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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

Existence of Myanma fine arts with own national character can be attributed to efforts, courage and diligence of Myanmar ancestors

Leading Committee for Organizing the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions meets

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—The Leading Committee for Organizing the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held its first meeting at the meeting hall

of the Ministry of Culture here this afternoon with an address by Patron of the Leading Committee Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Also present on

the occasion were member of Panel of Patrons for the Leading Committee Member of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha

Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and members, Chairman of the Leading Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and members, Chairman of the Work Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and members, the chairmen of the respective sub-committees and members.

In his address, Patron of the Leading Committee Prime Minister General Soe Win said that with the lofty aims of preserving the fine arts such as Myanma music, Myanma dance and Myanma thabin that are the heritage of Myanma traditional culture and disseminating them to all the states and divisions, of ensuring the constant emergence of new generation artistes and of

revitalizing national prestige and integrity and national character, the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have been held yearly since 1993. And it has now entered its 14th anniversary. The 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will be held in Nay Pyi Taw for the first

time.

The Myanmar Traditional Culture has existed for years countable by the thousand, and with the passage of time it has been enriched with the essence of the fine arts. In the successive eras of Myanmar Kings the Myanmar fine arts flourished.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win addresses the 1st meeting of Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Organizing Leading Committee. MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Speedy implementation of electric power projects for industrial development

Nowadays the government is making strenuous efforts to transform the agriculture-based industries into multi-industries. With the development of agricultural sector, priority is being given to extended generation of electric power for industrial development.

In addition to large and medium-scale hydro-power projects that are part of the national grid, constant implementation of small-scale hydel-power projects needs to take priority for local consumption of electricity.

The drive for extended generation of electric power is to cover construction of new power plants, building of more sub-power stations and power lines for distribution of electric power, and upgrading of present electric power facilities.

Capacities of machines at power plants in 1988 were 24 power plants that can generate 568.453 megawatts —14 hydro-power plants that can produce 228.453 megawatt, seven gas turbines that can produce 280 megawatt and three steam power plants that can produce 60 megawatt.

After 1988, 30 hydro-power plants that produce 517.227 megawatt, four steam power plants that produce 281 megawatt, one steam power plant that produces 120 megawatt, and four recycle power plants that produce 152.9 megawatt totalling 39 new power plants that generate 1,071.127 megawatt were built.

A total of 16 hydro-power projects are being implemented for supply of more electricity and plans are under way to implement 15 hydro-power projects. The electric power projects are being implemented with greater momentum under the arrangements of the State.

Chindwin basin projects including Htamanthi project, Maykha confluence project, Shweli project, Hatkyi project and Tarhsan project are being implemented. On completion of these projects, electricity is sufficient for local consumption and it can also be exported in the future.

Therefore, officials at different levels are urged to speedily implement the electric power projects for development of industrial sector and raising the quality of life of the people.

Daw Thein Hlaing and family of Ahlon Township recently donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through U Chit Myaing, member of Administrative Board. — 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

Cash and kind donated to monasteries, nunneries in North Okkalapa, Shwepyitha



Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wellwishers receive Five Precepts from the Sayadaw at the donation ceremony for 19 monasteries and three nunneries in North Okkalapa Township. — MNA



YANGON, 30 July — Tatmadaw families (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated provisions to 19 monasteries and three nunneries in North Okkalapa Township this afternoon.

The donation ceremony was held at Dhamma Medini Monastery in Ward 12 of North Okkalapa Township. Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, and Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence donated alms to members of the Sangha.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and senior military officers presented offertories to the Sayadaws.

On behalf of Tatmadaw families (Army, Navy and Air),

Lt-Col Myo Naing of Yangon Command Headquarters, Cmdr Htay Naing of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command and Lt-Col Min Lwin of Mingaladon Airbase offered rice and alms to

certificates of honour to them. Today's donations to monasteries and nunneries in North Okkalapa Township totalled 589 bags of rice, 244 viss of edible oil, 2,346 viss of salt, 4,201

wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Today's donations to monasteries and nunneries in Shwepyitha Township totalled 190 bags of rice, 65.5 viss of edible oil, 130



Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepts cash donation from a wellwisher. — MNA

the Sayadaws. Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and officials accepted K 18,786,000 from wellwishers and presented

bottles of traditional medicine, 449 viss of gram, 2,246 bars of soap, 449 tubes of tooth paste and K 18,786,000.

A similar ceremony

viss of gram, 654 viss of iodized salt, 130 tubes of tooth paste, 2,632 bottles of traditional medicines and K 6,348,000.

MNA

ASEAN strives for regional sustainable energy future

HANOI, 29 July — Ten members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) have exchanged views on strategic directions and measures for efficient, competitive and sustainable energy future in the block, Laos news agency KPL reported Friday.

During the 24th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM) held in Laos on Thursday, ministers from the 10 countries said improvements in energy efficiency and increases in the contribution from renewable energy to supplies are both impor-

tant for achieving a sustainable energy future, since the block's reliance on external sources for oil will have implications on the security of its energy supply.

The ministers appealed for continued investments in energy production and

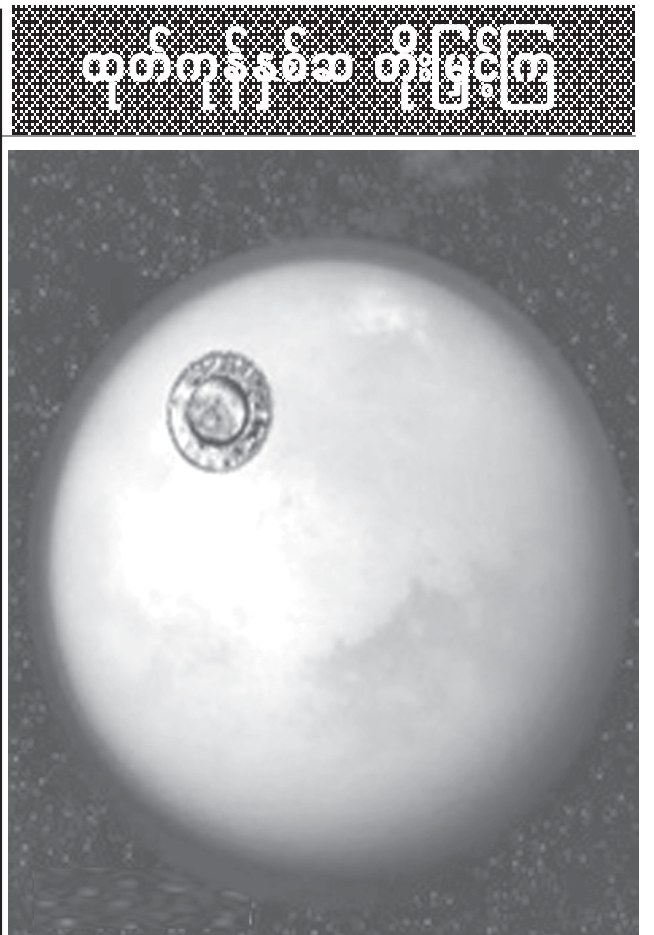
infrastructural development to secure adequate and stable supply of energy. They also called for further expanding renewable energy by strengthening efficient support system for their utilization, increasing research and development activities towards techno-

logical innovation and creating policies to support their development by the private sector.

The ministers agreed to strengthen renewable energy development, such as hydropower, biomass, bio-fuels, and to promote power trade cooperation in ASEAN.

They also agreed to collectively work towards the finalization of new ASEAN Petroleum Security Agreement and the memorandum of understanding on the ASEAN Power Grid for possible signing at the 25th AMEM to be held in 2007 in Singapore.

MNA/Xinhua



A cluster of lakes have been discovered on Saturn's moon Titan, the first time such reservoirs of surface liquid have been found outside Earth, media reports said recently.—INTERNET



Passengers queue up to check-in at a Thai Airways International counter before a commercial test flight at Bangkok's new Suvarnabhumi International Airport, on the eastern outskirts of Bangkok, on 29 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Israeli military drone crashes in Lebanon

BEIRUT, 29 July — An unmanned Israeli military drone crashed into the mountains near Beirut on Friday, state-run Lebanese media reported.

An Israeli warplane then pounded the area and destroyed the crashed drone, said the reports.

Meanwhile, Israel's best-selling *Yedioth Ahronoth* newspaper reported on its website that the Israeli Army said the drone crashed "apparently as a result of malfunction" and was not shot down by enemy fire.

An Israeli warplane de-

stroyed the drone after it crashed to prevent it from falling into the hands of Hezbollah, the report added.

MNA/Xinhua

S African lifeguard survives shark attack

JOHANNESBURG, 29 July — A South African lifeguard escaped unhurt when a shark chewed his surf-ski on Friday in the sea off Fish Hoek near Cape Town.

The shark might be a great white, approximately 3.5 metres to four metres in length, local shark expert Allison Kock estimated after interview-

ing Lyle Maasdrop, the 19-year-old guard, and investigating the bite marks on his surf-ski, the *South African Press Association* (SAPA) reported.

Lyle and four fellow surf-skiers, all crew members of Fish Hoek Lifesaving Club, were paddling from Fish Hoek to Simon's Town on Friday. Lyle said he felt the

back of his surf-ski lifting out of the water and heard a crunching sound. He fell off his surf-ski and realized it was a shark when his hand landed on the shark's back. Lyle then abandoned his surf-ski after a fellow paddler helped him onto the back of his surf-ski and paddled him to rocks where they got out of the water, said the report.—MNA/Xinhua

dal fight against prosecution for violations of the War Crimes Act of 1996, according to the report.

The War Crimes Act, endorsed by a Republican-controlled Congress in 1996, criminalizes violations of the Geneva Convention, which governs conduct in war and threatens the death penalty if detainees die in custody from abusive treatment.

Some human rights groups and independent experts say they oppose the undermining of the reach of the War Crimes Act, arguing that it deters

government misconduct and saying any step back from the Geneva Convention could provoke mistreatment of captured US military personnel.

Since the US Government launched its "war on terror", hundreds of US military personnel have been accused of abusing detainees, and at least 35 detainees have died in military or CIA custody.

