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### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

## With all infrastructures built by State, people of Chin State are to strive for improvement of their livelihood and regional development

### Mindat-Matupi tarred road inaugurated

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July — The 102-mile Mindat-Matupi tarred road, built by Public Works, was inaugurated in Matupi in Chin State yesterday morning with an address by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Vice-Chairman of Chin State PDC Col Hsan Aung, officials of the SPDC office, departmental officials, local authorities and others totalling 2000.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said in Chin State there are four main roads — Haka-Gangaw Road, Haka-Matupi Road, Kalay-Falam-Haka Road and Mindat-Matupi Road. The 102-mile Mindat-Matupi road opened today links Mindat and Matupi in

Chin State (South). It is the main exit of Matupi as well as a road that links Yezwa on Matupi-Haka Road. Mindat-Matupi Road was first built in 1955 and it was rebuilt into the earth road in 1973. Being the earth road, it was not serviceable in the rainy season.

That was why the Head of State gave guidance that measures were to be taken to improve the roads in Chin State. Pakokku-Pauk-Kyaukhtu-Mindat Road was opened on 27-11-2003 to get easy access to Mindat in Chin State (South) and to improve economic, social and transport sectors by linking other states and divisions including Magway Division, he said. Four groups were assigned duties to start upgrading Mindat-Matupi Road on 12-12-2004. But there were difficulties in building the road due to geographical conditions. However, thanks to the strenuous efforts of personnel of Public Works and local people who actively participated in construction tasks in accord

with the State policy of ensuring harmonious development of all the regions across the country, the 102-mile road had been opened successfully. Now there are 1,062 miles of roads in Chin State compared to only 695 miles before 1988. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, 183 new bridges of 180 feet and above were built. Among them Bar Bridge in Chin State was first built. The bridge, 340 feet long, was built across Manipur River on 12-12-1992. It was opened on 13-3-1998.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint continued that another bridge in the state is Kattel Suspension Bridge, 440 feet long, that was inaugurated on 25-4-2002. It lies on Tiddim-Reed Road across Manipu River. In addition, Manswang Bridge also situated on Tiddim-Reed Road across Manipura River was built on 20-3-2005. It is a bailey bridge with 460 feet in length. In the past the journey between Mindat and Matupi was rough and a day-long trip. But now one can travel from Matupi-Mindat to Pakokku within 12 hours, he added. The State, mobilizing its own resources, is building roads and bridges to ensure equitable development of all parts of the country and more unity and amity among national brethren. Not only in Chin State but also in other states and divisions, roads, bridges, railroads, airports and jetties being built one after

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**Chin State (North) is now in a position to get easy access to other states and divisions via Haka-Gangaw exit and Kalay-Kalewa-Yagyi-Monywa exit.**



Lt-Gen Ye Myint addresses the opening ceremony of Mindat-Matupi tarred road (102-mile) in Chin State. — 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 greater progress of the Union**

The government, in its drive for national development, is implementing through harmonious combination for the border areas and national races development project that covers border areas, the 24-special development zones project that covers 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 have now had prospects for development.

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

In the past, local youths in the fringes of Shan State were deprived of opportunity to pursue education owing to the armed insurgency. Now, peace and stability has been restored, and so almost all the villages have been served with schools, and local youths of national races have an easy access to higher education in Taunggyi University, Panglong University, Government Technological College, Government Computer College and Education College.

Today, Shan State has got basic foundations for development such as a network of transport facilities, schools, universities and colleges where local national race youths can pursue higher education, specialists hospitals, general hospitals, health care centres, rural health care centres and coal-fired and hydro electric power stations.

In particular, the region has enjoyed increasing development with industrial zones and border trade centres that can effectively enhance regional development, such modern border cities as Muse, Chinshwehaw, Laukkai, Mongla and Tachilek, thriving tourism industry and good trade.

The development of the entire Union including Shan State is the fruitful result of efforts for restoring stability and peace. So, the entire national people are duty-bound to make collaborative efforts in harmony for greater development of the Union, while preserving and protecting the already-restored peace and tranquillity.

**“သတိပေး နှိုးဆော်ချက်”**

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- (ဋ) မြေထဲယာဉ်၊ အုတ်၊ သဲ၊ ကျောက် သယ်ယာဉ်များ ပိတ်စင်မှုမရှိစေရန် လုံခြုံစွာ တင်ဆောင်ပါ။
- (ဌ) အထက်ပါစည်းကမ်းချက်များအားမလိုက်နာ၍ ယာဉ်တိုက်မှု၊ ယာဉ်တိမ်းမှောက်မှုများ ဖြစ်ပွားပါကတိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူခြင်းခံရမည်။

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**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

**Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association meets**



*Daw Myint Myint Soe, wife of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, delivers an address. — MNA*

YANGON, 21 July—The Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association (MAWFA) was held at the International Business Centre here this morning.

Member of the Board of Patrons under the Association wife of the

Foreign Affairs, executive committee members cum wives of senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, wives of the ambassadors and diplomats from ASEAN embassies in Yangon and the association members.

This was followed by the cash donations for the association. The

Zaw Win-Daw Khin Khin Htay, K 100,000 by U Lu Maw-Daw Phyu Phyu Nyunt, K 100,000 by U HongSwan-Daw Aye Aye Mu, K 100,000 by Daw Myint Myint Aye, K 100,000 by U Tun Myint-Daw Aye Aye Nyunt, K 100,000 by executive members, US\$ 50 by Daw Kyi Kyi, K 50,000 by

Bangladeshi Women's Association, K 50,000 by U Sonny Aung Khin, K 50,000 by Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, K 100,000 by Indian Women's Association and others.

Daw Myint Myint Soe and responsible persons accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the them.



*Those attending the fifth annual general meeting of MAWFA pose for a documentary. — MNA*

Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Myint Myint Soe made an opening speech.

Chairperson of the Executive Committee Daw Khin Hnin Nyun also spoke and the secretary presented the report of the committee for the year 2005-2006 and the treasurer submitted the financial statement for the year 2005-2006 that were approved by the meeting.

The meeting was attended by honorary members who are wives of the ministers, members of the Board of Patrons Daw Lai Lai Kyi and Dr Daw Khin Mya Win, wife of the Deputy Ministers for

donations included US\$ 200 by the Philippine Ambassador, K 100,000 by honorary members, K 400,000 by Chairman of CB Bank U Khin Maung Aye, K 300,000 by U Aung Myo Min-Daw Aye Aye Myint, US\$ 100 by the Indonesian Embassy to Myanmar, K 100,000 by the Thai Embassy to Myanmar, K 100,000 by the Embassy of Brunei Darussalam to Myanmar, K 100,000 by the Vietnamese Embassy to Myanmar, K 100,000 by the Embassy of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, K 200,000 by U



*Embassy of Indonesia donates US\$ 100 to MAWFA. — MNA*

# Laotian FM visits Cambodia to strengthen cooperation

PHNOM PENH, 20 July—Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Hor Namhong on Wednesday held talks with visiting Laotian counterpart Thongloun Sisoulith, aimed at enhancing two countries' cooperation.

"We have in-depth talks on further strengthening the ties between our two countries and exchanged views over the regional issues and issues of common concern," Hor Namhong told reporters after the meeting. Both of them praised the development of bilateral relationship since diplomatic ties between the two countries were established 50 years ago. "We have continuous exchanges of visit at high levels recent year, which has great importance to promote the in-

depth development of our two countries," Hor added.

Hor said that Cambodia and Laos will soon sent their teams to resolve their remaining border issues. Cambodian and Laos have already finished two-thirds of bordering demarcation. They also agreed to construct the highway linking the two countries as early as possible.

Meanwhile, the two countries determined to strengthen the cooperation with other ASEAN member countries in an efforts to reduce the gap among them.

Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Laos, arrived here on Wednesday afternoon to pay a three-day official visit at the invitation of Hor Namhong.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese President Hu Jintao (L) holds a ceremony to welcome Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf in Beijing, China, on 20 July, 2006.—INTERNET



A young sea lion stands by its new residence at the Donghu Aquarium of Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province on 20 July, 2006. A "crystal palace" made up of ice pieces was built for the sea lions to avoid the hot summer.  
INTERNET

## Ten dead as storms sweep Japan

TOKYO, 20 July—At least 10 people died and 13 went missing in Japan on Wednesday as torrential rains swept through a wide swathe of the country, triggering mudslides and floods.

More than 60 cm (24 inches) of rain has fallen in the last few days, disrupting rail and road traffic.

Weather forecasters warned that the rain could continue and

might trigger more mudslides and floods in central and western Japan.

Among those affected, at least four died and four others went missing after mudslides struck houses in Okaya, in Nagano prefecture in central Japan, *Kyodo News* agency said.

Also in Okaya, an 80-year-old woman was found dead after her home was crushed by mudslides,

a local official said.

About 200 troops joined hundreds of rescue workers in searching collapsed houses and swollen rivers for those missing in the region.

A 66-year-old man drowned in an irrigation channel in Yamanashi prefecture in central Japan, a local official said. A 26-year-old man went missing after his car was swept into a river in the central Japanese prefecture of Gifu, *Kyodo News* agency said.

Two people remained unaccounted for after a mudslide buried a house in Kyoto prefecture on Wednesday, *Kyodo* quoted local officials as saying.—MNA/Reuters

## Two die in Dutch walk sue to heat

AMSTERDAM, 20 July—Two people died on Tuesday in the Netherlands on the first day of a four-day walk after temperatures rose to more than 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit), Dutch television said.

