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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

Government has spent over K 231,113 million on border area development project since 1989

Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races meets



Prime Minister General Thein Sein addresses meeting No (1/2008) of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — The Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races held its coordination meeting (1/2008) at the Government Office here this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

Also present were members of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races, chairmen of state and division work committees commanders, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the directors-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the Government Office and the

Pyithu Hluttaw Office, heads of departments and chairmen of sub-committees.

In his address, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said Myanmar is a country of noble tradition where over 100 national races live unitedly in the course of history. There are some barriers in border areas because of geographical conditions. Therefore much efforts are to be made for development of the regions to keep pace with inner regions of the country. The imperialists ignored the development of the border areas and national races during their rule. Moreover, there was internal strife in the regions for about 40 years after regaining independence because of evil

legacy and instigation of the imperialists. As a result, the border areas lagged behind in development, he said.

Since its assumption of the State responsibilities, the present government has been making relentless efforts for prevalence of law and order and ensuring peace and tranquillity upholding Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. At the same time, the government implemented State-level projects for development of border areas, he said.

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That's my gold cup, give it back to me

The verbal attempts of destructive elements at home and abroad to jeopardize the referendum turned out to be fruitless.

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PLAYWRIGHT MAUNG KYAUK DOE

Weather Forecast for (27-7-2008)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area:

Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon and neighbouring area:

Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Mandalay and neighbouring area:

Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

PERSPECTIVES

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Apply agricultural research findings on national scale

Now, food insecurity has become the major challenge for the whole world. Essential for everyone are food safety, irrespective of region and access to safe food. So, all agro-based countries are focusing on boosting production of crops.

For Myanmar, agriculture, forestry, livestock and fishery are major economic sectors. The government is taking measures for meeting the domestic food demand and ensuring food surplus such as supply of adequate irrigation water, providing advanced agricultural methods and high-yield crop strains, boosting agricultural production and transforming conventional farming into mechanized farming.

The forestry sector is of vital importance for national economic development and ensuring temperate climate. Thus, emphasis has been placed on conservation of the environment, biodiversity and forest resources.

In the livestock and fishery sector, steps are being taken with added momentum to achieve greater success in breeding and producing pedigree farm animals, taking disease control measures, improving livestock breeding methods and packaging and distributing methods, and conserving the nation's waters and fish and prawn resources.

As today is the age of knowledge-based agriculture, it is necessary to scale up research work on boosting food production and use of advanced methods and technologies in combination to feed the burgeoning population of the world.

Efforts are being made to apply widely the findings of the research done by the researchers of various fields from the ministries concerned in the agriculture, forestry and livestock sectors, and that will contribute towards boosting food production and economic growth of the nation.



Central Bank of Myanmar Vice-Governor U Maung Maung Win accepts K 30 million donated by Capital Power Co Ltd.—MNA

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

Forestry Minister meets Sayadaw of Mahagaruna Buddhist Association of Singapore

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung met with Sayadaw Dr Gunaratana of Mahagaruna Buddhist Association of Sri Lanka Yama Monastery of Singapore at the ministry, here, on 24 July.

The Sayadaw came to make donation to storm-hit victims of Bogale Township.

Also present on the occasion were departmental heads of the Ministry of Forestry and the Ministry of Religious



Affairs and officials of Singaporean Red Cross Society.—MNA

Brig-Gen Thein Aung receives Sayadaw Dr Gunaratana of Mahagaruna Buddhist Association.—MNA

Ministry of Religious Affairs donates Waso robes

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Under the aegis of Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and wife Daw Aye Aye Tun, staff families of the Ministry of Religious Affairs held the Waso robe offering ceremony at the ministry, here, this morning.

First, members of the Sangha consecrated Buddha images.

State Ovadaçariya Maha Withutayama Zaygon Monastery Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Kavisara of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana administered the Five Precepts.

Minister for



Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung donates robes to a monk.—MNA

Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and wife, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and officials donated Waso

robes and provisions to the Sayadaw. Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimalabuddhi of Maha Zayyon Pali Tekkatho Monastery delivered a

sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

After the ceremony, they offered meals to members of the Sangha.—MNA

Wellwishers donate cash to storm survivors

YANGON, 26 July—Wellwishers from Vietnam donated Euro 4,409.80 through Myanmar Embassy, Hanoi, Vietnam for storm survivors yesterday.

