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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

Education reforms, developments should be in harmony with advancements of nation's economic, social, health sectors

Special Refresher Course No 59 for basic education teachers opens



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at opening of Special Refresher Course No 59 for basic education teachers. — MNA

YANGON, 31 July— Special Refresher Course No 59 for basic education teachers opened at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division, this morning, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Yangon mayor, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, deputy ministers, CSSTB members, the director-general of State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, the rector of CICS and others.

Speaking on the

occasion, the Secretary-1 said that the government has been laying down and implementing short-term and long-term plans during the period of transition on all political, economic and social fronts for the future nation.

Since eight or nine years ago, academics, management personnel and faculty members in the education field with the government's leadership have been laying down and implementing education programmes step by step to introduce reforms to be able to face and overcome the future challenges. The nation now is in the process of implementing the 30-year long-term national education promotion plan after successful realization of the initial special four-year plan. Thanks to the col-

lective efforts of the government, the entire nation, academics, administrators, teachers and students in materializing the education reforms, the future education system has taken shape to a certain degree during the period of about nine years. The nation has successfully built education infrastructures and environment that has created opportunities for the people.

During the period of a decade or so, academics and teachers of the old education system have gained valuable experience, while those of the new education system have the advantage in adapting themselves to the new system. They both should use their advantages to become an integrated force to accelerate the education reforms.

Teachers should improve their individual qualifications first and try to uplift the standard of the education sector.

All should strive with the conviction that the efforts to develop the individual qualification of teachers, the combined strength of teachers, public support and government's education promotion programmes are the true integrated driving force behind development of Myanmar's education

sector.

The national education promotion programmes are a long-term task generation after generation will have to carry out for the good of the future. The process of education reforms and developments should be in harmony with the advancements of economic, social and health sectors of the nation. Similarly, developments in all stages in basic education, higher education and formal and

non-formal education should be in harmony with the new education system. All the stages of the education sector should be synchronized changes and developments.

Teachers should understand the nation's changes and developments as they are. They should have trust in the government's correct policy, national objectives, and work programmes and uphold the

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Traditional cultural performing arts competitions: milestones of the cultural sector

Myanmar has always existed as a country with its own culture, literature and national character. Myanmar fine arts are thousands of years old and blessed with the four cardinal virtues that have been deeply rooted in Myanmar society and also reflecting the feeling of fear and shame to commit misdeeds.

The government of Myanmar is taking various steps to preserve the national culture with the object of enhancing the national prestige. The holding of Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions is one of the measures taken for safeguarding the cultural heritage and national character.

Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions have been held yearly since 1993 and the 14th Competitions will be held in Nay Pyi Taw this year.

Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions are being held to uphold the fine traditions that depict 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 nation and the people. Moreover, as artistes from states and divisions take part in the competitions, the national brethren have a chance to meet with one another and this enables them to promote their friendship and cement their patriotism based on national unity.

Nowadays, there is always the danger of alien culture penetrating our national culture and so it is necessary for the entire national people including artistes to ward off that danger. To be able to do so, they need to equip themselves with nationalist fervour and national unity.

With the encouragement and assistance rendered by the government and active participation of maestros and artistes from various fields of culture and the people, we believe, the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will be a success and become one of the milestones of the cultural sector.



U Myint Thein and family of Tamway Township recently donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi. — 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

Minister inspects Vocational Training school

YANGON, 30 July— Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe together with responsible persons of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, director-general and deputy director-general of Social Welfare Department today inspected Vocational Training school in Bahan Township.



Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and party visit Vocational Training school of Social Welfare Department. — SOCIAL WELFARE.

The minister also met with staffs of the ministry and discussed matters on conduction of school affairs.

the minister went to the school for the blind and viewed concert of the students of the school. Next, the minister accepted cash donations from the wellwishers and visited around the school. **MNA**

On his inspection, tour

More engines for MR

YANGON, 30 July — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min inspected test-run of a locomotive repaired by Insein Locomotive Shed and locomotives repaired by Myitnge Carriage and Wagon Workshop this morning.



Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects renovated carriages donated by People's Republic of China. — RAILWAY

First, he inspected the test-run of the locomotive at Yangon Station platform (1). The locomotive will be joined to Yangon-Mandalay up train (11). On arrival at Toegyauungalay Station on board the train, the minister gave necessary instructions to officials. Next, he looked into carriages donated by the People's Republic of China at Yangon Station platform (1) and left

necessary instructions. At the VIP lounge, General Manager U Tun Oo of Myitnge Carriage and Wagon Workshop reported to the minister on arrival of carriages donated by PRC, renovation of carriages, arrangements to be made by the workshop. The deputy general manager of Insein Locomotive Shed also reported on assembling of two locomotives and the minister left necessary instructions. — **MNA**

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ပျက်စီးနာရောဂါသည် ဘက်တီးရီးယား၊ မိုင်းရပ်(စ်)၊ ဖန်နိုင်း၊ ကလမိုင်းဒီးယား၊ ဖိုးကူးစက်ခံရခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားသည်။ ပျက်စီးနာရောဂါသည် အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး ကလေးလူကြီးအားလုံးတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။ သာမန်အားဖြင့် ကလေးများတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားလေ့ရှိပြီး ၁၀ ရက်မှ နှစ်ပတ်အတွင်း အလို့အလျှောက် ချောက်ကင်းနိုင်ပါသည်။ ပျက်စီးနာရောဂါသည် ရောဂါပိုး ပါဝင်သော မျက်ဝတ်နှင့် အသုံးအဆောင်ပစ္စည်းများကို ကိုင်တွယ်သည့်လက်မှ မျက်စိသို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ကူးစက်နိုင်ပါသည်။

ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

ပျက်စီးနာရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက မျက်စိနီရဲခြင်း၊ မျက်ဝတ်ထွက်ခြင်း၊ နံနက်အိပ်ရာထချိန်တွင် မျက်ဝတ်များထွက်၍ မျက်စိပိတ်နေခြင်း၊ မျက်စိယားခြင်း၊ အောင့်ခြင်း၊ မျက်ခွံများ ရောင်ရမ်းပြီး မျက်မြှေးလွှာအောက်တွင် သွေးယိုစိမ့်ခြင်းများ ဖြစ်နိုင်ပါသည်။ ပျက်စီးနာရောဂါပြင်းထန်ပါက ကိုယ်အနည်းငယ်ပူပြီး မအိပ်သာဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ခေါင်းကိုက်ရက်ထိုးခြင်း၊ လည်ပင်းနှင့် ဖေးရီးအောက် ဝန်းကျင်ရှိ အင်္ကျီတို့များ ရောင်ရမ်းခြင်း ဖြစ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

ပျက်စီးနာရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုမှ ကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်

- တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ဂရုပြုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- မျက်စိနာရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားသူ၏ လက်ကိုယ်ပမီ၊ မျက်နှာသုတ်ပမီ၊ ခေါင်းအုံး၊ အိပ်ယာ၊ ဖောင်တန်း၊ မျက်မှန် စသည်တို့ကို အတုတက အသုံးမပြုဘဲ သီးခြားသုံးစွဲပါ။
- မလွဲမရှောင်သာ၍ ကိုင်တွယ်ထိစပ်မိပါကလည်း ကိုင်တွယ်ပြီးနောက် လက်ကို ဆပ်ပြာနှင့် စင်ကြယ်စွာ ဆေးကြောပါ။
- မလုံအပ်ဘဲ မျက်စိကို လက်ဖြင့် ပွတ်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ရောဂါကာကွယ်ဆေးခံသော ဟင်းခင်းဟင်းချက် အသီးအနှံများနှင့် စိတာမင်စိကြွယ်ဝသော အစားအစာများကို စားသုံးပါ။
- ပျက်စီးနာရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက ဆေးပြီးတို့များဖြင့် မကုသဘဲ တတ်ကျွမ်းနားလည်သည့် ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ထမ်းနှင့် ပြသ၍ ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Chavez to build "Kalashnikov" factory in Venezuela

CARACAS, 30 July—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Saturday envisaged his plans for building the first *Kalashnikov* factory in the Western Hemisphere and exporting weapons to Bolivia and other allies.

Speaking in Qatar, one leg of his Middle East tour, Chavez accused the United States of threatening to stop supplying replacement parts for weapons to Bolivia.

If the United States follows through, "we could supply Bolivia and other friendly countries that also require a minimal level of defence", Chavez

said in comments carried by the state television.

"Maybe in the future we'll become an (arms) exporting country," Chavez envisioned.

Before travelling to the Middle East, Chavez signed in Moscow with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin contracts to buy 24 *Su-30* fighter jets, 53 Russian helicop-

ters, and set up *Kalashnikov* rifle and ammunition plants in Venezuela.

Venezuela has purchased 100,000 *AK-103* assault rifles from Russia.

The first 30,000 of those rifles have arrived, with the rest due by year's end.

MNA/Xinhua



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (R) greets Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez in Teheran on 29 July, 2006. INTERNET

Fire smoke blankets city on Sumatra

JAKARTA, 30 July—Smoke from raging ground and forest fires has blanketed Pekanbaru, the capital of Riau Province on Indonesia's Sumatra Island, local meteorology and airport officials said on Friday.

Marzuki, an official of the meteorology agency, said that the visibility had decreased to the range of six to seven kilometres. The normal is from five to ten kilometres.

"This morning the visibility was extremely down to between 30 metres to 50 metres," Marzuki told *Xinhua* by telephone.

He predicted that the cause of the smoke was the burning of forest as part of land clearing to begin new plantations.

"If the burning of forest continues, it could significantly decrease the visibility to an extreme level," he said.

The observer of the weather of the city airport of Syarif Hidayatullah named Tarman Sembiring said that the haze had gradually begun to cover the city since two weeks ago.

