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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

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects development tasks, tea plantations in Mindat, Kanpetlet

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Chairman of Chin State PDC Col Tin Hla and Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe, went along Mindat-Pakokku Road on 24 July morning and viewed weeding of members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association at 716 acres of tea plantation in Mindat Township.

They also oversaw domesticated wild ox breeding farm No 1 in East Ward of Mindat.

Along Mindat-Pakokku Road and Mindat-Kyaukhtu-Saw Road, they viewed thriving physic nut plantations, monsoon paddy plantations and rubber plantations.

In Kanpetlet, they visited 6.62 acres of tea plantation. At Border Region Youth Development School, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected hostels and other rooms. Next, they presented clothes and cash assistance, exercise books and sport equipment for the trainees through the principal.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint presents clothes to Chairman of Kanpetlet Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Lynn for Kanpetlet Hospital. — MNA

112,444 acres of monsoon paddy cultivated in Nyaunglebin Township

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects Pulp Factory Project in Ottwin Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — As Bago Division set a target to grow three

million acres of monsoon paddy this year, Nyaunglebin Township is

to contribute toward exceeding the target, Member of the State

Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the

Ministry of Defence said at a meeting with departmental personnel

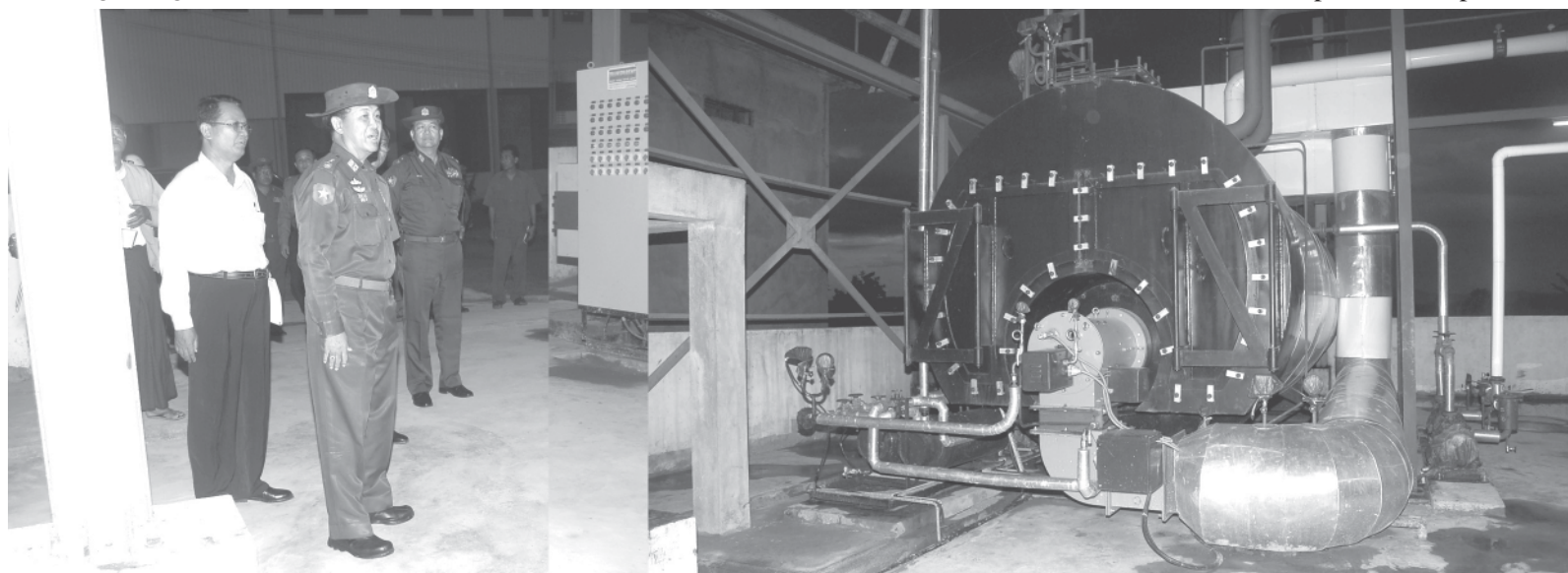
and local people at Thiri Yadana Hall in Nyaunglebin on 24 July.

He continued to say that local people are to put land under suitable crops out of 10 main crops, pepper and physic nut on commercial scale.

So far, Nyaunglebin Township has cultivated 112,444 acres of monsoon paddy against the target of 132,266 acres.

Accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence inspects the pulp factory in Ottwin Township. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Take the road to peace and participate in nation-building work

Nowadays, each and every sector of the national economy is enjoying considerable success as the government has been taking appropriate measures and fulfilling requirements for development of various regions, which can finally lead to the harmonious development of the entire Union.

For economic development, five-year short-term plans are being implemented and due to the active and enthusiastic participation of the national people, plans being implemented in each region are more successful than targeted.

Shan State, which lagged behind in development because of armed insurgencies, is now developing because infrastructures such as universities, specialist hospitals, new roads and bridges and industries have been built. National brethren in Shan State now have the access to higher education and health care.

In such a favourable circumstance and at such an opportune time, there have been national race armed groups that unconditionally exchanged arms for peace in Shan State (North). Also recently, 848 members of a national race armed group have returned to the legal fold in Shan State (South).

With a view to ensuring peace, stability and the rule of law in the entire Union, the government has kept the peace door open for the remaining national race armed groups to be able to return to the legal fold. It is high time the remaining groups buried the hatchet for the sake of the interests of the nation, local people and their own.

Development of the entire Union including Shan State is due to peace and stability. The onus is on all the national people to work in concert with strong Union Spirit for peace and stability of the nation no matter in which parts of the Union they live. We believe that there will be lasting peace and sustainable development all over the Union when the remaining armed groups take the road to peace and return to the legal fold.



CASH DONATED: Daw Yin May and family of Room 1, Building-3, Housing Estate, Thuwunna, donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung of the Home accepts the donation. — H

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

Wellwishers for development of Shan State (East) honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — A ceremony to honour those who donated cash and kind to development of Shan State (South) was held at the city hall in Taunggyi on 23 July morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaug Aye and wife, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and military officers, departmental officials and wellwishers.

The commander gave a speech and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers who made donations before 2006.

Next, the commander and officials accepted K 50.26 million donated by wellwishers for the regional development tasks. The commander and wife cordially greeted the wellwishers. — MNA

Workshop on prevention against HIV/AIDS held

YANGON, 27 July — Jointly organized by AIDS/STD Control Project of the Ministry of Health, UNICEF and UNFPA, the workshop on prevention against HIV/AIDS among Youth took place at Grand Plaza Parkroyal Hotel, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Vice-President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Thet Htay and executive Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, responsible persons of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and other NGOs, officials of the Health Department and related departments, representatives of UN agencies and international social organizations.

Deputy Director-General Dr Tin Nyunt of Health Department, UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha and UNFPA Resident Representative Mr Daniel B Baker gave opening speeches.

A total of 80 persons are attending the workshop that will continue tomorrow. — MNA



Deputy Director-General of Health Department Dr Tin Nyunt delivers an address at workshop on prevention against HIV/AIDS among Youth. — HEALTH

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 27 July — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Win Htein	Managing Director Myanma Salt and Marine Chemicals Enterprise Ministry of Mines
(b) U Tin Maung Tun	Managing Director Myanma Airways Ministry of Transport
(c) U Tun Hlaing	Director-General Department of Civil Aviation Ministry of Transport
(d) U Tin Htwe	Director-General Directorate of Telecommunications Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs
(e) Dr Daw Khin May Ohn	Rector University of Nursing (Yangon) Medical Science Department Ministry of Health
(f) Dr Thein Tun	Director-General Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) Ministry of Health
(g) Dr Tin Win Maung	Director-General Health Department Ministry of Health

MNA

သတိပေးနိဒါန်းဆော်ချက်

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ASEAN supports Indonesia's bid for UNSC

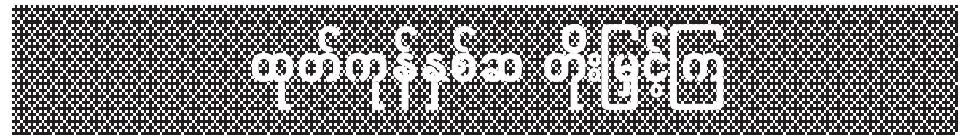
JAKARTA, 26 July—ASEAN (the Association of South-East Asian Nations) is considering opening a permanent representative office in Jakarta and is pledging to support Indonesia's bid to be a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), a local newspaper said Tuesday.

The office underlined the need for (ASEAN) to improve coordination to achieve the goals of the country members, reported the *Jakarta Post*, quoting a draft statement from the regional grouping. "In keeping with the accelerated pace and increased workload of ASEAN, we would work toward the early establishment of permanent representation at the ambassadorial level to represent their interests at the ASEAN Secretariat," the

draft of the statement said.

Indonesia's Foreign Affairs Ministry secretary general Imron Cotan said that by establishing permanent representative, ASEAN could reduce its workload as annually it held over 700 meetings and conferences to cover its programmes. "With the permanent representative, ASEAN can coordinate its activities much better while continues its programmes," he said.

ASEAN also reaffirmed its support for Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia and Malaysia to become non-permanent members of the UNSC for the years of 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2011-2012, 2013-2014, and 2015-2016 respectively, according to the draft statement. — MNA/Xinhua



Flowers with Hello Kitty's face are displayed at the Hello Kitty Secret House Exhibition 2006 in Hong Kong, on 26 July, 2006. —INTERNET

About 1,000 New York residents still live without power

NEW YORK, 26 July—Power supply was restored to more customers on the ninth day since the blackout hit the northwestern part of Queens, New York, but thousands are still living without electric Tuesday morning.

Con Edison, power supplier of New York City, said about 1,000 "customers" are still without power, which could

mean thousands more are affected in the area.

Power first went out on 17 July. At its worst, an estimated 100,000 people were in the dark. Con Ed CEO Kevin Burke, who has come under heavy criticism for his handling of the outage, visited Queens Monday night. He thanked his crew members for their hard work and apologized to resi-

dents.

"We have the most reliable system in the country," said Burke. "This is not an example of that. I understand the frustration of our customers in Northwest Queens and I'm sorry for that."

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg publicly defended Burke by saying that Burke "is doing a good job".

Hu expresses deep condolences over Chinese UN observer

BEIJING, 27 July — Chinese President Hu Jintao on Wednesday expressed his "deep condolences" over the death of a Chinese UN observer killed in an Israeli air raid on a UN post in south Lebanon, according to a statement from Chinese Foreign Ministry.

President Hu "demanded the Chinese departments concerned properly handle the aftermath of the incident and

take every measure necessary to ensure the safety of Chinese nationals in Lebanon," said the statement.

The air raid on early Wednesday killed four UN observers, including one from China. The other three were from Finland, Austria and Canada, UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) sources confirmed.

MNA/Xinhua

ACLU appeals dismissal of German's CIA torture case

WASHINGTON, 26 July—The American Civil Liberties Union said on Tuesday it has appealed the dismissal of a federal lawsuit filed by a German of Lebanese origin who says he was abducted and tortured by the CIA.

