previous press conference (4/2006) of the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council held on 26 April, 2006 in Kengtung, Eastern Shan State and during the 20th destruction of seized narcotic drugs held in conjunction with the commemoration of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit

and limbs sacrificed by members of the Tatmadaw in pursuit of this goal.

I will therefore, not reiterate the past events but instead, stress the practical efforts we have exerted to eradicate narcotic drugs which are the legacy of the past in all corners of the country.

The drugs and precursor chemicals we are burning and destroying today are those seized from a clandestine refinery in the area adjacent to where a breakaway group



**MPP Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi speaking at 5th destruction ceremony of seized narcotic drugs in Laikha. — MNA**



**Diplomats and local and foreign journalists attend the ceremony to destroy narcotic drugs seized in Shan State (South). — MNA**

conference, held at this particular area where narcotic drugs are being seized, to illustrate the practical achievements of Myanmar's efforts in eradicating narcotic drugs. It is also to propagate our achievements to the international community at large on Myanmar's narcotic drugs eradication undertakings through the journalists, heads of diplomatic missions, non-governmental organiza-

Trafficking in Yangon on 26 June 2006, we have already elaborated on how narcotic drugs reached Myanmar due to the consequences of imperialist rule. At the same time, we have also highlighted the drug control and law enforcement with major operations launched by successive Myanmar Governments to eliminate narcotic drugs that reached our country and the lives

of Shan State National Army (SSNA) is based. For the successful search and raid operation of the clandestine refinery, our anti-narcotic task forces have to collaborate not only with local law enforcement agencies but also with international law enforcement agencies and with neighbouring countries like Thailand and China to enhance exchange of information.

Since early 2006, we received information from our sources that chief of staff Maung Hla, vice-chairman of the breakaway group of Shan State National Army (SSNA) of Wan Yein area in Laikha Township, southern Shan State, had been collecting raw opium from neighbouring villages since the beginning of 2006. We also learnt that a large sum of money was sent from Taunggyi to Wan Yein area to purchase raw

200 viss (over 300 kg) of opium. He offered 350,000 kyats per viss (1.53 kg) and learnt that a total of 1.600 billion kyats had already been transferred from financial sources for this purpose. This information, after reconfirmation, was relayed to the respective regional authorities for follow-up action.

On 3 May 2006, a task force comprising members of Eastern Command Headquarters, CCDAC, Loilem District

-hydrochloric acid 10 gallons

The Squad then searched the house of another suspect named An Pee of Wan Kat village of Wan Yein village-tract and found 3.26 kilos of raw opium. A total of 50 kg of ammonium chloride crystal were seized later on 6 May 2006 from the same house.

The Squad made further searches around Wan Yein village on 5 May 2006 and came across an old refinery near a small



**Packets of opium seen at destruction of narcotic drugs seized in Shan State (South). — MNA**



**Chemical precursors to be torched seen at fifth destruction ceremony of narcotic drugs in Laikha. — MNA**

opium. Also, necessary precursor chemicals smuggled into the country from abroad for the refinery, had already arrived.

Further information was also received and confirmed that vice-chairman of the breakaway group of Shan State National Army (SSNA), Maung Hla had sent for village headmen from 28 villages in Wan Yein area and told them they must collect and deliver 50 to

Police Force and Taunggyi Anti-Drug Squad raided and searched the horse ranch at Wan Yein owned by Maung Hla. During that search, two subordinates of Maung Hla named Aung Aung (a) Saw Shwe and Shit Shaung (a) Lauk Khan were arrested with the following chemicals:  
-ammonium chloride powder 375 kilos  
-ammonium chloride crystal 100 kilos  
-lysol 60 gallons

pond, 500 yards northeast of the SSNA camp. Findings there include:

- old barrels;
- old burners and paraphernalia discarded after refining opium;

On 7 May 2006, the Squad combed the area again and finally discovered 343 kgs of No 3 heroin hidden in a ravine about 150 yards northeast of the camp. Subsequently, the following items were also seized.

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# Myanmar to further augment efforts to wipe out menace of drugs in friendly and close cooperation...

- (from page 6)
- raw opium 65.314 kilos
  - hydrochloric acid 30.00 litres
  - vehicles without licence 18 Nos
  - Myanmar currency notes 2.35 million
  - GSM mobile phone 1 No
  - sawn timber 37.00 tons
  - and 9,500 Chinese made magazines.
- Simultaneously,

refinery, Lauk Yaw (a) Yaw Kyar Sein and Ah San (a) Hyauk San, his assistant, were arrested. Upon interrogation, the offenders revealed the existence of another refinery near Wan Kar village in Panglong Township which was raided on 13 May 2006. The following items were seized at the refinery:

- liquid opium 140 gallons

bound for Australia passing through Cambodia and Thailand. They will be trafficked using jungle tracks from Wan Yein to Panglong, Namhsam and through Tachilek into Thailand. It was also revealed that the financier of the refinery is residing in a foreign country and also organizes the sale of it on the international market. Investigations are still ongoing with cooperation



**Diplomats inspect narcotic drugs before destruction.**

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investigations revealed the existence of another clandestine refinery near Htee Khaung village, Nar Than village tract in Hsieseng Township. On 23 May 2006, the team raided the target area and seized the following items:

- raw opium 97.9 kilos
- liquid opium 45.0 litres
- ammonium chloride 125.0 kilos
- lysol 112.5 litres
- hydrochloric acid 22.5 litres
- Generator 1 No

drugs. Those ethnic groups residing in illicit crop cultivated areas are very much dependent on these crops for their livelihood and we have been introducing alternative development programmes together with life skills training to support and enhance their living standards.

We are trying to introduce alternative crops that will generate a regular income in the long term. At the same time we are also coordinating with neighbouring countries to

cultivation by the year 2014 and will strive from all sectors to achieve this end. Our emphasis to all our distinguished invited guests and members of the press agencies is that, the menace of narcotic drugs is not the problem of any single country but a crisis that requires a combined efforts of all countries around the world for total eradication.

We will persistently strive for total eradication of narcotic drugs as a national cause in conformity with the



**Seized narcotic drugs to be torched at 5th destruction ceremony.**

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Taunggyi Anti-Drug Unit raided Maung Hla's residence in Taunggyi and the Headquarters of SSNA breakaway group and apprehended the suspects who arranged the transfer of money from Taunggyi to Wan Yein for the purchase of opium in January 2006. Ah Ti (a) Ah Site (a) Ah Sai and Nan Kham Ein and Kyar Phar (a) Brang Khwan (a) Su Kyan Hwar were arrested.