"Obviously it disturbs the flights, but now it is not on that level which can delay the flight schedules," he told *Xinhua*.—MNA/Xinhua



A Tajik villager inspects his house at a settlement in the Kumsangin region of Tajikistan on 30 July, 2006. An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter Scale killed at least three children and left more than a thousand people without shelter in the south of Tajikistan, the Emergencies Ministry said on Sunday.—INTERNET

EUs unmanned reconnaissance plane crashes in Kinshasa

KINSHASA, 30 July—An EU unmanned reconnaissance plane crashed near downtown Kinshasa, capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), on Friday afternoon, injur-

ing six residents, a senior officer of EU peacekeeping force said here on Saturday.

The *B-hunter* unmanned reconnaissance plane belonging to EU peace-

keeping forces in Kinshasa crashed near downtown area, five kilometres from EU peacekeeping base, at 4:45 pm local time on Friday, due to loss of contact between the plane and its

command headquarters David Pincet, deputy chief of staff of the EU peacekeeping force in the DRC, told *Xinhua* on Saturday.

The crash slightly injured four residents and moderately injured two, all of whom were immediately rushed to EU field hospital for treatment, said Pincet. The four slightly injured have been allowed home, while the two carrying moderate burns would be transferred to Kinshasa's general hospital, said Pincet, adding that all cost of treatment will be covered by the EU forces.

The EU has dispatched 1,100 peacekeepers, 200 of which are battle troops, to assist the DRC in the historic general elections.

MNA/Xinhua

Bomb blast wounds 19 in Pakistan's Quetta city

QUETTA (Pakistan), 30 July—A bomb blast outside a bank wounded at least 19 people in Quetta, capital of Pakistan's troubled southwest province of Baluchistan, police and doctors said. Two of the wounded were in a critical condition.

The explosives had been planted in a motorcycle parked outside the bank, according to police.

Suspicion fell on the separatist Baluchistan Liberation Army (BLA), though tribal militants have also been in revolt. Just last week Baluch police began a crackdown on Afghan's living in Quetta without proper documentation. Police said they were targeting Taleban fighters, but analysts doubted whether many of the near 300 Afghans detained belonged to the Taleban.

MNA/Reuters

Strong earthquake jolts Taibei

HONG KONG, 30 July—An earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter Scale hit Taibei Friday, shaking buildings in Taibei, but there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties, according to media reports from Taibei. The quake's epicentre was located 82 kilometres east of port Nanao, a harbour town some 80 kilometres southeast of Taibei, according to local weather agency.—MNA/Xinhua



The Zhonghua (China) Gate is decorated with 770 thousand paper birds in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 30 July, 2006. INTERNET

Mel Gibson arrested for drunken driving

LOS ANGELES, 30 July—Oscar-winning director and actor Mel Gibson was arrested in Malibu for suspicion of drunken driving, an official said on Friday.

"He was arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence," said Los Angeles County Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore.

Gibson, 50, whose 2004 film "The Passion of the Christ" was a smash hit, was stopped at 2:36 am local time on Friday for speeding on the Pacific Coast Highway, and officers smelled alcohol on his breath.

He was given a sobriety test, taken into custody and released later that morning after post-

ing 5,000-US-dollar bail.

Whitmore said Gibson was given a citation, and the matter will be reviewed by detectives to determine if drunken driving charges will be filed at a future date, Whitmore said.

Gibson's spokesman could not be reached for comment.

MNA/Reuters



Two visitors view a painting during an Italian painting exhibition at the Jiangsu Art Gallery in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 28 July, 2006. The month-long exhibition, opened on 28 July, displayed 49 Italian masterpieces dating back to a period from the 14th to 18th centuries. —INTERNET

ICRC increases Lebanon appeal tenfold amid crisis

GENEVA, 30 July — The International Committee of the Red Cross on Friday increased its Lebanon appeal tenfold to 81 million US dollars to meet the needs of those homeless, stranded and hurt by fighting between Israeli forces and Hizbollah.

The Geneva-based humanitarian organization said the 100 million Swiss francs (81 million US

dollars) would provide medical care, food, clean water and other assistance to civilians caught up in hostilities that showed no sign of waning.

ICRC Director of Operations Pierre Kraehenbuehl said it was unacceptable that thousands of Lebanese civilians have been trapped in villages in the southern part of the country, where they

cannot get needed care and supplies.

Israel needs to do much more to ensure civilians are spared in the violence, sparked by the kidnapping of two Israeli soldiers by the Hizbollah militant group, Kraehenbuehl said.

MNA/Reuters

Small airplane crashes in Poland

WARSAW, 30 July — A small airplane crashed in Wielkopolskie Province in western Poland on Saturday afternoon, killing the two men on board.

The accident took place at the forest near the Bednar Airport, about 30 kilometres from Poznan, spokeswoman of the Wielkopolskie Police Ewa Olkiewicz told the PAP news agency, adding the airplane was probably trying to land when the tragedy happened.

The pilot Maciej, 59

and his student Artur, 39 were killed.

Olkiewicz explained that the crashed airplane was a new type in experimental flight. The reason of the accident was under examination by the Flight Accidents Investigation Commission of Poland.

MNA/Xinhua



Summer vacationers pack a mammoth pool at the Toshima amusement park in Tokyo on 30 July, 2006. About 16,000 people flocked to the swimming pool at this amusement park to cool off on Sunday. —INTERNET

Philippine police clash with kidnap gang, nine killed

MANILA, 30 July — Philippine police officers killed nine suspected

members of a kidnap syndicate in a gunbattle on Saturday after a brief car

chase in a province north of the capital Manila, officials said.

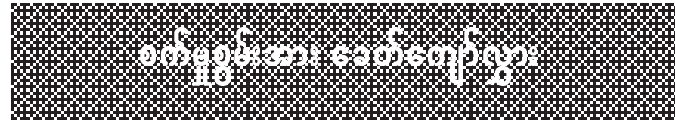
None of the gang survived. Oscar Albayalde, a senior police intelligence official, said the kidnap-for-ransom gang was planning to strike in the Tarlac region when a squad of police officers stopped them near a sugarcane plantation on Saturday morning.

"We got information the group was planning to pull off a job in the province," Albayalde told reporters. "We're lucky we got the entire crew. We were alerted to their presence by some people who got suspicious about two cars parked overnight in a highway."

MNA/Reuters



A bull charges at Colombian bullfighter Luis Bolivar during a bullfight at Santander's bullring on 29 July, 2006. —INTERNET



China hopes US-India N-cooperation abides by non-proliferation rules

BEIJING, 30 July — The United States and India should work under the international non-proliferation mechanism in their nuclear cooperation, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao on Saturday.

Liu made the remarks in response to a question on the US-India nuclear deal that was approved by the US House of Representatives this week.

According to the deal, the United States will provide India with civil nuclear technology and nuclear fuel on condition that India separates its civil nuclear programmes from military ones.

China believes international nuclear cooperation can be carried out on a basis of peaceful use and concerned countries should fulfill their international obligations, Liu said.

"Relevant cooperation should abide by international regulations, and contribute to the international efforts of non-proliferation," the spokesman said.

MNA/Xinhua

Spain willing to take part in peacekeeping mission in Lebanon

MADRID, 30 July — Spain is willing to contribute troops to an international peacekeeping operation in Lebanon, but will wait for the final decision made by the UN Security Council and the European Union

(EU), a senior government official said here on Friday.

The Spanish Government will take its decision based on the mandate and nature of the peacekeeping mission and in line with the political and military situation in the region, Maria Teresa Fernandez de la Vega, the first Deputy Prime Minister, told reporters after a weekly Cabinet meeting.

"Spain will be on the side of the decisions taken by the European Union and the United Nations and will continue to play an active role within international organizations to seek a solution," she said.

The international conference in Rome this week was "cautiously positive", she said.

MNA/Xinhua



Actors perform traditional Kazak music at the 16th Aken concert held beside the scenic Hongshan Lake in Altay, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 29 July, 2006. —INTERNET

China tightens exports of biological weapons agents

BEIJING, 30 July — China has strengthened its management over exports of biological agents that could have military uses in response to international threats of terrorism and proliferation, the Foreign Ministry said on Friday.

Fourteen types of viruses, toxins, germs and related items, including the SARS virus, were added to 2002 regulations on “dual use biological

agents and related equipment and technologies”.

“This is an important and practical move of the Chinese Government to continuously strengthen prevention of proliferation and management of exports,” spokesman Liu Jianchao said in a statement on the Foreign Ministry’s website (www.fmprc.gov.cn).

China blamed a 2004 resurgence of severe acute

respiratory syndrome on a laboratory leak.

It has also been criticised for its lack of ability to enforce export controls on technology used to produce weapons of mass destruction and stop proliferation of weapons to countries such as Iran, which is under international scrutiny over its atomic programmes.

MNA/Reuters



Switzerland’s PC7 aerobatic team participate in the RoIAS International Air Show at Mihail Kogalniceanu Airport, 240 km (149 miles) east of Bucharest, on 30 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Thailand culls 300,000 chickens after avian-flu outbreak

BANGKOK, 30 July— Thai government authorities on Sunday ordered the culling of 300,000 chickens in the northeastern province of Nakorn Phanom after tests verified an outbreak of avian influenza in the area.

Deputy Agriculture and Cooperatives Minister Adisorn Piengkes confirmed that laboratory tests conducted on 2,000 chickens that had died in Nakhon Phanom last week confirmed the poultry had been infected with the H5N1 virus.