Today, the UMFCI donated K 21 million, the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Women War Veterans, K 0.6 million, U Win Tin and wife Daw Aye Nyein and daughter Ma Zun Thit Win (Richest Gems Co Ltd), K 1.2 million, wellwishers from Canada K 1.2 million, Capital Power Co Ltd from Ngwe Pinle Industrial Zone of Hlinethaya Township K 30 million and Ministry of Hotels and Tourism US\$ 60,000.

Today and yesterday, the cash donation of the wellwishers amounted to K 54 million, Euro 4,409.80 and US\$ 60,000.

On the behalf of Chairman of Financial Subcommittee Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Vice-Governor U Maung Maung Win of the Central Bank of Myanmar accepted cash donations from the wellwishers at home and abroad at CBM (Yangon Branch) under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue in Yankin Township today.—MNA

More relief aid arrive

YANGON, 26 July – A flight carrying 34.049 tons of relief supplies donated by Thailand-based WFP arrived at Yangon International Airport Today.—MNA

Chavez gets royal Spanish welcome

MADRID, 26 July — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has met Spain's king for the first time since they fell out at a conference in Chile last

November.

The pair had talks over breakfast at King Juan Carlos's summer house, on the island of Mallorca.

The king famously told

Mr Chavez to shut up after he accused Spain's former Prime Minister, Jose Maria Aznar, of being a fascist.

The remarks caused outrage and no shortage of diplomatic tension.

Mr Chavez said before he left for Spain he would like to hug the king but also warned he was not about to shut up.

The two leaders shared smiles and a warm handshake in front of the cameras, but there was no hug.—*Internet*



King Carlos meets Hugo Chavez.—INTERNET

China ahead of US in Internet use

BEIJING, 26 July— The world's most populous country has also emerged as home to the world's largest Internet population.

Statistics revealed on Friday showed China to have definitively overtaken the US in terms of the number of its netizens.

According to the China Internet Network Information Centre the

country had 253 million people online by the end of June, a 56 per cent increase from the previous year.

In contrast, the US had an estimated 223.1 million Internet users in June, according to Nielsen Online, a research firm.

However, Internet penetration in China is only 19 per cent and continues to lag behind not only America's 71 per

cent, but also the 21 per cent that is the world average.

Young people form an overwhelmingly high percentage of China's cyber citizens, with high school students accounting for 39 million of the 43 million new Net users added over the last year. People aged below 30 accounted for 69 per cent of total web users.—*Internet*

Chad rebels release US missionary

N'DJAMENA, 26 July — Rebels in northern Chad have freed an American missionary after holding him hostage for more than nine months, his

evangelical organisation has said.

The Evangelical Alliance Mission (Team), based in Illinois, said Steven Godbold, 49, had

been released near Bardai and would soon return to the US.

Mr Godbold was captured in October by the Movement for Democracy and Justice (MDJT) on suspicion of being a spy.

He had been helping an organisation transport equipment to drill wells.

In January, the MDJT said its inquiries showed the missionary had not been working for the Chad's government, but it did not let him go.

"Godbold was ultimately released following extensive negotiations between his captors and Team," the US missionary organization said in a statement.

Internet



A passerby looks at the street installation of plastic figures, "Depersonalization", by Ukrainian artist Viktor Sidorenko in Kiev, on 10 July, 2008 handout.—INTERNET

Eight abducted in Niger delta

PORTH HARCOURT (Nigeria), 26 July — Security sources say eight crew members have been abducted from a Swedish boat in Nigeria's oil-producing Niger delta region.

The sources say the gunmen boarded the Herkules ship Thursday and are still holding five crew members, who are Russian and Ukrainian.

The sources say the other seven crew members aboard the Herkules were released Friday.

Kidnappings are common in the West African country's delta. They have mostly ended peacefully after ransom payments.—*Internet*

British soldier killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 July—A British Army dog handler has been killed by insurgents in southern Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence has said.

The serviceman, who was part of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, died on patrol in the Sangin area of Helmand Province.

Another six soldiers were wounded and an explosives sniffer dog was killed in the incident yesterday.

The dog handler's death means that 112 British service personnel have now lost their lives in Afghanistan since the start of operations in November 2001.—*Internet*

Fresh clashes shake Lebanese city

TRIPOLI, 26 July—Sectarian fighting has broken out again between rival factions in the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli.