Also, the chief chemist responsible at the

- hydrochloric acid 40 gallons
- lysol 100 gallons
- cooked opium 1.08 kilos
- Myanmar currency 1.7 million and assorted paraphernalia.

In this operation, a total of 16 persons (13 males and 3 females) were arrested while SSNA breakaway group vice-chairman Maung Hla and 4 are still on the run.

Investigations revealed that drugs were

from international law enforcement agencies to apprehend them.

At this juncture, I would also like to stress that only Maung Hla and a few of his men were involved in providing the site and security for the refinery, collecting and purchase of opium but that the entire SSNA breakaway group was not involved whatsoever in the case.

After the search and raid of this clandestine refinery at Wan Yein area, further



**Opium to be torched at 5th destruction ceremony.**

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- motor vehicle jack 4 Nos
- four-wheel drive vehicle 1 No (without licence)

In another case before this operation, we were able to seize chemicals and paraphernalia during a raid on a clandestine refinery near Pan Aun village in Hsieseng Township on 1 February 2006.

All of these items are included in the destruction today.

The Government of Myanmar fully realizes that enforcement measures alone cannot succeed in eliminating

create ready markets for the produce derived from these alternative crops so that they will not be discouraged by difficulties in trying to find markets.

In this regard, in May 2006, CCDAC of Myanmar and NNCC of China have signed agreements to undertake joint surveys on poppy cultivation and to initiate alternative developments programmes in "Wa" and "Kokang" special regions.

In conclusion, we would like to reiterate that Myanmar is trying to eradicate poppy

directives laid down by the State authorities, guided by the strategies and tactics laid down and relying on our own resources. Myanmar in future will further augment efforts to wipe out the menace of drugs in friendly and close cooperation with international organizations, neighbouring countries and with countries within the region and with a pledge to demonstrate Myanmar's increased achievements to the international community.

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**Seized narcotic drugs seen at 5th destruction ceremony in Shan State (South).**

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Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Philippine Ambassador Madame Phoebe A Gomez and national race leader U Mein Sin press the button to torch narcotic drugs. — MNA

## Secretary-1 attends destruction of...

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led by Brigade-758 commander U Mein Sin who returned to the legal fold, national race peace groups that had returned to the legal fold, members of social organizations, local people and guests. First, CCDAC Secretary MPF Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi clarified matters related to the destruction of the seized narcotic drugs.

(The clarification of the MPF Director-General is

2.02764 kilos of solid opium oil, 1.1712 kilos of inferior opium, 0.18764 kilo of marijuana, 0.007 litre of cough syrup containing opium liquid, 670.45 litres of opium oil, 380 litres of ethyl ether, 232.5 litres of hydrochloric acid, 670.5 litres of ammonium chloride, 200 kilos of sodium carbonate, 758 litres of Lysol liquid, 47,286 stimulant tablets, 28,526.877 kilos of poppy seeds and 992.864 kilos of

heads, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Philippines Ambassador Madame Phoebe A Gomez and ambassadors. Charges d'Affaires, diplomats, resident representatives of UN agencies, the Director (News) of NPE and officials, the president and members of Myanmar Correspondents Club, CEC members of MWJA, local journalists, members of SSA-S (Ywet Sit Group) led by Brigade-758 com-



Dean of Diplomatic Corps Philippines Ambassador Madame Phoebe A Gomez and diplomats inspect narcotic drugs before destruction.

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reported separately.)

Next, the ministers, diplomats and local and foreign journalists inspected the narcotic drugs to be torched.

CCDAC Chairman Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Philippine Ambassador Madame Phoebe A Gomez and national race leader U Mein Sin who returned to the legal fold pressed the button to torch the narcotic drugs.

The narcotic drugs incinerated at today's ceremony were 229.28964 kilos of raw opium, 0.0458 kilo of heroin, 345.398 kilos of morphine powder,

dry poppy seeds worth K 28,377.55 million and US\$ 46.99 million at current price.

After the ceremony, the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council held the Press Conference 5/2006 at Thiri Hantha Hall in Laikha at 11 am.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and members, the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, the Secretary of CCDAC, the MPF Director-General, departmental

commander U Mein Sin with the rank of vice chief of staff who returned to the legal fold and guests.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan clarified the fifth ceremony of incinerating narcotic drugs seized from Shan State (South) and narcotic drug eradication in Myanmar and invited questions.

Afterwards, the local and foreign journalists asked questions:-

**U Sao Kai Hpa: (Mainichi News Agency):** I am Sao Kai Hpa, a correspondent of Mainichi News Agency. I would like to ask U Mein Sin a question about the amount of narcotic drugs

produced by Ywet Sit ordered that tax was to be collected on production of drugs in the area under the control of the brigade. As tax, opium had to be sent to him. Not only that, all the opium produced in the area had to be sold to him. As far as I know, from 5,000 to 6,000 viss of opium was collected as tax from Mongkai, Hsamha, Monglan, Mongyun, Kengtawng, Kenglon, Mongnai and Mongpan in 2006. Stimulant tablets and heroin were also sent via

ing an announcement that it would be a drug free region by 2003. So, at that time we managed to raid many opium refineries in the region.

Similarly, "Wa" ethnic group declared that it would be a drug-free region by 2005 and carrying out the drug-elimination drive effectively in collaboration with administrative bodies. So, that was a contribution towards our anti-drug campaign.

In addition, armed in-



CCDAC Chairman Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Philippines Ambassador Madame Phoebe A Gomez destroy narcotic drugs and chemical precursors.—MNA

Mongshu to the border. As far as I know, U Saw Peta carried 80 rucksacks loaded with stimulant tablets and heroin from Mongshu to the border.

**Brig-Gen Khin Yi**

I think he asked about the shift in drug trade route from Shan State (North) to Shan State (South). With respect to anti-drug campaign, our nation has adopted the 15-year plan (1999 to 2014). Since then, the government has designated Shan (East), Shan (North) and Shan (South) as the three regions with high risk of drugs.

In the process, Shan State (North) was implementing the drug-elimination drive itself after issu-

surgency was no more there, and so the Tatmadaw and security forces could shoulder defence and security duties anywhere in the region.

So, we could expose the opium refineries. Taking advantage of these two strong points, we constantly carried out opium survey under the Illicit Crop Monitoring Programme in co-operation with the UNODC. Due to these three points, we managed to expose many opium refineries in that region.

