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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

General Thura Shwe Mann and wife attend ceremony to mark 79th Founding Anniversary of Chinese People's Liberation Army

YANGON, 1 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet this evening attended the ceremony to mark the 79th Founding Anniversary of the Chinese People's Liberation Army at Traders Hotel here.

Military Attaché of the People's Republic of China Senior Colonel Ma Shoudong and wife and deputy military attaché welcomed them.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife, Chief of Military Affairs Security Maj-Gen Ye Myint and wife, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and wife, senior military officers, Ambassador of PRC to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu, ambassadors, military attaches of foreign embassies and guests.

Chinese cultural troupe entertained the guests at the ceremony to mark the 79th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Liberation Army of China. — MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann being welcomed by Military Attaché of People's Republic of China Senior Col Ma Shoudong at 79th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Liberation Army. — MNA

General Thura Shwe Mann and wife attend 79th Founding Anniversary of the People's Liberation Army. — MNA



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Peace always vitalizes Union Spirit whether it is made with a large group or small group. It is the duty of all for unitedly safeguarding national sovereignty for its perpetuation.

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

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March forward without losing sight of the national goal

The Government of Myanmar is building economic, health and education infrastructures the length and breadth of the nation for harmonious development of the Union. For regional development and for higher education status of local youths, basic education and higher education infrastructures are being built in various regions.

Nowadays, there has been measurable development in the basic education sector and it is due to the participation of the entire people including teachers, and people are in a position to enjoy the fruits of development.

It is necessary for teachers to train their students to be well-educated and become all-rounders. In the higher education sector, universities and colleges have been established in each and every region in order that local youths can specialize in different branches of studies and technologies.

The nation's higher living standard and economic development will be possible only if the people's education standard is high. Moreover, transition to genuine, stable and discipline-flourishing democracy will be easy and smooth only if there is a favourable environment in the education, health, social and economic sectors of the nation.

Now that the road to a new nation — a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democracy — is beginning to take shape, it is necessary for the entire people to march steadfastly towards the goal, unitedly overcoming all the hardships and obstacles along the road.



U Thauang Myint and Daw Hla Hla Myint of No 13, Bayintnaung Road, Hline Township, donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Secretary of the home Maj Aung Than (Retd) accepts the donation. — H

Engineers' 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

Lt-Gen Ye Myint meets service personnel, social organizations, townselders in Pakokku

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence met officers and other ranks and their families of local battalion in Pakokku on 28 July morning and urged them to implement regional development work in cooperation with the people, undertake agricultural and livestock breeding tasks and to try to exceed the target cultivation of physic nut. He was accompanied by



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspects Kokohla River Water Pumping Station in Pakokku Township. — MNA



Ye Myint heard a report by the chairman of Magway Division PDC on cultivation of 76,488 acres of monsoon paddy in 2005-2006, arrangements for cultivating 128,586 acres of monsoon paddy in 2006-2007, completion of 50 dams and two under construction out of 71 dam projects to be implemented and completion of one river-water pumping project and four under way out of seven to be implemented. Officials also reported on arrangements being made for supply of irrigated water in Pakokku district and boosting sown acreage. Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye explained plans for building more agricultural facilities and extending farmland. Then Lt-Gen Ye Myint left necessary instructions.

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Sagaing Division PDC Chairman North-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Magway Division PDC Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe, officials of SPDC Office and departmental officials. On arrival at Kokohla river-water pumping project site in Pakokku, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard a report by Deputy Director U Tin Maung Aye Htoo of Water Resource Utilization Department on facts about the project and

arrangements for cultivating 1000 acres of monsoon paddy in 2006-2007. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on meeting the target cultivation and extending irrigation acreage and inspected monsoon paddy plantations.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party met with district and township level department officials, members of social organizations and townspeople at Pyithaya Hall in Pakokku. Officials

reported on annual rainfall, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, sufficiency in rice and work being carried out for regional development. Col Phone Maw Shwe gave a supplementary report. Lt-Gen Ye Myint delivered a speech and greeted those present.

In meeting with responsible officials from agricultural field, Lt-Gen

Commerce Journal comes out

YANGON, 1 Aug — No 14, Volume 6 of Commerce Journal has been in circulation.

The journal carries a series of informative and entertaining articles of Maung Su San, Maung Hsu Shin, Maung Tai Pin, Kyi Shon, Hantha Tun, Kyuntha Ngaman, Thein Mya Thein and Maung Pasogyen, news on domestic and foreign markets, astrological observations of palmist San Zani Bo, news on fashion and movies and others.

It is available at No 38, 30th Street in Pabedan Township and other bookstalls across the nation.

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Engineers leave for Japan

YANGON, 1 Aug — General Secretary of Myanmar Engineering Association Daw Kyi Kyi Pyon and CEC member U Ko Ko Gyi left here by air on 29 July to attend Training Courses on Energy Conservation for COEs (AMEC-1) and Distribution Logistics for COEs (AMDI-1) to be held at AOTS Yokohama Kenshu Centre in Japan from 31 July to 11 August.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Chairman of MEA U Than Myint, CEC members U Aung Myint and U Myint Pe. — MNA

Annan urges UNSC to push for immediate ceasefire of Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, 31 July — The United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan said here Sunday that he condemns “in the strongest possible terms” Israel’s attack on Sunday on a Lebanese village that killed at least 54 civilians, mostly children. “I am deeply dismayed that my earlier calls for an immediate cessation of hostilities were not heeded,

with the result that innocent life continues to be taken and innocent civilians continue to suffer,” Annan said addressing an emergency Security Council meeting on Lebanon. The UN chief renewed his call once again and appeal to the Security Council to do likewise. “I reiterate my call for an immediate cessation of hostilities, to allow des-

perately needed humanitarian relief to reach the victims,” he said. “While that is happening, we can work together on the political framework needed for a lasting ceasefire and a sustainable solution: the strengthening of Lebanon’s government, the disarming of all militias, and the implementation of all Security Council resolutions, including

1559 and 1680,” he added. The UN chief pledged his willingness to work with all the concerned parties in the development and strive for the deployment of a stabilization force to support the Lebanese Government.

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A Russian Su-24 medium-range bomber, known by NATO as ‘Fencer,’ the same model as the one that crashed near Russia’s westernmost port city of Kaliningrad on 30 July, 2006, flies somewhere at an undisclosed location in Russia in this 2002 file photo. —INTERNET

Gong Li enters the Hollywood fast lane

LOS ANGELES, 31 July—California.—After more than a decade as a superstar of Chinese cinema, Gong Li finally has come to Hollywood. “Miami Vice”—in which Gong plays a drug-money launderer who’s sleeping with the enemy, undercover cop Sonny Crockett (Colin Farrell) — is the second of three big English-lan-

guage productions the actress shot back to back. Last year, Gong played a Japanese geisha conniving against a young rival (Ziyi Zhang) in “Memoirs of a Geisha.” Due out in 2007 is “Youn Hannibal,” with Gong co-starring in a prequel to “The Silence of the Lambs” that traces the teen years of future serial killer Hannibal Lecter.

Gong, 40, got her start in 1988’s “Red Sorghum,” beginning an artistic and romantic partnership with Zhang Yimou, one of China’s premier directors. Their films together included “Ju Dou,” “Raise the Red Lantern,” “To Live” and “Shanghai Triad” before the two broke off their professional and personal relationship in the mid-1990s. Zhang and Gong are working together again with “Curse of the Golden Flower,” which co-stars Chow Yun-Fat in a tale of palace intrigue in ancient China scheduled for US release in December. Gong’s other films include Chen Kaige’s “Farewell My Concubine,” Wayne Wang’s “Chinese Box” and Wong Kar-wai’s “2046.” —Internet



After years making movies in China, Gong Li has started appearing in Hollywood flicks. —INTERNET

China has over 18,000 military schools for young people

BEIJING, 31 July—China has more than 18,000 military schools for young people and more than 20 million Chinese youngsters attend them each year for national defence education. The Central Committee of the Communist Youth League of China said here Sunday that the schools provide activities such as summer camps,

physical training and military survival skill contests. The defence education and the military experience the young people receive in the schools have strengthened their national pride and their awareness of defence issues, the committee said. The youth military schools are run by the Central Committee of

the Communist Youth League of China and the Chinese Young Pioneers supported by the PLA and the Ministry of Public Security. They are an important form of national defence education for young Chinese. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the founding of these schools which were set up in April, 1996. —MNA/Xinhua

Israeli airstrike kills 51, including 21 children

QANA (Lebanon), 31 July—An Israeli airstrike killed at least 51 Lebanese civilians, including 21 children, in the southern village of Qana on Sunday, in the bloodiest single attack during Israel’s 19-day-old war on Hizbollah. Lebanese Red Cross

workers covered the corpse of one dead child with a blanket. A woman in a red-patterned dress lay crumpled and lifeless in the broken masonry. A leg poked out from the rubble nearby. A child lay dead in the street. Several houses collapsed and a three-storey

building where about 100 civilians were sheltering was destroyed, witnesses and rescue workers said. Israel’s military said it had warned residents of Qana to leave and said Hizbollah bore responsibility for using it to fire rockets at the Jewish state. —MNA/Reuters

US State Department hid costs of Iraqi projects

WASHINGTON, 31 July—The US State Department agency in charge of 1.4 billion US dollars for reconstruction projects in Iraq used an accounting shell game to hide cost overruns and failed to tell Congress about schedule delays, *The New York Times* reported on Sun-

day. A report by the independent Special Inspector-General for Iraq Reconstruction said the US Agency for International Development listed project overruns as overhead or administrative costs. USAID is the agency in charge of adminis-

ing foreign aid and began working on Iraq reconstruction soon after the 2003 invasion began. The inspector-general’s report did not give details on all projects being conducted under the 1.4-billion-US-dollar budget, but noted several examples including a children’s hospital in Basra and a power station in Baghdad.