Around 300 people fainted and 30 walkers had to be taken to hospital because of the heat.

Temperatures in the Netherlands are set to rise to 36 degrees Celsius (96.80 degrees Fahrenheit) on Wednesday in what is a second heatwave in three weeks.

The organizers have cancelled the walk, which dates back to 1909 and has around 44,000 participants from across the world.

In France, two elderly people died on Tuesday, probably also due to heat. Temperatures topped 35 Celsius (95 Fahrenheit) in the Gironde Prefecture where they have died.

An 85-year-old man died in a hospital in

Bordeaux and an 81-year-old woman who lived in the city was found dead in her home.

Both suffered from medical conditions aggravated by high temperatures, local authorities said.

A heatwave in 2003 killed some 15,000 people in France, with bodies piled up in mortuaries and unclaimed corpses buried in paupers' graves.

MNA/Reuters

## Thief compensates victim for stolen bike

BERLIN, 19 July—Police say a thief in Germany was so overcome with remorse at having stolen a bicycle, he wrote the victim a letter and fully recompensed him for the loss.

After the theft in the Bavarian village of Bidingen was reported, police in nearby Marktoberdorf made an appeal in a local paper for any witnesses to the crime to come forward.

Soon afterwards, the victim received an anonymous letter from the thief containing \$670 in cash—the exact value of the bicycle according to the police notice.

"The thief also told the man he was sorry he couldn't remember where he'd left the bike," police spokesman Gerhard Kreis said.

"He may just have been a thoroughly honest

person who saw the error of his ways. You still get them you know."

Internet

## Gunmen kill senior official in western Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 20 July—Unknown gunmen shot dead a senior official of the Iraqi Interior Ministry in western Baghdad on Wednesday, a ministry source told *Xinhua*.

Major-General Fakhri Abdul Hussein, head of legal department in the Interior Ministry, was gunned down by armed men in front of his house in Mansur District at about 7:00 am (0300 GMT), the source said on condition of anonymity.

Separately, a police source said that three coordinated explosions including a car bomb

occurred near Technology University in eastern Karradah neighbourhood, killing five people and wounding 18 others.

The attack set a nearby building ablaze and damaged two civilian cars, the source said, adding that ambulances, fire engines and Iraqi police rushed to the area to evacuate the victims and put out the fire.

Violence has persisted in Iraq despite the formation of a new national unity government in the war-torn country in late May.

MNA/Xinhua



A general view of Beijing-Guangzhou railway trunk line destroyed by flood in Shaoguan, south China's Guangdong Province, on 19 July, 2006.—INTERNET



Tourist walk past a billboard of 39th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on display near the Petronas Twin Tower in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 21 July, 2006.

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**စက်မှုပစ္စည်းအား ခေတ်တော်လွှား**

**Singapore eyes to set up ASEAN clearing and depository utility**

SINGAPORE, 20 July— The Singapore Exchange (SGX) on Wednesday proposed that a clearing and depository utility be set up within the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) to facilitate the integration of regional markets.

“The objective of the entity is to provide

clearing and custody facilities to ASEAN exchanges for cross border trading of ASEAN products by their respective brokers. The proposed entity could be jointly owned by ASEAN exchanges,” SGX Chief Executive Officer Hsieh Fu Hua said at an industry conference.

The regional utility is

also expected to help facilitate growth of securities trading within the ASEAN community, mitigate the risk faced by clearing brokers, as well as lowering costs and increasing value to customers, according to Hsieh.

“As an initial step, we could promote integration through harmonizing and aligning our market practices and standards with the international investment community,” he added.

MNA/Xinhua

**Jellyfish slow Japanese nuke plant**

Tokyo, 20 July — A mass of jellyfish forced a Japanese nuclear power plant to slow part of its output this week after the slimy creatures blocked up the plant’s seawater cooling system.

“It’s the first time we have had to lower power output because of jellyfish,” a Chubu Electric Power Co spokesman said. The water intake at Chubu Electric’s Hamaoka power plant in Shizuoka prefecture, about 150 kilometres (90 miles) southwest of Tokyo, stopped automatically on Wednesday when the slippery customers got blocked in a filtering device.

Without enough seawater coming in to the cooling system, Chubu Electric had to lower the output of two of the reactors at the plant to 60-70 percent of capacity. Output returned to normal by the evening after the company removed the jellyfish, the spokesman said. “We sometimes do the same thing when debris from typhoons sticks to the filter,” he said. No radioactive material leaked out due to the incident, he added.—Internet



Airbus 380-800 on display at Farnborough International Airshow in Farnborough, southern England, on 17 July, 2006.

INTERNET

**Five killed in gas accident in Egypt**

CAIRO, 20 July — Five women were killed in an Egyptian village on Tuesday when a small gas cylinder exploded, set fire to their house and blew out one of the walls on top of a neighbouring house, the state news agency MENA said.

The women were the wife of the owner and the wives of her two brothers in one house and a 65-year-old woman and her granddaughter in the house next door, it said.

The accident took place in Minya Province, in the Nile valley about 140 km (85 miles) south of Cairo.

MNA/Reuters

**Five killed, six missing due to flood in northern Vietnam**

HANOI, 20 July — Flood and landslide sparked by torrential rain in Vietnam’s northern provinces of Bac Can and Vinh Phuc have killed five people and left six others missing, local officials told Xinhua Wednesday.

In Bac Can, flooding and landslides have killed four people, including

three adults in a family, and left five others missing since 17 July, said an official from the provincial Storm and Flood Prevention and Rescue Committee, who identified herself Thao.

The five missing people included three schoolteachers from Ba Be District, who were swept away by strong

water flows as a boat carrying them was capsized, she added.

In Vinh Phuc, floods have killed a person and left another missing when they were collecting firewood, said an official from the provincial People’s Committee, who declined to be named.

MNA/Xinhua

**Earthquake jolts N-W China**

BEIJING, 20 July — An earthquake measuring 5.6 degrees on the Richter Scale jolted a county in northwest China’s Qinghai Province at 5:53 pm (Beijing Time) Wednesday, according to the China Seismological Bureau.

The epicentre was located in a sparsely populated pasturing area on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau at 33.0 degrees north Latitude and 96.3 degrees east Longitude, about 70 kilometres south of the county seat of Yushu.

The area was hit by another earthquake measuring 5.0 degrees on the Richter Scale on Tuesday. No casualties from both the quakes have been reported, according to the bureau.

With a population of 240,100, Yushu County is located in the

southwest of Qinghai. It is under the administration of the Yushu Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, which covers an area of 198,000 square kilo-metres or 27.5 per cent of the province’s total.—MNA/Xinhua

**15 killed in road accident in Philippines**

MANILA, 20 July — Fifteen farmers were killed and 22 others wounded in the early morning Thursday when a truck carrying them overturned on a downhill road in Negro Oriental Province, central Philippines, said local officials.

The deadly accident took place in the town of La Libertad of Negros Oriental Province as the victims were riding in a 10-wheeler truck to a market to sell their products, the officials said.

La Libertad Mayor Josie Sy-Limkaichiong said that she could not determine exactly what caused the accident up to now, but she said rains may have made the road slippery, or the driver may have fallen asleep as it was very early in the morning.

The mayor said that the municipal government would provide medical and financial needs to the victims.

MNA/Xinhua



Rescue workers use a crane to hoist the bus in the accident scene of China’s metropolis of Shanghai, on 19 July, 2006. The accident occurred Wednesday at about 6:40 pm when a 49-seat Benz bus carrying 30 people rushed out of the Hangzhou-Shanghai freeway in Songjiang District, leaving at least seven people dead and 22 others injured. Initial investigation showed that the driver’s misoperation was to blame.—INTERNET

## Poor nations 'being pushed back'

LONDON, 20 July—The world's poorest nations are at a "critical moment of transition" which threatens to push them even further behind, the United Nations has warned.

The 50 least developed countries, most of which are in Africa, lack the means to compete in a rapidly globalising world, says the UN's Unctad agency.

Unctad's latest report

says aid should be used to make poorer economies more productive and boost wealth creation.

"We need to go back to the basics," said co-author Zeljka Kozul-Wright.

"If countries do not invest in infrastructure, they are not going to sow the seeds for growth and development in future," she told the BBC News website.

According to Unctad's annual Least Developed

Countries (LDCs) report, the poorest nations achieved an overall 2004 growth rate of 5.9% — their best performance for 20 years.

But that average masks big disparities among the LDCs in terms of growth performance. At the top of the table, Chad achieved a 31% increase in GDP, while for the worst performer, Haiti, GDP shrank by 3.8%.

Internet



General view of a Security Council meeting to discuss the conflict between Israel and Lebanon at United Nations headquarters in New York on 20 July, 2006.—INTERNET



## Pakistan, India talks about illegal border crossings

ISLAMABAD, 20 July — An important meeting of Pakistan Rangers and India's Border Security Force (BSF) was underway Wednesday at Wagah border of Pakistan and India, local private Geo TV reported.

Indian team head Sri A Jain has alleged that illegal crossings of Pak-India border was continued while Pakistan officials have called the Indian allegation baseless.

Earlier, Deputy Director General of Pakistan Rangers (Punjab) Brigadier Muhammad Qaiser Khan Tareen received the Indian delegation led by BSF Deputy Inspector General Sri A Jain at the Wagah border crossing.

Tareen said that after construction of barrier at the border and searchlight monitoring it was impossible for a person to cross the border.

The meeting of Pakistani and Indian border forces officials holds extraordinary importance in the wake of postponement of the secretary level talks.