At least six people were killed, including a 10-year-old boy, and 30 injured in the clashes between Alawite and Sunni Muslims, officials said.

Fighting in the city led to five deaths and dozens of injuries earlier in July.

Internet

Fighting kills 70 combatants in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 26 July — Heavy fighting between Sri Lankan government forces and Tamil Tiger rebels along the front lines of their civil war killed 62 rebels and eight soldiers,

the military said Saturday.

The fighting occurred throughout Friday in the Vavuniya, Jaffna, Welioya and Mullaitivu districts bordering the rebels' de facto state in the

north, said Brig. Udaya Nanayakkara, the military spokesman.

In the worst clashes, soldiers repulsed a pre-dawn rebel attack in the Mullaitivu district that occurred hours after government forces captured rebel-held territory near a key supply route, Nanayakkara said.

Troops killed 33 rebels in the battle and recovered all of the bodies, he said.

Separate battles in Vavuniya killed 16 guerrillas and eight soldiers, while 12 rebels died in Welioya and another rebel was killed in Jaffna, Nanayakkara said.

Fighting has escalated in recent months after government officials vowed to crush the rebels and seize their de facto state by the end of the year.

Internet

Anti-HIV therapy boosts life expectancy by 13 years

WASHINGTON, 26 July — The life expectancy for patients with HIV has increased by more than 13 years since the late 1990s thanks to advancements in anti-retroviral therapy, according to a new study published Friday.

Researchers from University of Alabama and other institutions around the world published their study in the British medical journal *The Lancet*.

Improved survival

has led to a nearly 40 percent drop in AIDS deaths among 43,355 HIV-positive study participants in Europe and

North America, bolstering the call for improved anti-HIV efforts worldwide, the authors said.—*Internet*



An HIV-infected patient displays medicine at a hospital in Payao Province, about 600 km (373 miles) north of Bangkok.—INTERNET



Mega manta : Children extend their hands to touch the image of a manta ray projected from a Sony's 4,096 x 2,160-pixels ultra-high resolution digital movie projector 4K SRX during a press preview at the company's showroom in Tokyo.—INTERNET

Military says US troops kill Iraqi editor's son

BAGHDAD, 26 July—The US military said Friday that bullets fired by American soldiers killed the 14-year-old son of the chief editor of a US-sponsored newspaper during a gunbattle this week in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk.

The military said Arkan Ali Taha was hit when soldiers came under heavy

gunfire from a passing taxi and shot back. The boy was riding in the cab and the driver was later taken into custody, the statement said.

The father said his son was not involved with extremist groups and didn't know how to use weapons. He said the boy had hired the cab to bring a set of keys to the newspaper.—Internet

Six killed in series of explosions in Gaza

GAZA, 26 July — Six Palestinians, including four Hamas militants, were killed and over 20 wounded in a series of explosions and attacks in Gaza City on Friday, according to the Interior Ministry of the deposed

Hamas government and medics. Medics at Shifa Hospital in Gaza City said four militants and an eight-year-old girl were killed and 20 others injured in an explosion at the Coastal Road in western Gaza City on

Friday evening.

Witnesses said they heard a huge explosion, adding that four Hamas militants inside a car was attacked by a homemade bomb. Hamas movement's armed wing, al-Qassam Brigades said in a statement sent to reporters that unknown individuals attacked the car driving on Gaza coastal road, adding that all of the four Hamas militants were killed.—Internet

Oil prices slide below 124 USD on falling fuel demand

NEW YORK, 26 July — Crude oil resumed its slide and settled below 124 US dollars Friday on falling fuel demand caused by a slow economy and supply increase from the OPEC countries.

Light, sweet crude for September delivery dropped 2.23 dollars to settle at 123.26 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Futures touched 122.50 dollars a barrel during the trading session, the lowest intraday price since 5 June. Price has tumbled more than 24 dollars since the all-time peak of 147.27 dollars a barrel was achieved on 11 July.

The US Energy Department's report this week showed that the US domestic fuel demand dropped to a lowest point since January 2007 with average 19.9 million barrels a day, signaling that the weak economy and high energy prices have curbed demand.