“To prevent a further outbreak, more than 300,000 chickens in 78 farms here must be slaughtered within 24 hours,” Adisorn told the *Thai News Agency*.—*Internet*

Diabetes rising among children in Uganda

KAMPALA, 31 July— A lifestyle characterized by inactivity, comfort and overeating among Uganda’s urban school-going youth from wealthy families has made them and their parents prone to diabetes, the state-owned daily *New Vision* reported on Saturday.

The report said that at the fourth scientific conference of the Uganda Diabetes Association (UDA) on Friday, Ugandan Prime Minister Apolo Nsibambi regretted the UDA finding, saying it cast a gloomy picture on Uganda’s health image. — *MNA/Xinhua*



A model walks on the runway at the 2006 Bollywood Fashion Awards at Roseland Ballroom in New York City, on 29 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Space probe spots foggy lakes on Saturn’s moon

WASHINGTON, 30 July — It has methane rain and white crystalline sand dunes, and now scientists say Saturn’s moon Titan also has many lakes.

The lakes are probably made up of methane, with

a little ethane mixed in, and they are probably the source of the obscuring smog in the frigid moon’s atmosphere, researchers reported on Friday.

“This is a big deal,” said Steve Wall, deputy

radar team leader at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. “We’ve now seen a place other than Earth where lakes are present.”

The numerous, well-

defined dark patches were seen in radar images of Titan’s high latitudes taken during a flyby Saturday by the *Cassini-Huygens* spacecraft, a cooperative project among NASA, the European Space Agency and the Italian Space Agency.

Titan’s flat surface is very cold, with a temperature of minus 180 C, and scientists believe its thick atmosphere may occasionally rain methane.

Another team reported on Wednesday that the rain includes a persistent drizzle that keeps the surface of Saturn’s largest moon damp. Fierce storms could produce huge droplets of methane.

Saturn has at least 47 moons. Titan, the largest, has geological features similar to those on Earth.

MNA/Reuters



Jennie, a two year old orangutan, licks an ice block containing bananas at a promotional event to give animals some refreshment during the hot summer weather at Everland, South Korea’s largest amusement park, in Yongin, about 50 km (31 miles) south of Seoul, on 30 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Philippine authorities warn against forestfires around Mayon Volcano

MANILA, 30 July — The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) warned on Saturday against forest fires in the path of lava flows from Mayon Volcano.

Lava flows from Mayon’s crater had spread 5.4 kilometres to the southeast. The burning rocks threatened the forest and villages in the area, Phivolcs said.

Phivolcs reported that lava’s absolute elevation reached 320 meters. At least 394 tremors and four low-frequency volcanic quakes were monitored in the last 24 hours. Sulphur dioxide emission was at about 6,089 tons per day.

The authorities maintained Alert Level 3 over Mayon and warned residents around the area against going into the six-kilometres permanent danger zone.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Aircraft crash kills two in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 30 July — Two men were killed in a light aircraft crash near Pietermaritzburg in KwaZulu-Natal Province about 550 kilometres south of Johannesburg, on Saturday.

The two men died when their *Cessna* crashed at about noon on a farm in Baynesfield outside Pietermaritzburg.

Netcare 911’s Chris Botha said both occupants, the pilot and his passenger, died. The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) said that the cause of the light aircraft crash is still unknown.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Death toll in “Kaemi”-hit areas rises to 35

BEIJING, 30 July — The death toll from Typhoon Kaemi has risen to 35 on the Chinese Mainland including six at a military barracks in east China’s Jiangxi Province, with at least 72 others missing, local flood control sources said on Friday evening.

Officials with the Jiangxi office of flood and drought relief have announced that the civilian death toll in the province has jumped to 20, with Kaemi provoking floods and landslides.

The number of people missing in Jiangxi is now 22. This does not include the 38 soldiers who went missing when their military barracks was swept away. The whereabouts of the soldiers is still not known. Typhoon Kaemi, the fifth typhoon of the year, has also killed four people in Anhui and five in Guangdong since making landfall in southeast China’s Fujian Province at 3:50 pm Tuesday. Five people were reported missing in Anhui and seven in Hunan. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Tomb of first Chinese Emperor's grandma unearthed

Xi'an, 30 July — Chinese archaeologists believed, after over a year's excavation and research, a large tomb in northwest China's Shaanxi Province, belonged to the grandmother of Qinshihuang, the country's first emperor.

The tomb was chronologically the closest to the mysterious mausoleum of Qinshihuang, probably built under the order of the first emperor, Zhang Tian'en, an expert with the Shaanxi provincial archaeology institute, told *Xinhua* on Saturday.

"So, the excavation of the grandmother's tomb hopefully will help unravel the mystery about the first emperor's mausoleum and contribute to the research on the burial culture of the Qin Dynasty," Zhang said.

The tomb, located in southern outskirts of Xi'an, provincial capital of Shaanxi, is the second largest ancient tomb that China has ever excavated, next only to that of King Jinggong of the State of Qin (897-221 BC), said Zhang.

Under the new campus of the Xi'an Business College, the tomb is about 30 kilometres southwest of the famous mausoleum of Qinshihuang, who united seven warring states and founded the Qin

Dynasty in 221 BC.

The cemetery covered an area of 17.3 hectares, with a length of 550 metres and a width of 310 metres.

Archaeologists unearthed two carriages that were designed to be driven by six horses, which could be used only by kings and queens in the State of Qin.

MNA/Xinhua



A performer is seen among flags at the Singapore National Stadium, on 29 July, 2006 in Singapore during a full dress rehearsal for the nation's upcoming Independence Day celebrations in August.—INTERNET

Nepali central bank profit reaches over \$28m in 50 years

KATHMANDU, 30 July — Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB), the central bank and monetary authority of

the country, has registered a distributable profit of 2.01 billion Nepali rupees (28.71 million US dollars)

in the 50-year period since its inception, governor of NRB said here Saturday. "In the initial period,

NRB had only 5,157 Nepali rupees (73.67 US dollars) under distributable profit but it reached to 2.01 billion Nepali rupees (28.71 million US dollars) by the close of 15 July, 2005," Bijay Nath Bhattarai, governor of NRB, told reporters.

NRB's assets and liabilities under the Note Department registered 54.9 million Nepali rupees (784,285.71 US dollars) while under Banking Department, assets and liabilities amounted to 51.4 million Nepali rupees (734,285.71 US dollars) totalling to 106.3 million Nepali rupees (1.52 million US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

Over 4,000 tourists a day take train to Tibet

LHASA, 30 July — A daily average of 4,400 tourists have travelled to Tibet by train since 1 July, when the history-making Qinghai-Tibet Railway went into operation, said a local tourism official.

Tibet had a total of 301,000 stay-over tourists in the first 20 days of the month, a rise of 50 per cent on the same period last year, announced Zhanuo, deputy head of Tibet Autonomous Regional Tourism Bureau, at a news briefing.

A closer look at the figures shows that 172,000 tourists, or 57 per cent of the total, flew in, and 29 per cent or 88,000 entered the plateau region by rail. The other 41,000 travelled to Tibet by road.

According to the official, the plateau region handled 591,200 tourists and raked in 516 million yuan (about 64.5 million US dollars) from January to June, up 9.2 per cent and 9.1 per cent, respectively.

MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 28 July shows unique wedding candy packages shown at an exhibition on wedding necessities in Jinan, capital city of east China's Shandong Province on 28 July, 2006.—INTERNET

At least 10 workers wounded in bomb blast in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 30 July — At least ten workers were wounded when a bomb went off in central Baghdad on Saturday morning, police said.

An explosive charge detonated in the morning in the Tayaran Square, where workers gathered waiting for daylong jobs,

the police said. Ambulances and Iraqi security forces rushed to the scene to evacuate the wounded people, they

added. In separate incidents, gunmen in two cars opened fire at two Sunni mosques early Saturday

in the capital's western districts, causing slight damages to the mosques, the police said.

Violence and sectarian reprisal attacks mounted in the war-torn country as power vacuum has continued despite the formation of a new government in late May.

MNA/Xinhua



A UN armoured car is parked near rubble after an Israeli air raid in Qana, 6 km (4 miles) from the port-city of Tyre (Soure), in south Lebanon, on 30 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Syria denies shooting down Israeli scout

DAMASCUS, 30 July — A Syrian Air Force official on Friday denied reports that Syrian Air Defence Force had shot down an Israeli scout, the independent Syria news website reported.

The official was quoted as saying that an Israeli scout flew over the Beccaa Valley on Thursday near the Syrian border and that it was Lebanese Air Force which opened fire at it, not Syrian Air force.

The official added that the Israeli scout did not attack any Air Defence Base in Syria.

A Lebanese paper earlier reported that Syrian Air Force had shot down an Israeli plane which had entered Syrian airspace and shot at Syrian bases.

MNA/Xinhua

Arab countries provide aid to Lebanon

BEIRUT, 31 July — Relief aid provided by Egypt, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Jordan arrived in Lebanon on Saturday.

An Egyptian military plane carrying 14 tons of food and medicines provided by the Egyptian Government arrived at Rafik Hariri International Airport in Beirut on Saturday morning. It was the second time Egypt had airlifted relief goods to Lebanon in two days.

A plane from the UAE carrying 40 tons of food and medicines landed at the

airport shortly afterwards, followed by another aircraft from Jordan. Jordan has offered seven planeloads in relief aid to Lebanon in four days.

More than 600 people have been killed, over 1,000 others wounded and more than 700,000 have fled their homes since Israel launched air raids on Lebanon earlier this month. — MNA/Xinhua

World Breastfeeding Week

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Aye Phyu

World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated every year from 1 to 7 August, on the anniversary of the adoption of the "Innocenti Declaration" at the WHO/ UNICEF Policy Makers' meeting in 1990.