MNA/Xinhua

## Coalition soldier killed, two injured in Afghanistan

KABUL, 20 July—Firefight in Afghanistan's southern Uruzgan Province left one soldier of the US-led coalition forces dead and injured two others, a Press release of the US military said Wednesday.

"A Coalition soldier was killed while conducting combat operations in the Carhar Cineh District of Uruzgan Province on Tuesday," the Press release said.

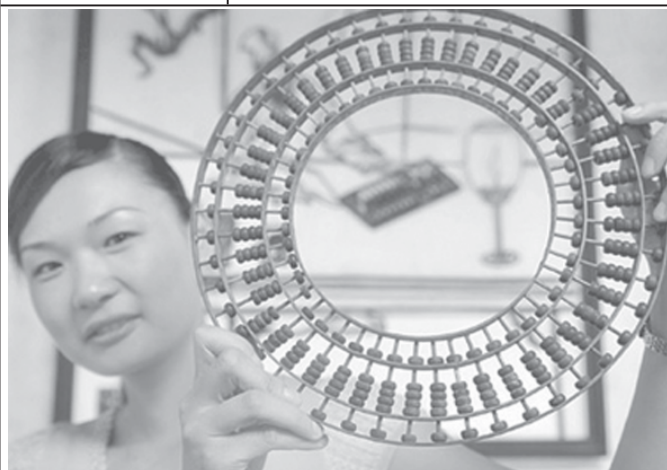
"Two Coalition soldiers were wounded in the fighting and taken to a Coalition hospital. They are listed in stable condition," it added.

However, it did not disclose the names and nationality of the soldiers.

It is the second coalition soldier killed in the volatile Uruzgan Province in the past three days.

MNA/Xinhua

In a photo provided by the Miss Universe pageant, Nadine Chandrawinata, Miss Indonesia 2006, checks out part of the national costume of Kurara Chibana, Miss Japan 2006, before the taping of the opening number for Sunday's Miss Universe pageant, on 20 July, 2006, at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.—INTERNET



A woman presents a Bagua (the Eight Diagrams) abacus of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) in Huizhou County, east China's Anhui Province, on 17 July, 2006. — INTERNET

## Gas explosion kills five in S-W China province

GUIYANG, 20 July — A gas explosion has left five people dead at a coal mine in southwest China's Guizhou Province, local authorities said Wednesday. The accident took place at about 5:50

## Peru, Russia sign nuclear cooperation agreement

LIMA, 20 July—Peru and Russia have signed an agreement to develop nuclear technology in the field of energy cooperation, Peru's Foreign Minister Oscar Mautua said on Wednesday.

This agreement will contribute to Peru's socio-economic development via energy resources that have a smaller impact on

the environment, Mautua said at a ceremony where he signed the agreement with Serguey Kirienco, the head of Russia's Federal Atomic Energy Agency.

He added that the agreement complies with the guidelines of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and avoids violation of the nuclear non-

proliferation treaty. The agreement includes joint nuclear research projects, an expert exchange programme and a technician training programme.

Russia has signed similar agreements with the United States, Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Canada, South Korea, Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Cuba.—MNA/Xinhua

## Official says China faces "serious" soil pollution

BEIJING, 20 July—China's environmental official said Tuesday China faces "serious" soil pollution that jeopardizes the ecology, food safety, people's health and the sustainable development of agriculture.

"It is estimated that nationwide 12 million tons

of grain are polluted each year by heavy metals that have found their way into soil. Direct economic losses exceed 20 billion yuan (about 2.5 billion US dollars)," said Zhou Shengxian, director of the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA).

Addressing a national video conference on soil pollution, Zhou said harmful substances in the soil are absorbed by crops. As people consume such crops, their health is at risk. "Soil pollution has worsened. According to incomplete statistics, about 150 million mu (10 million hectares) of arable land in China has been polluted," said Zhou.

China has around 1.8 billion mu (120 million hectares) of arable land.

On Tuesday, SEPA and the Ministry of Land and Resources jointly launched China's first soil pollution survey backed by a budget of one billion yuan (125 million US dollars).

The programme aims to assess soil quality across the country by analyzing the amount of heavy metals, pesticide residue and organic pollutants in the soil. Using the results of the survey, the two organizations will conduct pilot projects on rehabilitating and comprehensive treatment of polluted soil. They will also work to establish a soil quality supervision and management system.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam has investment of \$ 43m abroad

**HANOI, 20 July** — Vietnam poured over 43 million US dollars into eight projects abroad between January and mid-July, a local official told *Xinhua* on Wednesday.

The projects mainly involve in exploring and exploiting oil and gas in Singapore, growing rubber trees in Laos and building a big hospital in Cambodia, said Nguyen Anh Tuan, deputy head of the Foreign Investment Agency under the Ministry of Planning and Investment. Other destinations of the projects include

Malaysia and the United States. Vietnam, which had total investment of over 367 million dollars abroad in 2005 mainly in Laos, Russia, Cambodia and Indonesia, is expected to annually invest 200 million dollars abroad between 2006 and 2010, Tuan said.

To date, the country has granted licences to 158 overseas investment projects with a total registered capital of more than 670 million dollars in nearly 40 countries and regions. Laos has attracted most of the Vietnamese investment abroad, he noted. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Lithuania's new government sworn in

**RIGA, 20 July** — The swearing in of Lithuania's new government, led by Prime Minister Gediminas Kirkilas, was done in Parliament on Tuesday, according to reports from Vilnius.

Kirkilas' four-party coalition, with 53 seats in the 141-seat Parliament, is Lithuania's 14th since the Baltic country regained its independence and its first minority government.

Kirkilas' Social Democrats took six Cabinet posts, including the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Social Security and Labour, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Education and Science.

The National

Farmers' Union got three ministries, including the Foreign Ministry, which will be headed by Petras Vaitiekunas, who previously served as ambassador to Belarus, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Economy.

The other two parities in the coalition, the Liberal Central Union and the Civil Democratic Union

each got two ministerial portfolios.

The new government pledged to fight corruption, reverse a demographic trend that has seen Lithuania's population shrink due to low birth rates and emigration, speed up the country's infrastructure development and boost the technology of science and technology. — *MNA/Xinhua*



*A boy jumps into the water at Vienna's Schafberg swimming bath, on 20 July, 2006. A heat wave hits Austria these days with temperatures up to 37 degrees Celsius. —INTERNET*



*A Liberian vessel (Sea Victory Monrovia) sails at the Kenyan docks in the coastal city of Mombasa, on 18 July, 2006. Kenya's main port is targeting cargo business for reconstruction of southern Sudan to expand its business, and the government is planning a second port to serve northern neighbours like Ethiopia, an official said on Tuesday. —INTERNET*

## Manila tells villagers around volcano to evacuate

**MANILA, 20 July** — Philippine authorities ordered about 4,000 people to evacuate their homes and farms near an erupting volcano in the central region, disaster officials said on Tuesday.

On Friday, volcanologists raised the alert level to 3 on a 1-5 scale after 2,462-metre (8,077-foot) Mount Mayon began spewing ash and lava. The experts said Mayon, the most active of 22 volcanoes in the Southeast Asian country, was showing signs of a major eruption within weeks.

"Residents outside the danger zone were also advised to be vigilant due to risks of rockfalls and pyroclastic flows on the volcano's slopes," the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) said in a statement on Tuesday.

Phivolcs said volcanic tremors had eased but lava continued to flow from Mayon's crater, creating a stream of incandescent mud and rocks as far as 800 metres down the southeastern slope.

*MNA/Reuters*

## Canada asks Israel, Lebanon not to attack evacuation ships

**OTTAWA, 20 July** — Canada wants Israel and Lebanon to guarantee they will not attack seven ships scheduled to pick up Canadians stranded in the strife-torn country, Foreign Minister Peter MacKay said on Tuesday.

"We want assurances that those ships will be protected and afforded the utmost safety," MacKay said during an interview with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. The first of Canada's seven chartered passenger ships is scheduled to arrive at the port of Beirut on Wednesday.

Officials say that the vessels, capable of carrying an estimated 2,000 Canadians a day, are

expected to take the Canadians to Cyprus and Turkey, where chartered aircraft will take the passengers back to Canada.

Officials said the Canadian Government has dispatched a military reconnaissance squad to Lebanon to ensure the Canadians' safety and offer logistical advice.

As many as 50,000 Canadians are believed to reside in Lebanon. The bulk of them are permanent residents of Lebanon with dual citizenship and are unlikely to leave. And another estimated 5,000 Canadians are visiting relatives for the summer holidays.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Stephen Harper

rejected criticism that Canada had been slower than other countries in helping its citizens leave Lebanon. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## China to spend heavily on water treatment, recycling

**BEIJING, 20 July** — China will invest up to 300 billion yuan (37.5 billion US dollars) in urban sewage treatment and recycling during the 11th Five-Year Plan (2006-2010) period, a senior official with the Ministry of Construction has said.

Zhang Yue, deputy head of the ministry's urban construction department, told *Xinhua* that China will further open its water sector to foreign and private capitals to raise the necessary funds.

In a document released last December, the Chinese Government said by 2010, 70 per cent of the waste water in Chinese cities must be treated before being discharged into the environment.

Zhang said the Ministry of Construction has in collaboration with the National Development and Reform Commission and the State Environmental Protection Administration drafted a plan for urban sewage treatment and recycling between 2006 and 2010. The plan is expected to be approved by the State Council soon, he said.

According to the plan, major cities must have 80 per cent of their sewage treated by 2010. For medium and small cities, the rate should be between 60 to 70 per cent.