Bechtel, the contractor in charge of the Basra hospital, said in April construction costs would be 98 million US dollars, up from an original budget of 50 million US dollars, due to escalating costs for security and other problems. USAID pledged to cut contractor overhead, but the inspector-general found no effort to do that. —MNA/Reuters

Briton kidnapped by Taleban

KABUL, 31 July—One Lebanon-origin British citizen was abducted by the Taleban in the border area of Zabul and Ghazni provinces in southeastern Afghanistan, a local official told *Xinhua* Sunday. The police received reports on Saturday night, which said one Briton was kidnapped three days ago by some Taleban militants in the border area between Moqur District of Ghazni and Shahjoy District of Zabul, said Noor Mohammad Paktin, Zabul’s police chief.

According to initial information, the captive, who worked for a foreign company providing logistic services for the US military, had been taken to Zabul, a haven for Taleban insurgents, Paktin said. Local police had carried out search operation Sunday, but failed to find the Briton, he added. —MNA/Xinhua



Policemen prepare to rescue a hostage during an anti-terrorism drill to test the response to air attack in Kaili, southwest China’s Guizhou Province, on 30 July, 2006, with over 1,000 participants from the army, the police and local residents. —INTERNET

Iran awards highest medal of honour to Chavez

TEHERAN, 31 July — Iran awarded Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Sunday the country's highest medal of honour for his support for Iran's nuclear programme, the official IRNA news agency reported.

"The medal was given to President Chavez for his support for Iran's stance on its nuclear case at international circles, especially Venezuela's vote against an anti-Iranian resolution adopted by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)," the IRNA said.

Venezuela opposed an IAEA decision to report Iran's nuclear case to the UN Security Council in February.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad awarded the medal to Chavez in Teheran



University.

"He is the one who has stood against imperialism for years and has defended the interests of his and other Latin American countries," Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying by the state television.

Chavez arrived in Teheran on Saturday for

his fifth visit to the Islamic republic since he came to power in 1999.

MNA/Xinhua

India hikes interest rates again

LONDON, 31 July—Fuel prices have been raised in India after a nine month freeze.

India has increased its short-term interest rate for the third time in four months in a bid to curb inflation.

The country's central bank raised the rate by 0.25% to 6%, amid fears that strong global oil prices threatened financial stability.

The Reserve Bank of India has also warned about rising house prices and the surge in credit growth, which it wants to see reined in.

The long-term interest rate remained unchanged at 6%.

India's economy grew at an annual rate of 9.3% in the three months to June, but critics say the effects are not filtering down to poorer people.

The government has been criticised for raising petrol and diesel prices, which are customarily heavily subsidised. —Internet

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MNA/Xinhua



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Verizon Wireless, the second largest mobile operator in the US, is introducing the Chocolate cell phone by LG, a sleek device featuring an iPod-like click wheel, in a bid to boost its music sales. —INTERNET

Elderly bear brunt of US heat wave

LOS ANGELES, 31 July — The vast majority of the heat-related victims in California were elderly people who lived alone and in isolated areas, investigations showed on Saturday.

The three-week heat wave that gripped California was blamed for more than 140 deaths up to Friday, and most of the deaths occurred in the Central Valley, Inland Empire and desert regions, where the usually broiling summer temperatures reached three digits Fahrenheit.

Poor seniors were particularly hard hit, including four men who died in hotel rooms a few blocks from the state Capitol and several elderly women found dead in their tiny apartments in Fresno in the central part of the state.

The heat wave, the state's deadliest act of nature in years, prompted calls for the government to overhaul the way it deals with the elderly during periods of extreme temperatures. — MNA/Xinhua

Asian hostages released safely from Somalia

SEOUL, 31 July — Twenty-five Asian sailors who had been held hostage since early April in Somalia were released safely at about 11:30 pm local time (1430 GMT) Sunday, the president of the sailors' company announced in a statement.

A US Navy ship was escorting the 25 sailors, including three Chinese, eight South Koreans, nine Indonesians and five Vietnamese aboard their tuna ship belonging to South Korea's Dongwon Fisheries Co to safe waters, the statement said. Song Jang-sik, the president of the Dongwon Co, said the release had been delayed for one day due to bad weather.

MNA/Xinhua

Monsoon rains kill 12 in India's Gujarat state

AHMEDABAD, 31 July — Heavy monsoon rains in India's western state of Gujarat have killed at least 12 people and forced thousands to evacuate their homes and move to higher ground, officials said on Sunday.

The deaths were due to drowning, lightning strikes and building collapses, they said. More than 15,000 villagers have been affected since Friday in the southern and central regions of one of India's most prosperous and industrialized states.

MNA/Reuters

11 killed in bus accident in N Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 31 July — A bus carrying 44 people overturned in northern Malaysia on Sunday, leaving 11 people killed and nine others seriously injured, local media reported.

The accident occurred in the early morning when the chartered bus was travelling from Ipoh, capital of the Perak State, to Bukit Mertajam, a tourist destination in Malaysia's northern state of Pinang.

MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela bus crash kills 17

CARACAS (Venezuela), 31 July — At least 17 people were killed and 28 injured in central Venezuela on Saturday when a packed bus veered off a highway and crashed into a mountainside, rescue services said. Ricardo Hernandez, director of the civil protection agency in Carabobo state, said it was not yet known why the driver had lost control of the bus, which was 155 miles (250 kilometres) west of Caracas when the accident happened. — MNA/Reuters

Pamela Anderson marries Kid Rock in St Tropez

LOS ANGELES, 31 July — Actress Pamela Anderson has married singer Kid Rock on a yacht near the French Riviera city of St Tropez, celebrity magazine People said on Saturday.

The former Playboy model announced her engagement to the Detroit rapper on her website last week. "Yes, I'm finally getting remarried — I'm in love. I'm happy," Anderson wrote on the site, www.pamelaanderson.com.

Anderson, 39, and Rock, 35, whose recordings include 1998's "Devil Without a Cause", have been romantically linked since the early 2000s but broke off their relationship in 2003. That had been seen together recently vacating oning along the Riviera.

The blonde actress, who was discovered while watching a Canadian football game and gained international stardom in the 1990s on the television show "Baywatch", was previously married to drummer Tommy Lee of rock band Motley Crue, with whom she had two sons. — MNA/Reuters



A taxi is stranded on the flooded expressway to the Capital International Airport in Beijing, capital of China, on 31 July, 2006. Heavy rain hit the central and southern parts of the city early Monday, leaving many sections of the main roads inundated by water. Local observatory has issued a yellow alarm indicating more rainfall. —INTERNET

Singapore launches healthier hawker food programme

SINGAPORE, 31 July — Singapore has launched a Healthier Hawker Food Programme, encouraging stall owners at hawker centres to prepare food using cooking oil which is low in saturated fat, less salt and low-fat condensed milk, *Channel NewsAsia* reported on Sunday.

Aiming to get all the hawker stalls across the country to turn to the healthier use of ingredients without customers asking for it, the programme has seen some 200 stalls making the change, the report said.

A recent National Nutrition Survey showed that

80 percent of the respondents took in more saturated fat than the recommended amount while 42.7 percent exceeded the recommended intake of fat.

The survey also found that half of the people polled ate out at least six times a week, but rice, noodles and stir-fried vegetables were usually cooked with oil which is high in saturated fat at hawker centres.

Singaporeans are also eating more fruits, vegetables, as well as wholegrain and calcium-rich food, according to the survey. —MNA/Xinhua



Toshiba headquarters building stands against the backdrop of the sky in Tokyo, on 31 July, 2006. Toshiba Corp, Japan's No 2 electronics conglomerate, said on Monday it swung to a quarterly profit, buoyed by strong demand for its core flash memory chips, and kept its forecast for a 10 percent rise in full-year profit. —INTERNET

Rotterdam port eyes major expansion, focus on energy

ROTTERDAM, 31 July — Europe's biggest port of Rotterdam expects to spend some 8 billion euros (1 euro = RM4.66) in the coming years to expand capacity, with a special focus on energy, to keep in step with booming world trade, a senior official said.

Chief executive Hans Smits said in an interview recently that the Dutch port was aiming to become a European distribution hub for biofuels and liquefied natural gas as the continent struggles to reduce dependence on crude oil imports.

"By the years 2012-2013 we will have some 8 billion euros in investments in capacity expansion at Rotterdam—5 bil-

lion euros (of which) will come from the private sector," Smits said.

The port itself has announced plans for a major e3 billion expansion project, which will add 1,000 hectares to its existing 10,000 hectares by 2013 to provide a long-term cure to surging trade flows, partly caused by China's growing economy.

Smits said a number of new energy facilities are planned at Rotterdam, which enjoyed a record high growth of 5 per cent in cargo volumes in 2005 to some 370 million tonnes.

The port, which is already a major European spot for imports and trade with vegetable oils, wants also to become a hub for

biofuels and expects to have two biodiesel and possibly two ethanol plants up and running in the coming few years.

"We see a growing role for biofuels in Europe," Smits said.