As you know, insurgents are active in parts of Shan State (South). So, that threw a roadblock to access to every part of (See page 9)



Diplomats and local and foreign journalists attend the ceremony to destroy narcotic drugs seized in Shan State (South). — MNA





**Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan briefs on destruction of the drugs seized in Shan State (South) and anti-narcotic activities.** — MNA

**List of drugs to be destroyed**

1. Opium	229.28964	kgs
2. Heroin	0.0458	kg
3. Morphine base	345.398	kgs
4. Opium oil (paste)	2.02764	kgs
5. Inferior Opium	1.1712	kgs
6. Marijuana	0.18764	kg
7. Cough syrup with opium	0.007	litre
8. Liquid opium	670.45	litres
9. Ethyl ether	380	litres
10. Hydrochloric acid	232.5	litres
11. Ammonium Chloride	670.5	kgs
12. Sodium Carbonate	200	kgs
13. Lyzol	758	litres
14. Methamphetamine	47,286	tablets
15. Opium seeds	28,526.877	kgs
16. Opium seed (dried)	992.864	kgs

The street value of the drugs burnt today is 28,377.55 million kyats which is approximately equivalent to 46.99 million US\$.

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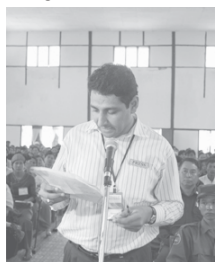
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the region. In consequence, we could not expose the opium refineries there in the past.

To make matters worse, the insurgents took complete control over local people by making them to live in fear. And they forced the people not to give information to the Tatmadaw. So, we could not expose the opium refineries in that region. Later especially in late 2004 and in 2005-2006, we managed to expose a number of drug-related cases. Then, 496 drug-related cases could be exposed in Shan State (East). After that, local people came to co-operate with us in the drive.

The case in Wan Yein, for example, was exposed according to the information that the public gave us. The region had been designated as a region of high risk of drugs. With the public information, the number of the drug seizure cases increased in the region. So, it cannot be said that there was a change in the trend of the drug trade.

For long, we have designated the three regions as high risk zones. So, the



**U Thet Khaing of the Myanmar Times.**

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success in exposing the refineries is largely due to the public information, easy access to any places in the region, and co-operation of local organizations.

I would say, anyhow, we have to continue to pursue our goal with the co-operation of local people and the public until we achieve it in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State that our nation will be a drug free one by 2014.

**U Thet Khaing (The Myanmar Times)**

The MPF director-general just said that in the seizure that took place in 13 May, who capitalized was the one from a foreign nation. Then, can you tell me from which country he is? And can you tell me that it is an organization or a person? And I would also like to know how you will make further investigation in that case.

**Brig-Gen Khin Yi**

This is an ongoing case, and it is under investigation. So, I cannot explain that case in detail and I would like you to understand me in this re-



**U Sao Kai Hpa of Mainichi News Agency.** — MNA

gard. The Drug Related Money Laundering Law has been promulgated. And an organization on investigation in drug-related money has been set up under the MPF. So, the organization is dealing with such cases.

**U Aung Thu Myaing (Ji Ji News Agency)**

How many townships in Shan State are there that produce poppy? I would like to know the names of these townships and their

estimated output of opium. And is there an organization like UNODC, any other big nation? If it is, which country is cooperating with our nation in the drug-elimination campaign? Now, I would like to put a question to U Mein Sin. You have settled down in Shan State (South) for long. May I know if you have any plan to co-operate with the government in the drug-elimination drive in future?

**Brig-Gen Khin Yi**

Like UNODC, other organizations are co-operating with Myanmar in the anti-drug campaign. For example, CNC (Counter-Narcotic Crimes) in the US. That organization surveys through satellite the poppy fields and poppy cultivation and production in Myanmar. And it yearly states the data and figures of Myanmar in the International Narcotic Control Book.

It is known to the world according to the issues of the organization that the poppy cultivation and production is on the constant decrease in Myanmar. He said Myanmar and anti-nar-



**Brigade (758) commander U Mein Sin.**

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cotic organizations of five neighbouring countries have signed bilateral agreements. Issues on exchange of culprits and narcotic control are being carried out effectively under the bilateral agreement signed by Myanmar and National Narcotic Control Commission of China. Similarly, anti-narcotic measures and exchange of culprits are also undertaken effectively in coop-



**U Aung Thu Myaing of Ji Ji News Agency.**

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eration with the Office of Narcotic Control Board and Police Narcotic Suppression Bureau of Thailand.

Moreover, he said, Myanmar and the Russian Federation have signed bilateral accord. The government cooperated with anti-drug organizations of South Pacific nations.

that there was involvement of peace groups in drug case. It is not the involvement of the whole peace group but it is only the involvement of some persons in such cases. In Wan Yein case, fugitive vice-chairman Maung Hla of SSNA breakaway group and others involved in purchase of opium and



**Brig-Gen Khin Yi replies to the queries.** — MNA

Regarding cooperation in anti-narcotic campaign, U Mein Sin said they would participate in the tasks for eradication of narcotic drugs and regional development and warding off destructive elements and danger of external elements under the agreement with the government.

U Ko Ko of Yomiuri Shimbun said destruction of seized narcotic drugs held in Yangon and Laikha showed that Myanmar's anti-narcotic efforts are successful to some extent. Foreign broadcasting stations and some countries said that some peace groups were involved in drug issues. He asked the position of the government and how the government handled the drug case.

Brig-Gen Khin Yi replied that some countries made false accusations

land lease. There is other persons' involvement in money, smuggling of precursor chemicals and distribution and sale of drugs in international market. The SSNA breakaway group expelled them from the group as soon as they learnt about it.

He said in September 2005 in Namhsan region a person of an organization was involved in drug case. Later, the organization expelled him from the organization and action was taken against him according to law.

In connection with drug control, the government laid down 15-year project, two strategies and three tactics. Based on these facts, the government is making efforts for eradication of narcotic drugs by 2014. There is no particular law meant for peace groups or other organizations. — MNA

**230 drug-related cases exposed in June**

YANGON, 19 July — Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 230 drug-related cases in June 2006.