*MNA/Xinhua*



*A shop owner tries to salvage anything of value from his shop destroyed in a bomb attack, on 20 July, 2006, in Kirkuk, 290 kilometers (180 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq. Late Wednesday a car bomb exploded in a popular market in Kirkuk, killing one civilian and wounding seven others, police Brig Sarhat Qadir said. —INTERNET*

# Adding glory to Mongla

Myint Soe (Na-ta-la)

I find happiness every time I compare the scenes of the photos taken at border areas before 1989 and the ones shot at the time of development at present. Photos that were taken in 1989 and 1990 documented the birth of the history of border area development. The photos I got from U Than Aung of the Information and Public Relations Department five years

ago were old but, as valuable as gold for me. The photographer took those pictures in 1990, during his trip to Namtit region in northern Shan State, Mongla and Silu regions in eastern Shan State when he went there together with a team of UNDP staff. Namtit then was just a hamlet. His photos show a car bogged down in the muddy village entrance road and

the village which had only 14 or 15 houses. His significant shots at Mongla village included a picture in which U Sai Lin, the national race leader of Special Region 4, passing a bamboo bridge over a creek at the entrance to the village together with visitors. The photographer also recorded villagers of Silu warmly welcoming the team. All those pictures were taken 16 years ago. But during

under the arrangement of Public Relations Subcommittee, a subordinate body of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races. The documentary shot during the trip was broadcast by TV Myanmar in a feature under the title -The bloom on Thanlwin River bank. The development momentum of Mongla region reached new

and the whole Shan State (East) Special Region 4 was globally declared an Opium Free Zone in April 1997, a result of six years of efforts to beef up alternative farming programmes in the area. Large farms the region is running with aims to export stand witness to the fact that the programmes are going strong till today. Border areas including Mongla region are now gaining rapid progress. But how are we going to maintain the sound foundations of their rapid progress? Who will continue to shape the future of border areas? They are no other persons than the national races of Myanmar. The government on its part has been running 27 nationalities youth development schools and 34 vocational training schools for women in the border areas and one Nationalities Youth Resource

College in Yangon or Mandalay. Vocational schools are being run to improve the living conditions of nationality girls and women and to ensure their secure life. Youths who have completed arts, science and engineering diploma courses from one of the two degree colleges are discharging duties under various ministries for development of their own regions. The Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs has been making arrangements for the qualified students of the degree colleges to attend B Tech course, master of arts course or master of science course. In the near future, those students will have the opportunity to pursue PhD courses.

Border Area Nationalities Youth Technical School opened on 9 July 2006 is one of

Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, the Director-General of Education and Training Department of the PBANRDA Ministry, that is running the school, national race leaders of the Special Region and others.

Thirty-eight trainees are attending the three six-month courses — basic civil engineering course, electrical engineering and welding course, and mechanic course — at the school free of charge. In addition, the government bears all the expenses of the courses. The school helps define the government's goodwill towards national race youths and in shaping the future of border areas.

Mongla region is the first to be



The opening ceremony of the Border Area Nationalities Youth Technical School in progress.

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those 16 years, hamlets like Mongla and Namtit have become modern border towns enjoying progress and prosperity. The muddy entrance road to Namtit has become a tarred one, and Mongla Town and the grand Shwepyithar Bridge have taken the place of Mongla village and the bamboo bridge. It was 1997 that an information team visited Mongla region

heights in 1997. Mongla Town was complete with pagodas, a Buddhism museum, a middle school (now upgraded into a high school), a 50-bed hospital and a TV retransmission station. Near the town was the Wanton Dam. The main market was under construction and hotel services were gaining momentum for development. The Drug Elimination Museum has been an honour to Mongla,



Border Area Nationalities Youth Technical School.

Development Degree College each in Yangon and Mandalay for human resources development.

A student who passes the matriculation examination from any one of the nationalities youth development schools may attend the Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree

the endeavours the government has been making to develop human resources of the hinterlands. It is the first such school ever built in the border regions. The opening ceremony was attended by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle

internationally proclaimed as an Opium Free Zone. It is a place fully enjoying the fruits of peace and stability and rapid development. Hence, we can say that the Border Area Nationalities Youth Technical School adds glory to Mongla region. (Translation: TMT)

**It was 1997 that an information team visited Mongla region under the arrangement of Public Relations Subcommittee, a subordinate body of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races. The documentary shot during the trip was broadcast by TV Myanmar under the title -The bloom on Thanlwin River bank.**



*Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveils the stone inscription of Mindat-Matupi tarred road (102-mile). — MNA*

**With all infrastructures built by State, people of Chin State are...**

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another by the government. In Chin State (South) Mindat-Kyauktu-Pauk Road has also been upgraded. Therefore, one can travel from Mindat to Pakokku in a half day. And one can also travel from Pakokku to Anawrahta Bridge across Ayeyawady River and then to other states

its bright future. With all the infrastructures built by the State, the people of Chin State are urged to strive for the improvement of their livelihood and regional development. All in all, he said, as Mindat-Matupi Road has been upgraded, one can travel from Mindat to Matupi only in six hours although it took about five days in the past. Pakokku can also be reached in a day. Due to the launch of bus lines to run along the route to Mindat, Matupi and Pakokku, economic, social, health and education sectors of local people will improve. So, all

**As Mindat-Matupi Road has been upgraded, one can travel from Mindat to Matupi in six hours although it took about five days in the past.**

In conclusion, the commander thanked those who put their energy to the road construction and urged the local residents to maintain the road.

In his speech Construction Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun said as part of the government's efforts for the transportation sector, the 102-mile long Mindat-Matupi tarred road was inaugurated. A total distance of roads in Myanmar has increased from 13,635 miles in 1988 to 19,021 miles in 2006. In Chin State, after the construction of the Mindat-Matupi Road, the total distance of earthen and tarred roads reaches 1,062 miles. In Chin State, there are four main roads — the 70-mile long Haka-Gangaw Road, the 173-mile long Haka-Matupi Road, the 115-mile long Kalay-Haka Road and the 102-mile long Mindat-Matupi Road. Haka-Gangaw Road will also be upgraded this year to become an all-weather facility, the minister said.

Meanwhile, bridges on the state's roads will also be renovated and upgraded. Bar Bridge on Kalay-Falam-Haka Road has been upgraded and will be inaugurated this year.

Although it was a five-day journey from Mindat to Matupi in the past, now it will take only 6 hours due to the newly inaugurated 102-mile long tarred road. Moreover, living and education standards of residents in Chin State will improve, the minister said.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveiled the stone inscription of the Mindat-Matupi Road.

Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Construction Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Chin State Peace and Development Council Vice-Chairman Col Hsan Aung formally opened the road.

The second and third sessions of the Mindat-Matupi Road opening ceremony were also held at mile post Nos 70/0 and 56/0 of the road and Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Col Hsan Aung formally opened the road. After the opening ceremony, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party pose for documentary photos together with local people.

The 50-mile long road section of Mindat-Matupi Road was tarred in 2005-2006 and the section from mile post Nos 50/0 to 102/0 was upgraded in 2006-2007 fiscal year. — MNA



*Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Vice-Chairman of Chin State PDC Col Hsan Aung formally open Mindat-Matupi tarred road. — MNA*

and divisions.

Likewise, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said, Chin State (North) is now in a position to get easy access to other states and divisions via Haka-Gangaw exit and Kalay-

the people of Chin State are to participate in the efforts for nation-building tasks with Union Spirit and maintain the road, he urged.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye



*Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye speaks at the opening ceremony of Mindat-Matupi tarred road (102-mile) in Chin State. — MNA*



*Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun speaking at the opening ceremony of Mindat-Matupi tarred road (102-mile) in Chin State. — MNA*

Kalewa-Yagyi-Monywa exit. The government has been encouraging Chin State to boost cultivation of paddy, maize grains and tea and carry out sericulture. Necessary assistance is being rendered to Chin State to become a state of tea. Besides, the government has given all necessary assistance to boost breeding domesticated wild oxen. That is why Chin State has potential to have

said the 102-mile long tarred road section of Mindat-Matupi Road links Chin State (South) and Matupi. The road was 16 ft wide and earthen one until 1988 and could be used only in the open season in the past.

In 2004-2005 fiscal year, the road was divided into four sections and upgraded by road construction special groups, he said.



*A local resident expresses thanks. — MNA*



## Industry-2 Ministry exerts effort to develop new farm implements

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin and officials met with staff of No 2 Agricultural Machinery Factory (Malun) in Minhla Township, Magway Division, on 17 July. General Manager U Thein Aung reported on production of the factory for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to the minister.

The minister urged the officials and staff to exert their utmost efforts to develop advanced farm implements and natural gas-run tractors. Later, the officials conducted the minister around the factory.

On 18 July, the minister and party went to Pakokku Industrial Region of the Ministry of Industry-2 in Myaing Township. At the briefing hall, Project Director U Tin Htut Aung of Myanmar Industrial Construction Services explained construction of Machine Tools Factory to the minister. The minister later called upon the officials to complete the work on schedules.

Next, Managing-Director U Oo Zun of Myanmar Tyre and Rubber Industries reported on cultivation of fibre nut in the industrial region to the minister. The minister and party inspected the sites to build factories, and the officials also conducted them around the industrial region.—MNA

## Low-fare taxi service opens on July 23

YANGON, 21 July — Chairman of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council and Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspected Parami Taxis to be put into service in Yangon in front of the meeting hall of Yangon Command Headquarters this evening.