The ACLU, which represents Khaled el-Masri in the suit against former CIA director George Tenet and CIA agents, asked the federal appellate court in Richmond, Virginia, to

overturn a 18 May ruling by US District Judge TS Ellis tossing out Masri's case as a risk to national security because it would expose state secrets.

In a case that has drew wide attention and spawned investigations in Europe, Kuwaiti-born Masri says he was abducted in Macedonia in December 2001, then drugged, beaten and flown by the CIA to Afghanistan, where he was held as

a terrorism suspect for five months. He says the CIA then dumped him in Albania. Tenet was director at the time.

The CIA declined to comment on the appeal.

Ellis agreed with Bush Administration lawyers that Masri's case could not move forward without risking national security by exposing state secrets about CIA activities vital to the US war on terrorism.

MNA/Reuters



The rocky bed of the Iguazu River lies exposed on the edge of what remains of the Iguazu falls, on 26 July, 2006, as the worst drought in 20 years has reduced South America's largest falls to a trickle. Tourists may have to wait until October to see water gushing over the cliffs again, officials said. —INTERNET



An ice sculptor competes in an ice sculpture contest in Tokyo on 26 July, 2006. 24 ice sculptors competed in the 50-minute contest as the temperature rose to 31 degrees Centigrade (87.8 Fahrenheit) in the Japanese capital. —INTERNET

US soldier, 7 rebels killed in Afghan violence

KABUL, 27 July — A US soldier and seven insurgents have been killed in two separate clashes in Afghanistan, coalition forces said on Tuesday, in the latest spate of violence in the country.

Both incidents occurred on Monday, one in the southeastern province of Paktika and the other in eastern Kunar.

Seven insurgents were killed in the Paktika clash after militants attacked a

patrol with small arms and rocket propelled grenades, a forces statement said. A coalition soldier suffered minor shrapnel wounds.

In Kunar, the American soldier was killed by militants during a coalition ground operation, backed by aircraft fire.

The statement did not say if there were any casualties among the militants.

MNA/Reuters

S-E Asia calls for closer ties after WTO failure

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 July — A summit of South-East Asian states called for closer and faster economic integration on Tuesday, a day after global trade talks collapsed.

Malaysia's Prime Minister, who chairs the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), told foreign ministers from the group's 10 member states that the region had no choice but to forge tighter economic bonds and develop a regional community.

"We have to become a true community because we cannot change our geography," Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said as he opened the meeting, being held in a city-centre venue sealed off to traffic, ringed by heavy security and patrolled overhead by helicopters.

ASEAN foreign ministers are expected later on Tuesday to say they may accelerate the group's target to form a single-market community, bringing the deadline forward by five years to 2015, and will introduce regional visa-free travel for social visits.

There are concerns within ASEAN, echoed in Abdullah's opening remarks, that in the absence of another round of global trade liberalization, South-East Asia may fall behind big trading powers and blocs unless its hastens trade and economic integration.

Global free-trade talks, billed as a once-in-a-generation chance to boost growth and ease poverty, collapsed on Monday after years of haggling. This raised the likelihood of a world economy splintered by preferential trade deals, economists said.

"Some countries feel that 2020 is too far away," an ASEAN diplomat said. "Based on the progress we are making in all sorts of areas, we should be able to achieve the target earlier."

ASEAN has signed a free-trade pact, but critics say the arrangements are riddled with exceptions, subverted by non-tariff barriers or overtaken by separate free-trade deals between some member states and the United States and Australia.

MNA/Reuters



A girl walks in a huge balloon floating on water in Lanzhou, capital city of north China's Gansu Province on 26 July, 2006. The game of water walk in balloons were quite popular among local citizens this summer, which could bring health and coolness as well.—INTERNET

French heatwave kills 40, Czechs face power emergency

PARIS, 26 July— Around 40 people in France, mostly elderly, have died in a heatwave over the past week and Czech energy grid operator CEPS announced a state of emergency on Tuesday after its power network was overloaded.

Blackouts forced some Czech firms to trim operations and conserve power and CEZ, Europe's second largest electricity exporter, said it had stopped exports for two days to boost local supplies after several generators failed. The heatwave has boosted power demand across Europe as consumers turn up their air conditioners.

Meteo France, the national weather agency, has put its heatwave alert at orange, the second highest level, in 53 of the 96 metropolitan departments, or administrative districts. A top French health advisory body (INVS) said it would publish on Thursday a detailed toll from the heatwave which has so far proved less deadly than the 2003 hot spell which killed some 15,000 people.

Labour Minister Gerard Larcher met construction industry representatives on Tuesday to discuss safety issues linked to the prolonged spell of high temperatures, notably adapting working hours to avoid the worst heat of the day.

Further north, the Dutch meteorological institute KNMI said July was on track to be the hottest month in the Netherlands since temperatures were first measured in 1706.

Average daily temperatures in the first 24 days of the month were 22.3 degrees Celsius (72.1 Fahrenheit) compared with the previous record of 21.4 degrees in July 1994 and normal average temperatures of 17.4, the KNMI said. Dutch temperature records, launched at the beginning of the 18th Century, are among the oldest in the world. Methodical thermometer-based records began on a more global basis around 1850. — MNA/Reuters



Workers walk along with the space shuttle Atlantis as it is transported to the Vehicle Assembly Building to prepare for launch on Mission STS-115 at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on 24 July, 2006. The launch is scheduled for 28 August.—INTERNET

Dengue patients reach 554 in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 26 July— The number of dengue patients in Bangladesh has reached 554 with another 64 admitted to hospitals and clinics, *The Daily Star* reported Tuesday.

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) is conducting a vigorous anti-dengue campaign in different parts of the city to combat the menace, the *Daily* said.

Identifying the locality of dengue-affected patients, the DCC officials are arranging spray of insecticides and larvae-

cides within 500 yards (455 metres) of the affected areas to keep the situation under control, according to the *Daily's* report. Putting emphasis on keeping the surroundings clean, DCC authorities have urged people not to get panicked.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam sees fading foot-and-mouth outbreaks

HANOI, 26 July — The number of Vietnamese cities and provinces affected by foot-and-mouth disease has decreased to 13 now from 25 on 1 July, according to local animal health agency on Tuesday.

Twelve localities have detected no new outbreaks for at least three weeks, meeting the criteria for announcing an end to foot-and-mouth outbreaks in their territory, said the Department of Animal Health under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

MNA/Xinhua

China recommends Margaret Chan to head WHO

BEIJING, 26 July — China announced here on Tuesday that it has decided to recommend Margaret Chan from Hong Kong to run for Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO).

Chan currently serves as WHO Assistant Director-General for Communicable Diseases. The election for a new director-general will be in

November this year.

A resume posted on the WHO website said that Chan obtained her medical degree from the University of Western Ontario in Canada.

She joined the Hong Kong Department of Health in 1978 and began her career in public health.

In 1994, Chan was appointed Director of Health, the first female director of Hong Kong. In

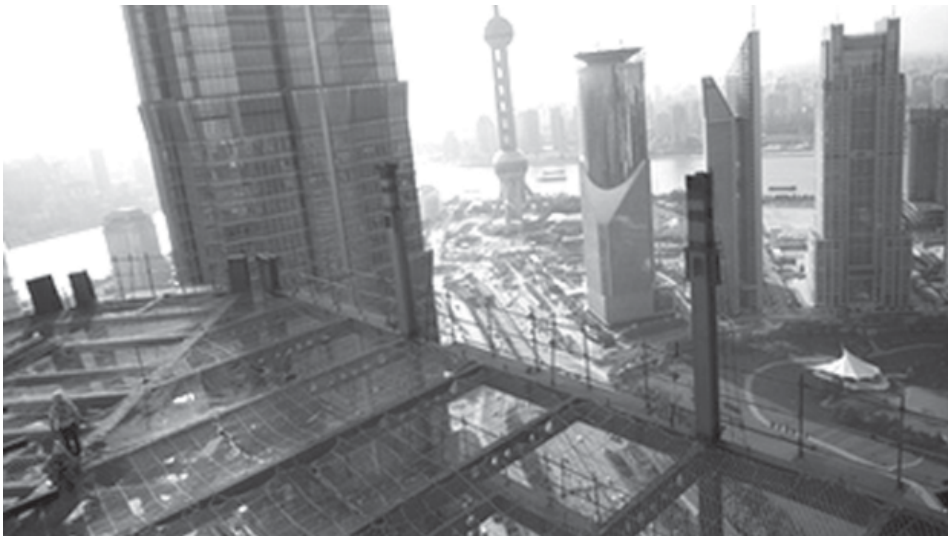
2003, Chan joined the WHO and worked as WHO's Director of the Department of Protection of the Human Environment.

In June 2005, she was appointed Director of Communicable Diseases Surveillance and Response as well as Representative of the Director-General for Pandemic Influenza, according to the WHO website. — MNA/Xinhua



Hot air balloons float during the 12th annual 'Saxonia International Balloon Fiesta' festival in the eastern German city of Leipzig on 26 July, 2006.

INTERNET



Chinese construction labourers work on the 54th story under construction at the Shanghai World Financial Centre building site in Shanghai, China on 26 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Chinese State Councillor calls for legislative cooperation with Russia

Moscow, 26 July—Visiting Chinese State Councillor and Minister of Public Security Zhou Yongkang called for more cooperation between China and Russia when meeting top Russian officials here on Tuesday.

The frequent exchanges between Russian and Chinese top officials, the close bilateral and in-

ternational cooperation, and the “Year of Russia in China” contribute to the progress of the Russia-China strategic coordinating partnership, Federation Council Speaker Sergei Mironov said at a meeting with Zhou.

The Russian Parliament will devote to the development of Russia-China relations and enhance exchanges with Chinese legislature, he said.

Zhou said that Chinese President Hu Jintao and Russian President Vladimir Putin had met three times this year, which made out the next step for the development of the

partnership.

“The legislative cooperation will be a drive for provincial cooperation between the two countries because many regional top officials are members of Russia’s parliament,” he added.

Zhou also met Security Council Secretary Igor Ivanov on Tuesday.

Zhou said at the meeting that the two sides will enhance security cooperation within the Shanghai Cooperation Organization format. Besides, both sides should protect citizens of the other side, especially their personal and property safety.

MNA/Xinhua

Jordanian King telephones UNSG

AMMAN, 26 July—Jordanian King Abdullah II telephoned on Tuesday the UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and discussed with him the latest situation in Lebanon, the Jordanian news agency *Petra* reported.

Abdullah stressed the importance of intensifying the UN’s efforts to end the crisis and the suffering of the Lebanese people.

He affirmed the need for an immediate and comprehensive ceasefire to end the killing of the innocent civilians, calling on the UN and the international community to provide all forms of assistance to help Lebanon overcome the current hard circumstances.

Kofi Annan briefed Abdullah on the international efforts aimed at finding an outlet for the deteriorating situation in the Middle East.

Diplomatic efforts are underway to stop the Hizbollah-Israel conflict which entered its 14th day on Tuesday, as nearly 400 Lebanese and about 40 Israelis have been killed in the firefights.—MNA/Xinhua



A brooch made from the Cullinan diamond, worn by Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II, is displayed at Buckingham Palace in London, on 25 July, 2006

INTERNET

Soaring temperatures spark record power demand in California

LOS ANGELES, 26 July—Soaring temperatures sparked record-setting power demand Monday in California, while utility companies and city leaders begged residents to conserve electricity.