The OPEC will produce 32.9 million barrels a day in July, 200,000 barrels up from June, according to the preliminary estimates from an oil industry consultancy Petro Logistics Ltd. The dollar strengthened against the euro on Friday also helped to bring down the crude oil price.—Internet

Imported luxury cars in China to face possible consumption tax rise

BEIJING, 26 July—Guzzling imported luxury cars with heavy emissions are to face a possible car consumption tax rise in China, industry insiders predict.

The State Council, China's Cabinet, held an executive meeting on Wednesday noting the significance of energy savings and made a special call on the country's auto industry to cut back on gas consumption.

But no exact standard or details of when the tax would be raised or when it would happen were

released.

State Administration of Taxation (SAT) sources said the agency had held multiple discussions on the consumption tax rise. A draft plan had come out, but the final decision was yet to come.

Reflecting the anticipation of such a tax rise, some consumers in China may push forward their purchasing plans. This has led to a rise in import luxury car sales.

China Automobile Trading Co, LTD (CATC) figures show from January to May, 26,992 large car

were imported. This comprised a 41.38 percent share of total car imports. Sport utility vehicles (SUV) imports in the first five month surged 91.3 percent over same period last year.

One Chrysler dealer in Guangzhou, capital of the southern Guangdong Province, said the possible tax rise was prompting potential buyers to push forward their planned purchases. As such, the dealership was stopping its discounts activities designed to attract clients.—Internet



Sea ice floats within the 1002 Area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in this undated handout photo provided by the US Fish and Wildlife Service Alaska Image Library. Companies seeking oil in the Arctic will need better technology to clean up spills onto ice and could now face hazards such as rougher seas caused by climate change, experts said on Friday.—INTERNET

Heavy rains kill seven people in SKorea

SEOUL, 26 July—Torrential rains that lashed South Korea this week have led to the deaths of seven people and left six others missing, the government said Saturday.

Six people were also injured, with one in critical condition, in landslides and flash floods triggered by heavy rain that started battering the country Wednesday, the National Emergency Management

Agency said in a statement. Two people were found dead Saturday after they were reported missing in Bonghwa, 150 miles southeast of the capital Seoul, the statement said. Three people also died Friday after their houses were pounded by landslides, it said. A day earlier, two South Korean soldiers were killed in a mudslide near their army base in Yanggu, about 110 miles east of Seoul.

The rainfall also damaged or flooded about 620 houses across South Korea, prompting 1,240 people to seek refuge elsewhere, the statement said. About 940 people later returned home, but the rest remained in local schools, community centers and other facilities.—Internet



A US soldier stands guard over men temporarily detained in a raid on an al-Qaida cell east of Muqadiyah, about 90 kilometers (60 miles) north of Baghdad in Iraq's volatile Diyala Province on 25 July, 2008.—INTERNET

President says Iran not to bow to big powers

TEHRAN, 26 July — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Saturday that the Islamic Republic will not bow to big powers, the English-language satellite channel Press TV reported.

"Iran's resolve is based on dialogue and interaction in a rational and fair atmosphere," Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying during an address at the inauguration of car manufacturing "Iran Khodro" Khorasan assembly in the northeastern province of Khorasan Razavi.

Iran will not yield to disrespectful or insatiable demands of the world powers, Ahmadinejad said.

Iran has been a pioneer among nations in several fields, including industry, science and culture, he said, adding, "Two or three

governments have thrown obstacles in the path of Iran's development."

He said the wrath of corrupt international powers stems from the resolve of the Iranian nation to maintain its prominent international position in various fields, adding that "The Iranian nation has no need of world powers. It is rather the world powers that need the Islamic Republic."

According to Press TV, with an investment of 140 million US dollars, the car body and paint assembly lines at the Iran Khodro Khorasan (IKK) plant will produce 45 vehicles per hour. The production capacity of the plant will reach 100,000 vehicles a year by the end of the current Iranian year

Internet



A woman talks at a Lufthansa counter at the airport in Duesseldorf, Germany, on 25 July, 2008. Lufthansa AG, Germany's biggest airline, faces a major strike by ground crews and others next week after the union said Friday that its members voted overwhelmingly to support a massive walkout.—INTERNET



A bicyclist rides down a path along the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia, on 23 July, 2008. As more commuters ditch their cars to save money on gas, the push is on for online mapping services, cities and community groups to lay out the best routes for biking and walking from one place to another.—INTERNET

McCain gains on Obama among voters in 4 key states

NEW YORK, 26 July—Republican presidential candidate John McCain is tightening the presidential race against Democratic rival Barack Obama in four key states, according to polls released this morning.