They seized 928.7056 kilos of opium in 38 cases, 25.4361 kilos of heroin in 75 cases, 5.135 kilos of morphine in one case, 1.7355 kilos of opium oil in five cases, 0.7882 kilo of inferior opium in six cases, 6.9023 kilos of marijuana in 17 cases, 997,655 stimulant tablets in 62 cases, 380 kilos of Ephedrine, 21.1276 kilos of stimulant powder, 145.9102 kilos of opium speciosa in 11 cases, 16 kilos of catamine in one case, 545.4 kilos of Caffeine, 1,000 litres of acetic anhydride, 366 litres of chemical liquid, 375 kilos of chemical powder, four cases in failure to register and two other cases.

Action was taken against 369 persons — 304 men and 65 women — in 230 cases in June. — MNA



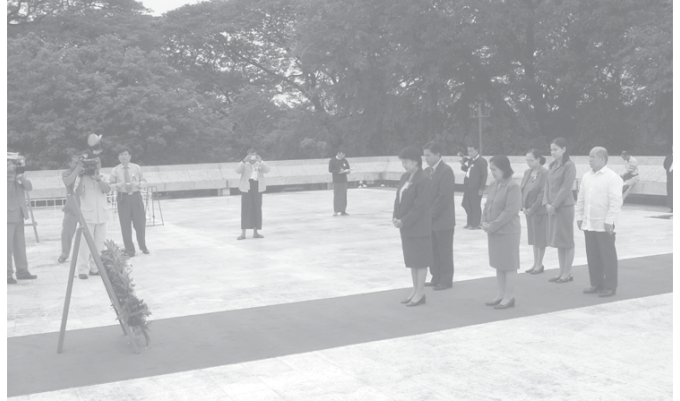
**U Ko Ko of Yomiuri Shimbun.** — MNA



# Tribute paid to fallen Arzanis



*Chairman of 59th Anniversary Arzani Day Observance Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin lay wreaths at Arzani Mausoleum. — MNA*



*Dean of Diplomatic Corps Ambassador of the Philippines Madame Phoebe A Gomez and party paying tribute to the fallen leaders. — MNA*



*U Aung San Oo, son of Bogyoke Aung San, and wife Daw Le Le Nwe Thein pay tribute at the tomb of Bogyoke Aung San. — MNA*



*Family of U Ba Win lays a wreath at the tomb of U Ba Win. — MNA*



*Family of U Ba Cho pays tribute at the tomb of U Ba Cho. — MNA*



*Family of Mongpaw Sawbwa lays a wreath at the tomb of Mongpaw Sawbwa. — MNA*



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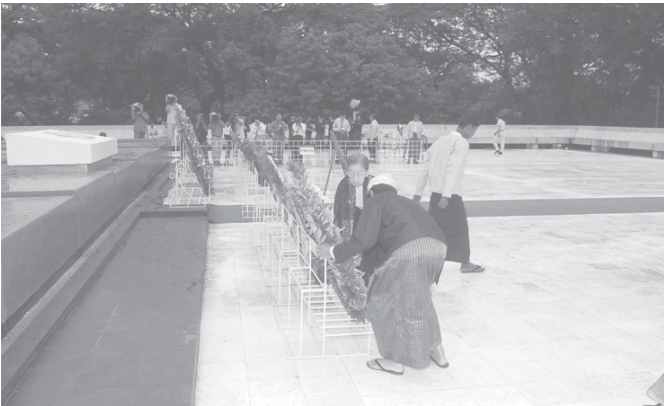
Family of Thakin Mya pays tribute at the tomb of Thakin Mya.

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Family of U Razak pays tribute at the tomb of U Razak.

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Family of U Ohn Maung pays tribute at the tomb of U Ohn Maung.

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Family of Yebaw Ko Htwe pays tribute at the tomb of Yebaw Ko Htwe.

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Myanmar Music Asiayon pays tribute at Arzani Mausoleum.

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Myanmar Artists and Artisans Asiayon pays tribute at Arzani Mausoleum. — MNA

## Sermon to be delivered on 24 July

YANGON, 19 July — Member of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Zeyawady Monastery in Wakema Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Pandavamsa will deliver a sermon at Mahatheindawgyi in Pabedan Township on 24 July evening. — MNA

## Staff families of law offices offer Waso robes

YANGON, 18 July — Under the auspices of Attorney-General U Aye Maung and wife Daw Khin Mya Mya, the staff families of the law offices today held Waso robes offering ceremony here.

First, they offered Waso robes and alms to Sayadaw of Maharazikayon Monastery Bhaddanta Dhammapiya and members of the Sangha.

It was attended by Director-General U Mya Nyein and wife Daw Myint Myint Thein, directors, deputy directors and staff families of law offices. — MNA

## Health Assistant shot dead in Laikha, Shan State (South)

YANGON, 19 July — Two insurgents killed a health assistant in Wonyai Village in Laikha Township in Shan State (South) on 6 July.

U Htoo Ja, 35, was gunned down by one of two insurgents when he opened the door.

While watching video in a tea shop on the early morning of 6 July, U Htoo Ja was asked in Shan language from outside if there was a health officer and he opened the door.

An insurgent group of the two gun men are still under investigation and the Tatmadaw column is in hot pursuit of them. — MNA

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## SMS final contest 22 July

YANGON, 19 July — With the object of enabling everybody to use mobile technology, Myanmar Information Technology Pte Ltd (MIT) will organize a final match of SMS Shootout 2006 Contest in conjunction with a ceremony to introduce Web2SMS at 1 pm on 22 July at Room No 205 of Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township. Winners of the contest will be presented awards by MIT, Mobile Mate and Queen Star Co.

In conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony, introduction of new mobile phones service will be held. The new service will allow mobile phone users to have access to information about business, market and sports from the Internet by sending short messages by their telephones. The new technology will use software called Intelligent Agent to search information for users and send the appropriate response to the user's phone as a short message service (SMS). All those interested may attend the ceremony free of charge.

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**Bangladesh, India begin two-day border talks in Dhaka**

DHAKA, 18 July—Bangladesh and India, which have many old lingering issues since Bangladesh became independent in 1971, began a two-day official level border talks here on Sunday.

Bangladesh is surrounded by India from three sides with 4,000 kilometres frontier, and the two countries have 6.5 kilometres of undemarcated border and over 100 enclaves, which act as irritants in the bilateral relations.

The talks are expected to touch the demarcation of undemarcated borders and exchange of enclaves.

Under an agreement signed between the two countries in 1974, Bangladesh handed the Berubari enclave to India, and India was supposed to hand over Tinbigha Corridor to Bangladesh, but India still does not do it. Firing by border troops of the two countries becomes a common phenomenon. Cross-border crime like smuggling, trafficking of human and drugs are also very common, which affect the relations of the two countries.