However, the US military has repeatedly asserted that these were all aberrant acts by troops ignoring its orders.

MNA/Xinhua

British police arrest colleagues over candy theft

LONDON, 29 July — Two British police officers have been arrested by colleagues on suspicion of stealing candy from the staff confectionery shop.

An investigation was launched after "a significant stock loss" from the sweetshop at Hailsham Police Station in southern England, Sussex Police said on Friday.

The shop operates by officers helping themselves to the candy and drinks before leaving money in a tin.

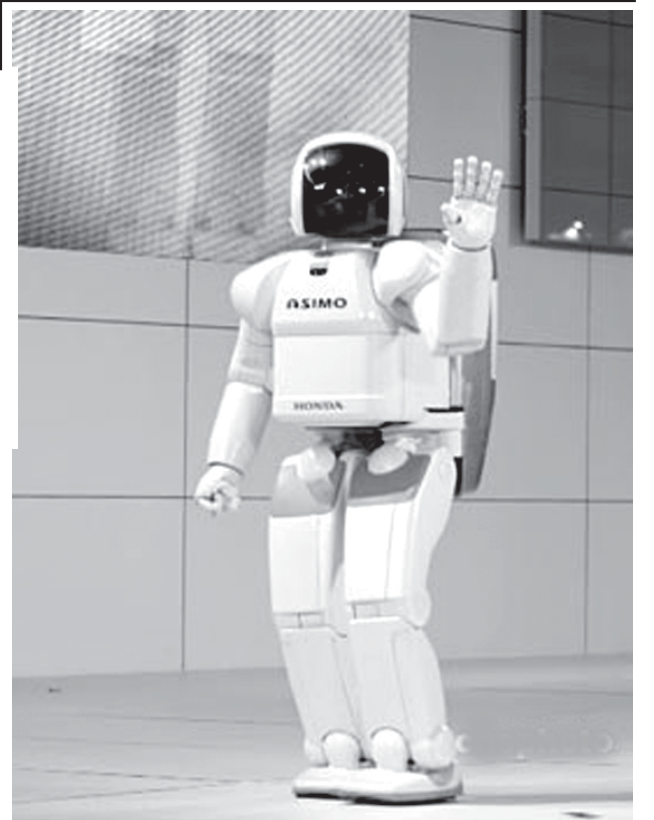
The two officers, who

have since been released on bail, have been suspended while "a number" of other staff and officers have also been removed from frontline duty while the candy-theft probe is carried out.

"The integrity of our staff is very important to us and when we identify problems such as this, we act swiftly and positively to resolve the issues," said Chief Inspector Tony Blaker said.

MNA/Reuters

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



Four Marines killed in action in Iraq

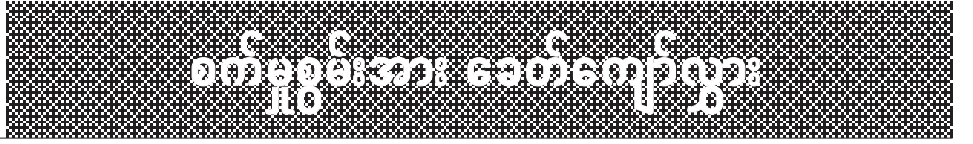
BAGHDAD, 30 July — Four US Marines were killed in combat on Thursday in Iraq's Anbar province, west of Baghdad, the US military announced.

Three of those Marines were assigned to 1st Brigade, 1st Armoured Division, according to a military statement on Saturday.

On Friday, the US military announced the death of the fourth Marine, who was assigned to Regimental Combat Team 5. Thirty-eight US troops have died in Iraq during July. Since the start of the war, 2,565 US troops have died in Iraq. Seven Department of Defence civilian employees have also died in Iraq.—INTERNET



New Peruvian President Alan Garcia (R) and Chile's President Michelle Bachelet sing Peru's national anthem during a military parade to celebrate Independence Day in Lima, on 29 July, 2006.—INTERNET



Chinese FM says peaceful solution to Iran N-issue is best option

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 July — Peaceful solution through negotiations is the best choice to solve the Iran nuclear issue, Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said here on Friday.

Li made this remark when he met with his Iranian counterpart Manouchehr Mottaki in this capital city of Malaysia, where they were attending the 13th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF).

Li said that all sides concerned should continue to make unceasing efforts to this end and create conditions for an early resumption of the negotiations on the Iran nuclear issue.

The Chinese side is willing to work together with all parties concerned to play a constructive role in a peaceful solution of the Iran nuclear issue, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Three Americans among dead in Afghan crash

KABUL, 29 July — The wife of an American contract worker and their two daughters were among at least 12 people killed when a civilian helicopter crashed in bad weather in southeast Afghanistan, media reports said. The cause of Wednesday's crash was still being investigated, but military and civilian officials said bad flying conditions were the most likely reason the helicopter went down in a valley in rugged mountains near Khost.

Atlanta television station, WAGA-TV, said the wife and two daughters of an American contract worker were aboard the helicopter. The daughters were aged 17 and 21.

The three women were on their way to meet him in Khost before leaving for a family vacation, according to the station's website.

Two Dutch soldiers also died in the crash, but the identities of the remaining people on board have not been released.

"The bodies are charred

beyond recognition and the remains are mixed up," a Western diplomatic source said on Friday.

MNA/Reuters

People dying from too much sun

WELLINGTON, 28 July—The World Health Organisation says as many as 60,000 people a year die from too much sun.

In the first report to outline the global health burden of sun exposure, the WHO says most deaths are from skin cancers caused by excess exposure to the

sun's harmful rays, ultraviolet radiation.

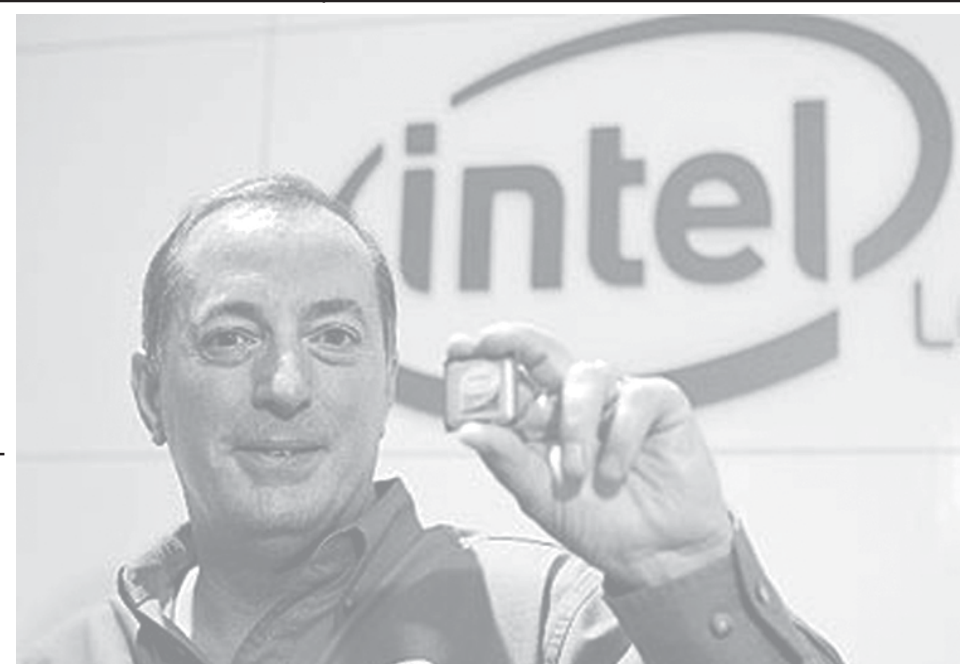
The WHO's Director for Public Health Dr Maria Neira says small amounts of sun are beneficial to

health, and play an essential role in the body's production of vitamin D.

But she says overexposure to UV radiation is associated with serious and deadly health problems.

She says fortunately most are almost entirely preventable through simple protective measures such as covering up when in the sun and wearing sunscreen.

Internet



Intel Chief Executive Paul Otellini shows the new Intel Core 2 Duo processor during an event at the Intel headquarters in Santa Clara, California on 27 July, 2006.—INTERNET

UN soldiers injured in Israeli strikes

BEIRUT, 30 July—Two Indian soldiers with the United Nations (UN) peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon have been wounded and their observation post damaged by an Israeli air strike. Milos Strugar, spokesman for the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), says the two have been evacuated to hospital.

He says the observation post inside their position had been damaged. Last week, an Israeli air raid killed four UN observers in an attack UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said was "apparently deliberate".

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert expressed his sorrow and ordered a probe but said the UN position was not targeted intentionally. Israel has been pounding targets in southern Lebanon since Hezbollah guerillas seized two Israeli soldiers and killed eight in a cross-border raid 18 days ago.—Internet



Young people attending a matchmaking fair take part in a game at Baima Park in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 29 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Australian study finds fish oil helps weight loss

SYDNEY, 29 July — Fatty acids found in fish, known to slow the impact of ageing on human brain, can also help in weight loss when consumed along with moderate exercise, an Australian study found.

The University of South Australia study found that daily doses of fish oil containing Omega-3 fatty acids helped obese people burn off excess weight. "The Omega-3 found in fish oil increases fat-burning ability by improving the flow of blood to muscles during exercise," university researcher Alison Hill told Reuters.

The university's study monitored 68 overweight and obese people, divided into four groups, over three months.

One group took small daily doses of fish oil and

another was given sunflower oil with no other alteration to their normal diet.

Both groups under took moderate exercise programmes of a 45-minute walk or run three times a week over the period and were monitored

over three months.

Another two groups received either fish oil or sunflower oil but did no exercise.

The study found that those who took the fish oil doses and exercised lost an average of 2 kilogrammes (4.5 pounds) over the three

months.

The groups which took sunflower oil, which does not contain Omega-3 fatty acids, and exercised, did not lose any weight. The two groups which did no exercise also lost no weight, the study found.