Bandoola Transport Co Ltd will use Sonata III CNG taxis manufactured by Hyundai Motor Company.

The commander instructed officials to make arrangements for



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects CNG-run taxis of Bandoola Transport Col Ltd. — MNA

enabling the public and students to take taxis at low fare and to place emphasis on secure and smooth transport.

Parami taxis will transport passengers with charging K 100 for every mile. The taxi service will be launched from Parami

Highway Bus Terminal in South Okkalapa Township at 6 am on 23 July.

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## Talks on Child Cancer given

YANGON, 21 July — Yangon North District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee organized a ceremony to present membership applications in conjunction with a ceremony to give educative talks on Child Cancer and Reproductive Organs Cancer at Kanaung hall in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone this afternoon.

Daw Mar Mar Wai, chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC

attended the ceremony and made a speech.

Daw Saw Shwe, chairperson of Yangon North District MCWSC presented membership applications to Daw Mar Mar Wai.

Later, Paediatrician Dr Daw Khin Saw Yi and Obstetrics and Gynaecologist Dr Daw Aye Aye Shwe of Insein Hospital gave talks on child cancer and reproductive organs cancer.

Daw Mar Mar Wai also inspected the delivery

room of Shwepyitha Township MCWA and met expectant mothers there. And she provided cash and kind to them.

The chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC and party went to Pre-primary School in Shwelinban Industrial Zone, Hlinethaya Township and presented umbrellas to the children.

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Daw Mar Mar Wai speaking at a ceremony to give health educative talks. — MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife being welcomed by Egyptian Ambassador Mr Mohamed Mohamed Minessy and wife at the reception to mark the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt on 21-7-2006. — MNA



## MWAF organizes educative talks

YANGON, 21 July — With the sponsorship of the education sub-working group of the social and cultural working committee under Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and the Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization, the educative talks were held at the Youth Training Centre (Kyaikwaing) of the Social Welfare Department this afternoon.

It was attended by Secretary of the sub-working group Dr Khin Mar Aye and members, Secretary of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Swè Khin Mar Win and members, chairpersons of district/township/ward women's affairs organizations and members. Secretary of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Swè Khin Mar Win extended greetings. Secretary of the sub-working group Dr Khin Mar Aye and member Dr Khin Thet Myaing gave talks.—MNA



## Minister for Electric Power No (2) receives Chinese guest

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July — Minister for Electric Power No (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Mr Zaho Ruolin, Chairman of China National Electric Equipment Corporation at the ministry, here, yesterday morning.

Also present at the call were the Director-General of Electric Power Department and the Managing Director of Electric Power Supply Enterprise.—MNA

Secretary Dr Khin Mar Aye of Health Sub-Working Group gives talks on health.

MNA

## Coord meeting of Energy Ministry held

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July — A coordination meeting to increase the production of chemical fertilizer run by the factories of Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy was held at the meeting hall of the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening with an address by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi.

Also present were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay, the director-general, managing directors, directors, factory managers and officials.

In his address, the minister gave instructions on producing chemical fertilizer to meet the target

during the 2006/07 fiscal year and running of factories at full capacity. He heard the reports on progress of maintenance works and production of chemical fertilizer presented by officials

concerned.

Next, the deputy minister, the director-general and officials gave supplementary reports. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the minister. — MNA

## Information Minister receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Chairman Mr Bernard Chen Tien Lap of

Ntegrator Pte Ltd and party at the minister's office this evening.

Also present were the directors-general and managing

directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry, deputy director-general and head of office.

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Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meets Chairman Mr Bernard Chen Tien Lap of Ntegrator Pte Ltd. — MNA

## Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) nearing completion

Article and photo: Thaug Win Bo

The Ayeyawady River is the artery in Myanmar. In Myitkyina of Kachin State, Bala Min Htin Bridge was built across Ayeyawady River that originated from northernmost of Myanmar. Furthermore, other bridges built across Ayeyawady River are Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway) in Magway, Anawrahta Bridge in Chauk, Nawade Bridge in Pyay, Bo Myat Tun Bridge near Nyaungdon, Maubin Bridge in Maubin and Dedaye Bridge in Dedaye. At present, the 8th bridge

over Ayeyawady River namely Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) is nearing completion.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) linking Khawadaw Ward of Mandalay and Tagaung Ward of Sagaing is under construction at the place, 2,000 feet upstream from the existing Inwa Bridge.

Inwa Bridge is situated in the strategic point of the central area of Myanmar. So far, Inwa Bridge has been in service for about 70 years after its opening in 1934. Since 1992, over 15-ton loaded vehicles have not been

permitted to pass through the bridge for its durability. Therefore, vehicles in excess of the permitted load pass through the river by Z-craft.

To overcome difficulties of transport sector, construction tasks of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) Project on Mandalay bank commenced on 30 October 2001 after the stake driving ceremony. Likewise, construction of the bridge on Sagaing bank started on 26 November 2002. At present, the bridge is

nearly complete due to concerted efforts of both construction teams on Mandalay and Sagaing banks.

According to the decision of the Special Projects Implementation Committee Meeting 1/99, engineers from Public Works under the Ministry of Construction drew the design of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) that can withstand earthquake jolts, by conducting detailed survey of the axis, soil test and possible earthquakes.

(See page 11)



Progress of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) construction project seen from Sagaing bank on 7-7-2006.

## Return Journey to Upper Land

- \* My birthplace, my land  
With yearning to be there sometime  
My mind gets worn out severally  
Though it's not worlds apart  
I, from the Upper Land  
Have been roaming  
The Lower Land, lower place  
Arriving to make money  
Lower Myanmar with great beauty  
Made me fall in love  
Far apart from Upper Land
- \* As the occasion allowed  
Headed for birthplace, Upper Land  
With the one who's ever at my side  
My spouse likened to a lass  
I made the journey  
'Cause I was in Yangon most of the time  
Feel odd when I go elsewhere  
The road may sometimes be rough  
Let her see what she might  
To make the journey up complete  
I put in my all.
- \* However,  
Journey to Upper Land  
Was smooth as could be  
'Twas as if in Yangon  
A cushy ride in the coach  
Beside the route, its environs  
Were full of emerald green fields  
And the woodlands of same colour  
Their freshness gladdens me  
'Cause this journey brought happiness  
Wanting to see how beloved spouse  
Of low land abode was feeling  
Took half a glance and  
Caught a face brimming with a smile

Shoon Mya Aung (Trs)

## Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) ...

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The bridge will be 3,675 feet long. Inwa Bridge is 3,948 feet in length. Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) will have two 367.5 feet bridge spans, three 735 feet spans and two 367.5 feet spans. The approach bridge on Mandalay bank will be 1,140 feet long and the approach bridge on Sagaing side, 780 feet long. Hence, the total length of the bridge will be 5,614 feet. The bridge will have a 49 feet wide four-lane motorway flanked by six feet wide walkways. Its clearance will be 700 feet wide and 40 feet high. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

Steel frames for the bridge were imported from the People's

Republic of China. Myanmar engineers built the bridge that can endure the wind speed of 90 miles per hour.

The lower structure of the bridge was built with five feet diameter reinforced concrete piles. The approach bridge section was constructed with 280 piles and the main structure of the bridge with 191.

Both approach bridges are supported with 28 pillars and the main bridge with eight piers. The upper structure is of reinforced concrete beams and floor.

The main bridge has been installed with arch steel frames and reinforced concrete floor. The arch steel frame is 49 metres high and its span is 224 metres wide.

Therefore, Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) will be the widest span facility among the bridges constructed with iron frames in the country.

Upon completion, Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) will contribute not only towards better transport of large vehicles from Mandalay to Monywa, Shwebo, Gangaw, Kalay, Myitkyina and other towns through Sagaing at any time but also toward smooth and speedy flow of commodities. Therefore, Myanmar engineers of Public Works are striving day in, day out for completion of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) before December 2006.

Translation: TTA



Rorbert Lee, late Hong Kong movie star Bruce Lee's younger brother, poses in front of Bruce's statue during its inauguration ceremony at Avenue of Stars tourist spot in Hong Kong Thursday, on 20 July, 2006. The ceremony marked the 33rd anniversary of the death of the Hong Kong film and martial arts legend.—INTERNET

## Spain, FAO sign agreement on fighting hunger

MADRID, 21 July — The Spanish Government on Wednesday signed an agreement totalling 25 million euros (31.25

million US dollars) with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to fund joint anti-hunger projects.

The agreement, signed at the end of the first Joint Spain-FAO Commission meeting, commits 8 million euros (10 million dollars) to be given to the Spain-FAO Latin American and Caribbean Trust Fund.

The joint com-mission also promised about 9

million euros (11.25 million dollars) for new joint projects and reviewed a series of other ventures that are currently underway, such as food security projects in Mauritania, Mali and Central America; water projects in Africa's Burkina Faso, Guinea, Senegal and Mali; the Mediterranean fishing project; and an Egyptian anti-bird-flu project.

MNA/Xinhua

## Drug mistakes injure 1.5 million in US every year

WASHINGTON, 21 July — Medication errors hurt 1.5 million people every year in the United States and cost at least 3.5 billion US dollars, according to a report issued on Thursday.

If hospitals, clinics and other providers owned up to each and every mistake, it would help to keep track of and eventually reduce them, and systems such as electronic prescribing would also help, the Institute of Medicine report said.

"Medication errors are among the most common medical errors, harming at least 1.5 million people every year," the institute said in a statement.

Such mistakes kill at least 7,000 people a year, according to the institute, an independent, non-profit organization that advises the federal government on health issues.