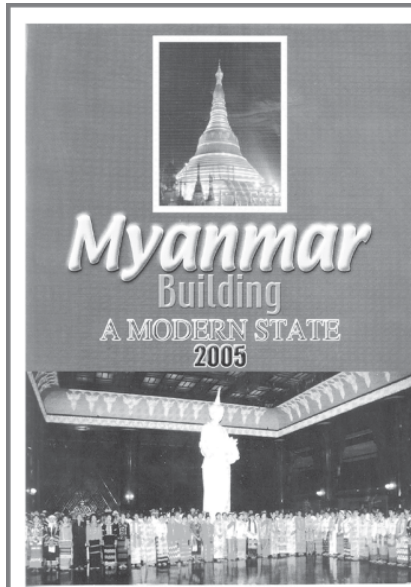
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A commuter train travels through a suburb in inner Sydney on 18 July, 2006. More Mumbai-style train attacks are inevitable as terror groups target vulnerable rail networks because of heightened airport security, analysts say.—INTERNET

**Zambia's construction industry records highest growth**

LUSAKA, 18 July—The construction industry in Zambia has maintained double-digit growth over the past six years making itself the highest growth industry in the country's economy, Zambia's National Council for Construction (NCC) has said.

The construction industry has recorded growth rates averaging 15 per cent since 1999 from 227.6 billion kwacha (65 million US dollars) to last year's 425.5 billion kwacha (150 million dollars), according to a recently released news-letter by NCC.

NCC Director Silvester Mashamba said the growth was mainly

ment initiative of the Road Sector Investment Programme (RoadSIP), a programme supported by the World Bank.

"In percentage contributions to our gross domestic product (GDP), the industry has increased its share from 9.4 per cent in 1999 to 13.5 per cent in 2005," Mashamba said.

Mashamba however expressed concern over the loss of confidence by the Zambian society including the government in local construction contractors as a result of their shoddy workmanship, poor supervision by consultants and frequent running away with clients' advance payment.

MNA/Xinhua

**Cambodian tycoon, Thai billionaire plan \$50 mln sugar operation**

PHNOM PENH, 18 July—One of Thailand's richest men and Cambodian tycoon Mong Reththy agreed to develop a 50-million-US-dollar sugar refinery and plantation in Koh Kong Province, local media reported Tuesday.

The businessmen announced the plan on Monday. Billionaire Charoen Sirivadhanabakdi said he will have a 49-per-cent share in the new factory, to be completed by December 2008, while Mong Reththy will have a 51-per-cent stake.

The men will invest 50 million dollars in the factory and a system of contract sugarcane farming in Sihanoukville municipality and Koh

Kong, Kampot and Kompong Speu Province, they said.

"This is the first Cambodian sugar refinery and will create 10,000 jobs," The Cambodia Daily quoted Mong Reththy as saying. "I think this sugar refinery will be able to replace imported sugar products from Thailand and maybe export also," he said, adding that Cambodia currently imports 70 million dollars in white cane sugar each year.

MNA/Xinhua





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The Rolls Royce 101EX makes its UK Debut at the British International Motor Show in London on 18 July, 2006.—INTERNET

**Bomb attack on Iraq market kills 42**

MAHMUDIYA (Iraq), 18 July — Over 40 people were killed in a car bomb attack and shooting at a crowded market in a violent town just outside Baghdad on Monday, police said.

Witnesses in the small town of Mahmudiya, south of the capital, said they heard several explosions and heavy gunfire. Some police sources said their forces engaged attackers in a fierce firefight after the explosion. Others said the gunfire was largely intended to disperse crowds. Police sources said at least 42 people were killed and 33 wounded in the market violence.

Both Sunni guerillas like al-Qaeda and Shiite militias have been active in the area, where the population is mixed between the two Muslim sects whose violent differences have taken Iraq to the brink of civil war.

The attack came on the anniversary of the 1968 coup d'etat that brought Saddam Hussein's Sunni-dominated Baath Party to power. Mahmudiya is part of a small area dubbed the "triangle of death" over the past three years because of the number of attacks on US forces and

among the population. Six Americans have been charged over the alleged rape and murder of a 14-year-old girl in

Mahmudiya in March and the killing of her parents and six-year-old sister in their home.

MNA/Reuters



The space shuttle Discovery is towed back to an Orbiter Processing Facility after completing Mission STS-121 at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on 17 July, 2006.—INTERNET

**Officials say Chinese Govt to reduce income gap through reform**

BEIJING, 18 July — The Chinese Government will push reforms on pay and distribution to make the society a "harmonious" one, according to government

sources. The reform will be aimed at cutting down the income gap between urbanites and villagers, between people living in different areas, and between workers in different industries, the sources said.

According to the sources with the Ministry of Personnel, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Civil Affairs, and Ministry of Labour and Security, the reforms will also improve the socialist market economy. The reforms will increase the income of the low-income class, increase the proportion of the middle-class, readjust the income of the rich people, and prohibit people from making illegal earnings, according to the

officials. MNA/Xinhua

**Pakistan to get "F-16" planes from US**

ISLAMABAD, 18 July — Pakistan will get from the United States 18 new F-16 fighter aircraft as well as 26 old F-16s under an agreement, Pakistani Air Chief Marshal Tanvir Mahmood Ahmed said on Monday.

Pakistan will also get hardware for upgrading the existing F-16 fleet, the Air Chief told a news conference.

He said these 26 old F-16s belong to the lot which had been manufactured by the United States for Pakistan but not delivered.

Keeping in view economic constraints, the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) has decided to reduce its requirement from 50 to

18 new aircraft, the official said.

"Pakistan will upgrade its whole fleet of F-16s which will be capable to fulfil its requirements for the next 30 years and the whole deal will cost three billion dollars," he said.

The Air Chief said these new aircraft will be delivered within a period of three years while the old fighter jets are

expected to be delivered within 15 to 18 months.

He said the overall upgradation of F-16 programme will take seven to eight years.

The Air Chief said that the PAF aims to remain all time alert and to retain its capability to counter any aggression with an objective to ensure peace and stability in the region.

MNA/Xinhua

**Hu says peaceful utilization of outer space are rights of all nations**

BEIJING, 18 July — Outer space is the shared resource of human beings. Exploration, peaceful

utilization and development of outer space are rights of all nations throughout the world, Chinese President Hu Jintao said here Monday.