MNA/Reuters



Li Sun'ou, dressed in a Han-dynasty costume, plays a traditional musical instrument called the Guzheng during a performance in Beijing on 28 July, 2006.—INTERNET

“Friendship Journey from Beijing to Moscow” arrives in Russia

BEIJING, 29 July — The “Friendship Journey from Beijing to Moscow” passed through Manchuria and arrived in Russia’s Novosibirsk at 11 am on 28 July. Group members will begin 40 days of interviews on Russian soil.

More than 40 group members from China’s different news organizations constitute the special “Friendship Journey from Beijing to Moscow” group.

Yin Li, group leader and dean of the News Centre of China Radio International, said “this report group will visit about 20 cities in Russia and interview locals and overseas Chinese students and government officials as well as ordinary people.

The aim of the interviews is to find out more about the history of China-Russia exchanges and

develop new contacts, said Yin.

Yin also said, “The report group will look at Russia’s cities, natural landscape and social environment. We will show Chinese people who have never visited Russia the real, modern Russia in order to increase mutual understanding between the two countries.”

The report group left Beijing’s Tiananmen Square on 25 July and has already travelled about 2,600 miles. The group arrived in Inner Mongolia’s Manchuria on 27 July.

According to the time-

table, they will visit Novosibirsk and St Petersburg and are scheduled to arrive in Moscow at the end of August. In total, they will cover 15,000 kilometres.

The “Friendship Journey from Moscow to Beijing” will end on 5 September, after passing through 22 cities in China and Russia.

MNA/Xinhua



Hot air balloons lift off from Solberg Airport during the sunrise launch of the New Jersey Festival of Ballooning in Readington, NJ, on 29 July, 2006. The 24th annual event is the largest summertime hot air balloon and music festival in North America and features close to 125 balloons from all over the country.—INTERNET

Stolen USN laptops contain data of 31,000 recruits

WASHINGTON, 29 July — Two laptop computers recently stolen from US Navy offices contain personal information on about 31,000 recruits from the New York-New Jersey area, CNN Television reported Thursday.

The laptops were grabbed from Navy recruiting offices in Trenton and Jersey City in New Jersey, in June and July separately, the report said.

An inventory search after the first theft uncovered the loss of the second laptop.

Personal information stored in the stolen laptops include names and Social Security numbers, which, some experts said, could make the recruits vulnerable to fraud and identity theft. However, a US Navy spokesman said the computers are password-protected, and the risk of identity theft is “extremely low”. So far there have not been any reports of any illegal

use of the information in the laptops.

It is the third incident since mid-June that personal data on US Navy personnel has been lost or unintentionally released publicly over the Internet.

In mid-June, a report said Social Security numbers and other data for 28,000 US sailors and family members were found on a civilian website.

Early this month, another report said Social Security numbers and other personal information on more than 100,000 Navy and Marine Corps aviators and aircrew were discovered on the Naval Safety Centre’s website.

MNA/Xinhua



A model displays a hairstyle for bride during the opening of an exhibition on wedding necessities in Jinan, capital city of east China’s Shandong Province on 28 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Lebanese musician uses Israeli bombs as backdrop

LONDON, 29 July — A Lebanese musician has recorded a unique duet with the Israeli Air Force by recording on the balcony of his Beirut apart-

ment during a bombing raid.

In his sound art piece, trumpeter Marzen Kerbaj intermingles his music with the sounds of bombardment.

Explaining how he put together his unique composition, Kerbaj told BBC Radio: “I was maybe three kilometres (two miles) away. I could see them explode and hear them but somehow I was safe.

“It is freaking for the nerves but I quickly understood that if I play music while it is happening, it is much better than just hearing it happening. Somehow my brain shifts and I focus totally on the music”.

MNA/Reuters

Moderate quake jolts Indonesia’s Bengkulu

JAKARTA, 29 July — A magnitude-5.6 earthquake rocked Indonesia’s Bengkulu Province on Sumatra Island Friday, causing no damages.

The tremor occurred at 14:17 local time (07:17 GMT) and was centred 154 kilometres southwest of the province, provincial geophysics agency head Ali Muzain said.

“Despite the powerful magnitude, the quake was not felt by residents because the epicentre was quite far,” he said.

The quake-prone province was jolted by three earthquakes this week, measuring from 3.3 to 5.6 on the Richter Scale.—MNA/Xinhua

Explosion rocks western Turkish city, two wounded

ANKARA, 29 July — Two people were injured when an explosive charge went off in front of a bank in the Aegean city of Izmir in western Turkey on Friday, Turkey’s semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

The blast occurred in the parking lot in front of the building, causing some damages and wounding two people, said the report.

Izmir Governor Oguz Kagan Koksak and Izmir Police Director Huseyin Capkin went to the scene for investigation, added the report.—MNA/Xinhua

145 kilos of heroin seized in eastern Turkey

ANKARA, 29 July — Turkish police seized 145 kilos of heroin in an operation in eastern Turkey, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported on Friday.

Acting on a tip-off, the teams of Hakkari Security Department stopped a truck on main Hakkari-Van highway in Hakkari Province linking neighbouring Iran and Iraq, the report said.

The heroin was found in 132 packages hidden in the truck, said the report, adding that one suspected person was arrested in connection with the haul.

MNA/Xinhua

Romanian officer dies in crash after Iraq duty

BUCHAREST, 29 July — A Romanian military commander died in a car crash on Friday, hours after he returned from Iraq where his 450-soldier battalion had served the US-led coalition for six months, the Defence Ministry said.

Stefan Balan, 39, was driving home from Bucharest airport after receiving a hero’s welcome when his vehicle was in collision with another car, state news agency *Rompres* said.

Balan’s wife was killed and their daughter injured, Defence Ministry spokesman Cristinel Ghiga told *Reuters*. —MNA/Reuters



Workers of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) unload a car from an ICRC ship as it arrives in a port in Beirut on 29 July, 2006.—INTERNET

UN withdraws unarmed observers from Israeli-Lebanese border

BEIRUT, 29 July— The United Nations has decided to withdraw unarmed observers from posts along the Israeli-Lebanese border, a spokesman said on Friday.

“These are unarmed people and this is for their protection,” said Milos Struger, a spokesman for UNIFIL.

On Tuesday night, four UN military observers were killed in an Israeli airstrike on their post in Khiyam. The victims were from Finland, Austria, Canada and China. Created in 1978 and deployed in south

Lebanon since then, the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) has been committed to confirming an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, restoring peace and security and helping the Lebanese Government restore its effective authority in the area.

MNA/Xinhua



A girl dressed up as a character from the Japanese comic “Angel Sanctuary” poses during a Cosplay competition at the Ani-com Hong Kong, an animation and comic fair, in Hong Kong on 28 July, 2006. Cosplay, made up of the words “costume” and “play”, is a Japanese subculture which involves dressing as characters from manga (comic), anime and video games. —INTERNET

Number of French heatwave victims rises to 64

PARIS, 29 July— The number of deaths as a result of a heatwave in France has risen to 64, most of them elderly people, officials said on Thursday.

“The number we have established up to yesterday evening is 64 deaths which seem to us directly or indirectly caused by this heatwave,” Gilles Bruecker, director of the French Institute of Health Surveillance, told a news conference.

Of the total, 40 were people above 75 years of age, although Bruecker said it was not always easy to say whether the unusual heat was responsible for their deaths.

Ten of those who died were suffering from health conditions that made them vulnerable to the heat, including three cases of serious obesity and two cases of diabetes.

Of the remainder, eight people had died at work, three died while playing sports, two were homeless and one was a child.

The total is well short of the 15,000 deaths caused by the last serious heatwave in 2003 which prompted the government to boost measures to protect vulnerable groups during unusually hot weather.

Fierce thunder storms

swept France overnight and weather forecasters said temperatures should drop closer to normal levels over the coming days. —MNA/Reuters

Five shot at Jewish centre in Seattle

LOS ANGELES, 29 July— Five people were wounded, one fatally, when an unknown gunman opened fire at the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle on Friday, police sources confirmed.

The motive of the killing was unknown and police refused to link the killing with the ongoing Israeli bombardment of southern Lebanon.

Reports reaching here quoted assistant Police Chief Jim Pugel in Seattle as saying that five or six people were

wounded.

One of them died later on way to hospital, police sources confirmed.

One suspect was arrested after the shooting and his identity remained unknown, said the sources.

MNA/Xinhua



Unidentified crime scene investigators photograph the front of The Jewish Federation building where a gunman shot and killed one person and wounded five others in downtown Seattle, on 28 July, 2006. —INTERNET



A US soldier walks past a vehicle damaged in a car bomb attack in Kirkuk about 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad on 29 July, 2006. —INTERNET

One American, two Chinese rescued on North China Sea

YANTAI (Shandong), 29 July— One American and two Chinese men were rescued Friday morning from a private yacht that broke down on north China’s Bohai Sea on Thursday night, Chinese rescuers said Friday.

The American man, Richard M Wolff, set out Thursday evening from Laizhou in Shandong Province in the yacht he had just bought. He and the two Chinese people aboard were heading for Dalian in Liaoning Province.

However, the craft lost power about 20 nautical miles off the Shandong coast, rescuers said.

The Beihai Rescue Bureau under China’s Ministry of Commu-

nications received the SOS signal at 9:19 pm on Thursday and immediately sent a rescue boat to save the people.

At 11:15 pm, Chinese rescuers found the yacht and started towing it to Dalian.

At 6:45 am on Friday, the Beihai Rescue Bureau sent out another life boat for assistance and the yacht arrived safely at the port of Dalian at 7:30.

MNA/Xinhua

Four killed as stage collapses in Peru

LIMA, 29 July— Four people died and 50 others were injured on Friday in a suburb of Peru’s capital

Lima when a stage collapsed for holding too many people, local media reported.

The stage, made of wood and iron poles, collapsed under the weight of too many people who had stood on it to observe a parade marking Peru’s 185th Independence Day. Four people died in the crush of bodies.

The injured, suffering fractures, bruises and compound injuries, were carried to local medical centres for treatment.

The stage had been set up in the main square of Puente Piedra, a town 21 kilometres north of Lima, for people to watch a march of schoolchildren and civil groups to celebrate the Independence Day.