Dutch storage company Vopak and Swiss Bio-petrol Industries plan to build a biodiesel plant at Rotterdam by the third quarter of next year, while British TMO Renewables and a Dutch consortium will build a bioethanol plant by 2008.

The port, which is a key trading spot for the European oil industry and houses five oil refineries, expects to have two LNG terminals and three new power plants in the coming years. —Internet



Cast member Courtney Cox poses at the world premiere of 'Barnyard: The Original Party Animals' at the Cinerama Dome theatre in Los Angeles on 30 July, 2006. The animated feature tells what happens in a farm when the farmer is away. The movie opens in the US on 4 August. —INTERNET

US small plane crash kills four

WASHINGTON, 31 July — A small plane used for skydiving crashed Saturday in the Midwestern US state of Missouri Saturday, killing four persons on board and injuring the rest four, the CNN Television reported.

The plane struck a telephone pole, then bumped into a building before crashing on the ground, shortly after taking off from the Sullivan Regional Airport in eastern Missouri, according to the report.

The plane was carrying skydivers for a Sullivan-based skydiving company and there were eight people aboard, local police said. —MNA/Xinhua

Gas outburst traps eight coal miners in central China

ZHENGZHOU, 31 July — A gas outburst has trapped eight people working underground at a coal mine under construction in central China's Henan Province, rescuers said Sunday.

The accident took place at about 7:45 am on Saturday at the Mengjin Coal Mine located at Mengjin County, Luoyang City of Henan, when eight people were working at a depth of 765.5 metres underground, rescuers said. —MNA/Xinhua



Photo shows China-made light aircraft from a manufacturer in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province on 31 July, 2006. —INTERNET

Indonesian volcano spews more lava, locals shelter

JAKARTA, 31 July — Flows of lava accompanied by showers of molten rock shooting into the sky have forced villagers living close to a volcano in eastern Indonesia to shelter in schools and churches, officials said on Saturday.

Dali Ahmad, an Indonesian volcanologist, said

by telephone that there did not appear to be a danger of a major eruption by Mount Karangetan at the moment but the lava continued to threaten nearby villages.

There have been no reports of casualties so far from the volcano on Siau Island, which lies north of Manado on Sulawesi

Island, 2,200 kilometres (1,365 miles) northeast of the capital Jakarta.

A Health Ministry official said that 3,491 people or 891 families had fled the area close to the volcano, although he said data was only for the eastern part of the remote island where the volcano is situated. —MNA/Reuters

Moderate earthquake jolts Indonesia

JAKARTA, 31 July — A moderate 5.6-magnitude earthquake hit off Indonesia's Sumatra Island on Sunday, but no casualties, damage or a possible tsunami reported immediately, according to official sources.

The quake struck at 8:28 am local time (0128 GMT) was centred under the Indian Ocean, about 55 kilometres northwest of Gunung Sitoli, the main town on Nias Island, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency of Indonesia said, adding "the tremor was strongly felt, but did not cause any damage and even a tsunami".

The quake, whose epicentre was 18 kilometres under the Earth's surface, was only felt on the island, the agency said.

Nias is located about 1,350 kilometres northwest of the Indonesian capital, Jakarta, which was hit hard by the December 2004 earthquake and tsunami.

MNA/Xinhua

Russian bomber crash kills two pilots

MOSCOW, 31 July — A front line Su-24M bomber crashed in Russia's enclave of Kaliningrad region on Sunday, killing both pilots, Russia's Baltic Fleet said.

The Su-24M crashed during takeoff from the Chernyakhovsk air-drome in Kaliningrad for participating in a military parade to celebrate the Russian Navy Day of 30 July, a Baltic Fleet official was quoted by the ITAR-TASS news agency as saying.

"The aircraft's two pilots have died, as they had no time to eject," the official said.

A criminal probe has been initiated into the crash on charges of violating flight regulations or flight preparation rules, causing deaths through carelessness, the Baltic Fleet's Military Prosecutor's Office said.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai Minister says export of cooked chicken will not be affected

BANGKOK, 31 July — Despite re-emergence of bird flu in Thailand, Thai caretaker Agriculture and Cooperatives Minister Sudarat Keyuraphan said Sunday that exports of Thai cooked

chicken have not been affected.

Sudarat expressed confidence that this year's exports of cooked chicken will reach the target of 350,000 tons.

Even though the re-emergence of bird flu has had an adverse impact on the exports of fresh Thai chicken, cooked chicken exports have been unaffected as the foreign importers still have confidence in the quality assurance and standards of Thai-produced chicken, she said. Overall exports of Thai cooked chicken in 2006 are expected to be at least 300,000 tons.

Nevertheless, the ministry will try to raise it to 350,000 tons as previously targeted, with Japan and the European Union (EU) as the major

importing markets, she said.

Besides, according to Sudarat, Thailand is set to speed up negotiations for exporting its poultry products to other high potential markets with high purchasing power, including the United States, the United Arab Emirates, New Zealand and Australia.

Lab tests confirmed that the strain of bird flu virus was detected in some 2,200 chickens that died in the farms in Thailand's northeast Nakhon Phanom Province last week.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman carries her child upon arrival at Caracas' International airport on 29 July, 2006. The Venezuelan government evacuated around 150 people from Lebanon via Syria. —INTERNET

Australian town cannot stomach recycled sewage water

SYDNEY, 31 July — A drought-hit Australian town could not swallow the idea of drinking recycled sewage water and rejected the water-saving option in a referendum on Saturday.

Toowoomba, 140 kilometres (85 miles) west of the Queensland State capital Brisbane, would have become the nation's first town to supplement drinking water with recycled waste water, a practice used in Israel, Singapore, the US and parts of Europe.

In the end, the "yuck factor" meant Toowoomba's 100,000 residents overwhelmingly voted against the idea despite a decade of tough water regulations resulting from the worst drought in 100 years in parts of Australia.

"The majority of the Toowoomba community does not support the indirect potable reuse of recycled water," said Australia's parliamentary secretary for water, Malcolm Turnbull.

"I respect that decision. Reuse of recycled water for drinking purposes in the manner proposed is sustainable and it is safe. But, as I have said many times, it is not compulsory."

If residents had voted "yes", 25 per cent of their drinking water would have come from recycled water in a 68-million-Australian-dollar (52-million-US-dollar) scheme. The water is filtered through a complex membrane in a process known as reverse osmosis.

Turnbull said recycling water was important for Australia as demand was expected to exceed supply from existing water sources in nearly all major Australian cities within the next 20 years.

MNA/Reuters



Spain's Antxon Otaegui is airborne during a freestyle competition of the Fuerteventura Windsurfing & Kiteboarding World Cup 2006 in Spain's Canary Island of Fuerteventura, on 30 July, 2006. —INTERNET

Kuwait donates \$300m to Lebanon

KUWAIT CITY, 31 July — The Kuwaiti Government on Sunday agreed to donate 300 million US dollars for the Lebanese people under Israeli military strikes,

reported the official Kuwait News Agency (KUNA).

The government made the announcement in an official statement, said KUNA. According to the statement, Kuwait would also deposit 500 million dollars in Lebanon's Central Bank in addition

to the 300-million-dollar donation to help Lebanon in its reconstruction efforts.

The tally of Sunday's assistance will be coupled with ongoing delivery of humanitarian supplies to the needy people in Lebanon, said KUNA.

MNA/Xinhua

Flash flood kills 18 Chinese highway builders

BEIJING, 31 July — A flash flood this month killed at least 18 Chinese workers building a highway in the country's southwest and 17 were missing and feared dead, state media said on Monday.

The torrents rushed down a mountainside and swept away the workers' temporary shelters in Mengzi county, a hilly area in the southwestern province of Yunnan, in the early hours of July 20. Eight were confirmed dead at the time.

MNA/Reuters



Livestock officials spray disinfectant as they bury thousands of dead chickens in Thailand's Phitsanulok Province, 377 km (234 miles) north of Bangkok, on 30 July, 2006. The H5N1 bird flu virus has been found in the Thai northeast bordering Laos, prompting culling of 310,000 hens in the egg-producing area, after the virus killed a teenager in the country last week, the Agriculture Ministry said on Sunday. —INTERNET

No reporting of dead bird to be fined in Thailand

BANGKOK, 31 July — Anyone who fails to report a case of sick or dead poultry in 21 provinces at risk of bird flu around Thailand will be fined 2,000 baht (about 50 US dollars) by the authorities, Thai local media reported on Sunday.

Thailand's caretaker Agriculture Minister Sudarat Keyuraphan was quoted by the Bangkok Post as saying that the Animal Epidemic Act would be enforced since a new round of epidemic

emerged in northern Thailand during the past two weeks. "People who were uncooperative with the authorities should be punished," Sudarat said.

Meanwhile, Livestock Development and Health Department officials have been instructed to go from door to door in Suphan Buri, Kanchanaburi and Nakhon Pathom provinces to spread the word on how to prevent avian flu, said Sudarat.

"Those provinces are considered most at risk

and have witnessed repeated poultry epidemics during August, when the annual rainy season is at its height," Sudarat added.