"The extra medical costs of treating drug-related injuries occurring in hospitals alone conservatively amount to 3.5 billion US dollars a year, and this estimate does not take into account lost wages and productivity or additional health care costs," the institute added.

One example — a Denver hospital gave a newborn infant a tenfold overdose of penicillin in case it had been infected with syphilis from its mother in 1996.

Nurses balked at

giving the baby five injections so administered the medicine in what turned out to be an unusual and improper way — intravenously. The baby died, and the autopsy showed it did not have syphilis and never needed the treatment in the first place.

"This case illustrates that medication errors are almost never the fault of a single practitioner or caused by the failure of a single element," the report said. — MNA/Reuters

## Building collapse kills over 50 in Lagos

LAGOS, 21 July — More than 50 people were killed in a collapsed building in Lagos, Nigeria, officials said here on Wednesday.

Ani Baba, an official of Lagos State Ambulance Services told reporters that more than 50 corpses had been recovered from the collapsed building and deposited at the mortuaries in Gbagada, Ikeja and Lagos Island general hospitals.

According to him, scores of people were still trapped under the debris.

Olubode Ojajuni, public relations officer of the Lagos State Police

Command, told Xinhua that the tragedy occurred at about 7pm (1800 GMT) Tuesday, adding that 45 persons were rescued so far.

There was no "inkling of the incident", an eyewitness said, adding that over 120 people were trapped in the rubble, many of them were children and their mothers as well as many customers in a restaurant, salon and six other shops on the ground floor of the building. So far, the immediate cause of the incident has not been immediately ascertained.

MNA/Xinhua



A traditional Venetian gondola passes between narrow boats in the Little Venice area in London on 21 July, 2006. The gondola "Rosanna" has been restored to full working order after 30 years on the canals of Venice in Italy, and is now being used on the canals in central west London this weekend for leisure transportation. —INTERNET

## Five 1,000-year-old wells discovered in E China

NANCHANG, 21 July — Chinese archaeologists have discovered five 1,000-year-old wells in Ji'an City, east China's Jiangxi Province.

Many items used in sacrificial ceremonies and carved bricks dating back to the Tang Dynasty (618-907) and the Northern Song Dynasty (960-1127) were unearthed from the mud-filled wells.

The wells, from five to 11 metres deep, were found at a construction site of a new building for the Ji'an Hotel. Archaeologists arrived immediately on receiving the news and carried out excavations and protection of the site.

The most valuable items unearthed were 30 well-preserved porcelain articles made in the famous Jizhou kiln of the Tang Dynasty. — MNA/Xinhua

## India, South Africa, Brazil to explore business cooperation

DURBAN, 21 July — India, South Africa and Brazil are expected to explore regulations for small businesses and access to finance and technology support at a summit as part of their trilateral cooperation to be held here next month. The summit, from 23 to 25 August, will involve India's National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), South Africa's Small Enterprise Development Agency (Seda) and Brazilian Micro and Small Businesses Support Service (Sebrae).

Speaking to reporters in Pretoria, NSIC Director Arun Kumar said they envisaged sharing expertise to ensure the transition of small businesses, currently in the second economy, to the mainstream economy.

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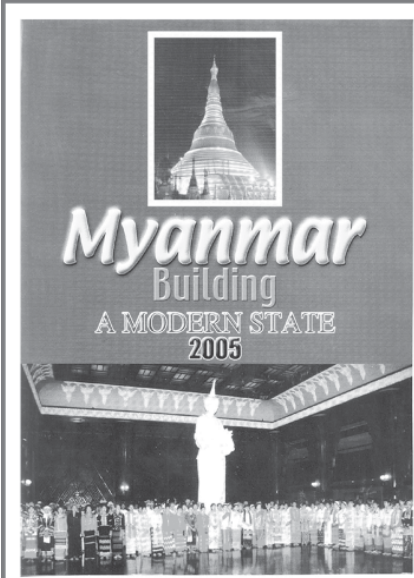
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**Annan urges quick end to Israel-Lebanon fighting**

UNITED NATIONS, 21 July — Fighting between Israel and Hizbollah is weakening Lebanon's government while doing little or nothing to undermine popular support for Hizbollah in Lebanon, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Thursday.  
In a speech to the UN Security Council, Annan called for an immediate end to the fighting and proposed sending an international force to southern Lebanon to bolster the Lebanese Army so it can fully deploy along the

border with Israel, where Hizbollah fighters now have de facto control.  
But Israeli UN Ambassador Dan Gillerman said Israel would not stop fighting until it had achieved its goals while US Ambassador John Bolton said he could not see how a government could reach an agreement with a "terrorist group" such as Hizbollah.  
"We have no timeline," Gillerman said. "Diplomacy can take off only after terror has been taken care of." He scolded Annan for not mentioning the role of Syria or Iran in the crisis.  
Bolton said a Syrian Government decision to bar veteran UN Middle East envoy Terje Roed

Larsen from travelling to Damascus was frustrating the Security Council's efforts to get a complete picture of the crisis in order to help resolve it.  
"Now we see more clearly the role Syria has been playing in frustrating efforts to bring this to a conclusion," Bolton said.  
Annan accused Hizbollah of holding "an entire nation hostage" by abducting Israeli troops and firing rockets on Israel. He condemned Israel for using excessive force in Lebanon, which he said weakened the Beirut government, killed innocent people and was wrecking the country.  
The Secretary-General said the two

Israeli soldiers captured by Hizbollah on 12 July should be transferred to the Beirut government under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross, with a view to their return to Israel and a ceasefire.  
Annan later was to brief US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on the findings of the UN mission he sent to the region last weekend.  
He said a quick end to the fighting would allow aid workers to reach those in need and would "give diplomacy the chance to work out a practical package of actions that would provide a lasting solution to the current crisis".  
MNA/Reuters

**Singapore launches new staff training programme for SMEs**

SINGAPORE, 20 July— Singapore launched a new staff training programme for local small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) Wednesday, as announced by Minister for Trade and Industry Lim Hng Kiang. Speaking at a local forum, Lim said that the programme, called SME Training for Enhanced Performance and Upgrade (Step-UP), is expected to benefit some

600 workers from 100 SMEs in the first year.  
A joint effort between Singapore's Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board (SPRING) and the Workforce Development Agency, the programme will "identify and plug training gaps while emphasizing industry and occupational skills that are immediately applicable to the work-

place," according to Lim.  
He also announced at the forum that the government and industry associations have jointly committed 60 million Singapore dollars (about 38 million US dollars) to invigorate 10 strategic industries including logistics, furniture, fashion, infocomm technology and precision engineering.  
MNA/Xinhua

**Italy spy chief denies role in CIA kidnapping**

ROME, 20 July— The head of Italy's military intelligence agency on Wednesday defended himself and colleagues being investigated for their possible role in the alleged CIA kidnapping of a terrorism suspect in Milan.  
Nicolo Pollari told a closed-door meeting of the Senate Defence Committee that the Sismi intelligence agency had "nothing to do with illegal acts" and would not break the law to help foreign agents.  
The comments, relayed to reporters by the

committee's chairman, were Pollari's first known response since prosecutors questioned him on Saturday over Sismi's possible role helping the CIA abduct a Muslim cleric in Milan and fly him to Egypt.  
The suspect, an Egyptian named Hassan Mustafa Osama Nasr, says he was tortured there under interrogation.  
"General Pollari said calmly that our secret services did not violate the law, even in situations that can be defined as border-line," Senator Sergio De Gregorio, the

defence committee's chairman, told reporters.  
De Gregorio added that although Sismi cooperated with foreign agents, it would not do so with "projects that were against the law".  
Twenty-six Americans, most believed to be CIA agents, face arrest warrants over the Nasr case.  
Pollari declined to speak with reporters as he left the hearing.  
MNA/Reuters

**ICRC concerned about humanitarian situation in Lebanon**

GENEVA, 20 July— The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said here on Wednesday that it was "extremely concerned" about the grave consequences Israeli

military action was causing on civilians in Lebanon.  
"Hundreds of civilians in Lebanon have been killed or wounded, and it remains difficult to organize medical

evacuations and to maintain health services," the ICRC's director of operations, Pierre Krahenbuhl, told reporters at a Press conference.  
MNA/Xinhua

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A 5.4-metre long praying mantis robot is displayed at Marunouchi square in Tokyo on 21 July, 2006.—INTERNET

## 5th World Water Congress to open in Beijing in September

BEIJING, 20 July—The Fifth World Water Congress is to be held 10-14 September this year in Beijing, the first time China has hosted the most important conference for the world water industry, said Wang Tiehong, general secretary of the organizing committee.

This year's Congress will focus on water resource management, safety of drinking water, sustainable water use and the harmony between the

water environment and humans, Wang said.

Seminars and forums will also be held for overseas participants about the challenges facing China's water resources and its laws and policies relevant to the industry.

There will also be an exhibition of advanced techniques, equipment and engineering technology in water-processing areas, Wang added.

This year's Congress is co-hosted by China's

Ministry of Construction and the International Water Association (IWA). Wang Guangtao, the Chinese Minister of Construction, will be the president of the organizing committee.

The IWA is the most authoritative association in the world water industry. Its mission is to provide creative, practical and sustainable solutions for water crisis and consumption.

MNA/Xinhua

## Nearly 100 injured as cruise ship tilts in US

WASHINGTON, 20 July — At least 93 people were injured, 16 of them seriously, when a cruise ship listed sharply off Port Canaveral, Florida, on Tuesday, media reports said on Wednesday.