The California Independent System Operator (Cal-ISO) declared a Stage 2 power emergency in the afternoon, sparking “voluntary” service interruptions for businesses and residents who have previously agreed to be subject to blackouts.

The situation had not worsened enough to prompt a Stage 3 alert as of late Monday afternoon, which would lead to involuntary rolling blackouts.

The ISO, which controls the flow of most of the state’s electricity, had forecast record power usage of 52,000 megawatts for around 4 pm (2300 GMT).

However, usage never got that high with a new record demand of 50,270 megawatts at 2:44 pm (2144 GMT), breaking the previous record of nearly 50,000 megawatts set last Friday.

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger directed state agencies to reduce power consumption by 25 per cent by turning off unnecessary equipment, and urged local and municipal governments and universities to follow suit.—MNA/Xinhua



Firemen try to put out a fire at a site where Israeli bombings destroyed two six-storey high buildings in the centre of Southern Lebanon’s Tyre (Soure) on 26 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Heat wave kills eight in Spain

MADRID, 26 July—Spain’s Health Minister Elena Salgado said on Monday that a heat wave had killed eight people in the country, most of whom had exposed themselves too much to the sun during the recent temperature

surge.

Salgado announced the death toll during a speech outlining the government’s advice for staying healthy during the extreme heat, which had reached 40 degrees Celsius in several parts of the country.

The advice included remaining in cool places, wearing light-coloured clothing, drinking a lot of water, eating light meals, and reducing physical exercise.

MNA/Xinhua

EC says young mobile phone users face dangers

BRUSSELS, 26 July — The European Commission on Tuesday warned that children face a number of dangers when using mobile phones.

Mobile phones, originally devised for making phone calls, are now used to download music, play games, send video messages and gain access to the Internet, the EC said.

Internet access through mobile phones could increase the chances of children being contacted by paedophiles and raises the possibility of youngsters accessing pornographic and violent websites, it warned.

They are also more easily bullied or blackmailed via mobile phones, it added.

Downloading music, games, ring tones, logos and other services on their mobile phones made for sky-high phone bills.

Calling for self-regulation in Europe’s telecommunications industry, the commission said it would consult with parents, mobile phones operators on possible precautionary measures.

Statistics show that up to 70 per cent of children of 12-13 year olds and 23 per cent of those of 8-9 years old have a mobile phone in Europe.

Downloading ring tones and mobile phone games last year cost Europe’s children a total of 560 million euros (670 million US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua



A farmer suns her wickerwork in Junan, east China’s Shandong Province on 26 July, 2006.—INTERNET

New national policy sought to boost tourism in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 26 July — Nepali tourist entrepreneurs on Monday demanded the Nepali Government to come up with a new national tourism policy, local media reported here on Tuesday.

“New national tourism policy was sought for the promotion of the tourism industry as tourism is a major currency spinner for Nepal,” The Rising Nepal (TRN), a government-run English language national daily, reported.

“They have also called on the government to implement the tourism master plan introduced some 10 years back,” the TRN, added. Speaking at the 12th national convention of Nepal Association of Tour and

Travel Agents, a non-governmental tourism organization, tourism entrepreneurs said that business had not been able to make headway in the absence of relevant policies and laws. The convention was organized at Pokhara City, one of the most important tourist destinations of Nepal, in western Kaski District, some 200 kilometres west of Kathmandu.

The entrepreneurs also complained that the government had not still

recognized Pokhara City as a major tourist destinations and had not earmarked any budget for its development, TRN reported. At least 40 per cent of the total tourist visiting Nepal go to Pokhara.— *MNA/Xinhua*



A cleaner walks in a diorama of a 1977 central Moscow in a shopping centre in Moscow on 25 July, 2006.— INTERNET

ASEAN to speed up internal economic integration

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 July— Southeast Asian countries here on Tuesday agreed to accelerate internal economic integration in order to sustain and boost economic growth in the region and to maximize gains from its economic engagement with major trading partners.

In a joint communique, the foreign ministers of the Association of

South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) welcomed the initiative taken by the Economic Ministers to identify and eliminate restrictive practices and non-tariff barriers to allow for unrestricted flow in trade in goods, services and investment to realize the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC).

The ASEAN Foreign Ministers are here for the 39th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM)/Post Ministerial Conferences/13th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) which opened in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur Tuesday.

ASEAN attaches great importance on the strengthening of econo-

mic linkages with ASEAN Dialogue Partners which aims at enhancing ASEAN's position as a competitive base for international production and foreign direct investment, said the communique.

The foreign ministers of the 10-member regional grouping expressed hope that the ongoing negotiations on Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with Dialogue Partners would be concluded in a timely manner to the mutual satisfaction of all parties.

Currently, ASEAN Dialogue Partners are Australia, Canada, China, the European Union, India, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, Russia, the

United States of America and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

ASEAN welcomes the initiative taken to further broaden and enhance economic relations with the European Union and the United States. ASEAN and EU have agreed to undertake domestic consultations before any decision could be made to launch an FTA.

The ASEAN region has a population of about 500 million, a total area of 4.5 million square kilometres, a combined gross domestic product of 737 billion US dollars, and a total trade of 720 billion US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua



Children to enjoy monsoon rains, in New Delhi, India, on 26 July, 2006. Moderate to heavy rains lashed parts of the capital on Wednesday throwing morning traffic out of gear.— INTERNET

S'pore launches annual event for promoting “good English”

SINGAPORE, 26 July — Singapore on Tuesday launched the annual Speak Good English Movement (SGEM), the sixth in its series this year, urging Singaporeans to speak standard English so as to be understood both locally and internationally.

“As the economy diversifies and as we look towards opportunities outside of Singapore, it is imperative that we take the learning of English and our mother tongue very seriously,” Minister of State for Education Lui Tuck Yew said at the launching ceremony.

Stressing that speaking good English is not about accent, Lui said that

Singaporeans need to avoid using English with sentence structures directly translated from their respective mother tongues like Chinese, Malay or Tamil.

He urged parents and teachers to be good role models in speaking standard English and to help children develop a love for reading, which is helpful in enhancing the proficiency of language learning.

The Ministry of Education (MoE) piloted a programme called Strategies for Effective and Engaged Development in English in 30 schools from the beginning of this year and is conducting an English Language Review to find ways to help students better learn the language, according to Lui.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia to ban ethanol export

JAKARTA, 26 July— The Indonesian Government plans to ban ethanol export due to growing domestic demand in line with the expansion of biofuel industry, a senior official said Tuesday.

Industry Minister Fahmi Idris said he has submitted proposal to close ethanol export to the Trade Minister and the Forestry Minister.

“Production is very limited while demand is on the rise for biofuel

industry,” he said in a seminar hosted by the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Kadin).

Indonesia produces 170 million litres of ethanol a year, he said. Domestic market accounts

for 84 per cent of national ethanol sales, with beverage and pharmaceutical industries as the biggest consumers.

The new demand from biofuel industry threatens ethanol supply in the future, he said.— *MNA/Xinhua*

China advocates lunar exploration for peaceful purpose

BEIJING, 26 July — China's top space official said on Tuesday that China advocates the peaceful use of both lunar and outer space resources for the benefit of all people.

Sun Laiyan, director of China National Space Administration, said China's lunar exploration activities are designed to improve its independent innovation and promote its science, technology and social development.

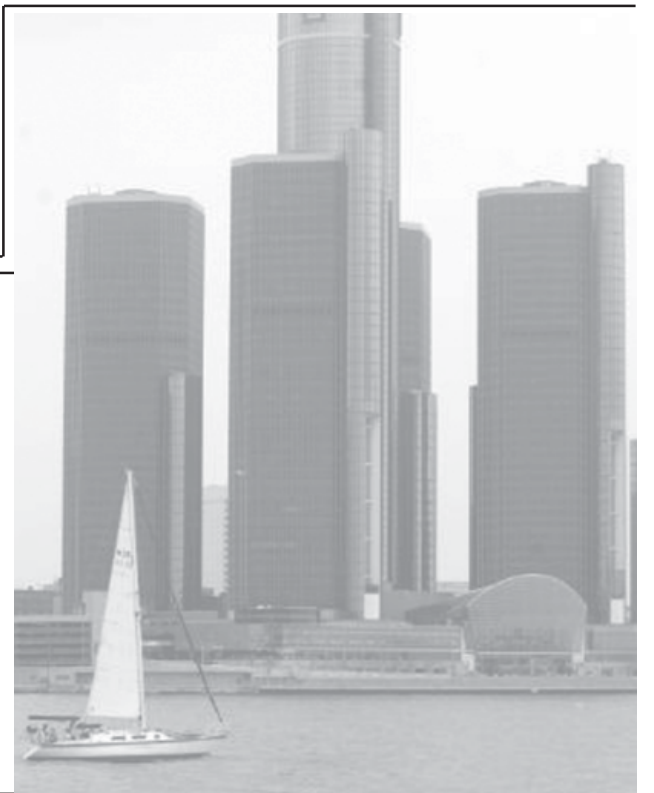
As a developing country, the fundamental task for China is to fur-

ther boost economic development, raise the living standards of its people, and advance its national modernization

drive, he told the ongoing 8th International Lunar Exploration Working Group Conference in Beijing.— *MNA/Xinhua*

A sail boat floats past the General Motors world headquarters along the Detroit River in Detroit, Michigan on 26 July, 2006.

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Serve people's interests perpetually through literature

Tekkatho Tin Kha

National schools and Myanmar literature played a dominant role in the Myanmar's independence struggles. The national schools made significant contributions towards rekindling the nationalistic fervour of the people and preservation and promotion of national culture in the time of the colonialist government.

The heritage of Myanmar literature that aroused the nationalistic spirit was nurtured unremittingly. Owing to the arousing of national cause, patriotic spirit was reawakened among national people. For the public knowledge, I would like to present the wicked schemes the colonialists plotted cleverly to undermine Myanmar literature and alphabets.

Myanmar literature is a valuable asset to the prestige of Myanmar nation and people as well as the central pillar to Myanmar's culture. Only with the high standard of Myanmar literature will be able to Myanmar nationals stand tall. Myanmar literature and culture can raise the status of Myanmar and its people.

Due to the policy of the colonialist

government, the standard of Myanmar literature took downward curve before 1920. The aliens marginalized Myanmar language but raised the role of English. They also created conditions so that only those with English language skills could become service personnel and officials in departments and attain high social standing, and people would think highly of British culture. Indeed, their political intention was to make the British people, English language and British culture strongly impress the Myanmar people. Only then would the nationals of their colonial countries no longer equip themselves with spirit to rise against the colonialists. And such people even would be pleased with the state of their being enslaved.

In those colonial days, English was used in holding discussions at the meetings of the Young Men's Buddhist Association. At first, the Myanmar newspapers printed English dates only with no Myanmar dates.

Myanmar language subject did not gain a proper attention for academic purpose in the government schools. Besides, certain attempts were made to omit six alphabets out of the 33 Myanmar

alphabets in teaching Myanmar language in the schools. However, in the end, the colonialists had to give up their attempts as the seventh meeting of the Myanmar Buddhist Association held in Patheingyi in 1919, the conference of Myanmar teachers held at Yangon Jubilee Hall in Yangon in 1920 and the entire country strongly protested such willful attempts.