No new bird-flu case has been reported since the country's first bird-flu fatality in recent seven months, he said, adding that however a total of 114 patients from 14 provinces suspected of having contracted avian influenza and are being monitored and tested for bird flu. — MNA/Xinhua

Peace fragrant with Union Spirit

Myint Soe (Na-ta-la)

I was seven when I first saw insurgents in my life. They were crossing my village from the middle. I was at that age when I saw insurgents of Burma Communist Party returning to the legal fold. Village elders were whispering that it was the group led by Saya Thein. But I was not interested in Saya Thein. What my friends and I were interested in was the inclusion of a boy with a big head and a thin frail body in the group. We saw the boy, but we did not know whether diseases or malnutrition made him look like that.

The returnees brought along with them elephants. Grandpa Kyaw's compound where the elephants were kept were crowded with children. Later food packages arrived for the group. Other provisions including blankets and utensils also arrived at the village. I do not remember the event much. It was a scene of peace I witnessed 40 years ago.

But I had never seen such a scene again. It seemed that the sound of insurgent guns became louder in the Western Yoma Mountain Range. Some villages were torched. Insurgents seized villages where people's militia were formed, and burnt down shops and tractors. When the Tatmadaw columns were not in the area, the insurgents sneaked into villages and seized people. People going into the forest to collect fuel wood faced a lot of trouble.

Later, people took part in the military offensives with might and main. Thousands of people took part in the people's militia that they were able to totally cut off the insurgents from all supplies. It was the people's force that rooted out the BCP in Ayeyawady Division. The victory over insurgents were held on a grand scale in the entire division. All were happy. Those images of peace are still afresh in my mind.

Sincerely, I never had in mind that peace could be restored with the national race armed groups. I thought that the country would have to go on while the groups carried on fighting. In 1988, I was in-charge of the military camps stationed on the east bank of Thanlwin River. We were staying on constant alert as the BCPs might attack one of our camps. At that time we heard from the Radio Myanmar the return to the legal fold of Kokang national race armed group. It was auspicious news indeed.

Soon, Wa, Shan, Akha and SSA national race groups followed suit. The joy of the national people of Kokang and Hsilu/Mongla regions was immeasurable. Even the local people of Tangyan region Wa and SSA troops had frequented in the past were so happy. They were sharing the joys with the people of Kokang and Hsilu/Mongla regions.

Soon, national race leaders of SSA visited our battalion base in Tangyan. They discussed with officials the implementation of development undertakings. Another reason was to meet with their families that would come from Panghsan (former BCP headquarters). The group went along Weinkaung-Mangmanghsai-Lwepanglon-Panphein route from Panghsan. They crossed the Thanlwin River by Z-craft as Tarkaw-et bridge and Tarkaw-et-Panghsan road were not built then. As most of them were natives of Tangyan/ Mongyai region, they were reunited with their relatives at the jetty. All enjoyed the dinner hosted by the battalion commander in their honour.

Tangyan is the place where Loimaw group was born and the birth place of U Khun Sa. SUA (Central) was active in Tangyan/Mongyai, Monehin, Moneha, Monetaung and Monemar regions. Loimaw group, which was left alone in the area, began to think about its future seriously after Kokang, Wa, SSA and KDA groups had come back to the legal fold in northern Shan State. Loimaw leaders of northern SUA command approached the village elders to know the situation. The local people asked them to make peace.

Four months after we had arrived in Namsang region in northern Shan State from Tangyan region, PSLA led by U Aik Mone came back to the legal fold. Locals warmly welcomed the PSLA members on a grand scale. As PSLA members were religious, they went to the town monastery first. The Tatmadaw members joyfully took part in the water festival together with the PSLA members. Traditional dances were staged. It was an unforgettable Thingyan for me.

I was able to take part in another unforgettable occasion like Thingyan in 1966. On 5 and 6 January 1996, the whole MTA under the command of U Khun Sa made the unconditional surrender.

After I was assigned duty with the Department for Progress of Border Areas and National Races our team flew to Homein by helicopter on 20 January

1996. Some of the MTA members returned to their families and some settled in Homein and Monehtaw/ Monehin regions, some settled at Manpan and Monehin/Monehta in northern Shan State and Shwepyiaye (Kathe Kwin) and Narraing regions in southern Shan State with firm conviction. Many were left behind in Homein.

Our team which was a collective force of the Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force, Irrigation and other departments, started to discharge duties as soon as it arrived in the region. The team made arrangements to open schools, hospitals, dispensaries, post offices and telegraph offices, provide tractors and fertilizers, and build hydel power plants and TV retransmission stations. After opening of schools and hospitals, the team provided medicines and staff for the facilities.

All those I have presented in the article were the fruits of peace I have witnessed. Now peace is prevailing in the whole nation. KNG returned to the legal fold in 1992 in Kayah region. Later, Ka-la-la-ta, Kayan Pyithit Party, KNPP followed KNG's example. PNO came back to the legal fold in Pa-O region in 1991, and Ya-la-la-pha in 1994.

Similarly, NDA and KIA came back to the legal fold in Kachin region, Mon Pyithit Party in Mon State, and BCP (Rakhine) in Rakhine State. DKBA led by U Tha Htoo Kyaw made peace with the government. Phayagon Peace group led by Phado Aung Hsan, Haungthayaw special region group led by U Saw Tha Mu He, U Ko Gyi and group of northern Thandaung region and the group led by U Saw Ferry Moe exchanged arms for peace. Splinter groups of KNPP and many other small groups also exchanged arms for peace.

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Laikha/Mongkai region has been beaming with rays of peace since 848 men under the command of U Mein Sin, with the rank of vice chief of staff and commander of 758 brigade of SSA-S (Ywet Sit) group have returned to the legal on 6 July 2006. Local people happily welcomed them. U Mein Sin made a pledge to join hands for regional development. The government has been fulfilling the requirements of the group.

Peace always vitalizes Union Spirit whether it is made with a large group or small group. It is the duty of all for unitedly safeguarding national sovereignty for its perpetuation.

(Translation: TMT)

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Regional development undertakings...

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The commander instructed the industrialists to make contact with Monywa Zone for sharing technological knowledge.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected Jeeps assembled by Pakokku Industrial Zone and spare parts, clothes and Unity Brand Jeeps.

They also looked into the factories round the industrial zone. On arrival at Golden Brothers automobiles assembling enterprise, they were conducted round the enterprise by the managing director and members of the board of directors. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on the production process.

During their inspection tour of the physic nut nursery of local regiment, Lt-Gen Ye Myint instructed the officials to plant saplings to meet the target and reclaim land for cultivation of paddy.

They also inspected the retaining wall built on the bank of the Ayeyawady River near the Shwemuthaw Pagoda in Pakokku and left necessary instructions.

Next, they inspected the construction of a two-storey building at Pariyatti Beikman and Win Thuzar Shop of the Ministry of Industry-1 in Pakokku.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint saw over the physic nut nursery, the physic nut plants grown and greening tasks around the local regiment.

They inspected Shwe Nattaung Diversion Weir in the station and the plantations around the facility. They also inspected the plantations of Pakokku Sta-



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects a car assembled by Pakokku Industry Zone. — MNA

tion and local regiments and units for greening of the region, and the greening of Shwe Nattaung in Pakokku and visited Shwe Nattaung Tawya Monastery.

They looked into the model plantations of the arid zone greening project on the slope of the mountain range. Lt-Gen Ye Myint instructed the officials to place emphasis on the tasks for greening Pakokku Region, to continue set up forest plantations, and to

ensure constant storage of water in man-made and natural lakes.

In the afternoon, they visited Maha Wizaya Rama Pali Tekkatho Monastery in Pakokku and offered alms and medicines to Presiding Sayadaw, aged 101 and vasa 81, Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Mala Lankara.

On arrival at Letpanchepaw bank in NyaungU Township from Pakokku bank across the Ayeyawady River, they were welcomed by Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw.

Together with Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected the main canal of Letpanchepaw river water pumping station.

They also inspected the monsoon paddy fields along Myingyan-NyaungU Road that are grown with the use of water from the irrigation facility.— MNA

Final match of Eastern Command Commander's Championship Shield Soccer Tournery held

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — The final match of Eastern Command Commander's Championship Shield Soccer Tournery for 2006 took place at the sports ground in Taunggyi, Shan State at 3 pm on 22 July.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thuang Aye and wife, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and senior military officers, departmental officers, officers and other ranks of battalions and regiments, athletes and others.

In the match, the Taunggyi Station (Region-1) Team played against the



Commander Brig-Gen Thuang Aye presents a shield to Taunggyi Station's Region-1 Team that becomes the champion of Eastern Command Commander's Shield Soccer Tournery. — EASTERN COMMAND

No 55 LID team.

After the match, the deputy commander and officials presented prizes

to the best players while the commander presented the championship shield to the

Taunggyi Station (Region-1) Team which stood first in the match.

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Thai Air Asia to start Bangkok-Yangon daily flights

YANGON, 1 Aug — Thai Air Asia's maiden flight from Bangkok to Yangon is scheduled on 16 August, said a chief executive of the company.

Mr Tassapon Bijleveld, Chief Executive of Thai Air Asia told journalists here today that Boeing 737-300 aircraft will be used in the company's daily air transportation between two cities.

He than replied to the queries of the journalists. — MNA



Mr Tassapon Bijleveld briefs on Thai Air Asia's Bangkok-Yangon daily flight. — MNA

Seventh Technical Managers' Meeting held

YANGON, 1 Aug — With the sponsorship of Acid Deposition and Oxidant Research Centre (ADORC) which is the Network Centre of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANTE) and the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH), Myanmar, the Seventh Technical Managers' Meeting was opened at the Sedona Hotel here this morning.