MNA/Xinhua

Five new patients suspected of having caught bird flu in Thailand

BANGKOK, 29 July— Five new patients in Phitsanulok and Phichit, the Thai provinces declared bird flu red zones, are suspected to have caught the deadly H5N1 virus, local media Friday reported.

The Thai Public Health Ministry was quoted by the *Bangkok Post* as saying the new cases pushed the number of suspected cases to 44 nationwide, all awaiting bird flu laboratory test results.

Bunchai Theerakan, acting chief of Phitsanulok Public Health Office, said three new patients in the province were admitted to local hospitals during the past two days.

They showed symptoms similar to influenza, and all had had direct contact with chicken in areas where mass chicken deaths were reported. The hospitals were waiting for blood test results.

In Phichit, two patients, a 42-year-old woman and a four-year-old girl, fell sick after they touched dead chicken carcasses at their homes, according to the Phichit Hospital.

MNA/Xinhua

Let us promote breastfeeding

Dr Thane Htoon

A few months ago ten sacks of milk powder, among others of medicines, reached our general hospital of Pakokku as a usual annual consignment of supplies, and the pharmacist in charge of the medical store got astounded when I told him to distribute the milk powder to frail and feeble mothers. "Why not to the delicate babies in the children's ward?" he asked and I replied, "Mother's breast milk is the best and sufficient for the babies".

A decade ago I saw a film about baby milk and medicines, entitled "The Great Health Robbery"... that depicts one aspect of how the rich world, often unwittingly aggravates poverty and ill-health in the poor world. Many children are victims of the newly imported health hazard—bottle feeding. The advertising and promotion gives milk powder all the mystique of modern medicine with the illusion of instant health.

Some babies whose chances of survival are already precarious are now threatened by a dramatic rise in bottle-feeding. As many as one half of the urban babies and one third of the rural babies are already being bottle-fed to some extent at the age of only three to five months. Breastfeeding has long been recognized as the first step to good health for a baby. Breastmilk provides the perfect nutrition for babies while its anti-infective properties protect against diarrhoea and respiratory infections that can be epidemic in emergencies. By contrast, artificial feeding in these situations is dangerous and increases the risk of malnutrition, disease and infant death.

To some of us will come as shock that something as innocuous and potentially useful as artificial baby milk can be a killer. Most of mothers do not realize how to sterilize nursing bottle and teats

in boiling water. Poor mothers may be tempted to overdilute the milk powder to make it go further. The result of these overdiluted, bacteria-ridden milk is hardly surprising. Babies become malnourished and get diarrhoea from contaminated water or dirty feeding bottle. This can lead quite quickly to protein-energy-malnutrition and sometimes death. The babies that do survive may well have their growth impaired by bottle-induced illness. Studies show that babies who are exclusively bottle-fed tend to be the most under weight for their age and more susceptible to diseases.

According to the Global Strategy optimal feeding practices begin with early initiation of skin-to-skin and breastfeeding, exclusive breastfeeding for six months, and continued breastfeeding for two years or longer with appropriate complimentary feeding. Babies are increasingly being fed with imported weaning foods, which are more expensive than our Myanmar traditional foods made of local grains, lentils or pulses. Although many Myanmar mothers now suckle their infants for 1-3 years, breast-milk substitutes have been presented to poor mothers as a prestige symbol of the failure of suckling which is beneficial to mothers and infants.

For women, the point-of-sale impact of tins of milk powder stacked in almost every market food stall is just as effective in reinforcing the fashionable drift to bottle-feeding. The plump, healthy babies on the tins beam out the message that this must make their babies plump and healthy, too. Company salesmen have visited private doctors and government health clinics, offering them free samples and gifts for promoting artificial feeding products. This totally undermines the clinic's health education work which advocates breastfeeding.

The international health experts including UNICEF agree that "bottle baby disease" affects millions of babies throughout the world. The producers of artificial baby milk are still promoting the image of the happy, healthy bottle-feeding baby in countries where the end result is all too often a shrivelled corpse.

Breastfeeding is beneficial and even wards off bed-wetting because of the role that certain fatty acids passed onto the infant play in brain development, said the researches recently.

Let us promote breastfeeding.

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Pakistan to host donors' conference on earthquake-hit areas

ISLAMABAD, 30 July — Pakistan has planned to host a second international donors' conference aimed at generating funds for various projects to rebuild the areas that were hit by the devastating earthquake on October 8, 2005, local newspaper *Dawn* reported on Saturday.

Deputy Chairman of Earthquake Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Authority (ERRA) Lieutenant-General Nadeem Ahmad said that the conference was most likely to take place on October 8, exactly a year after the deadly earthquake rattled parts of Pakistan leaving thousands of people dead and injured.

He said that pledges to provide 6.2 billion US dollars were made at the first international donors' conference.

However, the cost of reconstruction was expected to go beyond what had been estimated earlier, he added.

He assured that most of the people in the quake-hit areas would get shelter before the next winter, and a very few people would be left in the camps.

Ahmad said Saudi Arabia would provide 10,000 pre-fabricated houses next month for the people affected by landslides in the quake-hit areas.

Half of these houses would go to Balakot for landless people, and the rest to Muzaffarabad and some other landslide prone areas in Pakistan-controlled Kashmir.

He said Kuwait would also provide 200 pre-fabricated houses and efforts were being made to meet the shortfall through International Organization of Migration (IOM).

MNA/Xinhua

13 illegal immigrants feared dead off Italy

ROME, 30 July — Skeletal survivors from a drifting boat of illegal immigrants rescued by the Italian Navy reported 13 people had died during the crossing from Libya, port officials said on Saturday.

The officials in the Sicilian city of Palermo said 14 immigrants were rescued overnight off the island of Lampedusa. Seven of them were in critical condition, including two in a coma, after drifting at sea for days without food or water.

Survivors told the rescuers they threw overboard the bodies of 13 people after they died.

"They were in pitiful condition, reduced to skeletons and with their lips burnt by the sun. When we found them they could not stand on their feet, they looked like ghosts," said Stefano Bricchi, the captain of the Italian Navy boat that carried out the rescue mission.

"Some of them, in halting English, told us they had been at sea for 20 days and that food and water supplies had run out after a week," he told ANSA news agency.

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A saleswoman shows gold dolls at a store in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 27

July, 2006.

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South Africa set to launch space agency

JOHANNESBURG, 30 July— The South African Government has approved the establishment of the South African Space Agency, Government Communications said in a statement received here on Friday.

The agency would be an institutional vehicle for the coordination and implementation of South Africa's national space science and technology programmes. "The agency will conduct long-term planning and imple-

mentation of space-related activities in South Africa for the benefit of all citizens," the statement said. It would coordinate its activities closely with the South African Council for Space Affairs and stakeholders, and would

report to the Minister of Science and Technology. South Africa's remarkable progress over the past decade in the fields of space science and astronomy is set to generate billions of rands in foreign investment.

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Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo explains at the meeting of the Organizing Leading Committee of Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.— MNA

Existence of Myanmar fine arts with own national character can be attributed to...

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In Konbaung Era in which Myanmar Thabin and Myanmar music flourished a variety of fine arts including marionette show and different classical songs emerged. At the same time, songs based on Myanmar drum and ethnic songs that reflected Myanmar way of life and trait of character have been in existence since yore.

Myanmar has been dealing on equal terms with neighbouring countries that are of high standard in culture and large in population since time immemorial. In the meantime, Myanmar with a fine tradition of having own monarch, own territory, own culture and own literature stood tall with national character among the world community.

With fine tradition and heritage, Myanmar people have been preserving own national character and identity on the basis of national culture, he stressed.

The existence of Myanmar fine arts with own national character can be attributed to the efforts, courage and diligence of Myanmar ancestors. It is the duty of all the national people to preserve national prestige and integrity and to hand them down to the new generations.

He said that Myanmar fine arts were fully blessed with justice, integrity, straightforwardness, sympathy, loving-kindness, the fear and shame to commit misdeeds and the four cardinal virtues that have been deeply rooted in Myanmar society.

Therefore, the Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions are being held yearly in order to uphold the fine traditions that depicts Myanmar's higher national integrity and to hand them down to the new generations and to effectively use the might of the fine arts in the interest of the State and the people, he noted.

He said revitalizing invaluable performing arts including Myanmar Thabin and marionette with national essence and power promotes skill on art and organizational power and improve the people's quality to enjoy art.

In the globalization process most of the nations of the world are preserving their traditional

culture and such duty is noble and great, he said.

Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions are being held in order to observe the high standard of traditional culture and recognize great value of its culture.

So, the government is safeguarding cultural heritage and national character after laying down social objectives. In cultural field the preservation of tradition needs to be harmonious with innovations. In



Brig-Gen Wai Lwin reports at the meeting of the Organizing Leading Committee of Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

doing so, all the people including artistes are required to have nationalistic fervour and to be united and strong. Spiritual developments such as uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation, uplift of national heritage and propagation of national unity and Union Spirit are to be shaped through the might of literature, culture and art. Head of State Senior General



Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint briefs at the meeting of the Organizing Leading Committee of Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

Than Shwe has given guidance that emphasis is to be placed on holding Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions like Union Day celebrations to uplift national heritage, to prevent the penetration of alien culture and to further cement unity and amity among national brethren, said the Prime Minister.

He continued that the State Peace and Development Council, since its duty assumption, has been

holding Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions annually and encouraging national race music and dances. Besides, Universities of Culture have been established in Yangon and Mandalay. Now, due to the efforts and cooperation of maestros, artistes, the people and responsible persons from various states and divisions, performing arts competitions have been held for 13 times. Likewise, work needs to be coordinated for holding the 14th competitions on a grand scale in Nay Pyi Taw. In building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, development gap can be narrowed only when all the states and divisions develop harmoniously. And those regions will enjoy equal progress in all sectors such as politics, economy and health. In cultural sector also, the people are to strive for the uplift of national culture. Measures are also being taken to train the participants in all the states and divisions. All in all, the Prime Minister said it is known to all that cultural performing arts competitions are the only way to consolidate national unity for the future of the State. Later, he urged those present to present requirements and make preparations in holding the 14th cultural performing arts competitions with the aim of uplifting the national culture.