In order to act on the "Innocenti Declaration" on the Protection, Promotion and Support of breastfeeding, the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) was formed with a global network of individuals and organizations worldwide. As part of its action plan to facilitate and strengthen social mobilization for breastfeeding, WABA envisioned a global unifying strategy. Suggestion was made for a day to be dedicated to breastfeeding in the calendar of international events. The idea of a day's celebration was later turned into a week.

This has become to be known as 'World Breastfeeding Week' (WBW) celebrated every 1-7 August to commemorate the 'Innocenti Declaration'. WBW was first observed in 1992. Now it involves over 120 countries and is endorsed by UNICEF, WHO and FAO. The major aim of WBW is to spread information globally about the importance of breastfeeding for maternal and child health.

Every year a different theme and a different slogan are selected and countries all over the world observe the World Breastfeeding Week in a variety of ways such as conferences, art shows, essay and photo contest and other special events or activities. The overall coordination including the selection of the theme and the slogan is carried out by the Secretariat of WABA in Penang, Malaysia.

The theme for World Breastfeeding Week 2006 is:

Code Watch: 25 years of Protecting Breastfeeding

The 'code' here refers to the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes which gives clear guidance on the promotion thereof.

World Breastfeeding Week urges mothers to systematically breastfeed their babies by highlighting the importance of breastfeeding. The special week also plans for more awareness and support of other responsible people like health personnel, NGO volunteers and others to give any assistance necessary for the improvement of this practice in their communities. According to UNICEF Director, Carol Bellamy, more must be done to support breastfeeding which protects children's lives in communities around the world, and also reduces maternal illness.

As we all know, adequate nutrition during infancy and early childhood is fundamental to the development of each child. Experts say that especially the first two years of life in a child represents a critical "window of opportunity" to promote its growth, health and mental development.

Breastmilk, nutrient-rich, energy-rich and easy to digest, is 'a high quality food', ideal for infants and young children over six months of age. Recommendations are therefore made for mothers to exclusively breastfeed their babies for the first six months and continue breastfeeding together with giving other foods and drinks, up to two years or more, as long as mother and baby want to. In fact, those complementary food should be provided along with continued breastfeeding after the age of six months to sustain the child's healthy growth.

Actually breastfeeding benefits both mother and child. Breastmilk offers all the nutrients needed for the child to be healthy and grow and at the same time gives a boost to the immune system to fend off such problems as diarrhea, acute respiratory infections, ear infections and deficits in mental development. Moreover, anti-infective factors in breastmilk provide protection against illnesses and reduce the severity of those that occur. Another important advantage is the strengthening of the bond between mother and child through breastfeeding. A special mother-baby relationship can develop from emotional nurturing, which is invaluable and enjoyable for both parties.

Breastfeeding also greatly contributes to mother's health by reducing the risk of ovarian and pre-menopausal cancer and helps them to return to their normal weight after pregnancies. Besides, it is noted as one of the most effective preventive interventions available to prevent child mortality, which is one of the Millennium Development Goals.

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One intervention for breastfeeding improvement already in existence is the implementation and the monitoring of the WHO International Code of Marketing of breastmilk substitutes. As the message conveyed in the theme for this year, people especially mothers should be fully aware of the details with regard to the breastmilk substitutes, which can never stand equal to breastmilk in terms of physical and mental health and growth for infants.

Let's all try to help mothers to breastfeed their babies!

Breastfeeding is the Best

- * **Human or breast milk**
Brings a vast array of benefits
With protein, vitamins and minerals in it
Plus protective factors and fatty acid
- * **Coming straight from mom's breast**
For infants, easy to digest
Helps them to fight many illnesses
And raises their level of intelligence
- * **Breastfeeding mothers**
From childbirth and pregnancy, quickly recover
Get lifelong health advantages
With savings in time, labour and expenses
- * **Breastfeeding's best part**
Holding baby close to mom's heart
The time just starts
To get a special love string knotted fast
- * **Breastmilk Substitutes**
As a last resort to be used
None is proved as an equal drink
To a mother's breastmilk

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World Breastfeeding Week
(1-8-2006 to 7-8-2006)

Code Watch: 25 Years of Protecting Breastfeeding

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A polar bear eats an apple at a promotional event to give animals some refreshment during the hot summer weather at Everland, South Korea's largest amusement park, in Yongin, about 50 km (31 miles) south of Seoul, on 30 July, 2006. — INTERNET

Education reforms, developments should...

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lofty aims of the education promotion programmes. Only then will they be able to discharge their duties with new vigour. Teachers' duty also involves the tasks of helping develop the region and traditions and culture of the region they are assigned to.

The government has been building infrastructures in all sectors for transport, health and human resources development of all the places in the Union. It has built education infrastructures all over the nation to increase and improve learning opportunities for all the youths of the Union.

He quoted Senior General Than Shwe as saying that with regards to uplift of the education standard of local national races efforts are to be exerted to ensure sustainable development for bringing about quality of life and to nurture national races in the region to become qualified human resources. Only when there is sustainable development will the entire society develop.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, a number of education infrastructures have already been built in the states and divisions. Making better use of those development infrastructures, all the teachers are to make continued efforts in nurturing and training students to become qualified human resources. In the meantime, they are to strive for regional development and improvement of the living standard of local people through the might of those human resources.

Thanks to concerted efforts of all the teachers, marked progress has been made in the basic education sector, and those from the states and divisions are enjoying the fruits of the development.

At present, there are altogether 40,525 basic education schools including 5,545 post-primary schools across the nation. There were only 33,747 basic education schools in 1988, therefore the increase is nearly 7,000. And there are 1,660 basic education schools fully equipped with multimedia classrooms. Moreover, the primary school enrollment has increased to 97.58 per cent.

Thanks to concerted efforts of the government and the people, the adult literacy rate has increased to 94.1 per cent.

He urged all the teachers to make relentless efforts for successful realization of the objectives of the education sector. Only when all the citizens including children are educated well, will the socio-economic life of the people improve, he said. And it will lead to development of rural areas which is vital for the national development. The teachers are also needed to teach children in order to promote their health education and cultivate the habit of healthy lifestyle, he stressed. Consequently, the children would be equipped with the knowledge of personal hygiene and environmental conservation as well as consideration, helpfulness, ethics, honesty and integrity. Thus, the teachers are to nurture their pupils carefully to become all-round developed ones, he said.

In the higher education sector, opportunities are there in the country to pursue various subjects of science & technology of international standard. Specialized institutes and colleges as well as universities have also been opened throughout the nation. Thus, the teachers are to teach and train their pupils to be able to pursue education according to their respective



Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets trainees at Special Refresher Course No 59 for basic education teachers. — MNA

tastes, ability, zest and talent. The teachers are to teach their pupils to enable them to pursue higher education efficiently.

At a time when efforts are being made for the emergence of a new nation, the promotion of education level of the people will lead to better quality of life. Only when the nation has possessed concrete foundations of education, health, social and economic sectors will it be possible to turn itself into a discipline-flourishing democratic state. In the international sphere, every race or nation is vying for achieving prosperity and promoting national interest. At such a time, all the national people are required to make earnest efforts steadfastly in unison without losing sight of the national interests.

The students must also make relentless efforts for development of the nation and the people as well as for their own based on patriotism, nationalism and Union Spirit. Instead of harbouring suspicion, prejudice and ego or wasting the national strength, cooperative efforts are to be made with honesty to build up the nation into a new one.

It is known to all that the State is on its way

to emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. So, the people on their part are urged to unitedly and actively participate in achieving the goal while overcoming all difficulties. All the teachers are also urged to strive for the promotion of national education by regarding it as a prime duty for the development of the State,

as a vehicle for realizing the State's objectives and as a guiding light for showing the people the right way to a new modern and developed nation, said the Secretary-1.

Later, he urged the teachers to strive with patriotism and Union Spirit for enabling the Union of Myanmar to stand tall among the international community as a sovereign nation and to perform du-

ties of the education sector in order to promote national education and thus to develop their own regions and the State.

After the opening ceremony, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted the trainee teachers. A total of 1,514 teachers from the states and divisions in Lower Myanmar are attending the course which will last five weeks. — MNA

No 38 BEPS designated as mosquito free school in Thakayta



Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai presents mosquito nets to Pre-primary school in Thakayta Township. — MNA

YANGON, 31 July — A ceremony to designate No 38 Basic Education Primary School of Thakayta Township as a mosquito, tobacco and rubbish free school was held at the school in Thakayta Township this morning.

Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai attended the ceremony and made a speech.

Next, Daw Mar Mar Wai accepted cash donations from the well-wishers. She presented sanitary equipment to the

headmasters of the schools and Ward MCWAs in the township.

Chairperson of Township MCWA Daw San San Yi handed over membership applications to Daw Mar Mar Wai.

Later, Dr Hla Myint, Secretary of Yangon Division MCWSC presented the educative paintings on dengue haemorrhagic fever for the schools in the township to the responsible personnel.

At the ceremony, the chairperson of township MCWA elaborated on the

designation of the school as mosquito, tobacco and rubbish free one.

Daw Mar Mar Wai unveiled the signboards that say mosquito, tobacco and rubbish free school and planted a tree to mark the ceremony.

The chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC visited the Pre-primary school of Township MCWA and presented food and the mosquito nets to the school. She inspected health care services for the aged and feeding to the children.—MNA

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects development tasks in ...

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He also inspected Thitgyitaw Dam and viewed the thriving cultivation in Myaing.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to the vocational training school for women and the 25-bed hospital in Myaing. At the hospital, he comforted the patients and fulfilled the requirements.

During his tour, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with departmental officials and members of social organizations in Myaing.

At the meeting, he called for double and mixed cropping in the region in a bid to increase the region's agricultural produce and to improve the living standards of the



Lt-Gen Ye Myint meets township departmental officials, social organizations and townselders at Nanthamyaing Hall in Myaing. — MNA

local people.