It was attended by heads of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Transport, officials of Japanese and Korean embassies, representatives of UNDP, experts from ADORC and EANET, participants and observers from Cambodia, China, Japan, Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Norway, the Philippines, Russia, Thailand, Vietnam and Myanmar.

Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung made an opening speech.

Next, Secretary of Ms Adelaida B Roman of Secretariat of EANET spoke.

Director-General of Acid Deposition and Oxidant Research Centre (ADORC) Dr Hiromasa Ueda presented the salient points of the meeting.

The meeting focused on reviewing progress on scientific and technical matters of



Dr Hiromasa Ueda of ADORC. — MNA

EANET related to air and water pollution in 2005 and considering future improvement of monitoring methodologies for EANET. The meeting continues tomorrow.

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Qualification & combined strength of teachers, public support, government's education promotion programmes driving force of Myanmar's education development

Special Refresher Course No 25 for basic education teachers opens at CICS (Upper Myanmar)



Education Minister Dr Chan Nyein delivers an address at Special Refresher Course No 25 for Teachers at Central Institute for Civil Service (Upper Myanmar). —MNA

YANGON, 1 Aug — Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-I of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered an address. Also present were Deputy Minister for

Health Dr Paing Soe, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Nyi Tun and U Kyaw Aung, senior military officers, departmental heads, local authorities, the rector of CICS (Upper Myanmar) and others.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-I of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein said that since eight or nine years ago, academics, management personnel and faculty members in the education field with the govern-

ment'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.

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.

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

After the opening ceremony, Minister Dr Chan Nyein cordially greeted the trainee teachers.

A total of 1,000 teachers from the states and divisions in Upper Myanmar are attending the five-week course.

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All Concerned Sectors Must Do Their Part

- * Food, clothing and shelter, social status Variegated, throughout human abode In demarcated regions of nature In separate settlements established In patterns of own liking Traditions are set up and practised Handed down through generations That's what we call culture.
- * That culture, nurtured unbroken Strengthens the State Makes it prosperous and robust Rendering human communities pleasant And long-lasting Existing in grandeur As can be seen in history
- * As our culture was neglected It diminished to an extent And the strength of brethren Decreased, the race became indistinct The nation dwindled, in trouble It became a fact in this human abode As evinced by history.
- * As seen in historical standpoint We take it seriously and each year in succession Bring forth heritage bequeathed by ancestors And maintain it for wellbeing of the State Through performing arts competitions annually Systematically, in grandeur and accord Sponsored by the State Organized so that the event will be successful With inherent volition, in all seriousness For reciprocation of which All concerned sectors must play their part.

Shoon Mya Aung (Trs)



Education Minister Dr Chan Nyein greets trainees of No 25 Special Refresher Course for Teachers at Central Institute for Civil Service (Upper Myanmar). — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung delivers an address at a ceremony to mark completion of the establishment of self-reliant libraries in Ayeyawady Division. — MNA

Ayeyawady Division marks completion...

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of libraries, responsible persons are urged to organize work for increasing the number of readers and to get public wellwishers to donate necessary items for those libraries such as buildings, furniture and publications. He next urged authorities concerned, departmental officials and social organizations to cooperate with the library supervisory committees in maintaining the already opened libraries.
Next, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said on behalf of the rural people and the Ministry of Information, he thanked the commander, officials concerned and donors of the division for their kind assistance for

opening the libraries. The Head of State has given guidance that Myanmar should always be a constant learning society. Through his farsighted guidance, today's youths have enjoyed opportunities to learn international level branches of studies within their own country. As rural people make up 70 per cent of the population, there are still few opportunities for the rural people to improve their knowledge. That is why systematic plans have been drawn to open rural libraries. A total of 19 book donation ceremonies for rural libraries have been held and periodicals and TVs and radios worth K 218.7 million, 2.3 million books and journals and over K

140 million in cash have been donated by 1623 donors. At today's ceremony, over K 69 million including periodicals would be donated. The project for opening self-reliant rural libraries started 2004-2005. Up to 17 June 2006, 54707 villages out of over 60,000 in the country have had self-reliant libraries. Later, he urged local authorities, members of USDA, library committees, public wellwishers and personnel of the Information and Public Relations Department to actively participate in the tasks for opening and maintaining self-reliant libraries. At the donation ceremony, 62 well-wishers donated over K 13.2 million, 149 TVs,

1044 radios and cassettes plus periodicals worth K 69,070,500.
Later, the commander and the minister viewed documentary photos on

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.



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepts a TV donated by a wellwisher for a library. — MNA

the tasks for opening the libraries. At 11 am, the commander and the minister went to Koku Village in Patheingyi Township and donated TVs, radios, cassettes and books to the village library. They then inspected reading rooms of the library.
MNA

Man loses foot in mine explosion

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—Insurgent saboteurs have been resorting to a wide range of means to cause disruptions to stability of the State, community peace and prevalence of law and order, to kill and injury innocent people and to create panic.
Maung Aung Hla Kyi, 23, son of U Kalar, of Otshikhin Village in Kyaukkyi Township, Bago Division, lost his right

foot when he incidentally treaded on the mine planted by insurgents near his paddy field.
Local authorities rushed him to Kyaukkyi Township People's Hospital and provided him with necessary assistance. Now, the officials concerned are making investigation into the incident in cooperation with local people.
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Women carrying metal pitchers walk along a flooded street at Tarapur, about 90 km (56 miles) south from the western Indian city of Ahmedabad on 31 July 2006. — INTERNET

AIDS ရောဂါ တားဆီးကာကွယ်ရေး နှိုးဆော်ချက် (၁)

AIDS ရောဂါသည် HIV ဝိုင်းရပ်ပိုး ကူးစက်ခံရမှုကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားသည်။ HIV ဝိုင်းရပ်ပိုး အများစုတွင် နှစ်အတန်ကြာ မည်သည့်လက္ခဏာမှ မပြသေးဘဲရှိပါသည်။ သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ ကာယကံရှင်ကိုယ်တိုင် မိမိတွင် HIV ဝိုင်းရပ်ပိုးမသိလိုက်ဘဲ အခြားသူများကို ကူးစက်သွားစေနိုင်ပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ကူးစက်ရာတွင် အောက်ပါနည်းလမ်းများဖြင့် ကူးစက်ပြန့်ပွားစေနိုင်ပါသည်။

- ကူးစက်နည်းများ**
- (၁) ရောဂါဝိုင်းရပ်ပိုးနှင့် အကာအကွယ်မပါဘဲ လိင်ဆက်ဆံခြင်း။
 - (၂) ရောဂါဝိုင်းရပ်ပိုး သုံးစွဲထားသည့် ဆေးထိုးအိမ်/ပြွန်များ ခန္ဓာကိုယ်တွင်း ထိုးဖောက်သည့် ကိရိယာများအသုံးပြု၍ ဆေးထိုးခံခြင်း၊ ဆေးမှင်ကြောင့် ထိုးခြင်း၊ အပ်စိုက်ခြင်း။
 - (၃) ရောဂါဝိုင်းရပ်ပိုး သွေးနှင့် သွေးစွဲရည်များ သွင်းမိခြင်း။
 - (၄) ရောဂါဝိုင်းရပ်ပိုး ကိုယ်ဝန်ဆောင်မိခင်မှ သန္ဓေသားသို့ ကူးစက်ခြင်း။

- ကာကွယ်နည်းများ**
- ရောဂါကာကွယ်ရန် ဆေးမရှိသေးပါ။ အကောင်းဆုံးကာကွယ်နည်းမှာ မိမိတို့၏ အပြုအမူများကို ဆင်ခြင်နေထိုင်ခြင်းဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ထို့အပြင် အောက်ပါအချက်များကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးရန် လိုပါသည်။
- (၁) လိင်အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းနှင့် နောက်ကြောင်းရာဇဝင်အပြုအမူများကို သေသေချာချာ မသိသောသူနှင့် လိင်ဆက်ဆံခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။ မရှောင်ကြဉ်နိုင်ပါက ကွန်ဒုံးသုံးပါ။
 - (၂) အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်များ အပြန်အလှန်သစ္စာရှိစွာဖြင့် တစ်လင်တစ်မယားစနစ်ကို ကျင့်သုံးပါ။
 - (၃) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - (၄) ဆေးထိုးရန် လိုအပ်ပါက တစ်ခါသုံး ဆေးထိုးအိမ်/ပြွန်ကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
 - (၅) ရောဂါဝိုင်းကင်းစင်အောင် ပြုလုပ်ထားသည့် ပစ္စည်းကိရိယာများကို အသုံးပြု၍ ဆေးမှင်ကြောင့် ထိုးခံခြင်း၊ အပ်စိုက်ခြင်းတို့ကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
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Social organizations to participate in health care services



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo discusses participation of social organizations in health care services. — MNA

YANGON, 1 Aug — A workshop on participation of social organizations in health care services was held today at Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation in Bahan Township.

Dr Mya Oo discussed with participants of the workshop the participation of social organizations in public health care services.

Present on the occasion were President of MWAFA Daw Than Than Nwe, President of Myanmar

Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Khin Win, vice presidents and CECs, members of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization, officials of Ministry of Health and President and officials of Myanmar Red Cross Society. — MNA

Hospitals and townships honoured for systematic breastfeeding

YANGON, 1 Aug — A certificate presentation ceremony to hospitals and township for systematic breastfeeding was held at the University of Nursing on Bogyoke Aung San Street this morning.