The four polls conducted by Quinnipiac University in partnership with the Wall Street Journal and washingtonpost.com show that McCain is running slightly



Republican presidential candidate John McCain.

ahead of Obama in Colorado, is close in Minnesota and has narrowed the gap in Michigan and Wisconsin.

In Colorado, McCain was ahead 46% to 44%.

Obama led in Michigan, 46% to 42%; by 46% to 44% in Minnesota and by 50% to 39% in Wisconsin, according to the four state polls posted on the university website.

The new polling data come in a week in which Obama has virtually monopolized news coverage of the presidential campaign with a nine-day trip through war zones, the Mideast and Europe.—Internet

Hamas arrest 120 Fatah men after Gaza blast

GAZA, 26 July— Hamas security forces in the Gaza Strip arrested 120 men aligned with the rival Fatah faction on Saturday after an explosion there killed five Hamas gunmen and a girl, the Islamist group's officials and Fatah said.

Friday's blast next to a car used by the armed wing of Hamas killed three gunmen and the girl, and two others later died of their wounds in hospital, Gaza's ruling Palestinian Islamist group and medical officials said.

The blast, the third of its kind in a day, marked one of the biggest flare-ups in internal Gaza violence since Hamas routed the forces of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's secular Fatah faction to seize control of the territory a year ago.

Abbas, finding his

authority limited to the occupied West Bank, split with Hamas and revived peace efforts with Israel. He recently sought reconciliation with his Islamists but they have balked at his precondition that they give up Gaza.

Hamas's armed wing issued a statement blaming "members of the fugitive party"—a derogatory term for Fatah—for Friday night's blast at a major junction outside Gaza City. Fatah denied involvement and said it was part of Hamas infighting.

"We have information that some elements are planning to carry out bombings against the interests and leaders of Hamas in order to sow anarchy," said senior Hamas leader Khalil al-

Hayya, whose son, himself a gunman, was wounded in the explosion. "The Fatah movement has no link whatsoever with these internal disputes within Hamas," a statement by Fatah said.—Internet

UK troops kill Afghan civilians

KABUL, 26 July—British troops in southern Afghanistan have killed four civilians and injured three others after a vehicle failed to stop at a checkpoint.

Soldiers opened fire on the vehicle in the Sangin district of Helmand, suspecting that those inside were insurgents, Nato said.

Internet

Bomb Blast on Karbala Minibus Wounds Nine Iraqis

BAGHDAD, 26 July — Iraqi authorities say a bomb explosion aboard a minibus has wounded nine civilians in the Shiite holy city of Karbala, 50 miles south of Baghdad.

Saleem Kadhum, spokesman of the Karbala health directorate, says a bomb left in a plastic bag has exploded inside the minibus, injuring nine civilians, including a woman.—Internet



Seven small bombs exploded in quick succession across the south Indian IT city of Bangalore on Friday, killing a woman and wounding at least 15 people, police said.—INTERNET

Deadly bomb blasts rock Bangalore

NEW DELHI, 26 July — One person was killed and several others were injured on Friday in a string of bomb blasts in the southern Indian city of Bangalore, police said.

Police Commissioner Shankar Bidri confirmed the explosions, which occurred in the afternoon, and said it is not yet known who conducted the acts and why the bombings were set off.

Bangalore is home to many of India's technology companies and call centers.

Internet

Two-thirds of US Hispanics back Obama

PHOENIX, 26 July — Two-thirds of US Hispanic voters support Democrat Barack Obama for president over Republican John McCain and the partisan gap among the United States' fastest growing voter bloc is broader than at any point this decade, a study found.

The nationwide telephone survey by the Pew Hispanic Centre released on Thursday said 66 per cent of a sample of 2,015 registered Latino

voters polled said they backed Obama, with 23 per cent supporting McCain, a senator from Arizona.

The survey said Obama's strong showing represented a sharp reversal in his fortunes from the primaries "when he lost the Latino vote to Hillary Rodham Clinton by a nearly 2-to-1 ratio, giving rise to speculation in some quarters that Hispanics were disinclined to vote for a black

candidate."