Not only seasonal crops but also perennial crops are to be grown in the region in vacant land with a view to serving long-term interests of the region, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said.

Despite being a dry region, construction of dams, reservoirs, river water pumping projects resulted in the increasing acres of paddy cultivation.

In his address, Lt-Gen Ye Myint also urged departmental officials to make efforts for meeting the region's target of physic nut cultivation while protecting natural environment and to carry out irrigation tasks joining hands with local people.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented exercise books for schools in Myaing Township to Township Edu-

cation Officer.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint went to the 76-acre field physic nut cultivation near Mile Post No 16/4 on Myaing-Pakokku Road and inspected the thriving cultivation.

On his tour of Inbat Dam in Pakokku Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions to officials of Magway Division's Irrigation Department.

Inbat Dam is constructed on a creek in Inbat Village in Pakokku Township. It is 3,650 ft long and 43 ft high and can store 1,140 acre ft of water.

Upon completion, the earthen dam is expected to irrigate 150 acres of land.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint also inspected Twinma Dam in Myaing Township and thriving paddy and bean and pulses cul-

tivation in watershed area of the dam.

Before he went back to Pakokku, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party also participated in collective cultivation of physic nut by Pakokku district's Union Solidarity and Development Association.

At the physic nut cultivation ceremony, a total of 15 acres were put under physic nut.

MNA

Shwelinban Bridge contributes to smooth and speedy flow of commodities from Ayeyawady Division to Yangon, other regions



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win made an address at the opening ceremony of Shwelinban Bridge. — MNA

YANGON, 30 July — Shwelinban Bridge built by Bridge Construction Project Special Group-1 of Public Works was commissioned into service at the archway of the bridge on Tabinshwehti Road in Hlinethaya Township this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win said that today's ceremony is to inaugurate Shwelinban Bridge measuring 208 feet built in Hlinethaya Township. The Government is giving priority to better transport in the entire nation. The transport sector plays an important role in prevailing of peace and stability and development of economic, education and health sectors.

He added that Shwelinban Bridge links industrial zones in Hlinethaya Township. Construction of the bridge contributes much towards smooth and speedy flow of commodities from Ayeyawady Division and products of the industrial zone to Yangon and other

states and divisions. The bridge above 180 feet long is the 218th of its kind in the nation, and it is the 28th major bridge in Yangon Division. In conclusion, the

commander thanked employees of the Ministry of Construction for their participation in the construction of the bridge and urged those present to safeguard the bridge for durability.

Next, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun gave a speech.

A local spoke words of thanks.

Next, the commander and the minister formally opened the bridge. The commander unveiled the stone plaque. The commander and the minister sprinkled scented water on it.

Shwelinban Bridge crossing Shwelinban Creek was built on Tabinshwehti Road, linking Kasin Village and Shwelinban Village in Hlinethaya Township. The bridge is 208 feet long. It has 44 feet wide motorway flanked by three feet wide pedestrian ways. Its clearance is 48 feet wide and three feet high. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads. It is a reinforced concrete bridge spending K 389 million.

Shwelinban Bridge is the 28th bridge in Yangon Division, and it is the 218th bridge above 180 feet long built in the entire nation by the Tatmadaw Government after 1988. — MNA



Shwelinban Bridge (Hlinethaya). — MNA

Waso robes offered to Tipitaka ...

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Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kavidhaja of the monastery read the list of wellwishers and donation matters.

Later, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sumangalankara delivered a sermon, and Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party shared merits gained. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe donates offertories to a Sayadaw. MNA

Objectives of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- 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.

Stake driven for construction of Kyungon bridge in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 31 July — A stake was driven for construction of Kyungon Bridge linking Wakema Township and Einme Township, Myaungmya District, Ayeyawady Division at the pondal on the bank of Einme Township this morning, and it was attended by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, senior military officers, local authorities, officials of Public Works, those from social organizations, local people and others.

At the auspicious time, 9 am, Commander Maj-

Gen Thura Myint Aung and Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun drove the stakes at the designated places and sprinkled them with scented water.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung drove the stand pipe with the vibro hammer at the site of No 3 Stake and the commander and the minister sprinkled it with scented water.

The construction of the bridge will be carried out by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction.

The 500 feet long suspension bridge is of Bailey type with a 11 feet and 13 inches wide motorway. It can bear 18-ton loads.

MNA

Minister inspects containers at Thilawa

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin together with officials on 28 July went to Thilawa Port in Thanlyin Township and inspected containers consisting of steel structures for multi diesel engine factory Project (Thagaya) of Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries.

Managing Director U Soe Thein reported on arrangements for transportation of containers to the project areas and the minister fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

Meiktila District's MCWA opens basic organizing course

YANGON, 31 July — A basic organizing course of Meiktila District Maternal and Child Welfare Association was opened on 27 July at Meiktila Education College with an opening address by Chairperson of Mandalay Division Women's Affairs Organization Member of Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Kye Mon Oo.

It was attended by Patron of Meiktila District WAO Daw May Soe Thu, Chairperson Daw Yi Yi May, instructors and trainees. At the opening ceremony, Chairperson of Mandalay Division WAO accepted 4,000 membership applications of Mahlaing, Thazi, Wundwin in Meiktila District.

Members of Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee also attended the educative talks on health at Kandawmingala Hall in Meiktila. They also went to Midwifery Training School and gave instructions. — MNA

Deputy Health Minister inspects station hospitals in Yangon Division



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo delivers a speech in meeting with members of township health committee, health staff and members of social organizations at Twantay People's Hospital. — HEALTH

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July — Secretary of

National Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, accompanied by officials yesterday met with members of township health committee, assistant surgeons, nurses, staffs and social organizations at Twantay People's Hospital.

Next, the deputy minister inspected the hospital and fulfilled the requirements.

After the meeting, the deputy minister went to the station hospital in Kawhmu and met with members of township health committee, staffs

and social organizations. The deputy minister briefed prevention on malaria, tuberculosis and

HIV/AIDS. The deputy minister also visited Kungyangon station hospital. — MNA



Aungtagon Football Team, which clinched the Second Division Cup for 2006-2007 football season seen with the coaches. — NLM

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Thailand for faster Tamiflu use to fight bird flu

NEW DELHI, 31 July— Thailand, which saw its first human death from bird flu after an eight-month lull, will push for the use of the drug Tamiflu in suspected cases rather than wait for lab results, a Thai official said on Friday.

The proposal, which follows the death of a 17-year-old boy this week, would apply to seven provinces where the H5N1 virus is endemic, said Thawat Suntrajarn, Director-General of Thailand's Department of Disease Control.

"We have to revise our clinical practice guidelines and the criteria to start Tamiflu," he told Reuters on the sidelines of an Asian bird flu

conference in New Delhi.

"If we have unusual deaths of chickens, even in the backyard, and a patient gets fever, even if not severe as in pneumonia, doctors have to start Tamiflu without any results of the laboratory," he said.

Tamiflu, produced by Roche Holding AG, is the most commonly used anti-bird flu drug.

Doctors initially suspected the teenager in

the northern province of Pichit was suffering from dengue haemorrhagic fever and was not given Tamiflu, despite his known close contact with poultry, Thawat said.

The teenager could have had both dengue fever and bird flu, he said.

Thousands of Thais get dengue fever every year and it has killed 22 people in the past seven months, he said.

MNA/Reuters



A Filipino worker returning from Lebanon waves as they arrive at Manila's International Airport on 30 July, 2006.

INTERNET

Zambian Govt to buy all surplus maize from farmers

KITWE (Zambia), 31 July — Zambian President Levy Mwanawasa directed Saturday the Food Reserve Agency (FRA) to double their efforts and purchase all the surplus maize from farmers countrywide before the onset of the rainy season.

The President also mandated the agency to export about 100,000 tons of maize in order to raise money to offset the debt owed to commercial banks for purchasing the maize.

Speaking at a rally of his ruling party in Kitwe he said he was not pleased that the FRA had not managed to buy most of the maize from small-scale farmers countrywide.

Mwanawasa said the state-funded FRA had been given 20 billion kwacha (5.71 million US dollars) for maize purchase, and had borrowed another 20 billion kwacha from commercial banks.

He said the government would give the FRA an additional 30 billion kwacha (8.571 million dollars) to purchase all the surplus maize from the farmers.

Mwanawasa said though he had allowed FRA to export maize, the agency should ensure that they stock up enough maize in strategic reserves for national consumption.—MNA/Xinhua

Iran rejects terms of UN resolution on atomic work

TEHERAN, 31 July — The people of Iran are entitled to produce their own nuclear fuel, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Sunday, rejecting the terms of a draft UN resolution that demands it give up its nuclear work.

France on Friday issued a draft resolution to the Security Council demanding Iran suspend nuclear activities by 31 August or face the threat of sanctions if it refuses.

A vote is expected this week.

"The people of Iran, in accordance with international norms and laws, have the right to take advantage of

peaceful nuclear technology," Ahmadinejad told a news conference in Teheran, sticking by Iran's right to produce its own fuel.

Earlier in the day, Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi also said Iran would stop considering international incentives aimed at ending its uranium enrichment programme if the UN Security Council passes a resolution against its atomic programme. The United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia, China and Germany approved a package of commercial and technical incentives aimed at getting Teheran to stop a nuclear programme, which the West fears will be used to make nuclear bombs.

But Iran, which insists it is enriching uranium only for use in power stations, gave itself until 22 August to reply.

MNA/Reuters

Pakistani jeep plunges into ravine, killing at least 10

ISLAMABAD, 31 July — At least 10 people were killed when a passenger jeep plunged into a deep ravine in a hilly area in Pakistan's North West Frontier Province on Sunday, the private GEO Television reported.