Leading Committee Chairman Brig-Gen Wai Lwin reported on event-wise competitions in the 13th contests and its experiences, and arrangements for organizing the 14th Traditional Performing Arts Competitions in Nay Pyi Taw similar to that held in Yangon.

Next, Vice-Chairman (1) of the Leading Committee Chairman of the Working Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint presented reports on schedules on the competitions, setting up of the leading, working and sub-committees, and tasks for holding the competitions.

Vice-Chairman (2) of the Leading Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan briefed the Prime Minister on fund raising matters and measures for inculcating people with Myanmar cultural heritage.



Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan reports at the meeting of the Organizing Leading Committee of Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

Member of the Panel of Patrons SPDC member Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo explained arrangements for convenient participation of contestants in the competitions.

Later, those present participated in the discussions for successful holding of the competitions. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by Prime Minister General Soe Win.

After the meeting, Prime Minister Gen Soe Win cordially greeted the maestros.

The 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will be held in Nay Pyi Taw with seven objectives— to vitalize patriotism and nationalism; to preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage; to perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts; to preserve Myanmar national character; to nurture spiritual development of the youths; to prevent influence of alien culture; and to strengthen national unity and Union Spirit. — MNA

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe presents offertories to a Sayadaw.
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Daw Khin Than Nwe donates provisions to a Sayadaw.
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Military officers present donations to a Sayadaw. (News on page 2)— MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win presents donations to a Sayadaw.
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MWAF conducts sanitation, physic nuts plants growing at TB Hospital

YANGON, 30 July— Under the auspices of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, a ceremony to donate cash to the medical funds of Aung San TB Hospital was held in conjunction with sanitation mass activities and physic nut plant growing ceremony at the hospital this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-President of

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Thet Htay, heads of department of MWAF and executives, Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai and members, heads of departments, members of MMCWA and Union Solidarity Development Association, the medical superintendent and health service personnel.

The commander and mayor looked into sanitation tasks and growing of physic nut plants carried out by members of social organizations and service personnel under the supervision of MWAF.

At the cash donations ceremony, head of administrative department of MWAF Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe explained the purpose of donation to the medical funds. Next, wellwishers including the commander, Daw Khin Mi Mi and Dr Daw Sanda Aung of MWAF and Yangon Division MCWA Patron Daw Mar Mar Wai presented K 4.8 million and 50,000 to Deputy Director-General Dr Tin Nyunt of the Health Department, Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint and Medical Superintendent Dr Hlaing Myint. — MNA



Patron of Yangon Division WAO Yangon Division MCWSC Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai presents K 200,000 to Deputy Director-General Dr Tin Nyunt of Health Department. — MNA

Dry Day Supervisory Committee makes inspection

YANGON, 30 July— Members of Dry Day supervisory Committee Police Battalion Control Commander of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Than Han, Ayeyawady Naval Region

Command Commander Captain Aye Pe and departmental heads supervised the functions of dry day inspection teams at the main points of downtown Yangon today. Members of dry day

inspection teams checked dry day pass, driver's license and wheel tax bill of departmental and Tatmadaw vehicles, wearing of departmental uniforms and breaking of traffic rules. — MNA



MWAF donates K 200,000 to Deputy Director-General Dr Tin Nyunt of Health Department. — MNA



Members of USDA repaving Daw Thein Tin road in Mingalar Taungnyunt Township on 30-7-2006. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveils the signboard of the Garment Factory (Pakokku). — MNA

Garment Factory (Pakokku) established to...

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factory is one more factory of the Ministry of Industry-1. In conclusion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged local people to safeguard durability of the factory and manufacture quality products at full capacity.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye said that the Ministry of Industry-1 opened Pakokku Textile Factory on 1 October 2005. Due to opening of the factories, products can be sold to the people at fair prices, and the factories contribute toward import-substitute plan of the State. The Head of State had given guidance with farsightedness to narrow the development gap between urban and rural areas and ensure uplift of economic, social and education standards of the rural people. In conclusion, the commander called on the people and departmental personnel to take part in the regional development with patriotic spirit under the leadership of the Government.

A local thanked the Government for opening of the Garment Factory (Pakokku).

Managing Director U Oo Thein Maung presented cash to the funds of basic education schools in villages near the factory.

The Garment Factory (Pakokku) of MTF was built with the aim of supplying local demands of

garments, manufacturing import-substitute products, ensuring development of the region and uplift of living standard of the local people, creating job opportunities, and improving technological application due to installation of modern machinery at the factory.

The factory is 340 feet long, 150 feet wide and 20 feet high. It is reinforced concrete building.

The factory is equipped with one 11-KV sub-power station, a water tank, warehouses and 704 machines including 526 multi-functional sewing machines.

A total of 816 employees have been appointed at the factory. The strength of the workforce is 31 officers and 1597 staff members.

The factory will manufacture 1.2 million pieces of garment yearly. — MNA



Garment Factory (Pakokku). — MNA

Dengue hemorrhage fever control campaign launched

YANGON, 29 July— The Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee organized the environmental greening and sanitation campaign at No 1 Basic Education High School on Dabin Shwe Hti Street in Ward 2, Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District, this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Chairperson of the committee Daw Mar Mar Wai, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin attended the ceremony.

Daw Mar Mar Wai dealt with the mass activities and presented equipment for sanitation work.

Dr Ivan of World



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win hands over sanitary equipment to Ward MCWAs. — MNA

Vision (Myanmar) presented educative wall posters about dengue hemorrhage fever to Secretary of Yangon Division MCWSC Head of Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint. Township MCWA Chairperson Daw Myint Khin explained facts about the campaign.

The commander and wife and the major planted commemorative trees at the monsoon tree-plantation ceremony held in Hlinethaya Township. They also planted trees in the school compound and along Dabin Shwe Hti Street together with students, social organizations and ward

dwellers. They inspected preventive measures against dengue hemorrhage fever. The commander and the mayor inspected the repair of road at the junction of Bayintnaung Road and gave instructions. MNA

Cash and kind donation ceremony held in Magway

YANGON, 29 July — Under the arrangement of Magway Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, a cash and kind donation ceremony to assist 200 cleft lip and palate patients who received surgical operation at Magway General Hospital was held at the hospital on 27 July.

It was attended by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Vice-President Daw Tin Lin Myint, Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha, Chairperson of Magway Division MCWSC Daw San San Myint and members, medical superintendent and officials.

On the occasion, Daw San San Myint and executives accepted cash donations of K 11,664,200 including K 1.6 million donated by MMCWA (Headquarters).

The secretary presented five bicycles, medicines and clothes for MCWAs in Magway Division to Dr U Aung Win. Next, the vice-president and party inspected the labour room of Magway Township MCWA and donated cash assistance to expectant mothers.

Later, they viewed the eye surgeries performed by eye specialists in Minbu Eye Hospital and gave cash assistance.

The vice-president briefed accounts on academic matters of MMCWA and presented K 250,000 for teachers of Cedana night school through Daw San San Myint at No (1) BEHS, Magway.

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Tatmadaw families, wellwishers offer rice to six monasteries in Tatkon



Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung receives the Five Precepts from a Sayadaw. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July — Tatmadaw families (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated rice and alms to six monasteries in Tatkon this afternoon.

The ceremony

was held at Ngwetaung Tawya Pariyatti Monastery in Bo Min Yang Ward of Tatkon.

Present on the occasion were Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta

Paññasiri of the monastery and members of the Sangha, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, senior military

officers, departmental officials and wellwishers.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and senior military officers donated provisions to the Sayadaws.

On behalf of Tatmadaw families, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Captain Myint Tun (Navy), Col Nay Win (Air) and senior

military officers offered rice and gram to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasiri. Wellwishers also donated cash and kind to members of the Sangha.

Next, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, senior military officers accepted cash donations from well-wishers.

Col Aye Thaw of

the Ministry of Defence supplicated on the purpose of the donations.

Today's donations to the monasteries in Tatkon Township amounted to 164 bags of rice, 86 viss of edible oil, 72 viss of gram, 362 viss of iodized salt, 72 tubes of tooth paste, 362 cakes of soft soap, 362 bars of soap, 7,217 bottles of traditional medicines and



Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Captain Myint Tun (Navy) and Col Nay Win donate provisions to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung donates provisions to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe accepts cash donated by a wellwisher. — MNA

Moe Ma Ma Aung & Moe Pa Pa Aung turn five

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July — A ceremony to mark the 5th birthday of conjoined twin sisters Moe Ma Ma Aung and Moe Pa Pa Aung who received surgical operations at Central Women's Hospital in Mandalay on 26 July 2001 was held at the Children's Hospital in Mandalay on 26 July morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace

and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Secretary of Mandalay Division PDC Lt-Col Kyi Thein, Medical Superintendent Daw Myint Myint Thein of the Children's Hospital, doctors, nurses, members of social organizations and guests.

The commander presented gifts to Moe Ma Ma Aung and Moe Pa Pa Aung.

Afterwards, Medical Superintendent Daw Myint Myint Thein accepted K 100,000 each donated by Mandalay Division Women's Affairs Organization and Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Super-visory Committee through Daw Moe Thida, wife of the Mayor, and Daw Nan Aye Mya, wife of the Deputy Commander of Central Command.

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Pakistan sends relief assistance for Lebanese people

ISLAMABAD, 29 July—Pakistan on Friday handed over Pakistan's relief consignment to the Lebanese Government, officials said.

The government of Pakistan had announced earlier its plan to send two C-130 aircraft loads of food and medicines. The relief goods, consisting of 14 tons of food items and eight tons of medicines, medical supplies and surgical equipment were arranged by the Cabinet Division's Emergency Relief Cell at the directive of the Prime Minister to help the Lebanese brethren, a Foreign Ministry statement said.

On arrival at Latakia Airport in Syria, the consignment will be handed over to the Lebanese Government's high relief commission by the embassy of Pakistan in Damascus from where it will be transported to Lebanon, it said.

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Makhdum Khusro Bakhtyar handed over the consignment to the Lebanese diplomats.

Bakhtyar expressed his deep concern "over the plight of the Lebanese people in the face of Israeli aggression", the statement said. — MNA/Xinhua

Chemical plant blast kills three, injures 12 in E China county

NANJING, 29 July— A chemical plant blast has killed three people and injured at least 12 others in Sheyang County, east China's Jiangsu Province.