Society also share the responsibility of maintaining a peaceful and clean space, he said in a congratulatory letter sent to the 36th Scientific Assembly of the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) which began on Monday in Beijing.

In his letter, Hu said humans have travelled a long path in exploring space and had made fruitful achievements.

In the past half century, mankind has grown to understand the environment of space, studied planets in the solar system and more precisely explained cosmic origins and evolution of the

galaxy. All those achievements have pushed forward human society, Hu said.

Human society is expecting to witness new breakthroughs in space science and technology in the 21st Century, Hu said.

Advancement of space science will further improve the human ability to understand, utilize and explore the universe, he said.

As an important international scientific organization, Hu said, the COSPAR has contributed to international cooperation in space science.

The Chinese Government supports activities sponsored by the COSPAR and is willing to enhance friendly cooperation with the COSPAR.

MNA/Xinhua

**Alcohol goes up in smoke in Afghan crack down**

KABUL, 18 July — Afghan police burned hundreds of bottles of alcohol in Kabul on Monday in a public show of force against what an official said was the "poison" corrupting the country.

About 600 bottles of wine and spirits, such as whisky and vodka, and about 3,000 cans and bottles of beer went up in flames in a field south of the city — the first time in 18 months the government has publicly destroyed alcohol in Kabul.

Under Islamic sharia law, which is an integral part of the constitution in Afghanistan, alcohol is banned. The alcohol was uncovered during raids at guest houses that cater to local residents in the capital, a government official said.—MNA/Reuters



A labourer carries steel bars at a market in Wuhan, central China's Hubei Province on 18 July, 2006. Chinese annual growth bounded ahead to 11.3 percent in the second quarter, beating forecasts and heightening expectations of further tightening steps to restrain an economy gorging on plentiful cheap money.—INTERNET

# SPORTS



Chinese high school students pose for a photo after winning the gold medals in the 37th International Physics Olympiad (IPHO) at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore on 16 July, 2006.

INTERNET

## Tommasi, Cesar to join promoted Levante

MADRID, 19 July— Primera Liga side Levante have agreed a deal to sign Italian midfielder Damiano Tommasi from AS Roma.

"Tommasi is a Levante player," club president Pedro Villarreal told a news conference on Tuesday. "We hope he will arrive in Valencia tomorrow to complete the signing." Villarreal said that the 32-year-old former Italy international, who has played for Roma since 1996, had reached an agreement to leave the Serie A club on Monday.

The Levante president also said that the club had reached an agreement to

sign former Spanish international centre back Cesar from Deportivo Coruna.

Levante, who were promoted to the Primera Liga after finishing in third place in the second division last season, have also signed French midfielder Laurent Robert and French defender Frederic Dehu.

MNA/Reuters

## Real Madrid bid for van Nistelrooy rejected by Man Utd

CAPE TOWN, 19 July — Manchester United have rejected a bid from Real Madrid for striker Ruud van Nistelrooy, the Premier League club's manager Alex Ferguson said on Tuesday.

"There is no agreement with Manchester United about the sale," Ferguson told reporters. "We have refused their (Real's) offer and he remains a Manchester United player."

He was speaking after United's 1-0 win over Kaizer Chiefs on their week-long tour of South Africa.

The 30-year-old Van Nistelrooy has been strongly linked with the Spanish giants since saying he wanted to leave Old Trafford after five years in England.

MNA/Reuters

## Tevez returns to Corinthians after controversial weekend

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 July— Argentina forward Carlos Tevez trained with his club Corinthians on Tuesday after spending the weekend in Buenos Aires and missing a crunch derby.

Tevez, who last played for the Brazilian champions on May 7 before leaving for the World Cup, was due to return last Thursday.

However, he was allowed to stay in Buenos Aires for personal reasons -- a decision that caused a public rift between the club directors and their partners Media Sports Investments (MSI).

MSI president Kia Joorabchian intervened to allow Tevez to stay at home after club directors demanded he play in Sunday's Brazilian championship match against arch-rivals Palmeiras.

Without Tevez,

Corinthians lost 1-0, their sixth consecutive defeat, and dropped to 19th in the 20-team table.

Tevez returned to Brazil on Monday night. He

rushed through Sao Paulo airport wearing a hoodie and carrying his baby daughter in his arms, refusing to speak to reporters.—MNA/Reuters



Britain's Manchester United's Dong Fangzhuo (R) is challenged by South Africa's Kaizer Chief's Ditheko Motoko during their soccer match in Cape Town, South Africa, on 18 July, 2006. Manchester won by 1-0.—INTERNET

## Real apologizes for van Nistelrooy website blunder

MADRID, 19 July— Real Madrid have apologized for a blunder that made a profile of Ruud van Nistelrooy appear briefly on their website as if the Manchester United striker had signed for the club.

The Primera Liga side blamed the gaffe to a computer error but it fuelled speculation that the 30-year-old Dutch

striker has already agreed to move to Spain. "The club would like to clarify that RealMadrid.com compile different reports, news stories and profiles of players that might join the club, including one on the Dutchman but they are merely for internal use," Real said in a statement.

"This profile appeared on the club website for a few minutes because of a computer error, but such pieces are normally only published after the official announcement of a deal between the two clubs.—MNA/Reuters

## Chinese striker Dong gives Man Utd win over Kaizer Chiefs

CAPE TOWN, 19 July— Chinese international Dong Fangzhuo scored six minutes from time to give Manchester United a 1-0 win over Kaizer Chiefs at Newlands on Tuesday. It was United's second win on their week-long South African tour after Saturday's opening 4-0 victory over Orlando Pirates.

Striker Dong, who scored after coming off the bench, is on loan at Belgian club Royal Antwerp but was brought on United's pre-season trip as a guest player.

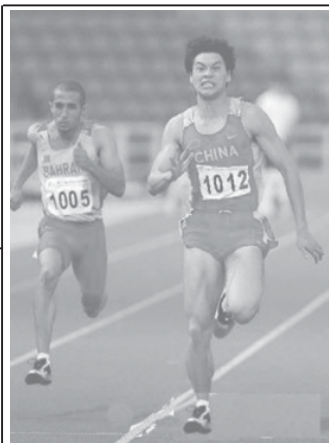
MNA/Reuters

## United's transfer cash waits for Juventus appeal verdict

LONDON, 19 July— Manchester United's interest in the transfer market is on hold pending the outcome of Juventus's appeal against demotion in Italy's match-fixing scandal, manager Alex Ferguson said. "We're working on several things and talking to several clubs. We have made several enquiries for several players but we have held certain things back because of the Juventus situation," he was quoted as saying on Tuesday.