Thanks to the National Schools, the level of Myanmar language knowledge among the students began to rise in high schools as well as in the institutions of higher learning.

Throughout the course of history, literati have carried out the task of preserving and promoting Myanmar literature. It is the duty of today's literati to further develop Myanmar literature and to spread noble spirit among the people according to Myanmar's fine traditions.

The present era has seen some neo-colonialist powers trying to put developing countries under their economic clout, applying various means for gaining social influence as well through cultural infiltration.

Literati on their part will have to strive with the might of pen to open the people's eyes to the changing era and the international situation.

They must use literature as a tool against all conspiracies of saboteurs from inside and outside the country to divide, disturb and trick the people, while striving to enhance public will power and patriotism.

Literature has the power to forge national spirit among the people through organizational campaigns covering the whole country. Literati were always in the leading role in the national movements launched throughout the past successive eras.

They have been the persons disseminating modern thoughts and academics they have studied for enhancing public knowledge in present and future generations.

In conclusion, I would like to urge literati to serve public interest while preserving Myanmar traits, Myanmar spirit and Myanmar characteristics.

Translation: MS + TMT

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Rome Mideast conference fails to agree on immediate ceasefire

ROME, 27 July — The Rome conference achieved virtually nothing on Wednesday as the participants failed to agree on how and when a ceasefire could take place between Israel and Lebanese Hizbollah guerillas.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Lebanese Prime Minister Fouad Siniora and Italian Foreign Minister Massimo D'Amato all appeared stone-faced at a Press conference following discussions in the morning.

A statement read out by D'Amato on behalf of the co-chairs — Italy and the United States — said the participants "expressed their determination to work immediately to reach with the utmost

urgency a ceasefire that would put an end to the current violence and hostilities".

However, it added: "The ceasefire must be lasting, permanent and sustainable," virtually ruling out an immediate ceasefire. Rice rejected calls for an immediate ceasefire, saying any ceasefire must address the root causes and Hizbollah must be disarmed as required by UN Security Council Resolution 1559.

Annan, on the other hand, urged an immediate cessation of hostilities, saying a pause of the warfare would offer "crucial hours and days" for essential humanitarian tasks, including the distribution of relief aid and the evacuation of non-combatants and the wounded.— MNA/Xinhua



Residents make their way through flood water that partially submerged shanty houses in Malabon following continuous rain brought by Typhoon Kaemi. The typhoon, which hit southeast China's Fujian Province on 25 July, 2006, packing winds of 120 kilometres (74 miles) an hour, was downgraded to a tropical storm but was still causing widespread chaos.—INTERNET



Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye unveils a signboard of an extended building of Kanpetlet Hospital. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects development...

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While in Kanpetlet, they inspected breeding of domesticated wild oxen at the farm near mile post 85 on Kanpetlet-Mindat Road, tea plantations of the Township Forest Department and Kanpetlet BEHS and construction of the school building.

A total of 14 departments and private entrepreneurs in Kanpetlet Township had put over 225 acres of land under tea.

They attended the ceremony to open the annex of Kanpetlet Township Hospital. Commander Maj-

Gen Tha Aye unveiled the signboard of the building. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party visited wards of the hospital. The building is 50 feet long, 20 feet wide and 11 feet high.

At the Women's Vocational Training School in Kanpetlet, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed 45 trainees at the practical works.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people at the Township PDC Office. Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on progress of

the township presented by the Township PDC Chairman and development of Mindat District by Chairman of Mindat District PDCLt-Col Pe Thein. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged those present to grow tea in vacant and virgin lands of departments and other places, cultivate paddy for exceeding the targeted production and reclaim highland farmlands.

At the hall of Mountain Oasis Resort on Kanpetlet-Mindat Road, Lt-Gen Ye Myint discussed requirements of development in Chin State with departmental officials. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended to the needs. — MNA

YDPDC in high gear for industrial development



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects the products on his tour of a foodstuff factory in Thakayta Industrial Zone in Yangon East District. — MNA

YANGON, 27 July —Thanks to the government assistance and support that Yangon Division Peace and Development Council has been making harmonious efforts for development of industries in the whole division, said Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win during his inspection of Thakayta Industrial Zone today.

Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win who is Division PDC Chairman and Yangon Command Commander also told entrepreneurs that efforts of industrial promotion should be within the framework of law, saying, agro-based industrial development is the government's main

objective in enhancing the sector.

Lying on a 200-acre plot in Thakayta Township, the zone has 116 industries set up at a capital of K 4,575.27 million. Established in January 1955, the zone's production value in fiscal 2005-2006 reached K 7,365 million.

Accompanied by officials, the commander visited a concrete mixer production factory, an electronic factory, a cold

storage and fish and prawn processing plant, a garment factory, a seasoning powder factory, a foodstuff factory and a car assembling plant.

He also heard reports on the type of goods manufactured by the zone, development plants and other salient points presented by officials. The commander made arrangements for the entrepreneurs to run their factories with greater momentum. — MNA

All this needs to be known

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

112,444 acres of monsoon paddy...

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Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, who left Yangon for Bago Division on 24 July morning, met with the local battalion in Nyaunglebin.

At the hall, he instructed Tatmadawmen to carry out tasks of prevailing peace and stability and prevalence of law and order and undertakings of five rural

development tasks and agriculture and livestock breeding on a manageable scale.

At the Pulp Factory Project site near Bantbwagon Village in Ottwin Township, Project Director U Tint Swe of Myanmar Jute Enterprise reported to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on production methods, installation of machines and collection of raw materials. Lt-Gen

Khin Maung Than gave necessary instructions.

The MJE cooperates with Sky Moon Singapore Pte Ltd to complete installation of all machines in August. On completion, the factory can produce 15 metric tons of pulp daily and 5,000 metric tons yearly.

Afterwards, they arrived back Nay Pyi Taw in the late evening.

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Yangon Division WAO holds seminar on VCCT

YANGON, 27 July — A meeting for discussion on Voluntary Confidential Counselling & Testing (VCCT) organized by Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization was held in conjunction with membership applications presentation ceremony at the meeting hall of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council this morning with an opening address by Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai.

Present also were Chairperson of Yangon Division WAO Daw Khin Myo Thu and executives, Districts and Townships WAO Patrons and Chairpersons, responsible persons of Districts and Townships Health working groups.

Daw Mar Mar Wai accepted 12,043 membership applications of four districts in Yangon Division. Next, In-charge of Health Sub-Working Group of Yangon Division WAO Dr Daw Lay Khine gave talks on Voluntary Confidential

Counselling & Testing and In-charge of Latha Township Health Sub-Working Group and Dr Daw Than Than Htay, counselling tasks concerning HIV/AIDS. Later, they answered queries raised by those present.

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Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai accepts membership applications. — MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo makes field trip to Khawza

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — Member of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence on his tour of Mawlamyine in Mon State accompanied by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and officials left Mawlamyine for Khawza on 21 July.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party looked into the development of the villages and thriving plantations along the road to Khawza.

On arrival at Khawza, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected physic nut plantations in General Administration Department's compound.

Thereafter, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met local authorities and social organizations at the office of GAD of Khawza. He called for regional development tasks and cultivation of more crops, and urged the officials and locals to cultivate pepper across the state.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo also called upon them to redouble their efforts to carry out the development of Khawza and ensure better transportation in the region. At present, the State has implemented development regions and rural development tasks. It is sure that the region will enjoy the fruits of developments through the people's participation in the tasks, he noted. Lt-Gen Maung Bo also called

upon the departmental officials to strive for the development of health, education, agriculture and livestock breeding sectors in the region. After that, Lt-Gen Maung Bo greeted those present.

Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party went to the hospital of Khawza and inspected out-patient department, medical store and operation theatre.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party visited the monastery of Khawza, met Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vamsadipa aged 92 years and offered robes and alms to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party later went to local battalion in Khawza, met Tatmadawmen and presented gifts to the fami-



Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence presents robes and offertories to a Sayadaw at a monastery in Khawza.

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lies of Tatmadawmen. They proceeded to local battalion in Ye Township, met with the officers and other ranks and gave presents to the families of Tatmadawmen.

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PBANRDA Minister receives UN Under-Secretary-General

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt received UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of Economic and Social Commission of Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Dr Kim Hak-Su at the minister's office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Present at the call were Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe, Director-General U Than Swe of Progress of Border Areas and National Races



Department, Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department, Director-Gen-

eral U Than Win of Education and Training Department and officials.

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Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt receives UN Under-Secretary-General.
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Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects construction...

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Senior Engineer U Kyaw Lin reported on progress in installation of iron frames at the bridge and earth work of approach roads on Waw and Moppalin sides. The commander and officials gave supplementary reports.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo instructed officials to build the bridge meeting set standard in time.

Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin) is linking Waw Township and Kyaikto Township. The main bridge will be 1,365 feet long. The approach road in Waw Township will be 783.6 feet long and the other road in Kyaikto Township, 244 feet long. The 28 feet motorway will be flanked by six feet wide pedestrian way. The clearance will be 295 feet wide and 20 feet high. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads. On completion, the bridge will serve better transport for the road that will be four miles shorter than the old road.

At Wahpa Dam, Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected irrigation facilities and left instructions on supply of water to summer paddy plantations and local people and undertaking of maintenance works.

Wahpa Dam is located near Thaton-Myaingale Road. The embankment is 2,064 feet long and 70.5 feet high. The dam can store 4,150 acre-feet of water and its watershed area is 2,400 acres. The dam supplies 2.4 million gallons of water to the town beginning March 1996.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to Mawlamyine. — MNA

Wellwishers donate cash for pagoda in Mumbai

YANGON, 27 July — Wellwishers today contributed cash to the construction funds of a pagoda, a replica of Shwedagon Pagoda, in Mumbai, India.

At the cash donation ceremony held at Dhamma Jotika Vipassana Meditation Centre in Bahan Township, wellwishers donated over K 1 million and US\$ 100 through officials of the meditation centre.

The World Vipassana Pagoda is now under construction in Mumbai. — MNA



A wellwisher presents cash to an official of Dhamma Jotika Vipassana Meditation Centre.

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Yangon Division to strive for winning ...

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by 18.9 per cent in 2006-07 which is the first year of the fourth five-year plan, by 20.9 per cent in the second year, by 23.3 per cent, 25.9 per cent and 28.9 per cent in the following years. Supply of power from the electric power projects that commenced in the third five-year short-term plan are to contribute to development of the industrial sector. On com-

pletion of No 2 Thanlyin Bridge and Thilawa Special Economic Zone, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township Industrial Zone will gain more progress.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, together with the commander, viewed production of factories in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, and left necessary instructions.

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Forestry Ministry holds workshop on combating desertification

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July—Organized by United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and Ministry of Forestry, the workshop on Combating Desertification was held at forestry research hall here on 25 July.

The workshop was opened with an address by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

At the workshop, eight papers were presented

at the 3rd workshop of the ministry. The report on national combat desertification of Myanmar will be sent to UNCCD by August 2006.