The study said 65 per cent of Latino registered voters now identified with, or leaned toward, the Democratic Party, compared with just 26 per cent who said they identified with the Republican Party.

"This 39 percentage point Democratic Party identification edge is larger than it has been at any time this decade," the study said.

MNA/Reuters



Volunteers who will serve as etiquette stewardesses during the forthcoming Beijing Olympic Games attend a dancing training in Beijing, capital of China, on 24 July, 2008. A total of 337 etiquette stewardesses are receiving a strict closed training on their postures.—XINHUA



Children hold a watermelon that grows on sand fields in Xingren township in Zhongwei City of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 23 July, 2008.—XINHUA

Moderate and lower US earners under more pressure

WASHINGTON, 26 July — The trouble that began last summer in the financial markets raised the likelihood of a US recession, but for America's middle class, the downturn has been under way for many years, experts plan to tell a congressional panel on Wednesday.

Hit with higher gasoline prices, declining home values, rising health-care costs and little or no income growth since 2007, the outlook for those in the middle class and those with even lower incomes is dire.

"In the post-war period, the country grew together. Now we are growing

apart," said Kristen Lewis of the American Human Development Project, in testimony prepared for delivery on Wednesday to the congressional Joint Economic Committee.

MNA/Reuters

Bloomberg, Gates pledge \$375m against tobacco

NEW YORK, 26 July — New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Microsoft Corp co-founder Bill Gates pledged 375 million US dollars on Wednesday to fight what they called a global tobacco epidemic.

The billionaires said the money would go to anti-smoking groups working with governments of developing countries such as India and China to curb tobacco use. Bloomberg, who championed New York City's groundbreaking smoking ban in 2002, is adding 250 million US dollars over four years to a programme he started several years ago that has 125 million US dollars committed to it.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will invest 125 million US dollars over the next four years.

MNA/Reuters

Russia says opposes deadlines for Iran response

MOSCOW, 26 July — Russia said on Thursday it opposed any artificial deadlines being issued to Iran to force it to respond to incentives from world powers on suspending its nuclear activities.

But it also warned Teheran against dragging out the process.

Western powers suspect Iran is seeking to build atomic bombs. The Islamic Republic says its nuclear programme is a peaceful drive aimed at generating electricity so that it can export more of its oil and gas.

Six world powers, including Russia, last month offered Iran economic and

other incentives in return for it suspending uranium enrichment, which the Islamic Republic has repeatedly refused to do.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told reporters on the sidelines of the ASEAN Regional Forum in Singapore that artificial deadlines complicated the issue.

"There should be no artificial limits from the point of view of extreme time frames, such as 'today or never', just as there should be no endless dragging out of the process," Russia's *Interfax* news agency quoted Lavrov as saying.

MNA/Reuters

Colombia's FARC rebels free eight hostages

BOGOTA, 26 July — Colombia's FARC guerillas have released eight hostages in the first

such handover since the rebel group was tricked in a military operation to free Ingrid Betancourt and 14 other captives on 2 July, the International Committee of the Red Cross said on Thursday.

The eight Afro-Colombians were kidnapped last week by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, while travelling on the country's north-western jungle rivers. Their release to the Red Cross in the province of Choco appeared to allay concerns about the organization's ability to work effectively in Colombia after its symbol was improperly used by the military in the July rescue.

MNA/Reuters



An Afghan youth prepares the mud for making jar at a pottery workshop in the city of Kandahar, Afghanistan on 24 July, 2008.

INTERNET

That's my gold cup, give it back to me

Playwright Maung Kyauk Doe

Alanka Kyaw Swa Shwe Mann Tin Maung was once a national celebrity among Myanmar drama fans. Out of affection, some women presented him cheroots with gold coins in them. Dramatic performer Great U Po Sein was also presented cheroots with gold coins in them. Many of today's people at the age of 60 to 70 were the fans of Shwe Mann.

Shwe Mann Tin Maung read and learnt a lot. He improved his dramatic career by reading. He sang as well as he danced with good innovations and hard work. Among his long dramas, "Let We Thondara" is still in the minds of his fans. He even won great respect of literati for his performance of the song "Meza Taungche".

His talent was well evidenced by his role in the dramas based on Buddha's true stories. He acted as minister Kaludayi and comedian U Dat Shin, as minister Baka. Their dialogues in the drama completely won the heart and admiration of the fans.