Several people were also injured in the accident at Nathiagali, a resort town about 50 kilometres northeast of the Pakistani capital Islamabad, when the jeep skidded off the road while taking a turn, according to GEO.

Nathiagali is a scenic hill resort lodged in the sylvan slopes of the lower Himalayan range at an altitude of 8,205 feet above sea level.

The report said more than 20 people were travelling in the jeep when the accident occurred.

The road condition in the area is said to be in bad condition and heavy rains had also damaged roads in several parts of the area.

Since the end of June, many parts of the country have been witnessing torrential rains which caused floods and landslides, killing people and damaging houses.—MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia oil well explodes, thousands evacuated

SURABAYA (Indonesia), 31 July — An explosion at an oil well in East Java Province triggered an evacuation and more than 200 people were treated for breathing problems after some lost consciousness, officials said on Saturday.

The well, located in the Bojonegoro area, is operated by state oil company Pertamina and PetroChina and officials said the fire was now out with no impact on production after the explosion shortly after midnight on Saturday morning.

"Suddenly, residents saw a big fire ball in the sky with a thunderous sound," Rumhadi, a local police chief, said by telephone.

MNA/Reuters

One child killed in landmine blast in eastern Turkey

ANKARA, 31 July — A child was killed and three more injured in a landmine explosion in eastern Turkey on Sunday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

A mine planted by the militants of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) exploded in Genc Town of Bingol Province.

A military helicopter flew the injured children to the Bingol State Hospital for medical treatment.

The explosion came a day after a landmine planted by the PKK went off on a road in Kulp Town of the southeastern province of Diyarbakir, killing a village guard.—MNA/Xinhua

Poll shows Dutch fear terror attack due to Afghan mission

AMSTERDAM, 31 July — More than half the Dutch fear their country's military presence in Afghanistan increases the risk of a terrorist attack in the Netherlands, a survey showed on Saturday.

The survey by Tangram pollsters, published by the *Algemeen Dagblad* daily, found that about 57 per cent of those polled see a growing risk of a possible attack by Islamist fundamentalists because the Netherlands has troops in Afghanistan.

The Netherlands sent some 1,400 troops earlier this year after being pressed by NATO allies to join a deployment in the country's volatile south and allow some US forces to withdraw.

NATO is to take over military operations in southern Afghanistan from US-led forces on Monday at a time when the country is going through its

bloodiest phase since the Taliban's overthrow.

More than 1,700

people have died in militant-linked violence this year.—MNA/Reuters



Indonesians walk past tourists sunbathing on Kuta Beach at the Indonesian resort island of Bali on 29 July, 2006.—INTERNET

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Israel bombs Gaza weapons factory, border tunnel

GAZA, 30 July— Israeli aircraft bombed a suspected Hamas weapons factory and border tunnel in the Gaza Strip on Saturday, the Army said.

No casualties were reported in the early morning attacks, part of Israel's month-long assault on Gaza to recover a captured soldier and end cross border rocket attacks.

At least 150 Palestinians, around half of them gunmen, have been killed in the offensive.

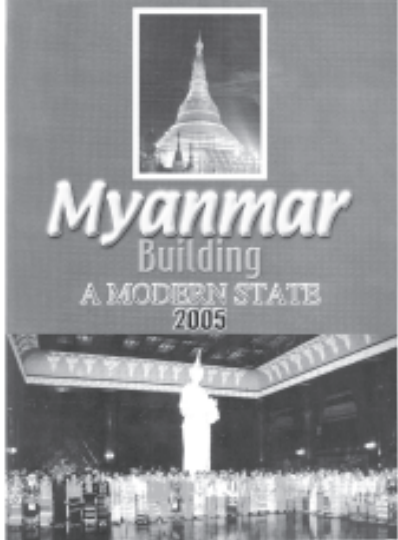
An Army spokeswoman said one of the targets overnight was a factory in Gaza City used

by the Islamic militant group Hamas, which controls the Palestinian Government, to manufacture and store arms.

The Army said it also bombed a tunnel along the Israeli-Egyptian border near Rafah.

Israel has rejected demands for a prisoner exchange by the gunmen who captured Corporal Gilad Shalit by tunnelling under the border on 25 June. Some of the gunmen came from Hamas.

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US boat brings aid for Lebanon war displaced

BEIRUT, 30 July— A US boat carrying the first American aid delivered to Lebanon by sea arrived in Beirut on Saturday with supplies for people displaced by fighting.

The HSV *Swift*, a high-speed military catamaran, brought in 20,000 blankets, 2,000 tarpaulins and seven one-ton medical kits which can support 10,000 people for three months.

The supplies were destined for the Chouf mountains southeast of Beirut where 100,000 people have taken refuge from Israel's bomb-

ardment of Hizbollah guerillas in southern Lebanon.

Three US medical kits were ferried in earlier in the week by helicopter.

"These blankets are very important, as are the tarps, especially looking ahead in a few weeks because it's very cold in the mountain areas, and the people may be there for some time," David Holdridge, emergency coordinator in Lebanon for Mercy Corps, a US relief agency.

The 18-day-old war has forced about 750,000

people to flee their homes in Lebanon, where at least 462 people have been killed. Others remain trapped in southern border villages.

UN Emergency Relief Coordinator Jan Egeland has asked for a 72-hour truce to enable relief workers to evacuate elderly, young and wounded people from the south and to deliver aid.

"There is something fundamentally wrong with a war where there are more dead children than armed men," he said on Friday.

MNA/Reuters

US immigration protesters scuffle in New York

NEW YORK, 30 July— US immigration activists clashed at the site of the World Trade Centre on Wednesday when an anti-illegal immigration group called for secure borders to avoid a repeat of the September 11 attacks and counterprotesters yelled "racists go home".

Supporters of the Minuteman Project, which patrols the US-Mexican border for illegal immigrants, and immigrant rights activists, who showed up at the Minuteman event, became involved in a heated argument.

Jim Gilchrist and Jerome Corsi, authors of *Minutemen: The Battle to Secure America's Borders*, were whisked away

when some immigrant rights supporters broke through a police barrier and scuffled with Minutemen supporters.

Corsi, who also wrote a book critical of Senator John Kerry's 2004 presidential campaign, accused US President George W Bush of leaving US borders wide open.

"When the World Trade Centre was attacked, we saw a failure of the Bush Administration to protect our borders and to enforce our immigration laws. This tragedy could be repeated," Corsi said.

Gilchrist and Corsi said they held their event at Ground Zero to dedicate their book to the families of the 11 September victims.

About 50 immigrant rights advocates waved placards reading, "New York is an immigrant town

— Minuteman not welcome," while about 30 anti-illegal immigration protesters held banners that said, "Stop the invasion" and "US jobs for US citizens".

Polls show immigration reform is an important issue to many Americans, but negotiations over immigration reform have stalled in the US Congress.

The House of Representatives and the Senate have passed vastly different bills and it is increasingly unlikely the two sides will bridge differences ahead of the November congressional elections.

Senate legislation would give the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants a chance to earn US citizenship, while the House bill that would criminalize illegal presence.—MNA/Reuters

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World Boxing Council (WBC) champion Takashi Koshimoto (R) collapses in the seventh round of his featherweight title bout against Rudy Lopez of Mexico at Marine Messe Fukuoka in Fukuoka, southern Japan on 30 July, 2006. WBC champion Koshimoto failed in his first world title defence, losing to challenger Lopez by technical knockout in the seventh round on Sunday, local media reports. INTERNET

Official says China backs Margaret Chan as WHO chief

BEIJING, 30 July — A senior Chinese official said on Friday that the central government endorses Margaret Chan from Hong Kong in her bid to become Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO).

“The central government believes the election is very important,” said Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Cui Tiankai.

China announced on Tuesday it will recommend Margaret Chan in the election for WHO Director-General.

Chan, who currently serves as WHO Assistant Director-General for Communicable Diseases, is now in Beijing to hold

discussions with officials, according to a statement posted on Chinese Foreign Ministry’s website.

The election for new director-general will be held in November this year.

“We believe Margaret Chan would help the organization play a more active role in the health sector on the world stage if she were elected WHO Director-General,”

China’s Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said.

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 was appointed Director of Health in 1994.

MNA/Xinhua

British airport handles US “dangerous goods” flights to Israel

LONDON, 30 July— A US plane carrying “dangerous goods” en route to Tel Aviv refuelled at a British airport on Saturday, a day after Washington apologized to London for breaking rules on Israel-bound flights with bombs onboard.

A second US flight to Israel will also stop at Scotland’s Prestwick Airport on Sunday, said a spokesperson for the Civil Aviation Authority, Britain’s independent aviation regulator.

Critics of Prime Minister Tony Blair’s staunch support for US President George W. Bush over Israel’s bombardment of Lebanon expressed outrage over the new flights, saying Britain should not be used to transit bombs to Israel.

Bush apologized to Blair on Friday in the US capital after Britain complained that Washington had not followed correct procedures on flying bombs to Israel via Prestwick.

“A cargo flight operated by a commercial cargo operator flew to Tel Aviv today via Prestwick and there’ll be a second flight tomorrow,” said the spokesperson for the aviation regulator.

“We’ve provided exemptions from dangerous goods regulations.” He said he was unsure of the precise nature of the hazardous materials being transported.

The Foreign Office declined to comment on

the flights but said Britain would grant permission for flights carrying arms defence equipment provided proper procedures were followed.

Menzies Campbell, leader of the opposition Liberal Democrats, said the new flights added insult to injury.

“Who can tell if some of this equipment may be used to continue Israel’s disproportionate attacks on Lebanon?” he said. “The British Government should be pursuing an active policy of denying weapons of any kind to anyone in the Middle East who may be assisting the conflict in any way.”