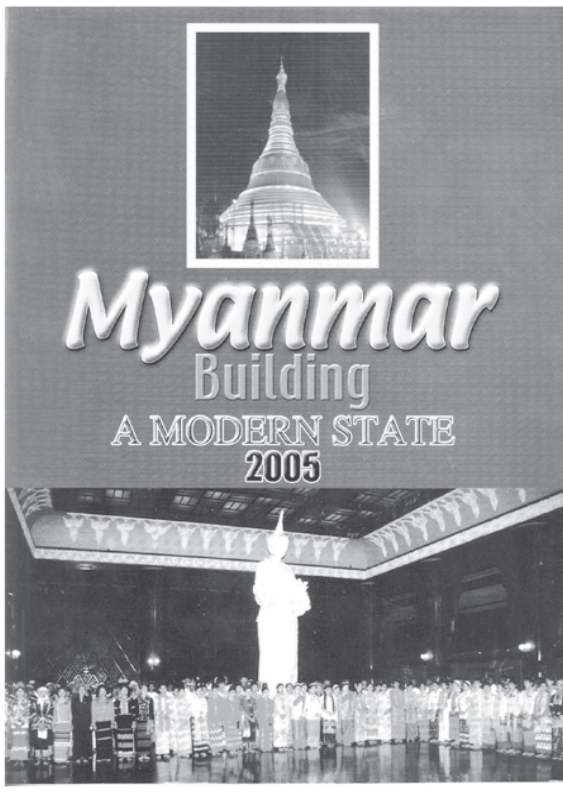
According to the provincial public security administration, the explosion took place at around 9 am Friday at Fudu Chemical Plant in Linhai Township, Sheyang County. Three people were confirmed dead and at least four people are still trapped in debris.

Rescuers have rushed to the site and sent the injured to a local hospital. Investigation into the accident is underway.

Earlier report said another chemical plant

blast occurred at 8:00 am Friday in the northern outskirts of Shanghai.

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S Africa to raise petrol price

JOHANNESBURG, 29 July— South Africa announced here on Friday that it would increase the petrol price by 4.6 per cent on 2 August after crude oil price surged and the rand woke against the dollar, raising import costs.

The Department of Minerals and Energy said in a statement that the price of petrol would rise 31 cents to 7.04 rand (about one US dollar) per litre in Gauteng Province. The price of diesel oil would climb as much as 25 cents a litre to 6.63 rand while paraffin prices would rise as much as 28 cents a litre.

The South African rand averaged 7.123 rand per dollar from June 30 to July 27, which is the period used by the government to calculate the adjustment to petrol prices, compared with 6.986 rand in the previous review period, the department said.

According to the international market, crude oil prices have gained 22 per cent until now this year, rising to a record 78.40 dollars a barrel in New York on 14 July.

South Africa fixes oil-product prices every month based on the previous month's exchange rate, the spot price of oil and costs of freight, insurance and financing. Warning motorists to brace themselves for the increases last month, the Automobile Association of South Africa urged them to use their vehicles "sparingly". It also advised motorists to plan their trips to eliminate the unnecessary use of their vehicles. — MNA/Xinhua

Crashed Russian rocket found in Kazakhstan

MOSCOW, 29 July— Searchers have found the wreckage of a Russian carrier rocket that crashed shortly after liftoff on Wednesday in Kazakhstan, the Federal Space Agency said on Friday.

The Dnepr rocket carrying a Russian satellite and 17 foreign satellites, including one from Belarus and others from Italy and the United States, crashed shortly after blasting off from the Baikonur cosmodrome late Wednesday.

The wreckage was found 150 kilometres south of the launch pad, a piece of land on Kazakh steppes that Russia leases to launch its spacecraft, agency spokesman Igor

Panarin said, quoted by the Interfax news agency. "The rocket caused no environmental or other damage at the crash site," he added.

Experts of a special commission that looks into the crash will examine the crash site on Friday, Panarin said.

The incident has dealt a fresh blow to Russia's space programme, which has suffered a series of mishaps since last year.

MNA/Xinhua

Death toll in California heat wave up to 126

CLOVIS (California), 29 July— The death toll from this week's brutal heat wave in California has reached at least 126, state officials said on Friday, although record high temperatures were finally

easing. The state's Office of Emergency Services said it had confirmed 69 deaths from heat stress, with another 57 fatalities believed to be linked to the extreme weather. Of those 88 were men and 38 women.

Los Angeles County said it was investigating another six deaths believed to be heat related.

"This is the worst in recent memory," said Dr Howard Backer, a medical consultant for emergency preparedness for the California Department of Health Services. "Temperatures are coming down, but there is a little bit of a lag from the time the temperatures come down until the health risks resolve."

Most of the dead were elderly, with the youngest

20 and the oldest 95 in Imperial County in the far south of the state.

Especially hard hit over the past week was the state's Central Valley, a major farming area. In Fresno, temperatures had exceeded 112 degrees Fahrenheit (44.5 Centigrade) for five days in a row, the longest such streak since 1898.

"While this type of triple-digit weather is common for the Central Valley, this is the first time we had 11 straight days and I think the humidity levels were different," said Henry Renteria, director of the the Office of Emergency Services.

Normally this time of year Fresno is still hot, with the average high July temperature of 97 Fahrenheit (36 Centigrade). — MNA/Reuters



UN soldiers in an armoured personnel carrier (APC) cross the Israel-Lebanon border near the Israeli village of Avivim, on 29 July, 2006. — INTERNET

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This image released by NASA 28 July, 2006 taken by NASA's Galaxy Evolution Explorer spacecraft shows a triplet of galaxies in the Virgo cluster: NGC 5560 (top galaxy), NGC 5566 (middle galaxy), and NGC 5569 (bottom galaxy). The inner ring in NGC 5566 is formed by two nearly overlapping bright arms, which themselves spring from the ends of a central bar. The outer disk of NGC 5566 appears warped, and the disk of NGC 5560 is clearly disturbed. Unlike its galactic neighbours, the disk of NGC 5569 does not appear to have been distorted by any passing galaxies.

INTERNET

China to offer emergency humanitarian aid to Lebanon

BEIJING, 29 July — Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said Friday that China has decided to offer emergency humanitarian aid to Lebanon.

Liu made the remark when commenting on a presidential statement issued Thursday by the United Nations Security Council on the Israeli attack on a UN observer post in southern Lebanon, which killed four UN military observers including a Chinese.

“We demand Israel to cooperate with the UN and carry out all-round investigation, and announce its result as soon as possible,” Liu said.

Thursday's statement says the Security Council is deeply concerned about

the safety and security of UN personnel, stressing that Israel and all concerned parties must fully comply with their obligations under international humanitarian law related to the protection of UN and its associated personnel and ensure that UN personnel are not the

object of attack.

“China also urges Israel and related sides to implement their international obligations and take practical measures to ensure the security of UN peacekeepers,” the spokesman said.

MNA/Xinhua

Harry Potter actor to star in “Equus” on London stage

LONDON, 29 July — Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe will strip off for his London stage debut as a psychologically disturbed stable boy in “Equus”.

The 17-year-old, currently making the fifth Harry Potter film, will star alongside Richard Griffiths, who plays his grumpy uncle in the wizard sagas.

Radcliffe will play Alan Strang, a stable boy who is interviewed by a psychiatrist after he blinds six horses with a metal

spike. In Peter Shaffer's controversial play, the role requires the actor to ride naked on his horse.

“This is an extraordinary play and, yes, there is a scene of nudity in it, but that's not what the play is about,” said Radcliffe's publicist Vanessa Davies.

“He finishes shooting

‘Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix’ in October or November and rehearsals are starting in January,” she added. The play is expected to open in March. Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix is the fifth J K Rowling book to be turned into a film. There are doubts about whether Radcliffe

can continue to play the boy wizard until the end of the series. Rowling is now writing the seventh and final book of the hugely successful series.

The first four Harry Potter films have amassed around 3.5 billion US dollars worldwide at the box office.

MNA/Reuters

Russia to build nuclear power plant for Kazakhstan

ALMATY, 29 July — Russia is to build a nuclear power plant with a capacity of 300 megawatts for Kazakhstan, the Kazakh national atomic energy company, Kaz AtomProm, said on Thursday.

The deal was signed on Tuesday after talks between Kazakh Prime Minister Daniyal Akhmetov and Russian Atomic Agency Chief Sergei Kiriyyenko.

Two other memorandums were also signed to create joint ventures to cooperate in the extraction of uranium in Kazakhstan with its enrichment being carried out in Russia, according to the company.

The cost of the projects, as yet undetermined, will be shared 50-50, Kaz Atom Prom said in a statement. Kazakhstan is the world's fourth biggest uranium producer, holding 30 per cent of the world's uranium reserves. —MNA/Xinhua



Zach Blumenshein, who works in merchandising for the Dallas Cowboys, places a giant bobblehead of new Cowboys player Terrell Owens on display at a store at Cowboys training camp, in Oxnard, California, on 28 July, 2006. The Cowboys' training camp begins on Saturday. —INTERNET

Japan's Finance Minister announces bid for LDP president

TOKYO, 29 July — Japanese Finance Minister Sadakazu Tanigaki publicly announced on Thursday his bid to run for the president of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and be the successor of Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

The announcement was made at a meeting of the Tanigaki Faction of the LDP on Thursday morning. Tanigaki met with Koizumi earlier in the day before he made the decision public, Kyodo News said.

Tanigaki also told reporters in the morning

that Japan's consumption tax needs to be raised to 10 per cent from the current 5 per cent by the mid-2010s. He is slated to hold a Press conference in the afternoon to declare his attitude on consumption tax and diplomatic issues.

Koizumi is expected to step down as premier in September, when his tenure as LDP president expires. The leadership of the ruling party carries with it Japan's premiership, since the LDP is dominant in the powerful House of Representatives.

MNA/Xinhua

China, Saudi Arabia urge immediate ceasefire in M-E

BEIJING, 29 July — China urges all parties to the conflict in the Middle East to cease fire immediately, Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Dai Bingguo said here on Friday.