Two victims were airlifted to local hospitals, and 10 ambulances, three helicopters, four buses and mass-casualty trailers were on hand as the vessel arrived at the port, CNN reported.

Some passengers suffered broken bones, Rosalyn Postel, spokeswoman for port, was quoted as saying.

The New York-bound ship, the *Crown Princess*, developed a problem with its rudder, causing it to take a "heavy roll," listing hard to one side about two hours after its departure from Port Canaveral, the Coast Guard said.

All 3,100 passengers and 1,200 crew members aboard the 113,000-ton ship were accounted for, according to the *Associated Press*.

Some passengers said the ship was already tilting Tuesday morning, even before the sudden roll to the side, the *Associated Press* reported.

The ship, which was on a nine-day Western Caribbean cruise and had been scheduled to return to New York on Thursday, would remain at Canaveral Port for several days, and the Coast Guard planned to inspect it Wednesday. Princess Cruise Lines, which operated the ship, said it was investigating what caused the severe list. — MNA/Xinhua



Male Sumatran tiger Rokan lays in the grass while eating his breakfast at the US National Zoo in Washington, on 20 July, 2006. Tigers have 40 percent less habitat than they did a decade ago, due to intense poaching and the rise of an Asian middle class that puts pressure on the big cats and their environment, wildlife experts said on Thursday.—INTERNET

## Pakistan's export register 14.4% growth in fiscal 2005-06

ISLAMABAD, 20 July — Pakistan's exports in the fiscal year of 2005-06 (July 2005-June 2006) were recorded at 16.469 billion US dollars, showing an increase of 14.4 per cent over last fiscal year's 14.391 billion dollars, according to trade figures released on Wednesday.

The fiscal 2005-06 also witnessed the imports of 28.581 billion dollars, an increase of 38.8 per cent over last year, the state-run APP news agency reported.

MNA/Xinhua

## Four naval warships on stand by to evacuate Indians in Lebanon

NEW DELHI, 20 July — Four warships of the Indian Navy have been kept stand-by off the Mediterranean coast of Lebanon to carry out evacuation of 12,000 Indian nationals living in that country, if the situation so warrants in the wake of increased Israeli military action.

Destroyer *INS Mumbai*, guided-missile frigates *INS Betwa* and *INS Brahmaputra* and the auxiliary fleet tanker *INS Shakti* have been moved to the Lebanese coast to evacuate Indian nationals, Navy sources said.

The sources said the possible evacuation would be worked by the government with Israeli authorities.— MNA/PTI

## Drug industry laments G-8 failure on vaccine plan

LONDON, 20 July — World leaders missed a major opportunity to boost basic health in poor countries this week when G-8 leaders failed to adopt a lead vaccine for a novel advance purchase scheme, drug companies said on Tuesday.

The Group of Eight major powers had originally hoped to select a lead project for an advanced market commitment (AMC) programme when leaders met in St Petersburg.

But rows over funding

meant the proposal never got off the ground.

"This is a missed opportunity to take a concrete step to help the world's poorest communities," Harvey Bale, director-general of the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations in Geneva, said in a statement.

Drug manufacturers have supported the AMC concept as a way to guarantee a market for vaccines for use in developing countries,

which otherwise would not be commercially viable.

Under the scheme, governments would guarantee purchase of a specified number of treatments for a disease, at a pre-set price, for which all companies supplying an effective vaccine would be eligible. The first advance market commitment would have been used to promote development of a vaccine for pneumococcal disease.— MNA/Reuters



A model showcases a costume during a 'Bride and Groom' fashion show in New Delhi, on 20 July, 2006.

INTERNET

## SPORTS

## Zidane, Materazzi fined, banned by FIFA

ZURICH, 21 July — Former France captain Zinedine Zidane and Italy defender Marco Materazzi were both fined and banned by FIFA on Thursday after the head-butting incident that marred the World Cup final.

Zidane, who has retired as a player, was fined 7,500 Swiss francs (6,014 US dollars) and handed a three-match ban by FIFA's five-man disciplinary committee following his red card for head-butting Materazzi in Berlin on 9 July.

As he is no longer a player, he offered to undertake three days of community service on FIFA's behalf as part of their humanitarian activities, which the committee accepted.

The Italian defender, who admitted insulting Zidane, provoking the Frenchman's head-butt, was handed a two-match ban and fined 5,000 Swiss francs (4,010 US dollars). He attended a hearing last Friday, but his sentence has been fiercely criticized in Italy. The bans apply to international competitive matches, even though it is a symbolic ban for Zidane who has confirmed he has no intention of reversing his decision to retire.

Materazzi will miss Italy's opening two Euro 2008 qualifiers against Lithuania on 2 September and, ironically, France on 6 September.

"In their statements, both players stressed that Materazzi's comments had been defamatory but not

of a racist nature," a FIFA statement said.

"During the course of their hearings both players also apologized to FIFA for their inappropriate behaviour and expressed their regret at the incident."

MNA/Reuters

### Sports marketing pioneer McCormack voted on to Hall of Fame

HOYLAKE (England), 20 July — The late Mark McCormack, once dubbed the most powerful man in sport, will become a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame on 30 Oct as part of the class of 2006, officials said on Wednesday.

A pioneer of the sports marketing industry and founder of golf's official world rankings, McCormack was selected through the lifetime achievement category by the World Golf Foundation (WGF) board of directors selection committee.

McCormack, whose signing of Arnold Palmer in 1960 ushered in his International Management Group (IMG) company, died on 16 May, 2003 after failing to recover from a heart attack.

"Without him professional golfers would not enjoy the rewards they get today," Hall of Fame

### Brazil suddenly face coach, player shortage

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 July — Coach Carlos Alberto Parreira's departure on Wednesday has left Brazil suddenly facing a shortage of coaches and players to choose from as they set about rebuilding after their World Cup failure.

On the coaching front, Vanderlei Luxemburgo and Paulo Autuori appear to be the only obvious candidates and even they come with question marks hanging over them.

As for players, Parreira's faith in his ageing team over the last two years has given little

chance for new faces to emerge in the national team.

Luxemburgo's record at club level, which includes five Brazilian championship titles with four different clubs, makes him the obvious choice.

But the coach has already had one bite at the cherry, a disastrous two-year spell which ended with him being sacked after a humiliating loss to nine-man Cameroon at the 2000 Olympic Games.

During his tenure Luxemburgo became the centre of an investigation over his tax returns and was later found to have adulterated his age, making himself three years younger than he really was.

He also fell out with Ronaldinho — now the world's number one player. —MNA/Reuters

member and former Royal and Ancient Golf Club (R&A) secretary Michael Bonallack told a news conference at Hoylake on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

### Manchester City sign striker Coradi from Valencia

LONDON, 21 July — Valencia's Italian striker Bernardo Corradi has joined Manchester City, the Premier League club said on Thursday.

The 30-year-old signed a three-year contract for an undisclosed fee, City said on their official website. Reports in Spain put the fee at around 1.5 million euros (1.9 million US dollars).

"I'm delighted to have secured Bernardo, he is a player I've been looking at for some time and think he will be a terrific acquisition for this football club," City manager Stuart Pearce told the website.

Corradi, a former Italy international, said: "I hope to bring all my enthusiasm to Manchester City and I want to show everyone that I want to work hard now and during the season with my teammates. I want to do well here."

The Italian joined Valencia from Lazio in 2004, but was loaned out last season to Parma for whom he scored 10 goals.

MNA/Reuters



Rabobank's team rider Denis Menchov of Russia (R) and team mate Mickael Rasmussen of Denmark (L), wearing the climber's jersey, cycle past the finish line after the 17th stage of the 93rd Tour de France cycling race between Saint-Jean-De-Maurienne and Morzine, on 20 July, 2006. —INTERNET

### Safin stunned, Haas progress at Indianapolis event

WASHINGTON, 21 July — Two-time Grand Slam winner Marat Safin suffered a shock exit at the RCA Championships on Wednesday in Indianapolis, falling in straight sets to world No 512 Wesley Whitehouse of South Africa.

Safin, seeded 16th, lost in 6-1, 6-4 to the 27-year-old journeyman, who has won only two matches this season at the ATP level.

Fifth-seeded Tommy Haas easily advanced to the third round after defeating George Bastl of Switzerland 6-3, 6-3.

The victory gave Haas a 31-12 record this year, including tournament victories at Delray Beach and Memphis. He is currently 21st in the ATP Tour rankings, only two matches short of his victory total for all of last year.

Two more Russians advanced as Igor Kunitsyn ousted Germany's Lars Burgsmuller 7-5, 6-2 and seventh-seeded Dmitry Tursunov advanced when German Benjamin Becker quit with heat exhaustion. Tursunov led 6-3, 5-7, 2-1 when Becker called it a day.

Belgium's Xavier Malisse, seeded 11th, used a strong serve to oust Lee Hyung-taik of South Korea, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1.

Malisse had 12 aces while winning 76 per cent (29-of-36) of his first serve points.

In the day's another big upset, No. 6 seed Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia and ranked 22 in the world was upset by Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark, 6-3, 6-3. Carlsen, No. 123 in the ATP rankings, saved 10 of 11 break points during the match while winning 83 per cent of his first serve points (15-of-18).