The systematic breastfeeding was launched by the Health Department and UNICEF.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo delivered a speech. He said the breastfeeding week has been launched since 1992.

He said the Ministry of Health is implementing projects for promotion of the health standard of the people. The baby friendly hospital initiative was undertaken at 414 hospitals and the baby friendly home delivery was launched in 142 townships.

Next, Resident Representative of UNICEF Mr Ramesh Shrestha spoke on the occasion.

The deputy minister, Vice-presidents of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Lay Myint and Daw Khin Thet Htay, Vice-presidents of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and Daw Aye Aye, Mr Ramesh Shrestha, Resident Representative of WHO Dr Wibowo and Director-General of Health Department Dr Tin Win Maung presented certificates and gifts to officials of the hospitals and townships.



Vice President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Aye Aye presents a prize to an official of an award-winning hospital. — MNA

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131 suspected bird flu cases awaiting lab tests in Thailand

BANGKOK, 1 Aug — Thailand now has 131 suspected bird flu cases under surveillance, waiting for lab test results to determine whether they have contracted the bird flu virus, local media Tuesday reported.

Officials from the Public Health Ministry was quoted by the *Bangkok Post* as saying that since the beginning of this year, there have been 1,960 suspected cases of bird flu, with 1,828 cases testing negative to the disease.

Thawat Suntrajarn, director general of the Department of Disease Control, said that the 131 cases are waiting for the lab test results. Of these, the highest number is 37 cases in the northern province of Pichit, followed by 35 and 16 cases in neighbouring Sukhothai and Phitsanulok Provinces and 12 cases in the central province of Suphanburi.

After meeting public health officials, Public Health Minister Pinij Jarusombath said he had ordered medical specialists and senior officials to be on alert around the clock to control bird flu, dengue fever and hand, foot and mouth syndrome.

He also said that 765 persons in the northeastern province of Nakhon Phanom had been monitored for two weeks after having come into contact with diseased chickens.

MNA/Xinhua

AIDS ရောဂါ တားဆီးကာကွယ်ရေး နှိုးဆော်ချက် (၂)

AIDS ရောဂါသည် အသက်အရွယ်၊ လူမျိုး၊ ဘာသာ၊ အဆင့်အတန်းမရွေး ကူးစက်နိုင်သည်။ AIDS ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားစေသည့် HIV ဝိုး ကူးစက်ခံရသူအများစုမှာ အသက် (၁၅)နှစ်မှ (၂၄)နှစ်အတွင်း လူငယ်များဖြစ်ကြသည်။ လူငယ်များသည် စူးစမ်း လိုသည့်စိတ်ရှိခြင်း၊ မှန်ကန်သည့် မျိုးဆက်ပွား ကျန်းမာရေးအသိပညာများ မရှိခြင်း၊ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲခြင်းတို့ကြောင့် ရောဂါပိုမိုကူးစက်ခံရသည်။

ထို့ကြောင့် AIDS ရောဂါ တားဆီးကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်-

- (၁) AIDS ရောဂါ ကူးစက်ပုံအကြောင်း သေသေချာချာ လေ့လာ၍ မိမိတို့ အပြုအမူများကို ဆင်ခြင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
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A man pushes his bicycle through a flooded street in the central Indian city of Bhopal July 31, 2006. Across India, more than 250 people have died since the start of the annual monsoon rains in June. — INTERNET

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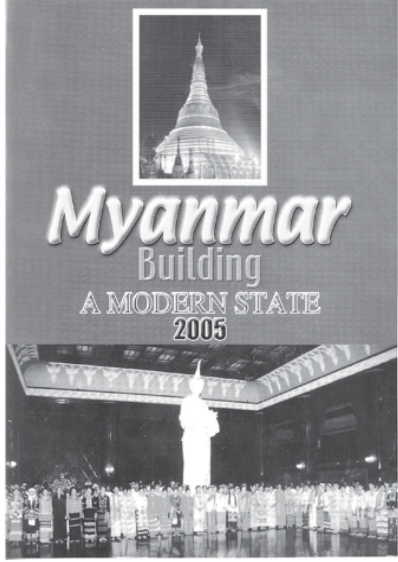
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UN aid convoy arrives in Lebanon

GENEVA, 31 July—A United Nations relief convoy arrived in Beirut from Syria on Saturday, carrying 140 tons of emergency aid equipment for civilians displaced by Israel's bombardment of Lebanon, the UN refugee agency said.

The convoy brought blankets, mattresses and cooking equipment, which will be distributed among those taking refuge in mountainous areas outside the capital city of Beirut, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said in a statement.

Two more UN aid convoys are scheduled to reach on Sunday and Monday, bringing tents to relieve crowding in public buildings where many of the displaced are sheltering.

The UNHCR estimates that up to 800,000 people in Lebanon — nearly a fifth of the country's population — have fled

their homes due to the bombardments.

The arrival of the UNHCR's vehicles was delayed in Damascus due to security concerns. The UN's top official for refugees, Antonio Guterres, has issued a call for safe access to Lebanon for humanitarian staff to help the displaced.

MNA/Xinhua

German healthcare reform plan suffers new blow

BERLIN, 31 July—The German Government's plan to overhaul the country's healthcare system took a fresh blow on Sunday with the publication of extracts from an Economy Ministry document that heavily criticized the plan.

The healthcare measure and a planned corporate tax overhaul have both faced

widespread opposition, testing the resolve of Chancellor Angela Merkel's ruling coalition — in power since last November — as it tries to implement its reform agenda.

The Economy Ministry report took aim at the healthcare reform's plan to raise levies from the beginning of next year by around half a percentage point to help close a

funding gap of some 7 billion euros (9 billion US dollars).

"For such a reform, an increase in contributions should not have been required," the *Bild am Sonntag* newspaper quoted the Economy Ministry report as saying.

Peter Mueller, the state premier of Saarland, told the *Welt am Sonntag* newspaper

he also favoured avoiding raising levies and instead would like to see greater savings and more competition between health insurance companies.

With annual costs of around 140 billion euros the statutory health insurance system needs to cut costs, and meet the demands of an ageing population.

MNA/Reuters

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16 killed in Bahrain building fire

MANAMA, 30 July—Sixteen people were killed by a blaze in a three-storey building in Bahrain's capital Manama on Sunday, the official BNA news agency reported.

The agency, quoting an Interior Ministry statement, said the 16 all died from smoke inhalation. The statement said another seven people were injured in the fire that broke out at dawn in a three-storey building which housed employees of a nearby hotel. — *MNA/Reuters*

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Malaysia picks southern Johor as new leading economic corridor

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 July — Malaysia has picked its southern state of Johor to lead the development of four new economic growth corridors in the country, local media reported Monday.

Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi made the announcement Sunday when arriving at the Senai International Airport on a one-day trip to this southernmost state.

The Southern Johor Economic Region (SJER) is the largest development corridor earmarked under the ninth Malaysia Plan (2006-2010), compared to other corridors in the peninsular and the eastern states of Sabah and Sarawak, Badawi said.

“There is a lot of potential here as land is not too expensive like in other places and there is adequate workforce. Proper implementation of these projects will attract more investors and put Johor on the world map,” Badawi was quoted as saying by a local English-language newspaper, *The Star*.

A total investment of 15 billion ringgit (4.05 billion US dollars), including foreign investment, will be pumped into the over 10,000-hectare prime land, Badawi said later at a news conference.

The corridor will

stretch from the Johor Causeway to Gelang Patah and include Senai International Airport, Johor Port in Pasir Gudang and the Port of Tanjung Pelepas.

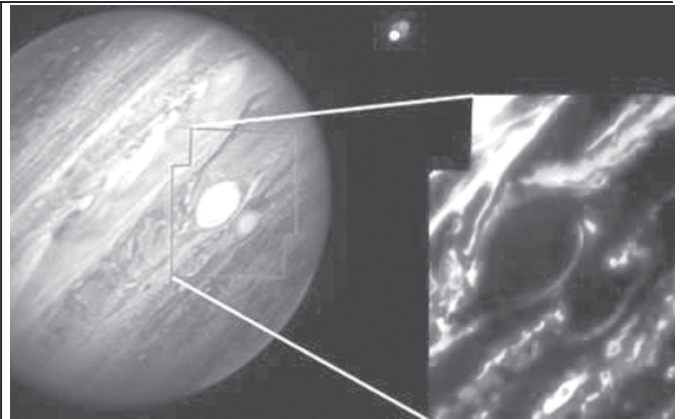
Projects to be undertaken include an education hub with state-of-the-art facilities supported by brand name universities and a medical centre of excellence, with top-end private hospitals and research facilities, sources told the *New Straits Times (NST)*, a local English-language

newspaper.

Tourism, already a big earner for Johor, is to get a bigger push with higher-end hotels to draw big-spending visitors, said the sources.

The Parliament is expected to set up a new body to oversee those projects, which will be jointly chaired by Badawi, who is also Finance Minister, and Johor Menteri Besar (a title similar to “Chief Minister”) Abdul Ghani Othman.