In his meeting with Saudi Prince Bandar Bin Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, secretary-general of Saudi National Security Council, Dai said China is strongly concerned about the current situation in the Middle East, noting that the pressing matter for the moment is to realize ceasefire immediately so as to create conditions for a proper solution to the conflicts.

Dai said the ever

escalating conflicts between Lebanon and Israel have severely undermined the security and stability in the Middle East. China is strongly concerned about the current situation.

China has been always promoting the peaceful negotiations and solutions through multiple ways, and has provided emergent humanitarian assistance to Lebanon, he said.

Israel launched a massive bombardment

and limited ground assault on Lebanese Hizbollah after the Shiite militant group abducted two Israeli soldiers on 12 July. The conflicts caused severe casualties of both sides.

Lebanese Minister of Public Health Mohammed Jawad Khalife said on Thursday that about 600 Lebanese civilians had been killed in the on-going Israeli massive assault in Lebanon.

MNA/Xinhua



China's first face transplant patient Li Guoxing (L-2) returns home on 28 July, 2006, after undergoing successful surgery in Xijing Hospital in northwest China's Shaanxi Province. —INTERNET

Donate blood

SPORTS

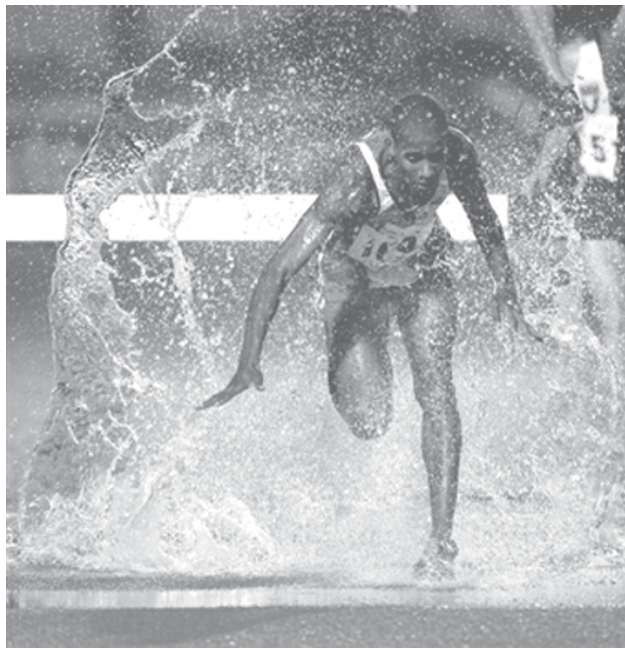
Tunisia beat Tanzania in Confederation Cup tie

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 30 July— Tunisia's Etoile Sahel club on Saturday trounced Tanzania's Moro United club with four unanswered goals in their Africa Confederation Cup soccer tie.

The Tunisians advanced into the top eight of this year's cup finals with a home-and-away aggregate of 8-1. The North African eleven downed their East African peer 4-1 on 14 July in the first leg.

On Saturday, the visitors proved just too much for their hosts and made the most of their height. Three of the goals were scored through headers.

The Moro United club, which enjoyed two byes in the first two rounds, beat UJSF Ravinala of Madagascar 5-2 on aggregate to set up the match-up with the Etoile Sahel club.— MNA/Xinhua



Cuba's Jose Sanchez competes in the 3,000m steeplechase at Central American and Caribbean Games in Cartagena, Colombia on 28 July, 2006. Sanchez won the silver medal.—INTERNET

Celtic begin spl defence with easy win

GLASGOW, 30 July— Scottish champions Celtic kicked off the defence of their title with a comfortable 4-1 home win over Kilmarnock on Saturday.

Polish striker Maciej Zurawski fired the opener after 25 minutes before Czech Jari Jarosik headed a fine second in the 38th.

Japanese midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura curled home a magnificent third with a free kick from more than 20 metres with 15 minutes left.

Kilmarnock pulled a goal back when Steve Naismith cracked a left foot shot high into the net from 10 metres before Zurawski hit his second with a low shot in the final minute to complete the scoring.

The win left Celtic manager Gordon Strachan feeling vindicated after mixed fortunes in pre-season.

"We must be the only club in history to start the season under pressure despite winning the league and another trophy (the League Cup)," Strachan told BBC Radio Scotland.

"We are not panicking. Competitive players need competitive games and we don't take friendlies seriously."

"We gave away a couple of chances...but luckily we have a good goalkeeper and good defence. So we are very happy with the opening win."

Last year's runners-up Hearts visit Dunfermline later on Saturday while Rangers begin their campaign on Sunday against Motherwell.— MNA/Reuters



Japan's Isao Aoki plays a shot from the 5th fairway during his third round at the British Senior Open Golf tournament at Turnberry in Scotland on 29 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Clijsters waltzes past Vaidisova into Stanford final

STANFORD, 30 July— Titleholder Kim Clijsters outclassed third seed Nicole Vaidisova 7-5, 6-2 to reach the final of the Bank of the West Classic on Saturday.

Clijsters exhausted the 17-year-old Czech in long rallies and kept her off balance by varying the speed of her replies.

"When you play younger players, they go out and have nothing to lose but once it gets close, that's when experience can play a role and they can get frustrated," said the US Open champion.

The world number two will now face the winner of the second semi between second-seeded Swiss Patty Schnyder and the unseeded Tatiana Golovin of France.

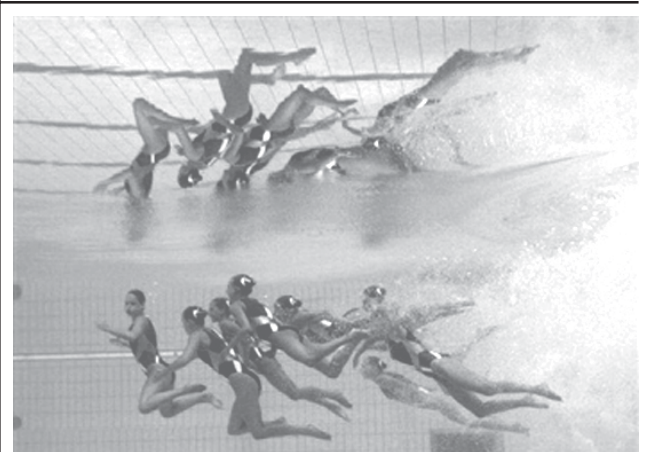
The Belgian got off to a slow start when she was broken to go 2-4 when Vaidisova ripped a

backhand winner down the line.

Clijsters broke back and then fought off a set point with a second serve ace down the tee at 4-5 and then found her stride to lead Vaidisova 6-5 when the Czech miscued a forehand.

A frustrated Vaidisova, who had trouble containing her temper all day, then hit a ball toward her stepfather and coach, Alex Kodat, who was sitting courtside.

"I don't feel my temper had an effect on how I played but emotions are part of the game and I'll always be that way," said Vaidisova, who doubled-faulted 10 times. "I just had no rhythm on my serve."—MNA/Reuters



The Swiss synchronized swimming team competes in the preliminary round of the team technical routine during European Aquatic Championships in Budapest, Hungary, on 28 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Pavin keeps lead at Milwaukee Open

WASHINGTON, 30 July— Overnight leader Corey Pavin was one stroke clear with seven holes to play when the Milwaukee Open second round was suspended in fading light on Friday.

The American, whose opening 61 on Thursday included a PGA Tour

record front nine of 26, was three under for the day when play was called off.

Pavin birdied the 14th, 15th and 18th after teeing off at the 10th to stay one shot clear of compatriot Jason Bohn, the leader in the clubhouse.

Bohn birdied three of the last five holes in damp

conditions on the Brown Deer Park Golf Course in Wisconsin to sign for a six-under-par 64.

Bidding for his second PGA Tour title, Bohn finished on 11-under 129 in the rain-delayed event in Wisconsin.

The second round was always going to spill over into a third day after thunderstorms forced an early suspension in play on the opening day.

Veteran tour player Jeff Sluman shot a 65 to share second place at nine-under 131 with fellow Americans DJ Trahan (65) and Jerry Kelly (67) and Australia's Nathan Green (64).

Australian rookie Jason Day was a further stroke back after shooting a 64 while Bob May, beaten by Tiger Woods in a playoff for the 2000 PGA Championship, was among a group of seven at six under after returning a 68.

MNA/Xinhua

Van Nistelrooy signs with Real to complete move

MADRID, 30 July— Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy officially signed a three-year contract on Friday with Real Madrid to complete from Manchester United to the Spanish soccer tycoon.

"I'm very pleased to be able to complete the signing of another player de-

manded by our coach (Fabio Capello)," Real president Ramon Calderon told a news conference at the Bernabeu. "Ruud van Nistelrooy has just signed to be a new Real Madrid player." The club declined to disclose any financial details about the van Nistelrooy deal, but Spanish media reported it to be worth about 15 million euros (19.12 million US dollars).

Earlier, the 30-year-old Dutchman passed a medical at the Primera Liga club with Real doctor Alfonso del Corral saying the player was in "perfect condition to sign for Real Madrid".—MNA/Xinhua



Dutch soccer player Ruud van Nistelrooy controls the ball during his presentation at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 28 July, 2006. Van Nistelrooy completed his move to Real Madrid from Manchester United on Friday, signing a three-year contract.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Tottenham captain King out for up to 2 months

LONDON, 30 July— Tottenham Hotspur captain Ledley King will miss the start of the season after picking up a knee injury in training, the Premier League club said on Saturday.

"Ledley is out with suspected cartilage problems and he could be out for six to eight weeks," manager Martin Jol told the club's website. "It is a big blow for us." It is a big setback for the 25-year-old defender who missed the end of last season and England's World Cup campaign in Germany with a fractured metatarsal in his left foot.—MNA/Reuters

Bird flu reported outbreak in Laos

BANGKOK, 30 July — An outbreak of the H5N1 strain of bird flu has killed more than 2,000 chicken on a poultry farm close to the Mekong River in Laos, Thai media on Saturday quoted Lao Government and UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) officials as saying.