Other second-round winners at the Indianapolis Tennis Centre included 12th-seeded Gilles Muller, a 6-2, 6-3 winner over Paul Capdeville; and No. 8 Paradorn Srichaphan, a 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (4-7), 6-4 winner over qualifier Wayne Arthurs. —MNA/Xinhua



Thaworn Wiratchant of Thailand watches his tee shot on the 18th hole during the first round of the British Open Championship at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club in Hoylake, on 20 July, 2006. —INTERNET

### Lin, Zhang sail into 2nd round at Macao Open

MACAO, 20 July — World champions Lin Dan and Zhang Ning of China both eased to the second round of the Macao Open badminton championships here on Wednesday.

Lin Dan sank Chan Io Chong of Macao 21-5, 21-15 in the first round clash, setting up a meeting with South Korea's Shon Seung Mo, who knocked out the "Super Dan" in the Athens Olympics two years ago.

Indonesia's Taufik Hidayat, another men's singles title favorite, swept past local player Leong Kin Fai 21-9, 21-11.

Four other Chinese players — Chen Hong, Chen Yu, Chen Jin and Bao Chunlai—all made it through into the men's singles second round.

In the women's singles, world number one Zhang Ning routed Finland's Anu Nieminen 21-8, 21-13. —MNA/Xinhua

### Parreira resigns as Brazil coach

RIO DE JANEIRO, 20 July — Carlos Alberto Parreira resigned as coach of Brazil on Wednesday less than three weeks after their quarterfinal exit at the World Cup, the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) said.

"After a meeting held this morning... with CBF president Ricardo Teixeira, coach Carlos Alberto Parreira left the Brazilian national team," said a statement on the CBF's official website.

"It was a joint decision and Parreira will not have, from today, any professional connection with the Brazilian Football Confederation."

Parreira, who led Brazil to their fourth world title in 1994, had been at the helm since the start of 2003. Brazil lost 1-0 to France at the World Cup after starting the tournament as favourites.

MNA/Reuters



China's Jia Tong dives during the women's 10-meter platform event at the FINA World Cup competition in Changshu, a city in east China's Jiangsu Province, on 20 July, 2006. Jia took the gold medal with 385.30 points. —INTERNET

# Indonesia's tsunami death toll reaches 547, 323 missing

JAKARTA, 21 July — At least 547 people were killed, 465 injured and 323 still missing in the tsunami disaster, triggered by a 6.8 magnitude quake, hitting Indonesia's Java Island on Monday, National Disaster Management Coordination Board said here on Thursday.

An official in charge of the board, Setio Sutarmo, told *Xinhua* that over 5,541 people had also taken refuge at camps and tents, after giant waves struck onto land and damaged buildings and infrastructure in the southern

coastal areas of Indonesia's West Java, Central Java and Yogyakarta provinces.

The buoys would be set up in quake-vulnerable zones with high population density and huge amount of assets, he said.

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has said that the government would update and improve tsunami detector device to give early warnings to people.

MNA/Xinhua



Swedish tsunami survivor Peter Damerau, left, looks on as Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, right, and his wife Kristiani, lower right, greet his sons Pidi, center, and Permarten, second left, during their meeting at Halim Perdanakusumah airbase in Jakarta, Indonesia, Friday, July 21, 2006. Pangandaran, one of Java's most popular seaside resorts when the waves hit and separated Damerau from his children for more than 12 hours after the disaster. — INTERNET

# Indonesia to install tsunami warning system in Java, Bali

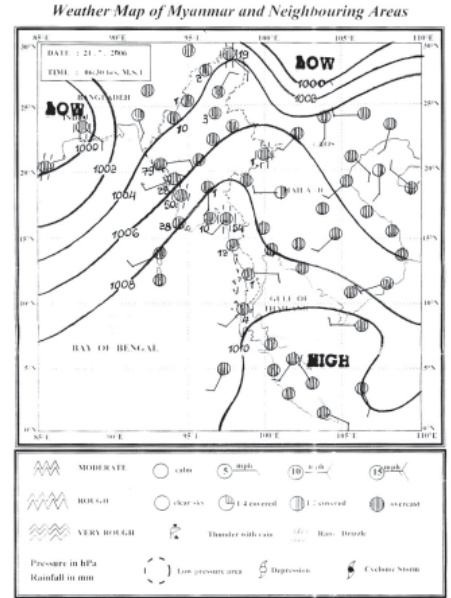
JAKARTA, 21 July — Indonesia will prioritize the southern waters off Java and Bali islands when setting up tsunami early warning system, a minister said here on Thursday.

Research and Technology Minister Kusmayanto Kadiman said the government would install the device on the basis of the density of population, the amount of assets and the vulnerability of the area from the possible disaster.

"We put priority on southern sea off Java and Bali islands," Kusmayanto said.

Java Island is the most populated area in Indonesia and Bali Island is the most favourable tourist destination in the country. Both of them have huge infrastructures.

MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Friday, 21 July, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in Kayah State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Rakhine States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao and Sittway (3.11) inches each, Phyapong (2.84) inches, Thaton (2.68) inches, Hpa-an (2.24) inches, Mawlamyine (2.20) inches, Thandwe (1.97) inches and Pyinmana (0.55) inch.

Maximum temperature on 20-7-2006 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 21-7-2006 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 21-7-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 20-7-2006 was nil.

Rainfalls on 21-7-2006 were (0.51) inch at Mingaladon, (0.39) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.16) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (48.46) inches at Mingaladon, (58.03) inches at Kaba-Aye and (62.64) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (22:30) hours MST on 20-7-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 22-7-2006:** Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, Mandalay Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions, scattered in Shan, Chin, States and upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining states and divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Rakhine 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:** Likelihood of decrease of rain in Southern Myanmar area.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 22-7-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 22-7-2006:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 22-7-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Weather outlook for last weekend of July 2006:** During the coming weekend, rain will be widespread in Yungon Division and likelihood of isolated in Naypyitaw and Mandalay Divisions.

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- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -It might be you
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Save the best for last
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Whenever forever comes
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Funky town
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Request -Only you -You light up my life -The day we find love
- 9:00 pm ASEAN News review Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Myanmar Culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt -Waso, the month of ordination festival...
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs -Love is -Once upon a time -Hey Baby -Crying in the rain
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



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View on today

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- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
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- 8:30 am 8. International news
- 8:45 am 9. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am 3. News
- 11:40 am 4. Games for children

- 12:05 am 5. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:50 am 6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆည်းဆာ" (အပိုင်း-၈)
- 1:25 pm 7. ကြားမြင်သုတ ပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 1:35 pm 8. "လောကရဲ့ အလှရတနာ" (ရဲအောင်၊ မေသာဉ္ဇာဦး၊ သူထူးစံ၊ ပွင့်နီနီဇော်၊ ရာဇဝတ်၊ ရာဇဝတ်၊ မေကာရာ)
- 1:50 pm 9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:05 pm 10. Dance of national races
- 2:20 pm 11. အခြေစိုက်ရေးအဖွဲ့အစည်းများ
- 2:30 pm 12. နတ်သားတောရေလှောင်တစ်
- 2:40 pm 13. "နင်းကြည့်စမ်းပါ" (မင်းအုတ်စိုင်း၊ ဦးဘွား၊ ဇော်စိုး၊ ပိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- မင်းအုတ်စိုင်း)
- 2:45 pm 14. International news
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. Musical programme
- 4:45 pm 4. အသံသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ညွှန်ရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယအစ (ရက္ခဗေဒ-အထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm 5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:15 pm 6. Musical programme
- 5:30 pm 7. Games for children
- 6:00 pm 8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 10. Discovery
- 6:45 pm 11. Musical programme
- 7:00 pm 12. ရတိုက်အုတ်စက်(မူဆယ်)
- 7:05 pm 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဖြူစင်မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 8:00 pm 14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
- 18. The next day's programme

# Lt-Gen Kyaw Win tours Laikha, Shan State (South)

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thuang Aye on 15 July visited Maha Myatmuni Buddha Image in Laikha, Shan State (South).

They offered flowers, lights and joss sticks and paid homage to the Buddha Image.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and the commander went to Konnin Monastery in Laikha and presented offertories to Chairman of Laikha Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of the monastery Sayadaw U Vicittasara.

During his tour, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win also visited the Haw Palace in Laikha. — MNA



*Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence offers alms to a Sayadaw of Konnin Monastery in Laikha.*

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## Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects tax-free markets



*Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects Shukhintha tax free market in Thakayta Township.—MNA*

YANGON, 21 July — Tax-free markets are open in Yangon for enabling city dwellers to buy fresh vegetables, meat and fish and other kitchen items.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence this morning inspected

tax-free markets in Dagon Myothit (North), Dagon Myothit (South), Thakayta, Tamway and Yankin Townships.

After inspecting the markets, Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions on supervision to be made for selling of goods with correct weight and measures and sale of meat, fish and vegetables at fair price.

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## Two members resign from YeU Township NLD

YANGON, 21 July—Two members of YeU Township National League for Democracy in Sagaing Division—chairman U Tin Tun and secretary U Win Aung of Magyeedaw Village-tract —resigned from the party on 26 June of their own accord by sending letters of resignation to the NLD headquarters and local authorities concerned.

In the letters submitted to Sagaing Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-commission, they said that they were no longer interested in the party and party duties. So, they quit the party and the duties of their own volition.

Thirty-one members of YeU Township NLD have left the party since last June 2006. Therefore, 33 members have quit the party so far. — MNA

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### Weather Forecast for (22-7-2006)

#### Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas

Likelihood of isolated rain.

Degree of certainty is

(60%).

#### Yangon and neighbouring areas

One or two rain.

Degree of certainty is

(80%).

#### Mandalay and neighbouring areas

Likelihood of isolated

rain. Degree of certainty is

(60%).