MNA/Xinhua



At left is a false-color composite near-infrared image of Jupiter and its moon Io, taken on 20 July, 2006 by the Keck II telescope on Mauna Kea using adaptive optics (AO) to sharpen the image. At right is a close-up of the two red spots through a 5-micron filter, which samples thermal radiation from deep in the cloud layer. Jupiter's Great Red Spot — a high-pressure storm on the big planet's surface — has been around for centuries, but astronomers on 31 July, 2006 released images of the new, smaller Jovian storm they call Red Spot Jr. — INTERNET



Traditional southern Sudanese dancers perform at Merriekh stadium in Khartoum on 30 July, 2006 as tens of thousands gathered in remembrance of First Vice President John Garang, killed one year ago. — INTERNET

Fire sweeps through James Bond film studios

LONDON, 31 July — Fire ripped through the James Bond film set at Britain's Pinewood Studios on Sunday, destroying equipment and damaging the building but no one was believed to be hurt, the fire brigade said.

In a statement, the studios described the fire as serious and said they did not know how it had started.

“We do not know the extent of the damage to the ‘007’ stage, although it is believed to be significant,” the statement said. Filming for the latest James Bond movie “Casino Royale” had finished and workers had been dismantling the set.

A spokesman for the fire brigade said some 50 firefighters and eight fire engines were needed to tackle the blaze. Flames had been seen from many

miles away but had now been put out, he said.

He said three workers were known to have been in the studio when the fire broke out. Reuters photographs showed the roof covering the stage had caved in and the walls were blackened. Firefighters sprayed the building with foam and water from the ground and from cranes.

Pinewood Studios, set within a former country estate, has been home to many James Bond films, although in recent years more filming has been done on location to reduce costs. — MNA/Reuters

Uruguay says inter-ocean link to boost investment, trade

MONTEVIDEO, 31 July — The Bi-Oceanic Corridor project designed to link the Atlantic and Pacific will boost trade and investment, Uruguay's Transport Minister Victor Rossi said on Sunday.

Officials from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay, the five nations involved in the project, have identified obstacles to the venture and discussed ways of overcoming the problems at a recent forum in Chile, Rossi told local

radio station El Espectador.

The planned corridor will give Uruguay a direct route for exporting products to Asia, Rossi said.

Rossi, who just returned home after attending the fifth regional

forum on the project, said he had met with Chilean investors who are interested in investing in Uruguay because port infrastructure needs to be improved to make the project a success.

The minister said he discussed with Chilean

investors the possibility of investing in infrastructure projects in Uruguay.

MNA/Xinhua

China widens criteria to catch pollution criminals

BEIJING, 31 July — In an effort to bring rampant pollution under control, China reinterpreted laws to make it easier to convict polluters and officials responsible for environmental crises.

According to a new interpretation handed down by the Supreme People's Court (SPC), polluters and negligent officials responsible for environmental incidents that cause even a single death can be convicted.

Convictions are also possible in cases where at least three people receive

serious wounds, or ten get minor wounds, the interpretations said.

If convicted, the accused face prison sentences of up to three years.

If three or more people are killed in an environmental accident, those responsible can be imprisoned for three to

seven years, according to the new interpretations.

The severe prison terms also apply to people convicted of causing environmental accidents that injure more than 30 people, seriously injure at least ten people or cause the evacuation of 10,000 to 50,000 people.

MNA/Xinhua



An elderly Lebanese woman is rescued by unidentified foreign journalists in the battered village of Bent Jbeil in southern Lebanon on 31 July, 2006.

INTERNET

SPORTS



China's Zhang Penghui (R) and Liu Zhongsheng wave to the spectators on the podium during the awarding ceremony of the Men's 25m rapid fire pistol final of the 49th International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Shooting Championships in Zagreb, capital of Croatia, on 30 July, 2006. Zhang and Liu got the gold and silver with 786.6 (583/203.6) and 781.7 (582/199.7) points respectively. —INTERNET

Chinese dominate men's rapid fire pistol in shooting worlds

ZAGREB, 1 Aug— Chinese sharpshooters Zhang Penghui and Liu Zhongsheng finished one-two in the men's 25-meter rapid fire pistol while China won the team title with a new world record of 1,743 points here on Sunday at the 49th World Shooting Championships.

Zhang, leading the qualification stage with 583 points, shot a fantastic 203.6 points in the 20-shot final round and won his first world title in his third attempt at the shooting worlds.

"Actually I had expected the team title instead of the individual," said Zhang, 28. "My personal aim was to make the final in the individual event."

"I should have done better in the qualification, but I am satisfied with my final. It was my highest final round score after the new rules were adopted."

Liu Zhongsheng, 32, went up from the third place after the qualification round to bag silver with a total of 781.7 points. Russia's Olympic gold medalist Sergei Alifirenko, 47, was third on 778.9 points.

The Chinese team consisting of Zhang Penghui, Liu Zhongsheng and Liu Guohui scored 1,743 points, renewing the world record of 1,738 points produced by the Russian team in the European Championships in 2005. —MNA/Xinhua

Lyon's reserves win pre-season event on penalties

LYON, 1 Aug— Olympique Lyon relied mainly on their reserve team as they beat Paris St Germain on penalties in Sunday's Champions' Trophy.

Lyon, missing nine internationals who have just returned from holidays, won the shootout 5-4 in the traditional pre-season fixture between the league champions and Cup winners.

Mali midfielder Mahamadou Diarra converted the decisive penalty after Lyon goalkeeper Remy Vercoutre saved Ivory Coast forward Bonaventure Kalou's spot kick.

It was the fifth consecutive victory in the event for the five-times Ligue 1 champions, who also beat PSG on penalties when they won the Trophy two years ago.

PSG opened the scoring after 61 minutes when Jerome Rothen volleyed home after Vercoutre failed to block a header by Pierre-Alain Frau.

Lyon levelled nine minutes later with a penalty by teenage striker Karim Benzema after PSG defender Sylvain Armand had shoved Sweden midfielder Kim Kallstrom in the area. —MNA/Reuters

Brazilian leaders Sao Paulo lose 4-0 to Santos

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 Aug— Brazilian championship leaders Sao Paulo crashed 4-0 at home to Santos on Sunday after fielding their reserve team.

Sao Paulo fielded only one regular, goalkeeper Rogerio Ceni, and rested the others for Wednesday's Libertadores Cup tie at home to Mexico's Guadalajara.

After an evenly balanced opening, Santos took control when striker Fabiano scored twice in a three-minute spell before halftime. Denis and Rodrigo Tiui added two more after the break.

Despite the defeat, Sao Paulo stayed top with 29 points from 14 games and Santos moved up to sixth with 24. "It was Sao Paulo who lost to Santos. There's no difference between first-team players and reserves," said Santos coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo, who was overlooked by Brazil

when they chose former midfielder Dunga as their new coach last week.

"Each big club has a squad which is not just restricted to 11 players."

Internacional moved up to second with 26 points after drawing 0-0 at home to arch-rivals Gremio in Porto Alegre.

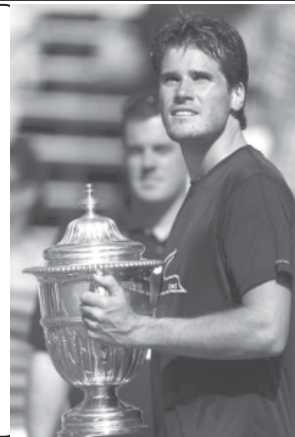
Play was twice interrupted in the second half as Gremio fans threw portable toilets into the moat around the pitch and set them on fire.

Defending champions Corinthians stayed rooted to the bottom with 10 points after they lost 1-0 at fellow strugglers Santa Cruz. —MNA/Reuters



Ferrari's Michael Schumacher of Germany celebrates after winning the German Formula One Grand Prix at the Hockenheim race track, on 30 July, 2006. Schumacher won the race ahead of Felipe Massa of Brazil and Kimi Raikkonen of Finland. —INTERNET

Tommy Haas of Germany poses with the championship trophy after his win over Dmitry Tursunov of Russia during the final of the Countrywide Classic tennis tournament in Los Angeles on 30 July, 2006. INTERNET



Russians sweep gold in European synchronized swimming

BUDAPEST, 1 Aug— Russian synchronize swimmers swept all four titles after finishing the day with a team triumph at the European championships on Sunday.

They ended the day with victory in the team event after Olympic champions Anastasia Davydova and Anastasia Ermakova began the day's synchro bill to win their third consecutive duet. Natalya Ischenko collected gold medals in the free combination and team events to add to her solo success on Saturday.

In the duet, world champions Davydova and Ermakova compiled 98.800 points in their free routine finale to win from Spain's Gemma Mengual and Paola Tirados (97.500) and Greece's Eleftheria Ftouli and Evanthia Makrygianni (94.000). —MNA/Xinhua

Four red cards and a brawl in Argentina's Friendship Cup

BUENOS AIRES, 1 Aug— Four players were sent off and a brawl in the tunnel delayed play for eight minutes during a match in Argentina's so-called Friendship Cup at the weekend.

Trouble broke out in the second half on Saturday evening after Gimnasia-La Plata striker Martin Cardetti and San Lorenzo defender Pablo Quatrocchi were red-carded for fighting. The pair insulted each other as they entered the tunnel with players and officials from both benches then joining in along with Gimnasia security officials, leading to a brawl.

Argentine media reports said San Lorenzo coach Oscar Ruggeri was punched by a Gimnasia official during the fighting. The teams, who play in first division, returned to the field to complete the game, which ended 0-0.

MNA/Reuters

CSKA beat city rivals Levski to win Super Cup in shootout

SOFIA, 1 Aug— CSKA Sofia beat city rivals Levski 3-0 on penalties to win the Bulgarian Super Cup following a goalless draw after extra time on Sunday.