Veterinarians had slaughtered 6,000 more birds on the farm about 25 kilometres south of Vientiane, disinfected the cages and declared a five-kilometre surveillance zone, officials said. The outbreak is just across the river from Thailand.

“The H5N1 strain has been confirmed for this particular farm,” Lao Foreign Ministry spokesman Yong Chanthalangsy was quoted by the *Bangkok Post* as saying.

“We have already taken all the measures deemed necessary to eradicate the virus. We have killed over 6,000 poultry on the farm and taken full measures according to the guidelines on bird flu,” he said.

Ricarda Mondry, the FAO chief technical advisor on avian influenza in Laos, said the Xaythani District farm found 155 dead chickens on 14 July, and about 2,000 dead birds the following day.

“The farmer informed the Ministry of Agriculture, and they took samples and they tested them in the National Animal Health Centre laboratory and they were positive,” the doctor said.

Samples were then sent to a Bangkok laboratory, where tests confirmed this week that the chicken had died of the H5N1 strain, she said.

“Now we are investigating in the surrounding area what is happening, whether the infection is coming from the outside, where the source of infections is,” Mondry said.

“We are taking samples in a five-DU radius, where the movement is restricted now. Public awareness campaigns are being carried out in the villages.”

MNA/Xinhua

India, Bhutan discuss bilateral ties, sign pacts

NEW DELHI, 30 July — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh met Bhutanese King Jigme Singye Wangchuk on Saturday discussing bilateral and regional issues including accelerated cooperation in energy security, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

The news agency quoted official source as saying that the meeting was held in a “cordial and friendly atmosphere”.

Wangchuk arrived here on Wednesday for a six-day visit. The two sides

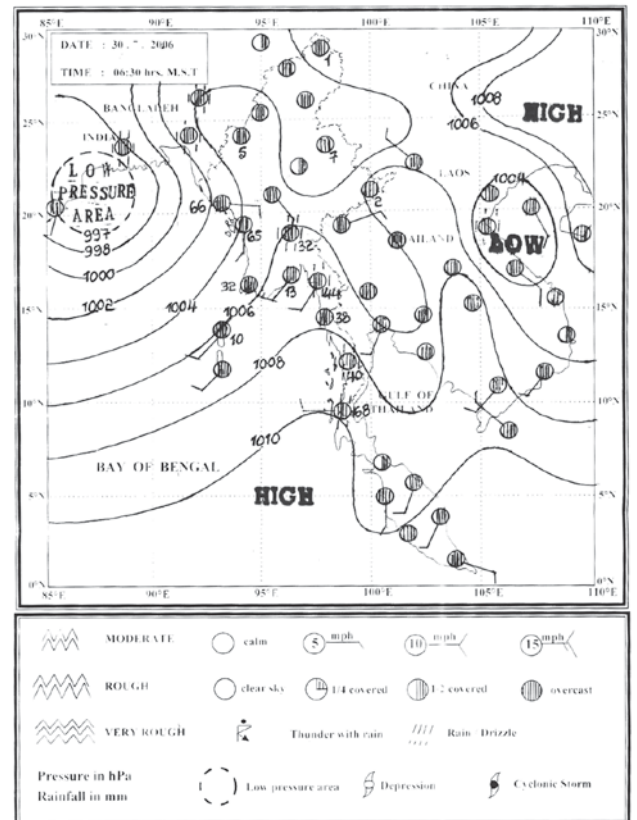
have signed three agreements on energy cooperation and trade on Friday.

According to the agreement on cooperation in hydroelectric power development, India will import at least 5,000 MW of electricity from Bhutan by 2020. — MNA/Xinhua

China's Chen Ying smiles after the competition of the Women's 25m pistol of the 49th International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Shooting Championships in Zagreb, capital of Croatia, on 28 July, 2006. Chen Ying won the gold medal with 792.8 points.

INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 30 July, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Kayin State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Chin, Rakhine and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe (3.43) inches, Hakha (3.39) inches, Thaton (3.31) inches, Kawthoung (2.79) inches, Sittway and Kyaukpyu (2.64) inches each, An (2.28) inches, Pinyinmana and Chauk (1.18) inches each and Magway (0.39) inch.

Maximum temperature on 29-7-2006 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 30-7-2006 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 30-7-2006 was (92%). Total sunshine hours on 29-7-2006 was (3.4) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 30-7-2006 were (0.39) inch at Mingaladon, (0.51) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.47) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (52.16) inches at Mingaladon, (63.03) inches at Kaba-Aye and (69.37) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (9) mph from Southwest at (21:05) hours MST on 29-7-2006.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, low pressure area over Northwest Bay still persist. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 31-7-2006: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kayin State and lower Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 31-7-2006:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 31-7-2006: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 31-7-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:00 hr MST on 30-7-2006)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is (601) cm. It may remain above its danger level (600) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpan is (772) cm. It may remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today.

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Monday, 31 July
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayar-daw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
 5. Song of national races
- 8:05 am
 6. Cute little dancers
- 8:15 am
 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
 8. ရင်းငြိမ် ရေထိန်းတံခါး
- 8:30 am
 9. International news

- 8:45 am
 10. Grammar made easy
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold national races
- 4:30 pm
 3. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ်(၃)အခြေစိုက်ပညာရေးဦးစီးဌာန၊ ပဉ္စမအကြိမ် ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရွတ် ပူဇော်ပွဲ (တတိယဆု) (အထက-၄၊ မင်္ဂလာတောင်ညွန့်) (အမျိုးသားဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)
- 4:45 pm
 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
 5. Dance variety
- 5:10 pm
 6. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:25 pm
 7. Song and dance of national races
- 5:30 pm
 8. “သတိနဲ့ယှဉ် အသိနဲ့ပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၁) (ဝါးခယ်မရဲမောင်၊ ဘုန်းလှနု၊ မြတ်ကောသီအောင်၊ ရတနာခင်ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ပြည့်စုံစိုး၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊ ဆောင်းနင်းဝေ၊ ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်းအိုင်းရစ်လေပြည့်)

- (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုတ်စိုး)
- 5:45 pm
 9. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 6:00 pm
 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 12. စစ်ကိုင်းရက်အင်ဆွမ်းဦးပူဇော်ပွဲ
- 6:50 pm
 13. “မောင်မြန်မာလျှော်စစ် စက်ဘီး” (ရီဝေယံ၊ စောနိုင်(ရှမ်းပြည်) ပုလဲဝင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-တင်အောင်ရွှေ-သုတေသီ)
- 7:00 pm
 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရူလိုင်နံနက်ခင်း” (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
- 8:00 pm
 15. News
- 8:05 pm
 16. International news
- 8:10 pm
 17. Weather report
- 8:15 pm
 18. လပတ်စီလေဝေသ နှင့် ဇလဗေဒ ခန့်မှန်းချက်
- 8:20 pm
 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သူ အိပ်မက်လှလှ” (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 8:25 pm
 20. The next day's programme



Monday, 31 July
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
 - Love to infinity (Boy Zone)
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
 - A thing called love (Toy Box)
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
 - Born to make you happy (Britney Spears)
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
 - I am so in love (Gil)
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
 - Love sent angel (My Town)
 - Love train (S Club 7)
 - My life (Dido)
 - Sail Boy (Melanie C)
- 9:00 pm Spotlight on the Star: Five
 - Feel the love
 - on top of the world
 - closer to me
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Drug!
 - Continued fight against narcotic drugs
- 9:35 pm Golden Land Melody!
 - Mawlamyaing
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 am PEL

Development of industrial sector a must Garment Factory (Pakokku) established to create job opportunities for local people

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July — A ceremony to open Garment Factory (Pakokku) of Myanma Textile Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1 was held at the factory near Pakokku-Myaing Road in Pakokku on 28 July morning, with an address by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang, Magway Division PDC Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe, departmental officials and local people.

First, Col Phone Maw Shwe and Managing Director of Myanma Textile Industries U Oo Thein Maung formally opened the factory.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveiled the signboard of the factory. Next, they visited the factory and Win Thuza Shop opened in the compound of the factory.

Next, Managing Director U Oo Thein Maung reported on matters related to the factory.

In his address, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that the Government is implementing four economic objectives including development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well. In building a modern and developed nation, the tasks for development of industrial sector must be carried out. For development of the private industrial sector, 18 industrial zones have been set up throughout the nation. At the same time, the Ministry of Industry-1 and ministries concerned are speeding up progress of the State-run industrial sector.

He said that in line with the guidance of the Head



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects the garment factory in Pakokku. — MNA

of State, the Pakokku Garment Factory was established to create jobs for local people. Today, Pakokku District is engaged with development activities such as the greening project, construction of roads, bridges and railroads, irrigation works and cultivation of paddy, groundnut, cotton, sesame and other crops as well as factories. Not only an industrial zone but also a textile factory have been established, and today's garment
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Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects maintenance of Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an)

NAY PYI TAW 29 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon State

Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Khin

Kyu, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, inspected the maintenance of Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an), conditions of river

banks and repair of retaining walls on 25 July.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected cultivation of physic nut, site for checkpoint at Wapotaw junction on Hpa-an-

Thaton Road and maintenance of Donthami Bridge. They also met Tatmadaw members and families of regional battalions.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and

party observed the cultivation of monsoon paddy in Bilin Township, fertilizers and soil.

Chairman of Bilin Township Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Lwin reported on cultivation of 62,270 acres of monsoon paddy in the township. The commander gave a supplementary report.

The commander spoke on educating farmers, favourable conditions in the state and extended cultivation of paddy.

The commander greeted the farmers. In Mon State 563,395 acres of monsoon paddy have been cultivated.

In the evening, they arrived back here.—MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects Thanlwin bridge (Hpa-an). — MNA

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For women, the point-of-sale impact of tins of milk powder stacked in almost every market food stall is just as effective in reinforcing the fashionable drift to bottle-feeding. The plump, healthy babies on the tins beam out the message that this must make their babies plump and healthy, too. Company salesmen have visited private doctors and government health clinics, offering them free samples and gifts for promoting artificial feeding products. This totally undermines the clinic's health education work which advocates breastfeeding.

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