Reports of the Israeli-bound US flights have added to widespread criticism of Blair’s support for Bush over the Middle East crisis and his failure to call for Israel immediately to stop its bombing campaign.

British media reported on Wednesday that aircraft carrying “bunker-busting” bombs from the United States to Israel refuelled at Prestwick. British officials have not commented on the flights in detail but do not dispute those accounts.

MNA/Reuters



Cosplayers dressed up as characters from the movies ‘Star Wars’ and ‘Batman’ pose during the Ani-com Hong Kong, an animation and comic fair in Hong Kong, on 30 July, 2006. —INTERNET

Ex-Worldcom CEO Ebbers’ conviction affirmed

NEW YORK, 30 July —A federal appeals court in New York on Friday affirmed the conviction of former WorldCom Inc. Chief Executive Bernard Ebbers for orchestrating an 11-billion-US-dollar accounting fraud that led to the largest US bankruptcy.

The ruling by a three-judge panel of the US Second Circuit Court of Appeals may clear the way for Ebbers to begin serving his 25-year prison sentence. Ebbers, 64, had been convicted by a jury in March 2005 of nine counts of conspiracy, securities fraud and other crimes that led to the telephone company’s July 2002 bankruptcy. He had remained free on bail while pursuing his appeal. His sentence means he could spend the rest of his life in prison.

“I never thought his appeal was particularly strong,” said Jonathan Turley, a Law Professor and white-collar crime expert at George

Washington University in Washington, DC. “There was a mountain of evidence against Ebbers, a

pattern of corruption, so it would have been surprising if his appeal succeeded.”

MNA/Reuters

Death toll in China factory blast rises to 22

BEIJING, 30 July — The death toll from an explosion at a chemical plant in eastern China has risen to 22 but more than 7,000 people evacuated after the blast have now gone home, Xinhua news agency said on Saturday.

The blast, which occurred on Friday morning when a chemical reactor exploded during a test run, injured 28 others, including the chairman and general manager of the company, the report said. “Preliminary investigation showed improper operation by workers was mainly to blame for the accident,” Xinhua said of the incident, which happened in Sheyang in Jiangsu Province.

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A woman demonstrates Kazak nomadic custom at the 16th “Aken” concert held beside the scenic Hongshan Lake in Altay, northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 29 July, 2006. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Zambia U-17 soccer squad defeats Mozambique 2-0

LUSAKA, 31 July—Zambia Under-17 soccer squad sailed the first round of the Africa junior championship with a 2-0 victory over Mozambique in Lusaka Saturday.

Morgan Kaoma was the first of the mark 10 minutes into the second half when the Lusaka City Council striker finished off in move started deep in the Zambian area by inspirational skipper Richard Kabwe.

The angle looked too tight for Kaoma when he ducked two defenders to find some space on the right flank, but the way he bundled the ball past a stranded Jossias Uamusse in the Mozambican goal left many, including himself, stunned.

The dust from the first goal had barely settled when Steven Sakala completed his double over the junior Mambas with the Nchanga Rangers player easily bundling home from a Tom Bakala corner kick in the 61st minute.

Zambia won over Mozambique 4-1 on aggregate. *MNA/Xinhua*



Australia's Karrie Webb kisses the trophy after winning the Women's Golf Masters in Evian on 29 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Calleri upsets compatriot Chela to take Kitzbuehel crown

KITZBUEHEL (Australia) 31 July—Argentina's Agustin Calleri picked up the second ATP title of his career on Sunday by beating his higher-ranked compatriot Juan Ignacio Chela 7-6, 6-2, 6-3, in the final of the 925,000-US-dollar Kitzbuehel Open.

Despite being 15 places below Chela in the world rankings, Calleri was arguably the slight favourite going into the match, having won the last three meetings against his Davis Cup teammate and five of their total eight encounters.

A sixth Calleri victory looked far from inevitable during a tight opening set which was decided only after a lengthy tie-break ended 11-9 in Calleri's favour.

Kawabuchi reappointed as Japan Football Association chief

TOKYO, 31 July—The Japan Football Association (JFA) reappointed Saburo Kawabuchi on Sunday to a new two-year term as its president.

Kawabuchi, 69, will serve the third and final term as head of the country's soccer body as the association limits candidates for the post to under 70 at the time of appointment.

According to the release of the JFA, Kozo Tashima became the JFA's new general secretary. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Argentina's Agustin Calleri celebrates his win over compatriot Juan Ignacio Chela in the final match at the ATP Generali Open tennis tournament in Kitzbuehel, on 30 July, 2006. Calleri won 7-6, 6-2, 6-3.—INTERNET

China wins Women's Asian Cup

ADELAIDE (Australia), 31 July—China won the AFC Women's Asian Cup here Sunday after beating Australia 4-2 on penalties at the final.

China also won the Fairplay Award and Ma Xiaoxu was named the Most Valuable Player.

This is China's eighth time to lift the AFC Women's Asian Cup trophy and the first time to win the cup after being defeated by North Korea in the semifinals and final respectively in 2001 and 2003.

In the first half, Australia's Caitlin Munoz scored the first goal on 28 minutes and Joanne Peters made it 2-0 on 33 minutes.

But the match was forced into the extra time after China's Han Duan (68) and Ma Xiaoxu (73) pulled back two goals in the second half.

In the penalty kick, Australia's Collete McCallum and regular time scorer

Joanne Peters missed from the spot. For China, Ma Xiaoxu, Bi Yan, Li Jie and Han Duan were on the mark.

Ma Liangxing, the Chi-

nese national coach, said that while the team was left behind in the first half, he never lost confidence that the team would win.

Ma said winning cham-

pionship did not mean everything as there were more teams better than China in Asia, such as Japan, Australia and North Korea.

MNA/Xinhua



China's Han Duan (L1) celebrates after she made the final penalty shoot in the AFC Asian Women's Cup final in Adelaide, Australia, on 30 July, 2006. China won Australia a penalty shootout 4-2 to lift the AFC Asian Women's Cup.—INTERNET

Enyimba held to 1-1 draw by Orlando Pirates

ABA (Nigeria), 31 July—Nigeria's Enyimba failed to enforce their overwhelming dominance and were held to a 1-1 draw by South Africa's Orlando Pirates in their African Champions League Group B match on Sunday.

Chidozie Johnson equalized in the 66th

minute to spare Enyimba the embarrassment of defeat in a match in which they totally dominated but were unable to create any real scoring opportunities.

Pirates, who rarely ventured near their Nigerian

hosts' penalty area, took a surprise lead with a goal from Lucky Lekgwathi in the 33rd minute.

The fullback rifled home a long-range free kick to put Pirates into the lead at half-time.

Enyimba were denied the first goal in the seventh minute when Emeka Akueme hit the crossbar as Pirates showed the first glimpses of the rickety defence that would have them on the back foot for the rest of the game.

It was their failure to clear from a set piece that allowed Johnson to score the equalizer with a half volley from the edge of the penalty area.

Pirates goalkeeper Francis Chansa made an instinctive save just four minutes later to stop an Akueme header from less than a metre out.

MNA/Reuters



Cuba's Neldys Truffir (rear) fights for the ball against Puerto Rico's Amanda Ortiz during the final of the women's water polo competition at the 20th Central American and Caribbean games in Cartagena, Colombia, on 29 July, 2006.—INTERNET

China takes men's, women's singles in Thailand Badminton Open

BANGKOK, 31 July—Chinese Chen Yu and Zhu Lin were crowned in men's and women's singles at Thailand Open Badminton Championship here on Sunday as the South Koreans grabbed all the other laurels.

Chen Yu won the title by beating his teammate Chen Jin in a close match by 21-17, 21-23 and 22-20 while their women's teammate Zhu Lin overpowered South Korean rival Hwang Hye Youn by 21-13, 18-21 and 21-15.

South Koreans swept the remaining three trophies, with Lee Yong Dae and Jung Jae Sung winning the men's doubles, Lee Kyung Won and Lee Hyo Jung for women's doubles, and Lee Yong Dae and Hwang Yu Mi were crowned at the mixed doubles.

Sudket Prapakamol and Saralee Thongthongkam of the hosts Thailand were runners-up for the mixed doubles. Saralee also joined teammate Satinee Jankrajangwong to take the second place of the women's doubles event. — *MNA/Xinhua*

China claims men's 78kg at junior Taekwondo worlds

HO CHI MINH CITY (Vietnam) 31 July—China claimed one gold here Sunday on the final day's competition of the 6th WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships.

Tian Xueguang added another gold medal for China in the final of the category of men's 78kg as China bagged two golds at the tournament.

South Korea, who clinched the other three gold medals from men's +78kg category, women's 68kg and +68kg class, harvested eight golds.

MNA/Xinhua

McCartney's first guitar sold for 330,000 pounds

LONDON, 31 July — An American collector has bought Paul McCartney's first acoustic guitar for 330,000 pounds (614,000 US dollars) at auction.

The guitar used by the former Beatle was bought by Craig Jackson at an auction at the Abbey Road Studios late on Friday.

"This is such an important piece of rock history, and I am an extremely happy man tonight," Jackson said in a statement. "Without this guitar The Beatles may never have existed, and it is a fantastic acquisition."

A spokesman for the auction house Cooper Owen said the auction had attracted bidders from

Europe, the US and Russia. He had expected the instrument to fetch around 100,000 pounds.

McCartney learned to play his first chords on the guitar which belonged to his friend Ian James. James sold the guitar to help fund his retirement and the deal included a letter from the former Beatle confirming the guitar was authentic.

Jackson heads an auction company specializing in collector cars, based in Arizona.