Also present at the ceremony were directors-general of the Ministry of Forestry, the Professor, deputy directors-general, representatives of 10 ministries, representatives of 12 districts in three Divisions of Arid Zone and responsible persons.— MNA



Forestry Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivers an address at the workshop on combating desertification. — FORESTRY

40 trainees receive statistical skills

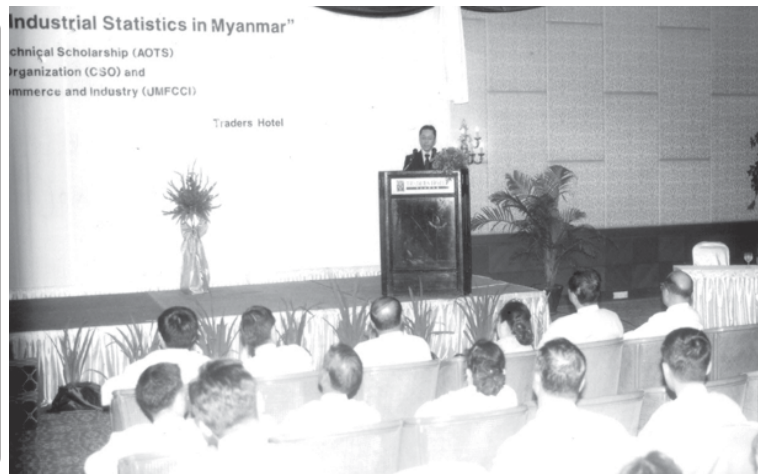
YANGON, 27 July — Economic Census and Industrial Statistics Course was opened here today and a total of 40 trainees are attending the course.

It was jointly organized by the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship-AOTS, the Central Statistical Organization - CSO and Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry-UMFCCI.

The two-day course was opened with opening addresses by Secretary of UMFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing, Deputy

Deputy Director of Ministry of Economy Trade & Industry of Japan Mr Toshihiro Furuse delivers an address.

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Director of the Ministry of Economy Trade & Industry of Japan Mr Toshihiro Furuse, Mr Masato Hashigushi of AOTS and Director of CSO Daw Win Win Tin.

Sein Win Hlaing, Deputy Secretary of UMFCCI. — MNA

Two killed, five injured, in insurgents' attack

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — Two government employees were killed and five were injured in Htantabin Township, Bago Division, as they were attacked by insurgents yesterday.

Departmental officials in Htantabin

Township led by Secretary of the township's Peace and Development Council, were mined and shot yesterday on their way back to Htantabin from a village after they had carried out development tasks in the village.

An officer of the township's Settlement and Land Record Department and a clerk of the office of the township's PDC were killed and five were injured.

The injured are undergoing treatment at Toungoo People's Hospital.

The local battalion are in hot pursuit of the enemy.

Insurgents have committed atrocities to jeopardize the community peace and tranquillity.

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Myo Hlaing Win, a striker of tentatively selected (A) team, fights for a ball with a defender of tentatively selected (B) team. — NLM

A and B tentatively selected football teams meet in first trials

YANGON, 27 July — The tentatively selected Myanmar football teams are under training for taking part in the 38th Merdeka Cup Football Tournament to be held in Malaysia from 23 to 29 August 2006.

The tentatively selected (A) team met with the tentatively selected (B) team in the first trials match at Aung San Stadium this afternoon. At the 86th minute, veteran Myo Hlaing Win of the (A) team scored the only winning goal.

The second trials match will be held at Aung

San Stadium on 29 July afternoon. — NLM

Cricket sports gear donated



Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint accepts sports gear donated by Ambassador of Pakistan. — MCF

YANGON, 27 July— The Ambassador of Pakistan Islamic Republic to Myanmar donated cricket sports gear to Myanmar Cricket Selection Team which will participate in Asian Cricket Council Trophy 2006.

At the donation ceremony held at National Stadium-1(Thuwuna) yesterday, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint accepted the donations.

It was also attended by Mr Habib-ur-Rehman, Deputy Head of Mission of Pakistan to Myanmar, Director-General U Thaung Hteik of Sports and Physical Education Department and Chairman of Myanmar Cricket Federation U Nyunt Win.

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Yunnan Province Vice-Governor ends Myanmar visit

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July —At the invitation of Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, Vice-Governor of Yunnan Province of the People's Republic of China Mr Liu Ping and party arrived Yangon by air on 23 July to pay a working visit to the Union of Myanmar.

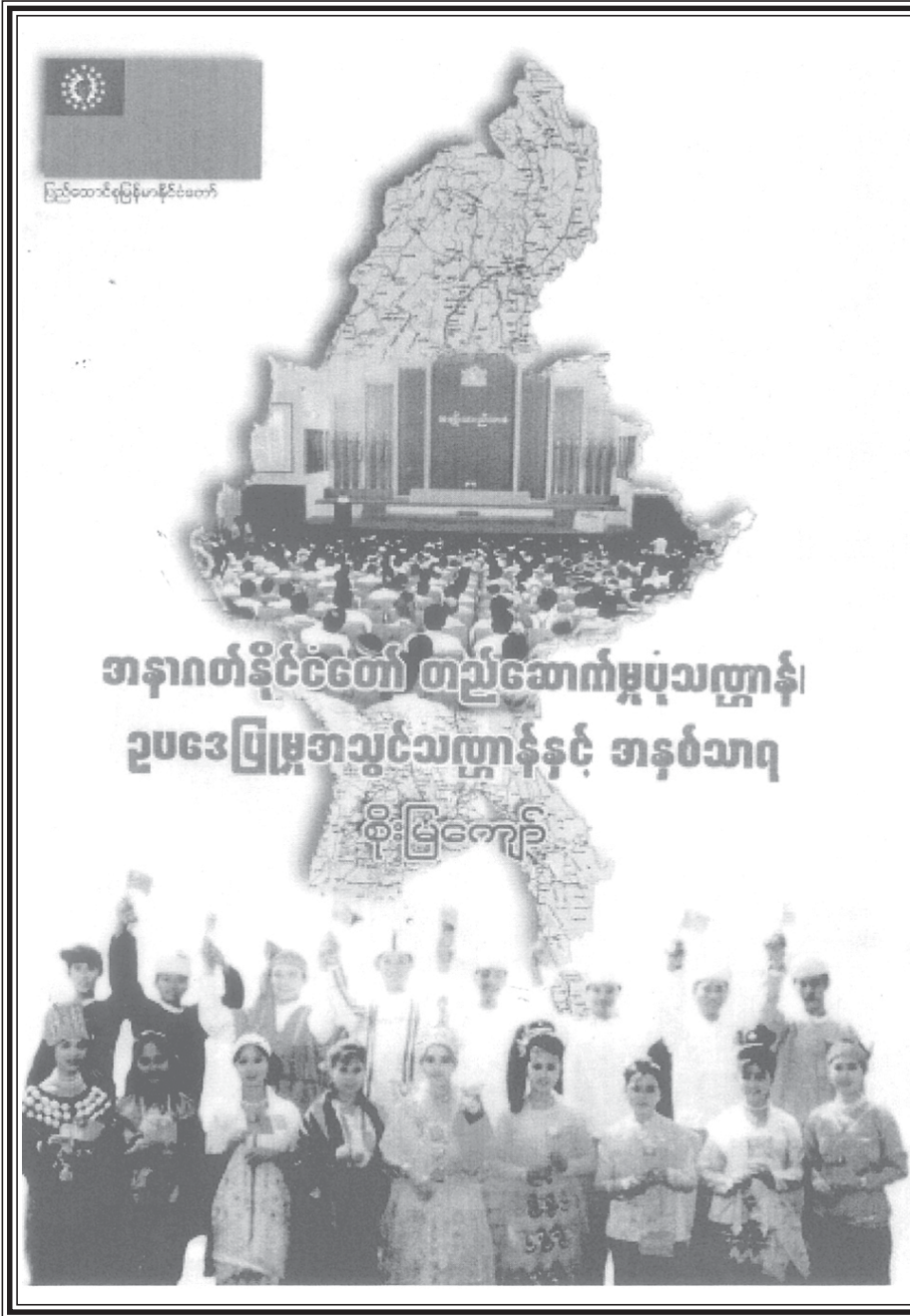
The Chinese delegation met with officials of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry and entrepreneurs from the private sector on 23 July. Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu received the Vice-Governor Mr Liu Ping and party at the Nay Pyi Taw on 24 July. The Chinese delegation led by the Vice-Governor of Yunnan Province called for Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win at the Prime Minister's office in the afternoon of 24 July. In the afternoon, entrepreneurs from Yunnan Province held a dialogue meeting with the officials from the ministries concerned.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun received Vice-Governor Mr Liu Ping and party at Nay Pyi Taw on 25 July. The visiting Chinese delegation left Nay Pyi Taw for Mandalay by air on 25 July morning.

Chairman of the Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint received the visiting Vice-Governor and party at the Northern Command Headquarters yesterday. Vice-Governor Mr Liu Ping and party left Myanmar for China by land route today after visiting Mandalay and Myitkyina. — MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.



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Chavez hails Russia for defying US with arms sale

Moscow, 27 July — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez hailed Russia on Wednesday for defying a US arms blockade by agreeing to sell fighter aircraft to his country.

Chavez will sign a 1-billion-US-dollar deal to buy at least 24 Russian *Sukhoi-30* jets to replace oil-rich Venezuela's US *F-16s*.

"I would like to thank Russia, the producer of armaments, because Russia has helped to sever the blockade that was tied by the United States around Venezuela," Chavez said in the city of Izhevsk in remarks reported in Russian by *Interfax* news agency.

"American imperialism wants to hold the world in its fist, but it will not succeed in this" he said, according to *ITAR-TASS* news agency, during an earlier stop in Volgograd.

Chavez, who says he is preparing his Armed Forces to fend off a US invasion, is set to cement

growing ties with President Vladimir Putin at a Kremlin meeting on Thursday.

Washington has banned US arms manufacturers from selling to Chavez. The US says the populist leader, who proclaims socialist ideals to unite South America against US influence, is destabilizing the region.

US officials hoped to talk Russia out of the arms deals, but relations between Moscow and Washington are cool. Senior Kremlin officials say they see no reason to take advice from the United States.

A former soldier, Chavez actively courts Washington's foes such as Cuba and Iran, a country he will also visit on his two-week world tour.

He visited a firing range in Izhevsk and was set to meet Mikhail Kalashnikov, designer of the legendary assault rifle, who lives there.

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Brazil drought triggers state of emergency

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 July — Brazil's Government declared a state of emergency Tuesday which affected over 253 towns in the states of Rio Grande do Sul, Parana and Santa Catarina, in the south of the nation, due to a major drought.

Santa Catarina State was in the most serious situation in the region, as 195 out of its 293 towns had declared a state of emergency. Losses of 286 million US dollars were registered up to 12 July, according to the emergency forces.

In the state of Parana, there are 42 towns at risk with 22 being monitored closely. The main problem caused by the drought is the major threat to the generation of electricity, as the reservoirs supporting hydroelectric plants are 75 per cent below their maximum level.

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Corals in Vietnam's world heritage site die en masse

HANOI, 27 July — Coral reefs in Vietnam's Ha Long Bay, a World Natural Heritage, which were abundant 20 years ago, have almost disappeared now due to water pollution, local newspaper *Saigon Liberation* reported Wednesday.

Main areas of Ha Long Bay in northern Quang Ninh Province currently house just dead corals, said Dr Nguyen Huy Yet from the Vietnam Natural Museum under the Vietnam's Science and Technology Institute. Yet said he and his colleagues saw corals almost everywhere in the bay 20 years ago, but their acreage decreased to only 30 per cent in 1998.