"I think everybody will be looking at all the Juventus players. (Patrick) Vieira, Gianluigi Buffon, Fabio Cannavaro, Lilian Thuram and Emerson are the ones that people will be focusing on," he told United's official web site during the team's tour of South Africa.

"Now we know where we're going in terms of making inquiries and maybe definite offers for one or two players," added Ferguson, who is looking to win the Premier League for the first time since 2003.— MNA/Reuters



Liang Jiahong of China takes Asian Junior 100m title in 10.32 seconds. INTERNET

## Bulgarian striker Bojinov happy to be at Juventus

ROME, 19 July— Bulgarian striker Valeri Bojinov said he jumped at the chance to join Juventus on loan even though he will be playing in Serie B after a sports tribunal found the Turin club guilty of match-fixing.

"When I found out Juventus wanted me I said yes straight away without even thinking for a minute," the 20-year-old striker was quoted as saying on Juve's website on Tuesday.

"This team is as big as it gets for any player. It's the biggest chance of my life.

"I want to show I deserve it by taking Juventus back to the top -- back to winning Serie A titles and

playing in the Champions League."

Bojinov, considered one of the most exciting young strikers in Italy, was signed on July 8 by Juve on loan from Fiorentina.

Asked whether Juventus would find life easy in Serie B, Bojinov replied: "We will have to expect teams to close up against us.

MNA/Reuters

## Nigeria's Okocha signs for Qatar Sports Club

LONDON, 19 July— Former Nigeria international Jay-Jay Okocha has signed a one-year contract with Qatari first division team Sports Club.

The 32-year-old midfielder was released by Bolton Wanderers in May after scoring 18 goals in 123 appearances since joining the Premier league club from Paris St Germain in 2002.

"Of course, Jay-Jay is here to help us win silverware," Qatar Sports Club board member Shiekh Jassim bin Hamad bin Nasser Al Thani said in a statement on the Asian Football Confederation website.

"He has passed the medical and will

join the team in a training camp in the Czech Republic soon."

Okocha, who won 74 caps for Nigeria after making his debut in 1993, was part of his country's 1996 Olympic gold medal-winning side and was in the 1994, 1998 and 2002 World Cup squads.

He retired from international football after Nigeria lost Ivory Coast in this year's African Cup of Nations semi-finals.

MNA/Reuters



Phil Mickelson hits from a bunker during a practice round for the British Open Championship at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club in Hoylake, on 18 July, 2006.—INTERNET



# UN rights panel reviews US records

GENEVA, 19 July — A UN human rights panel on Tuesday finished a latest review of US records, which covered a wide range of alleged violations.

One focus of the two-day hearing was violations of international law in the "war on terror," especially in relation to the treatment of detainees. The 18-member Human Rights Committee, which oversees

compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, made it clear that it did not accept US arguments that the covenant did not apply to American actions abroad. Sir Nigel Rodley, a

British expert on the committee and a former UN torture envoy, said prolonged secret detention was an astonishing violation of the covenant and that he was "dismayed and astonished" that the US was apparently carrying out a "practice of such extravagant enormity."

Abdelfattah Amor, a senior Tunisian law professor, also expressed concern about inmate abuse at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq and the US detention centre for terrorist suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. However, the US

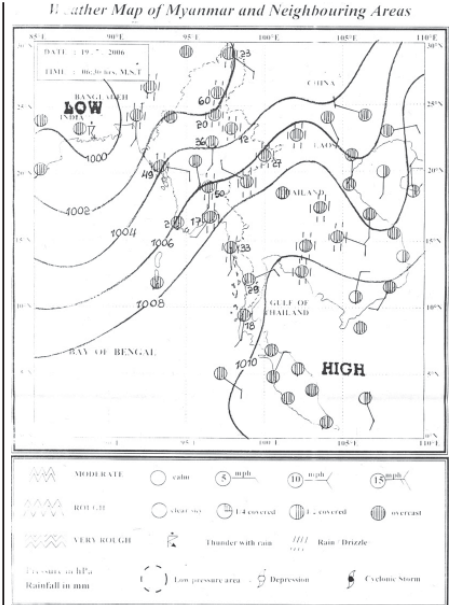
delegation to the hearing tried to steer clear of such questions, claiming that issues related to terrorism for the most part "lie beyond the scope of the covenant."

Around 40 human rights organizations, including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, etc, sent representatives to the hearing and monitored the proceedings.

The organizations said the US was failing to respect key provisions of the covenant in its "war on terror," especially in relation to the detention without charge of thousands of non-US nationals in prisons in Afghanistan, Iraq, Guantanamo Bay and other secret locations.

US abuses documented by the organizations and submitted to the committee include torture and ill-treatment, arbitrary detention, "disappearances" and "extraordinary renditions" of terror suspects to countries known to practice torture.

MNA/Xinhua



**Asleep in Jesus**  
**Miss Esther Galstin**  
Aged 92

Elders daughter of (Mr Andrew Galstin - Daw Hnin Thwe), elder sister of (Marcus)-Mavis, Ben, Eugene (Daw Mya Nyunt), Alan (UK)-Noreen (UK), Fred-Daw Nu Nu (Australia), (U Ko Ko - Jean), Donald (MPPE) - Daw Sein Than expired at 10.20 am on 19th July, 2006. Her remains will be entombed at Ye Way Christian cemetery at 10.00 am on Saturday, 22.7.2006 after worship at grave-side.

**Bereaved Family**



The replica of the Swedish merchant ship "Gotheborg" arrives at Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, on 18 July, 2006. It took 4000 workers ten years to build the boat at a cost of 30 million US dollars. The boat "Gotheborg" reached Guangzhou on Tuesday and will stay in the province for one month.

INTERNET

## WEATHER

Wednesday, 19 July, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain has been scattered in Magway Division, fairly widespread in Chin State and Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Shan and Kayin States and Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe (8.94) inches, Thaton (5.59) inches, Ye (3.98) inches, Pinlaung (3.62) inches, Kyauktaw (3.31) inches, Hpa-an (3.23) inches, Kyaukpyu (2.99) inches, and Mogok (2.25) inches.