CSKA's new signing Florentin Petre scored the winning penalty after their goalkeeper Ivailo Petrov saved from Levski's most experienced players Elin Topuzakov and Daniel Borimirov and substitute Valeri Domovchiiski hit the post.

There were few chances in a tense

curtain-raiser to the new season between Cup winners CSKA and champions Levski with both teams packing the midfield at the Vasil Levski national stadium as they seemed to worry more about avoiding defeat. —MNA/Reuters

Shearer turns down role with England

LONDON, 1 Aug— Former England captain Alan Shearer said on Sunday he had declined an offer to become part of new national team manager Steve McClaren's backroom staff.

"I was flattered when Steve telephoned me just before the World Cup and explained the role he visualised for me, working alongside himself and Terry Venables," the ex-striker told the Football Association's Web site.

"I met him upon my return from Germany and was impressed with his plans and his vision for the future. "However... I want some time away from the pressures of football. I am currently on my longest ever family holiday and enjoying every minute of it." —MNA/Reuters



German swimmers Petra Dallmann (R), Daniela Goetz (C) and Britta Steffen celebrate their victory of the woman's 4x100m freestyle relay final during the European Aquatic Championships in Budapest, Hungary on 31 July, 2006. The German team won with a new world record of 3 minutes, 35.22 seconds. —INTERNET

Malaysia to require foreign workers to have "high-tech" cards

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 August — Malaysia will, beginning in November this year, require all foreign workers in Malaysia to have their worker's cards embedded with security features, including fingerprint, an official said on Monday.

The cards would be colour-coded according to employment sectors, Malaysian Home Minister Radzi Sheikh Ahmad said in Putrajaya, the administrative centre of the Malaysian Government. Malaysia hoped all foreign workers in this country will use the hi-tech worker's card by next year, he told reporters after meeting his Bangla-

deshi counterpart Lutfor Rahman Khan who was visiting the country.

On July 11, the Malaysian Government announced lifting of the 10-year-old ban on recruitment of Bangladeshi workers effective from August 1 this year, to help the country ease its shortage of manpower, especially in the construction and plantation sectors.

However, the Malaysian Government lifted the ban with several conditions. Local companies or foreign worker recruitment agencies only can deal with the Bangladeshi Association of Recruiting Agencies in hiring Bangladeshi workers.

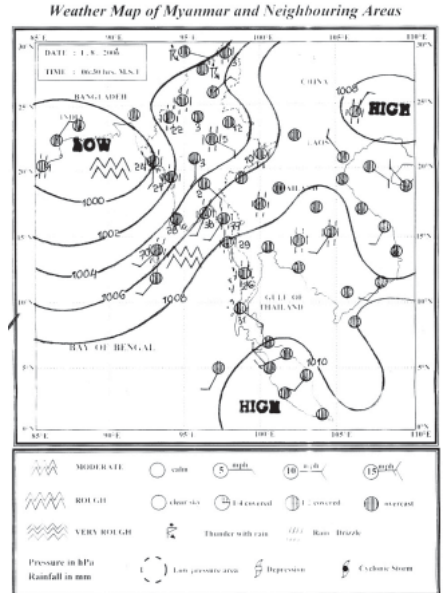
Private companies can only employ 50 Bangladeshi workers directly and Bangladeshi workers only can make up less than

50 per cent of the total foreign manpower of a company.

Bangladesh was once a big source of foreign labour for Malaysia until the government stopped the intake in 1996 due to indiscipline problems and accompanying social ills.

Currently, there are 1.9 million foreign workers in Malaysia, most of whom are Indonesians.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Tuesday, 1 August, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Magway Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Gwa (3.27) inches, Mawlamyine (3.07) inches, Thaton (2.91) inches, Co Co Island (2.80) inches, Hakha (2.64) inches, Kalaywa (1.42) inches, NyaungU (1.26) inches, Chauk (0.51) inch and Mandalay (0.39) inch.

Maximum temperature on 31-7-2006 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 1-8-2006 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 1-8-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 31-7-2006 was nil.

Rainfalls on 1-8-2006 were (0.67) inch at Mingaladon, (1.49) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.87) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (55.32) inches at Mingaladon, (67.95) inches at Kaba-Aye and (72.48) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (18:15) hours MST on 31-7-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 2-8-2006: Rain will be isolated in Magway Division, scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon States and Yangon Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced in Deltaic and off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderatae elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Forecast for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 2-8-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 2-8-2006: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 2-8-2006: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Flood Warning

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 1-8-2006) According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Shwegyin River at Shwegyin is (670) cm. It may reach its danger level (700) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 1-8-2006) According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is (619) cm. It may remain above its danger level (600) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.



A father plays with his son at a swimming pool in Shanghai on 30 July, 2006.—INTERNET

Malaysia to send medical team to eastern state

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 August — Malaysia will soon send a 23-member medical team to its eastern state of Sarawak to help control the hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) outbreak there, a health official said on Monday.

The team, comprising three infectious disease specialists, doctors, medical assistants and nurses, will start for Sarawak Tuesday to carry out a two-week task, said Ramlee Rahmat, Director of Communicable Disease Control under the Health Ministry.

The ministry decided to take the move at the request of the state authority, which is facing a shortage of health personnel, Ramlee said.

"It is a delicate task and would require some time before the outbreak can be fully contained. We will help the health authority there to identify the source of transmission," Ramlee told the Bernama news agency.

MNA/Xinhua



Wednesday, 2 August

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Real love
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -I love Rock & Roll
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -One of us
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -You learn
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -Take a bow -All by myself -Colours of the wind -Miss you
- 9:00 pm Variations on a tune: -My heart will go on
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request: -Love is all round -Stay -Love really hurt without you
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 am PEL



Wednesday, 2 August
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayardaw 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. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am 6. မြူးမြူးမြူးမြူး ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:25 am 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am 8. International news
- 8:45 am 9. Leg's go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold national spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. Practice in reading
- 4:45 pm 4. အစောဆုံးတက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဝတ်မနစ် (ရက္ခအေး၊ သက္ကအေး အတူပြု) (ရက္ခအေး)
- 4:55 pm 5. Song of national races
- 5:10 pm 6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:25 pm 7. "အနိမ့်အနွှံ" (ပီစီ၊ ကောင်းမြတ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- ဝင်းနွဲ့နွဲ့)
- 5:30 pm 8. Classical song
- 5:40 pm 9. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:45 pm 10. ရွယ်လုံလင် အာဆီယံအစဉ်
- 6:00 pm 11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 13. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညာတီရှင်
- 7:05 pm 14. "မြို့တစ် ကင်းသောနေ့" (ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ မင်းထက် ကျော်စင်း၊ စိုးစိုးကြည်၊ ပုလဲဝင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- သိန်းဟန် စိုးနစ်)
- 7:15 pm 15. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:30 pm 16. Musical programme
- 7:45 pm 17. ကြားမြင်သုတ ပြည့်ဝစရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 8:00 pm 18. News
- 19. International news
- 20. Weather report
- 21. ၂၀၀၇ ခုနှစ် တော်လှန်ရေးအကြိမ် (၁)ကြိမ် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဆုရှင်များနှင့် ပညာရှင်ကြီးများ၊ အက်ဒြပ်တိုင်များနှင့် မျိုးဆက်သစ်တို့၏ ဖျော်ဖြေမှုအစီအစဉ်
- 22. The next day's programme

Regional development undertakings supervised in Pakokku



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects plantation of trees in Pakokku as part of the greening project in the arid zone. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug —Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Sagaing Division PDC Chairman North-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, and Magway Division PDC Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe attended the ceremony to plant physic nut on the five-acre plot in Pakokku Station.

They planted commemorative physic nut saplings and inspected the growing of physic nut plants by families of servicemen of Pakokku Station.

They visited Sayadaws from monasteries in Pakokku at the Sasana Beikman in Pakokku and offered Waso robes and alms to them. Joint-Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Maha Withuddhayama (Aletaik) Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vicara delivered a sermon. The congregation shared merits gained for the donation.

They inspected the Pakokku Industrial Zone on Pakokku-Yesagyo Road. Chairman of the industrial zone supervisory committee Chairman of Pakokku

District PDC Lt-Col Htay Oo reported on location and area of the zone, land allotment, kinds of manufactured items, investments, and production of automobiles and farm implements.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on arrangements for the industrial zone to possess all the characteristics of a city, manufacturing farm equipment, meeting the standard set for production of automobiles, and system for properly discarding sewage.

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Ayeyawady Division marks completion of opening of self-reliant rural libraries, holds ceremony to donate cash and kind for libraries

YANGON, 1 Aug — Ayeyawady Division held a ceremony to mark the completion of opening self-reliant rural libraries across the division at the town hall of Pathein this morning in conjunction with a ceremony to set up trust funds and donate TVs, radios, cassettes and periodicals.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, wife of the commander Chairperson of Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee

Daw Than Than Nwe, senior military officers, departmental officials, social organizations and wellwishers.

Speaking on the occasion, the commander said the development of human resources plays an important role in building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance that it was necessary for the people to widen their knowledge and distinguish between right and wrong. In particular, more rural libraries should be opened for the knowledge of rural people. The commander said Ayeyawady Division has opened rural libraries in every village in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. More than K 5 million has been donated for the first time on 7 March this year. And now is the second time. With the growing number

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Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan view students learning at a library in Koku model village in Pathein Township. — MNA

At the donation ceremony, 62 wellwishers donated K 13.2 million, 149 TVs, 1,044 radios and cassettes plus periodicals worth K 69,070,500.