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လေးမျက်နှာမြို့နယ်၊ စတုရန်းကျေး၊ ကွယ်လွန်သူ (ဦးလှသော်+ဒေါ်ညို) တို့၏ မြို့ (ဒေါ်ခင်ခင်ကြည်)၏ သမီး၊ (ဦးဘတင်+ဒေါ်ခင်ခင်) (ဦးခင်မောင်မောင်) ဒေါ်ခင်ခင်ကြည်၏ ကိုယ်စားပြု၊ (ဦးသား) ဒေါ်ခင်ခင်ကြည်၏ နှမ၊ (ဦးလှ) ဒေါ်ခင်ခင်ကြည်၏ အမေ၊ ဒေါက်တာသိန်းလှိုင် (ဒေါ်ခင်ခင်ကြည်)၏ နှမ၊ (H.S.EYGH) မအင်ကြီးလှိုင် (DSY, Ygm) မောင်မိုးခင် သာသနာ့လှိုင် (DSY, Ygm) တို့၏ ဘွားကြည့်၊ ဒေါ်ခင်ခင်ကြည်သည် ရန်ကင်းမြို့၊ အမှတ် (၁၆) တတိယလမ်း၊ ၄၆-လမ်း၊ စိုက်ပျိုးရေးနှင့် ဆေးဝါးကွင်း ၃၁-၇-၂၀၀၆ (တနင်္လာနေ့) နံနက် (၁၀:၀၀) နာရီတွင် ကွယ်လွန်ခဲ့ပါသည်။ နေ့စဉ် (၅-၈-၂၀၀၆) (ဗုဒ္ဓဟူးနေ့) နေ့လယ် (၁၂) နာရီအချိန်တွင် ရေဝေးသုသာန်သို့ ပို့ဆောင် ရသွင်းသဖြင့် ပြန်လည်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

(အထက်ပါ နေအိမ်မှတစ်ဆင့်) နံနက် (၁၀) နာရီတွင် ရှမ်း၊ ရန်ကင်း၊ ဆေးရုံကြီး အဆေးတိုက်မှ နံနက် (၁၁) နာရီတွင် ရှမ်း၊ ထွက်ခွာပါသည်။

ကွယ်လွန်သူ ဒေါ်ခင်ခင်ကြည်အား ရည်ရွယ် (၆-၈-၂၀၀၆) (တနင်္လာနေ့) နံနက် (၅) နာရီ (၁၀) နာရီအထိ ရက်လည်ဆွမ်းအလှူ တရားတော်အလှူပညာပြုပါမိမ့် အထက်ပါ နေအိမ်သို့ တရားတော်အလှူပြုရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားသော စိတ်ထားဖြင့် မိမိတို့အဖွဲ့အစည်းသည်

ကျန်ရစ်သူမိသားစု

Net closes on British sport of conger cuddling

LONDON, 31 July — An English fishing town has banned the sport of conger cuddling after an animal activist complained.

The tradition, once described as the most fun a person could have with a dead fish, involves one team trying to hit another with a conger eel tied to a rope. It was popular in Lyme Regis on England's south coast and used as a fund-raising event for the local lifeboat.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

WEATHER

Monday, 31 July, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Gwa (4.41) inches, Mawlamyine (4.06) inches, Dawei (3.54) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (3.43) inches, Pyapon (3.26) inches, An (2.84) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.49) inches, Thandwe (2.32) inches and Nay Pyi Taw (0.32) inch.

Maximum temperature on 30-7-2006 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 31-7-2006 was 63°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 31-7-2006 was (100%). Total sunshine hours on 30-7-2006 was (0.6) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 31-7-2006 were (2.49) inches at Mingaladon, (3.43) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.24) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (54.65) inches at Mingaladon, (66.46) inches at Kaba-Aye and (71.61) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (18) mph from Southwest at (21:00) hours MST on 30-7-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 1-8-2006: Rain will be isolated in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough sea are likely in 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 1-8-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 1-8-2006: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 1-8-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Colleagues of UN observers who were killed last week observe a moment of silence during a memorial ceremony in Jerusalem on 30 July, 2006. — INTERNET

Radio Myanmar

Tuesday, 1 August

Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music:
-Anytime (Tik & Tak Friends)
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music:
-Kiss the rain (Billie Myers)
8:50 am National news/Slogan
9:00 am Music:
-Be your self (Enrique Iglesias)
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music:
-There goes my baby (Trisha Yearwood)
1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
-If it's over (Mariah Carey)
-Love oh love (The Commodores & Lionel Richie)
-Let it rain (Jennifer Paige)
9:00 pm English speaking course level () Unit ()
9:10 pm Article
9:20 pm Weekly sport reel
9:30 pm Music for your listening pleasure
-She's the one (Robbina Williams)
-Make it good (A1)
-I'll be there (Westlife)
9:45 pm News/Slogan
10:00 am PEL

TV Myanmar

Tuesday, 1 August

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

7:55 am
5. ကဗျာဝန်ကြီးလှိုင်

8:15 am
6. Song of yesteryear

8:30 am
7. International news

8:45 am
8. Islands of Dhamma

8:50 am
9. ဘုဒ္ဓဇာတိပိလ (အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာဝိသုဒ္ဓိပုဂံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာသုဒ္ဓိဇာတိ) နိုင်ငံတော်

9:00 am
10. နိုင်ငံတော်အဖွဲ့ချုပ် (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုန်းမိုး)

5:30 pm
7. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm
8. Evening news

6:30 pm
9. Weather report

6:45 pm
10. ထူးခြားစွာအနုပညာသက်သေ

6:50 pm
11. The mirror images of the musical

7:00 pm
12. မိခင်နှုတ်အေးထိုး ကြော်ငြာများ တားမြစ်ချက်ရှိသည့် သတိထား

7:10 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "စုလှိုင်နှင့်နန်းခင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)

8:00 pm
14. News
15. International news
16. Weather report
17. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူ အိပ်မက်လှလှ" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
18. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး ဦးစိစိထွ သာဓုဇာတိ ဝ သ၏ အရပ်အယံမျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘဝ နာယကများဖြင့်တရားတော်

9:00 pm
19. The next day's programme

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold national spirit

4:30 pm
3. ရန်ကင်းတိုင်းအဖွဲ့(၃)အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ဝဋ္ဋမအကြိမ် ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်လွတ် ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ဒုတိယအကြိမ်) (အထက်-၁၊ သန့်လှိုင်) (အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်လွတ်အဖွဲ့)

4:45 pm
4. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ငန်းရေး ရန်မြင်သုံးကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

5:00 pm
5. Dance of national races

5:15 pm
6. "သတိရှိယှဉ် အသိရှိမြင်" (အပိုင်း-၂) (ဝါးဇော်မိုးမောင်၊ ဘုန်းလှန်း၊ မြတ်ကာသီအောင်၊ ရတနာခင်၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ပြည့်ဖူးဖိုးဖိုး၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊ ဆောင်းနင်းစေ၊

Growing of seasonal crops plus perennial crops stressed

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects development tasks in Pakokku, Myaing Townships



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspects Inbat Dam in Inbat village, Pakokku Township.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence on 27 July inspected regional development tasks in Pakokku and Myaing townships in Magway Division.

During his inspection tour of Pakokku, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected Myakantha Recreation Centre, School for Development of National Races, Voca-

tional Training School and Pakokku University along with Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe.

A total of 50 trainees are attending the basic tailoring course of the vocational training school.

Afterwards, he went to Pakokku University

and inspected the university's main building. At the convocation hall of the university, Rector U Soe Myint reported on administration and academic matters of the university.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party also inspected the 58-acre cultivation of pigeon peas at Kaing Village-tract on Pakokku-Myaing Road. According to a farmer, 87,000 plants of pigeon peas are grown on an acre. Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged farmers to carry out double cropping and mixed cropping cultivation to get more extra income.

On the inspection tour of the 50-acre groundnut cultivation near Mile Post No 14/6 in Myaing Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint stressed the need for farmers to carry out the mixed cropping of pigeon peas and groundnut.

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Inbat Dam is constructed on a creek in Inbat Village in Pakokku Township. It is 3,650 ft long and 43 ft high and can store 1,140 acre ft of water. Upon completion, the earthen dam is expected to irrigate 150 acres.

Waso robes offered to Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery

YANGON, 30 July — The Waso robe offering ceremony was held at Kaba Aye Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery on 2nd East Wireless Street in Mayangon Township this morning.

It was attended by Presiding Nayaka of the monastery Tipitakadhara Dhammabhandagarika Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhamma Pali Paragu Bhaddanta Sumangalalankara (PhD) and members of the Sangha,

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, wellwishers and guests.

Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Sijjanabhivamsa of Sagaing Hill administered the Five Precepts.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and officials donated robes and alms to the Sayadaws.

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The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded

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No longer wish to remain as party members due to loss of interest in NLD Six members of Sagaing Township NLD quit

YANGON, 31 JULY—Members of Sagaing Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division—U Chit Pe of Maletaw Village-tract, U Nyunt Shein, U Pho Nyan, U Tin Shwe and U Sein Paing of Kyawzayar Village, and U Tun Hlaing of Marletaw Village—resigned from the NLD of their own accord on 8 July.

They sent letters of resignations to the NLD

Headquarters and local authorities.

In their letters sent to Sagaing Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-commission, they said they no longer wished to remain as the party's members due to loss of interest in the NLD and that was why they resigned from the NLD of their own accord.

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Breastfeeding also greatly contributes to mother's health by reducing the risk of ovarian and pre-menopausal cancer and helps them to return to their normal weight after pregnancies. Besides, it is noted as one of the most effective preventive interventions available to prevent child mortality, which is one of the Millennium Development Goals.

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