Maximum temperature on 18-7-2006 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 19-7-2006 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 19-7-2006 was (100%). Total sunshine hours on 18-7-2006 was (1.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 19-7-2006 were (0.51) inch at Mingaladon, (0.67) inch at Kaba-Aye and (2.52) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (46.26) inches at Mingaladon, (55.16) inches at Kaba-Aye and (61.34) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (15) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 18-7-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 20-7-2006:** Rain will be scattered in Chin State and Magway Division, fairly widespread in Kayah State and Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 20-7-2006:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 20-7-2006:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 20-7-2006:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Flood Bulletin**  
(Issued at 12:00 hours MST on 19-7-2006)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1135) cm. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today.

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**Thursday, 20 July**  
View on today

<p><b>7:00 am</b></p> <p>1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p><b>7:25 am</b></p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p><b>7:30 am</b></p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p><b>7:40 am</b></p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p><b>7:50 am</b></p> <p>5. Dance of national races</p> <p><b>8:05 am</b></p> <p>6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>8:10 am</b></p> <p>7. Dance variety</p>	<p><b>8:20 am</b></p> <p>8. ဆင်သွားတံတား</p> <p><b>8:30 am</b></p> <p>9. International news</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b></p> <p>10. Let's Go</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b></p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p><b>4:15 pm</b></p> <p>2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b></p> <p>3. English for Everyday Use</p> <p><b>4:45 pm</b></p> <p>4. Musical programme</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b></p> <p>5. အဝေးသင်တန်းအဖွဲ့အစည်းများ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - တတိယအစုစုံ (ရက္ခဗေဒ-အထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)</p> <p><b>5:15 pm</b></p> <p>6. Cute little dancers</p> <p><b>5:25 pm</b></p> <p>7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>5:35 pm</b></p> <p>8. "ပေါင်ပေါ်ကျတဲ့မီး"</p>	<p>(ရုအောင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်းနိုင်၊ ညိုညိုမင်းတက်၊ ဘုန်းလှ၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ဝိုင်းရခိုင်သိန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်လှိုင်၊ မင်းအုတ်စိုင်း)</p> <p><b>5:45 pm</b></p> <p>9. Musical programme</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b></p> <p>10. Evening news</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b></p> <p>11. Weather report</p> <p><b>6:35 pm</b></p> <p>12. သီရိဇဂလာ</p> <p><b>7:05 pm</b></p> <p>13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းကွဲ "ရှစ်လိပ်ပြာစာတိုလမ်းကွဲလည်" (အပိုင်း-၇)</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b></p> <p>14. News</p> <p>15. International news</p> <p>16. Weather report</p> <p>17. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းကွဲ "မေတ္တာသံစဉ်" (အပိုင်း-၃)</p> <p>18. The next day's programme</p>
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## Radio Myanmar

Thursday, 20 July  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: -Ecrie, Mderie, Mirey mo
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: -Let's get loud
- 8:50 am** National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music: -My kind of girl
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music: -Around the world
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music
  - Back to your heart
  - Neighbourhood
  - Can you feel the love
  - Angel's lullaby
- 9:00 pm** Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Pourri
- 9:30 pm** Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
  - I swear
  - Inside thing
  - Happy birthday sweet sixteen
- 9:45 pm** News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



## 59th Anniversary Arzani Day observed



*Members of Guard of Honour of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) pay tribute to fallen leaders at 59th Anniversary Arzani Day Ceremony.*  
MNA

YANGON, 19 July —The 59th Anniversary Arzani Day 2006, was observed at the Arzani Mausoleum, here, this morning. On behalf of the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, Chairman of the 59th Anniversary Arzani Day Observance Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung

Myint attended the ceremony, saluting the State flag; laying wreaths at the tombs of National Leader Bogyoke Aung San and his fallen comrades; paying tribute to them; and dispensing Metta.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung

Thein Lin, Vice-Chairman of the 59th Anniversary Arzani Day Observance Work Committee Secretary of YCDC U Tin Soe and members of the Work Committee, the secretaries of sub-committees, senior military officers, members of the Guard of Honour and senior officers of Myanmar Police Force and Fire Brigade.

## Prime Minister sends message of sympathy to Indonesia

**NAY PYI TAW, 19 July**— General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia for the loss of lives and property caused by Tsunami in the Southwestern coast of Indonesia's main island of Java after a powerful earthquake that struck Indonesia on 17 July 2006. — MNA

On arrival at the Arzani Mausoleum at 7.55 am, Chairman of the 59th Anniversary Arzani Day Observance Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint was welcomed by the Vice-Chairman of the 59th Anniversary Arzani Day Observance Work Committee Secretary of YCDC U Tin Soe.

Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and Chairman of YCDC Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin took respective places before the tombs of Arzanis.

Next, those present saluted the flag of the Union of Myanmar.

After that, on behalf of the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, Chairman of the 59th Anniversary Arzani Day Observance Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and Chairman of YCDC

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin laid wreaths at the tombs of Arzanis.

At that time, the Union flag was lowered at half-mast and the Guard of Honour of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) as well as the Military Band saluted the fallen heroes.

Afterwards, the dispensing of Metta and two-minute silence in memory of Arzanis followed.

Chairman of the 59th Anniversary Arzani Day Observance Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and Chairman of YCDC Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin left the Arzani Mausoleum.

Later, families of the Arzanis laid wreaths at the respective tombs. First, U Aung San Oo, eldest son of Bogyoke Aung San, and wife Daw Le Le Nwe Thein laid a wreath at Bogyoke Aung San's

tomb and paid tribute to him while Metta was being dispensed.

Next, families of other Arzanis laid wreaths at the respective tombs and dispensed Metta.

Diplomats of foreign missions and resident representatives of UN agencies in Yangon led by Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Ambassador of the Philippines to Myanmar Madame Phoebe A Gomez also laid wreaths at the tombs of Arzanis and paid tribute to them.

The representatives of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar War Veterans Organization, Myanmar Fire Brigade, MRCS, MWJA, Myanmar Motion Picture Organization, Myanmar Music Asiation, Myanmar Thabin Asiation and Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Asiation also laid wreaths and paid tribute to the Arzanis. — MNA



*Chairman of 59th Anniversary Arzani Day Ceremony Observance Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin pay tribute to the fallen leaders at Arzani Mausoleum.* — MNA

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### Noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded

(19-7-2006)

Thandwe	(8.94) inches,
Thaton	(5.59) inches,
Ye	(3.98) inches,
Pinlaung	(3.62) inches,
Kyauktaw	(3.31) inches,
Hpa-an	(3.23) inches,
Kyaukpyu	(2.99) inches,
Mogok	(2.25) inches.