He said corals in Ha Long Bay have died due to water pollution caused by rubbish, wastewater and oil rampantly

discharged into the World Heritage site during the rapid process of urbanization, aquaculture and tourism development in the province.

Local environmentalists have proposed relevant agencies intensify protection of the bay's water sources and place items made from wood, concrete, iron or rubber in the seabed for corals to cling to them for development in the future.

Ha Long Bay, in the Gulf of Tonkin, includes some 1,600 islands and islets, forming a spectacular seascape of limestone pillars. The bay and other tourism sites in Quang Ninh have annually attracted 2-3 million local and foreign visitors in recent years.

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A man sits on the rubble of his house which was destroyed by an earthquake in Dingyuan, east China's Anhui Province on 26 July, 2006. An earthquake which measured 4.2 on the Richter Scale hit Dingyuan on Wednesday morning but no casualties have been confirmed, local media reported. — INTERNET

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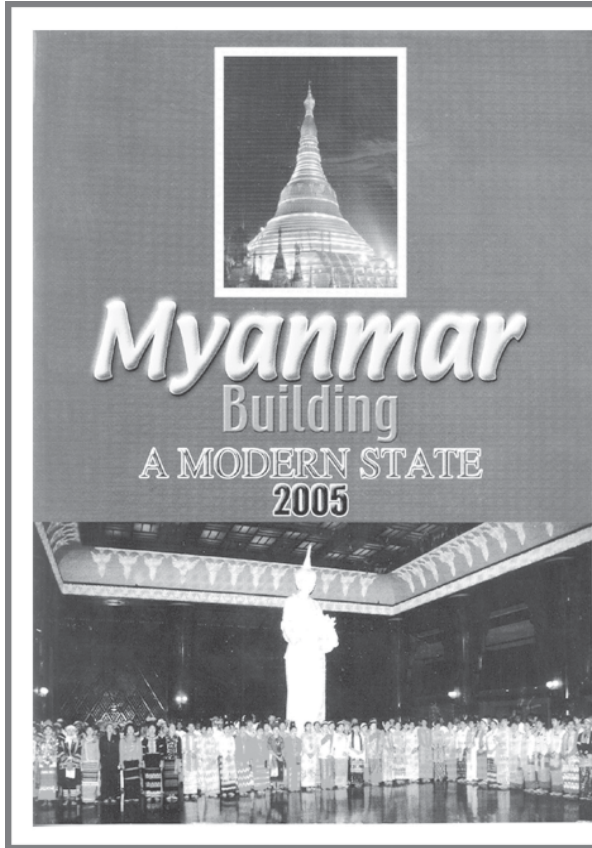
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England T-shirt gives away forged French passport

NICOSIA, 26 July— An England football shirt gave away a Senegalese man attempting to enter Cyprus on a forged French passport, police on the Mediterranean island said on Monday.

Suspicious were aroused when the man appeared at a checkpoint supervising crossings from the Turkish Cypriot north to the Greek Cypriot south of the divided island, wearing the England shirt and presenting a French

Overcapacity exaggerated in iron, steel sector in China

BEIJING, 26 July— China's iron and steel association says reports of the industry's overcapacity have been exaggerated.

"China's production capacity of iron and steel has been overestimated while market demand has been underestimated," said Qi Xiangdong, deputy secretary-general of the China Iron & Steel Association, addressing a forum on China's macro-economy Saturday in Beijing.

Qi estimated that China will produce 410 million tons of unprocessed steel this year, while domestic demand alone is expected to be 400 million tons.

He said the macro-economic environment will still allow China's iron and steel industry to develop this year, adding that the surging world economy means global demand for steel products continues to grow.

Statistics from China's General Admini-

Bangladesh's tea production increases in fiscal 2005-06

DHAKA, 26 July— Bangladesh's tea production in fiscal year 2005-06 (July 2005-June 2006) reached 58.81 million kilogrammes, exceeding the previous year's production by 2.81 million kilogrammes, *The Financial Express* reported on Tuesday.

The good harvest has been possible due to favourable weather conditions, particularly in the months of April, July and October, the daily said.

It was evident throughout the season that like the past few years preferential demand was for good liquoring teas and the buyers paid a premium for these teas over the ones with only a good leaf appearance.

The price of tea showed an upward trend since April 26, 2005 when a kilogrammes of tea was sold at 74 taka (1.06 US

dollars) compared to 66 taka (94 US cents) in the previous year. A progressive increase in prices was observed following a rising demand for both by internal and external buyers, which continued until mid-June of 2005 when the cumulative average of tea price stood at 76.37 taka (1.1 dollars) every kilogrammes.

In December of 2005 when a kilogramme of tea was sold at 82 taka (1.17 dollars), the cumulative average of tea price was 12.17 taka (17 US cents) per kilogrammes higher than that of the previous year.

Despite a higher production of the crop, export during 2005 was less than that of the previous year and was as low as 9 million kilogrammes compared to 13 million kilogrammes in the previous year.

MNA/Xinhua

stration of Customs show that the country exported 4.43 million tons of steel products in June, more than twice the amount in the same month last year.

The country's macro-control policy should keep domestic steel prices below the international level in the second half of the year, said Qi.

As a result of China's efforts to prevent overheating of its economy, the growth of investment in its steel industry has fallen from 92.6 per cent in 2003 to 27.5 per cent in 2005, and stood at 13.7 per cent in the first five months this year.

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Nissan to recall its 135,000 "Largo" cars

TOKYO, 26 July — Nissan Motor Co will recall 135,402 units of its Largo passenger car because their sunroofs might come off, *Kyodo News* said Monday, quoting the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport.

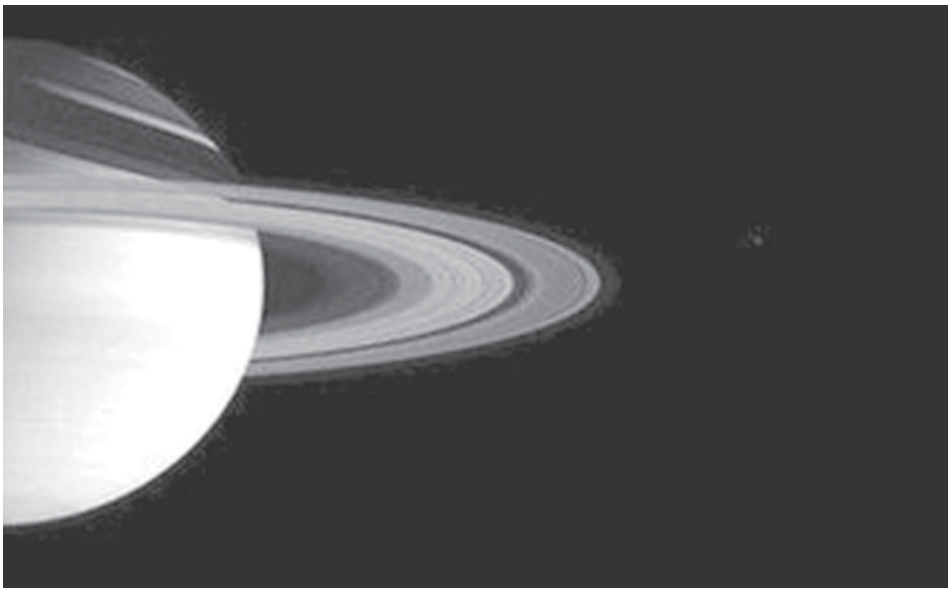
The Japanese major carmaker has notified the ministry about the recalling decision, it said.

Twenty incidents involving Largo sunroofs were reported between September 2000 and July 2006 in cars produced from April 1993 until May 1999. Most incidents occurred while the cars were in motion with the sunroof closed, the Ministry said.

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Saturn, with bands of colourful clouds in its southern hemisphere and its moon Titan, shown at lower right, are seen in an image made by the Cassini spacecraft wide angle camera on 14 December, 2004. The weather forecast for Saturn's giant moon Titan calls for methane rain, scientists said on 26 July, 2006.—INTERNET

“Cassini” spots hydrocarbon lakes on Saturn’s moon Titan

LOS ANGELES, 26 July — Using its radar system, the Cassini spacecraft had discovered very strong evidence for the existence of lakes on Saturn’s moon Titan, scientists with US space agency NASA reported on Monday.

The lakes appeared to be filled with hydrocarbon liquids, possibly making Titan the only place other than Earth known to contain lakes, said scientists at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory based in Pasadena, California.

Dark patches, which resemble terrestrial lakes, seem to be sprinkled all over the high latitudes surrounding Titan’s north pole.

Scientists have speculated that liquid methane or ethane might form lakes on Titan, particularly near the somewhat colder polar regions.

During its latest flyby on 21 July, 2006, the Cassini radar instrument acquired two images in synthetic aperture mode.

The images, each covering about 60,000

square kilometres, have shown details of a dozen lakes, some up to 100 kilometres wide, the scientists said.

In the images, the lakes appeared to be a variety of dark patches, some with channels leading in or out of them. The channels have a shape that strongly implies they were carved by liquid.

Some of the dark patches and connecting channels are completely black, that is, they reflect back essentially no radar signal, and hence must be extremely smooth. In some cases rims can be seen around the dark patches, suggesting deposits that might form as liquid evaporates.

The abundant methane in Titan’s atmosphere is stable as a liquid under Titan’s

conditions, as is its abundant chemical product, ethane, but liquid water is not.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese soldier jumps through a fire ring during an anti-terror training in Suining, Southwest China’s Sichuan Province, on 24 July, 2006.

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ASEAN countries sign agreement on visa exemption

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 July — The ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) foreign ministers signed here Tuesday an ASEAN Framework Agreement on Visa Exemption to facilitate intra ASEAN travel and boost the tourism sector, people-to-people linkages and economic development among ASEAN members.

The agreement was signed at the end of the one-day 39th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM), which was attended by foreign ministers from ASEAN’s 10 member states, namely Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

The agreement exempts citizens of member countries from visa requirements for a social visit of up to

14 days from the date of entry.

However, the agreement shall not affect the implementation of existing bilateral protocols/arrangements and the respective laws and regulations on visa exemption between member countries.

This agreement will enter into force when instruments of ratification or approval from all ASEAN member countries have been deposited.

MNA/Xinhua

Study finds US duck hunter exposed to type of bird flu

WASHINGTON, 26 July — A US duck hunter and two state wildlife employees had evidence of an uncommon type of bird flu virus in their blood, researchers reported on Monday in one of the first studies to show that hunters might be at risk.

The virus was H11N9, not known to be dangerous to humans and not related to the feared H5N1 vi-

rus circulating in wild and domestic birds and among some people, the researchers said.

But their study, published in the journal *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, shows that people who work with wildlife should take care.

“To our knowledge, this study is the first to show direct transmission of influenza A viruses from wild birds to humans,” Dr James Gill of the University of Iowa and colleagues wrote in their report.

The H5N1 avian influenza virus has not yet caused a human pandemic, but it has killed 132 people out of the 230 infected. It has infected birds in about 50 countries and is spreading faster than any other avian influenza ever has.

Many experts believe it may pose the worst threat of an influenza pandemic in 30 years.

The natural host is ducks, and migrating waterfowl have been shown to spread the disease. Most ducks do not become sick from avian influenza, but some strains can kill chickens in a day. The researchers studied 39 duck hunters who were hunting in southeastern Iowa at Lake Odessa Wildlife Management Area, and 68 Iowa Department of Natural Resources employees who either hunted or help band wild ducks.

Three of the men had antibodies against H11N9, suggesting they had either been infected in the past or had fought off an infection.

MNA/Reuters

Israel’s bomb kills four UN observers in Lebanon

BEIRUT, 26 July— An Israeli air strike on Tuesday hit a UN base in southern Lebanon, killing four United Nations observers, Lebanese security sources said. The UNIFIL peace-keeping force in Lebanon confirmed that there were UN casualties but declined to say if any observers had been killed at the base, which appears to have collapsed while the UN observers were in the

shelter. “One aerial bomb directly impacted the building and shelter in the base of the United Nations Observer Group in Lebanon in the area of Khiam,” said Milos Strugar, a UNIFIL spokesman.

“There are casualties among the observers. A UNIFIL dispatched rescue team which is on the spot is still unable to clear the rubble,” he said.

“There were 14 other

incidents of firing close to this position in the afternoon from the Israeli side and the firing continued during the rescue operation,” he said.

In Jerusalem, an Israeli Army spokeswoman said the military was investigating the report.

In Rome, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan declined immediate comment on the bombing. “We are trying to get more details.” — MNA/Reuters



A local stands in front of his ruined house where Typhoon Kaemi swept through in Shangyou, central China’s Jiangxi Province on 26 July, 2006.—INTERNET

SPORTS

AC Milan attack Real Madrid over Kaka move

MADRID, 27 July — AC Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani fired an angry broadside at Real Madrid on Wednesday for their attempts to lure Brazilian midfielder Kaka to Spain.

Venting his fury at Real president Ramon Calderon and sports director Predrag Mijatovic, Galliani told Spanish sports daily *Marca*: "For 50 years Real have been the greatest club in the world but now they have thrown all that out the window.

"This Real does nothing to honour its history or its name."

During his campaign to be president Calderon said he had a personal deal with Kaka and that he would bring him to the Bernabeu when elected. Calderon took office on 3 July.

In June, Kaka signed a contract extension with Milan until 2011.

"Milan declares war on Real — you can write it like that — and it will do everything it can to make their life impossible," Galliani added.

"Kaka is not going to leave here, but if he did it would not be to Real. No one from this club will sit down and negotiate with them because what they are doing is not how great clubs work together.

"I want to clarify that these remarks are against the current Real (management) and not the club that we all know and love."

MNA/Reuters

Da Vinci Code, World Cup lift Eurostar hi sales

PARIS, 27 July — Eurostar, the train service linking London to Paris and other European cities, said on Wednesday first-half sales rose 6 per cent, boosted by devotees of the blockbuster Da Vinci Code movie and World Cup fans.

Eurostar said it generated revenues of 259.9 million pounds (481 million US dollars) compared with 246.1 million in the year ago period. It said in a statement 3.7 million travellers used the service during the first six months of the year with a strong increase in business ticket sales.—MNA/Reuters

Real make fresh offer for van Nistelrooy

MADRID 27 July — Real Madrid have made a new offer for Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy after Manchester United rejected a bid last week. "The club have made a new offer and

are waiting for reply from Manchester," a Real spokesman said on Wednesday.

The 30-year-old van Nistelrooy is at the centre of a tug-of-war between Real and Bayern Munich, after

Russia's Paderina wins women's 10m air pistol at shooting worlds

ZAGREB, 27 July — Russia's Natalia Paderina grabbed the gold medal of the women's 10-metre air pistol here on Tuesday at her first appearance in the World Shooting Championships.

Paderina, 30, who scored the highest of 387 points in the qualification round and 99.9 points in the 10-shot final, brought herself the first world title.

China's newcomer Hu Jun, co-leader of the qualification stage, took the silver medal with a total of 485.2 points, just one tenth of a point ahead of Viktoria Chaika from Belarus. — MNA/Xinhua



Morelia Monarcas defender Andres Orozco, left, heads the ball against Club America Aguilas forward Claudio Lopez during the second half of a soccer match on 26 July, 2006, in San Jose, Calif. Morelia Monarcas won 1-0. —INTERNET



Flamengo's captain Jonatas (R) celebrates with a trophy next to his team mate Renato Augusto after winning the Brazil Cup soccer final match against Vasco da Gama at the Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro on 26 July, 2006. —INTERNET

South African Fortune joins Bolton in one-year deal

LONDON, 27 July — Bolton Wanderers signed South African midfielder Quinton Fortune from Manchester United on a one-year deal on Wednesday.

The 29-year-old was released from Manchester United in June after seven seasons at Old Trafford, although he did not play at all last season because of a knee injury. Fortune joined United in 1999 for 1.5 million pounds (2.76 million US dollars) after spells in Spain with Real Mallorca and Atletico Madrid.

"Quinton is a player I have admired for a very long time. He is a quality performer with plenty of Premier League experience and he can play in a number of positions," Bolton manager Sam Allardyce told the club's website.

MNA/Reuters

Vietnam wins 2 golds at 1st day of Junior Taekwondo worlds

HANOI, 27 July — The 6th World Junior Taekwondo Championships kicked off at Phu Tho Gymnasium, Ho Chi Minh City late Wednesday, with Vietnam grabbing two gold medals, according to the local media.

Two Vietnamese female athletes, Tran Thi Ngoc Truc and Hoang Ha Giang, clinched one gold medal each at the 46kg and 49kg categories respectively.

Among the 41 female athletes from 41 countries and regions vying for the gold medal at the 49-kg category, Tran Thi Ngoc Truc defeated Prapaporn Sangnar from Thailand in three rounds with several decisive kicks to win the

first gold medal for hosts Vietnam.

In the final match at the 46-kg category, Hoang Ha Giang had a lopsided victory over Choi So Yeon from South Korea.

The 6th championships, which will last until 30 July, is the first event ever to be held in Vietnam, featuring more than 1,200 male and female athletes aged 17 downward and officials from 78 countries and regions. They are to vie for 20 gold medals.

The World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) has chosen Ho Chi Minh City as the venue of the Asian qualifying tournament. — MNA/Xinhua



Andre Agassi returns a shot to George Bastl, of Switzerland, during a match at the Countrywide Classic tennis tournament on 26 July, 2006, in Los Angeles. Agassi won 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-1.—INTERNET

Middlesbrough sign Arca from Sunderland

LONDON, 27 July — Middlesbrough signed Argentine midfielder Julio Arca from northeast rivals Sunderland on Wednesday for 1.75 million pounds (3.22 million US dollars).

Arca, 25, spent five seasons at the Stadium of Light after moving from Argentinos Juniors in his homeland.

He had one year left on his deal but exercised a right in his contract to speak to a Premier League side after Sunderland were relegated from the top flight last season.

"He wants to continue to play in the Premier League and also sees this as a means to further his international career prospects. Ultimately, he felt a move to a new club was the best way to achieve this," Sunderland chief executive Peter Walker told the club's Website.

"Julio was in the final year of his contract and we made every effort to encourage him to remain at the club."

MNA/Reuters

Emerson joins Spain's Real Madrid soccer club

MADRID, 27 July — Brazilian midfielder Emerson, 30, completed Spanish soccer club Real Madrid's medical on Wednesday, the final phase of his transfer from Italian club Juventus, on a three-year contract, local media reported.

Emerson is the second Juventus player to move there, following Fabio Cannavaro, the captain of the World-Cup winning Italian squad. Together, they cost Real 20 million euros (25.3 million US dollars). The Juventus players quit after the team was relegated to Italy's Serie B, the country's Second Division, as a punishment for fixing matches.

Real Madrid's president, Ramon Calderon, told media he was sure that Emerson and Cannavaro would bring an end to the drought of championship trophies Madrid has experienced in the last three years.

Emerson will take on the role previously filled by Claude Makele, who transferred to English Premiership team Chelsea in 2003.

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Chicago Cubs shortstop Ronny Cedeno (L) and center fielder Juan Pierre react as the pop fly hit by New York Mets batter Jose Valentin falls between them in the seventh inning of their National League baseball game in New York, on 26 July, 2006. It was the first hit of the game for the Mets. Mets won 1-0. (Ray Stubblebine —INTERNET

he said he wanted to leave Old Trafford after five years in England. Spanish media report that Real have bid 15 million euros.

The Netherlands striker, who joined United for a then British record of 19 million pounds (34.73 million US dollars) in 2001, had a disappointing end to the 2005/06 season in which he was dropped by manager Alex Ferguson.

However, when asked if there had been any change in van Nistelrooy's situation on Wednesday, Ferguson told Sky Sports TV: "None at all. At this moment in time, without question (he's still a United player). "He trained well yesterday. He had a good attitude to his training, which is good, therefore he's a United player."

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မွန်ပြည်နယ်၊ တီလူးကျွန်း-ကမာကေးရွာသူကြီးဦးသာမီ-ဒေါ်ရွှေနှစ်တို့၏ သမီးတော်၊ ကျေးဇူးတင်ကြား ဦးကြွ-ဒေါ်ချို တို့၏ သမီးချေးမမဟုန်း မြို့နယ်-၁၂(က) ရွှေတောင်ကြား ရိပ်သာနေအိမ်ကီနာဝါကျွန်း မေယိုတက္ကသိုလ်-အငြိမ်းစားပါမောက္ခ-ဒေါက်တာနိုင်ပန်းလှ၏ ချစ်လှစွာသော ဇနီး၊ မိခင်ခင်လှ-ဒေါက်တာမန်းစိုးမြင့်၊ မင်းအောင်ချမ်း(ကိုးရီးယား)၊ မင်းအေးချမ်း-မိတ်တင်စိန်၊ မင်းမေချမ်း-မိသစ်သစ်၊ မင်းလှိုင်တော-မိကြည်ကြည်ဆန်း၊ မင်းအေးချို-မိနင်းဆီ၊ မင်းလှိုင်စွန်းတို့ မိခင်၊ မြေး-၉-ယောက်၊ မြစ်တစ်ယောက်တို့၏ အဘွား မိသိန်းနွယ် သည် ၂၇-၇-၂၀၀၆ ကြာသပတေးနေ့ ညနေလေးနာရီတွင် အေးချမ်းစွာအထက်ပါရွှေတောင်ကြားနေအိမ်၌ ကွယ်လွန် အနိစ္စ ရောက်သွား ပါသဖြင့် ၂၉-၇-၂၀၀၆ စနေနေ့ မွန်လွဲ-၃-နာရီအချိန် ရေဝေးအေးတိုက်မှ ရေဝေးသုသာန်သို့ ပို့ဆောင် မီးသင်္ဂြိုဟ်မည်ဖြစ်ပါကြောင်း ဆွေမျိုး မိတ်သင်္ဂဟ များအား အကြောင်းကြားအပ်ပါကြောင်း။

ကွယ်လွန်သူအားရည်စူး၍-ရက်လည်ဆွမ်းကို ၂-၈-၂၀၀၆ ဗုဒ္ဓဟူးနေ့၊ နှင်းဆီကုန်းဘိုးဘွားရိပ်သာတွင် နေ့ဆွမ်းကျွေး တရားနာကြွရောက်ပါရန် မိတ်ကြားအပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်ရစ်သူမိသားစု

**Asleep in Jesus
Lt-Col Mg Mg Myint (Retd)
(81 years)**

E.N.T Specialist

Defence Services General Hospital, Mingaladon
Lt-Col Mg Mg Myint (Retd), No 9, 49th Street, Botahtaung Township, husband of (Naw Dollar), son of (U Thin) (Daw Hla Khin), son-in-law of (Thura Aye Si) (Daw Sein Toke), father of Dr Aye Aye Myint-U Gordon Paw, Daw Sann Sann Myint-U Aung Tun, Daw Khin Thida Myint-Mr Bill Gibbons, (Dr Aung Myint), Dr Tun Myint- Daw Khin Khin Nyo and U Aung Thura Myint, grandfather of Andrew Paw, David Paw, Hanza Myint, Yar Zar Myint, Nay Zar Myint, Daniel Maung Gibbons, Banyar Tun Myint and Grace Tun Myint passed away at 00:30 hrs on Sunday, 23 July, 2006. The funeral service will be held at Judson Church at 10:00 am on Saturday (29.7.2006) and thence to Ye Way cemetery for cremation.

Indonesian President urges UN to end Middle East conflicts

JAKARTA, 27 July — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on Wednesday reiterated his calls for the United Nations to play a pivotal role in ending clashes between Israel and Hizbollah fighters in Lebanon.

“Indonesia expects the United Nations to have a courage to end the warfares and prevent casualties among innocent civilians,” Susilo was quoted by the national Antara news agency as saying.

Speaking at the Hasanuddin Airport in South Sulawesi capital of Makassar, Susilo said the conflicts have breached international laws and humanitarian values as civilians are targeted.

Indonesia considers it

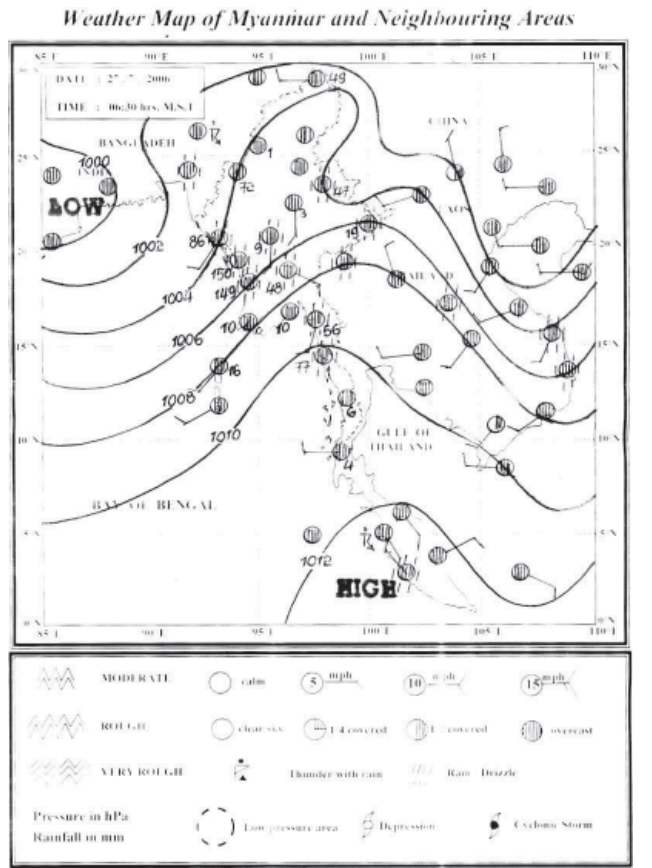
very crucial for global actions to initiate unconditional ceasefire and channel humanitarian supplies to victims without any impediments, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



**Friday, 28 July
Tune in today**

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music:
-Distance (All Saints)
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music:
-Feel it (The Tamper & Maya)
- 8:50 am** National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music:
-Dr. Jomes (Aqua)
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music:
-Do you feel like I feel? (Lolly)
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music
-Now that I found you (Michael Bolton)
-Neighbourhood (Ally McBeal)
-Lost in you (Rod Stewart)
- 9:00 pm** WOM
- 9:15 pm** Article
- 9:25 pm** Music at your request
-Have I told you lately that I love you? (Elvis Presley)
-Heartbeat (Tracy Huang)
- 9:45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



WEATHER

Thursday, 27 July, 2006
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been isolated in Kachin State and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were An (6.93) inches, Kyaukpyu (6.38) inches, Maungtaw (6.18) inches, Thandwe (5.91) inches, Ye (4.61) inches, Mogok (4.45) inches, Sittway (4.10) inches, Dawei (3.27) inches, Pokokku (3.19) inches and Kanbalu (1.74) inches.

Maximum temperature on 26-7-2006 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 27-7-2006 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 27-7-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 26-7-2006 was nil.

Rainfalls on 27-7-2006 were (0.79) inch at Mingaladon, (0.40) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.31) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (50.12) inches at Mingaladon, (60.16) inches at Kaba-Aye and (66.65) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (10:27) hours MST on 26-7-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 28-7-2006: Rain will be scattered in lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Kayah and Kayin States and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States and Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely at times off and along Rakhine Coast and Deltaic area. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 28-7-2006: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 28-7-2006: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 28-7-2006: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Earthquake Report

(Issued at 19:00 hours MST, Today)

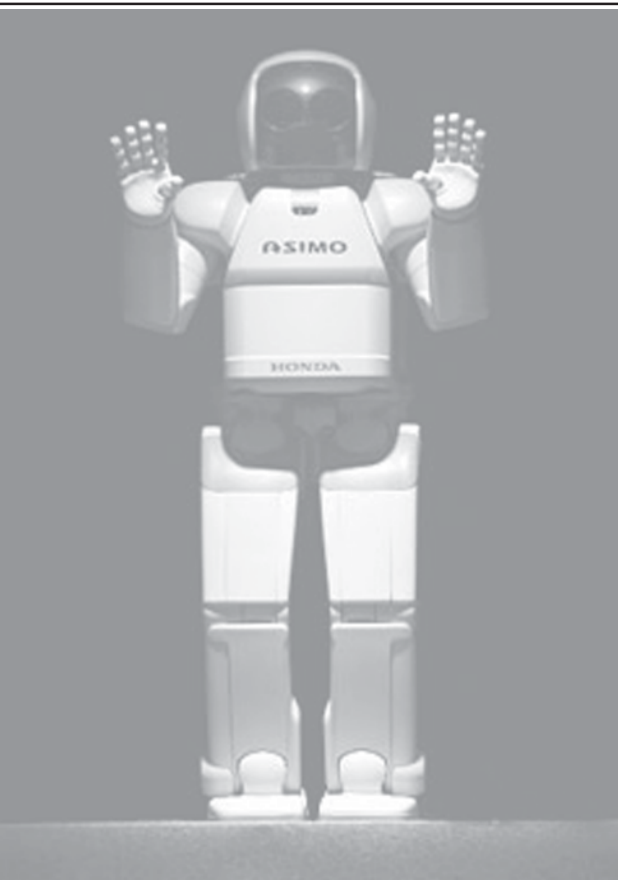
A Strong earthquake of intensity (6.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar (NIAS Region, INDONESIA, over the sea) about (1,050) miles South of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory, was recorded at (17) hrs (49) min (22) sec MST on 27th July 2006.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hours MST on 27-7-2006)

According to the (11:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Shwegyin River at Shwegyin is (700) cm. It may remain above its danger level (700) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

မြစ်ရေကြီးမှု၊ ကြိုတင်သတိပြု။



Honda has brought the very first robot on earth that can walk on its own to the International Auto Show 2006 in Guangzhou. Besides walking, it can also greet the passers-by, which is a great breakthrough for robots. —INTERNET



**Friday, 28 July
View on today**

7:00 am

- 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာ တော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့ အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေတာရဋ္ဌ ဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မေအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မ ဇောတိ က၊ တိ ပိ ငှ က ဓ ရ၊ မွေဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- 2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- 3. Morning news

7:40 am

- 4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

- 5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

- 6. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:10 am

- 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

- 8. မင်းလှရေလှောင်တံခံ

8:30 am

- 9. International news

8:45 am

- 10. English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm

- 1. Martial song

4:15 pm

- 2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

- 3. Practice in Reading

4:45 pm

- 4. Musical programme

5:00 pm

- 5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

5:15 pm

- 6. Song of national races

5:30 pm

- 7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:45 pm

- 8. “တန်ဖိုး” (ညီညီနေနိုင်၊ လှိုင်ဖြူဖြူထွန်း) (ခါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

5:50 pm

- 9. Song of yesteryears

6:00 pm

- 10. Evening news

6:30 pm

- 11. Weather report

6:35 pm

- 12. သုတေသနအဖွဲ့တော်

7:05 pm

- 13. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လှန်ပွဲ

“ချစ်လိပ်ပြာလေး

တစ် လည်လည်”

(အပိုင်း-၁၀)

8:00 pm

- 14. News

8:00 pm

- 15. International news

8:00 pm

- 16. Weather report

8:00 pm

- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းပွဲ

“မေတ္တာသံစဉ်”

(အပိုင်း-၆)

8:00 pm

- 18. The next day’s programme

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects construction of Tanaw Dam, Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin), water supply of Wahpa Dam in Mon State



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects construction of Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin). — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence left Nay Pyi Taw on 20 July morning and arrived at Sittoung Bridge where he was welcomed by Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and officials.

After inspecting maintenance of the bridge,

they proceeded to Tanaw Dam Project site near No 1 Paper Factory (Sittoung) in Kyaikto Township.

At the briefing hall, officials reported on progress of construction tasks at the project and requirement of water at the paper factory. Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on supply of water to the factory and vegetable plantations near the project site.

Tanaw Dam Project is being implemented

near No 1 Paper Factory (Sittoung) in Kyaikto Township. The embankment will be 2,580 feet long and 86 feet high. The dam can store 16,800 acre-feet of water. On completion, the dam can supply 9.5 million gallons of water daily.

At Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin) Project site, Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected construction of the bridge.

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Yangon Division to strive for winning first position in economic sector in coming years

YANGON, 26 July — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence met with industrial entrepreneurs at Kanaung Hall of Dagon Myothit

(Seikkan) Industrial City this afternoon.

Chairman of Yangon East District Industrial Zones Management Committee Chair-

man of Yangon East District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein reported on matters related to industrial zones in

Yangon East District, manufacturing of products and growing of physic nut plants.

Chairman of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Industrial Zone Management Committee U Aye Lwin also reported on progress of the industrial zones, and Director U Aung Tun of Department of Human Settlement and

Housing Development on construction of the embankment along Bago River in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township.

Col Khin Maung Soe of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board submitted reports on generating of electricity and function of supply.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win explained arrangements for allotment of industries and cultivation of physic nut plants meeting the target.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that Yangon Division is standing at the first position in the economic sector of the nation. Therefore, all are to strive for winning the first position in coming years. At present, the government has been transforming an agro-based industry into all-round development of the industrial sector. Sustained efforts are thus to be made to develop the industrial sector's contribution towards the GDP

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On completion of No 2 Thanlyin Bridge and Thilawa Special Economic Zone, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township Industrial Zone will gain more progress.



Lt-Gen Myint Swe views products of Myanmar Mercury Garment Factory in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township. — MNA

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