Short plays starring Shwe Mann Tin Maung were very attractive to the audiences. His play "Coloured glass balls merchants" aired many times by the Myanma Radio is a good one. It is one of Buddha's true stories stated in the treatise "550 Buddha's True Stories". In the past, a leading stage performer played the leading role only, and acted as the leading performer. However, in the drama "Ywe (coloured glass ball) merchants", Shwe Mann Tin Maung played the role of a villain, thus proving that he was a very versatile performer.

The drama "Ywe Merchants" is like that. Once, there were two ywe merchants who sold ywes, going along rivers and creeks by boat. The first merchant was rapacious and cunning. The other was good-hearted (would-be Buddha). The greedy merchant (Shwe Mann Tin Maung) went around a village to sell his goods.

In a house lived two poor family members—the grandmother and the granddaughter. They were impoverished. Hearing the shouts of the covetous merchant, the child asked her grandma for some ywes. The grandmother was penniless. The merchant lured the child into his goods. The granddaughter persisted in crying for what she wanted, so the old woman took an old cup completely covered with fumes from the kitchen and showed it to the merchant. Then, she told the merchant to appraise the cup and give her ywes equivalent to the value of the cup. Just as he saw the cup, the merchant knew that the cup was worth about 100,000 units of currency. However, out of covetousness, he returned it to her, as if the cup was worthless. In fact, he wanted to get it nearly free. His intention was that he would come back there after some time and buy it with a small ywe.

Soon after he left, the other merchant went by

the house. The child again asked her grandmother for some ywes. So, the woman showed the cup to the man. Knowing that the cup was a gold one, the honest and upright merchant exchanged all his goods with the cup, with her agreement. Then, he returned to his village by boat. After some time, the first merchant (Shwe Mann U Tin Maung) got there again. When he knew that the gold cup had been taken, he rushed to the shore in a frenzy. When he arrived at the shore, the boat carrying the upright merchant had already left. He shouted at the boatman to come back.

Out of control, he shouted, "Hey, man, the gold cup is mine. Turn back the boat and come back here. Give back my gold cup to me." Nonetheless, the boat kept on moving to the other bank. The greedy merchant's heart was completely filled with greed, anger and delusion, and he turned mad, as a result.

He cried out, "Give back the gold cup to me, give back the gold cup to me."

Shwe Mann Tin Maung's performance was very brilliant.

In 1990, Myanmar politics saw multiparty democracy general election. Altogether 93 political parties out of 235 formed in a competitive manner in 1988-89 stood for election. There were by then various forms of canvassing for votes.

Foreign broadcasting stations such as BBC, VOA, AIR and the like were airing fabricated news to mislead the people. Meanwhile, the insurgents launched a series of attacks against the government. In the meantime, over 80 political parties faded as not a single seat was won by their candidates, and there were only ten political parties left.

Whatever it is, large number of voters didn't cast votes. No political parties won the majority of votes. But according to the yardstick of modern democracy, only a vote more in the election made a party become a winner. This being so, the majority of the NLD candidates were elected.

The press conference of the Information Committee of the State Law and Order Restoration Council held prior to the election issued an announcement that those who were elected in the general election on 27 May 1990 were to participate in the drafting of the State constitution. The press conference also announced that the State constitution was indispensable as the representatives-elect and the government would exercise the State power owned by the people in accord with rules and regulations of the constitution. The State issued the Announcement No 1/90, calling on the representatives of the National League for Democracy, National Unity Party, Shan NLD and other national races parties who were elected in the general election to draw the State constitution.

In June and July in 1992, leaders and

representatives-elect from ten existing political parties were invited for discussions in which most of the representatives of the NLD took part. In accordance with the agreement reached in the discussions, the National Convention was held in January 1993 with the participation of some 100 delegates from the NLD. All the delegates to the National Convention held discussions and laid down the fundamental principles to be included in the drawing of the State constitution.

The NLD party was actively participating in the National Convention. However, in the late 1995, it walked out of the National Convention under the ultimatum of Daw Suu Kyi. The NLD delegates who criticized the walking out of the National Convention by the NLD left the party and some were expelled from the party. The NLD walked out of the National Convention, went against the emergence of the State constitution and launched various forms of attacks against the convention. The NLD insisted recognition of the 1990 election results, demanded convening of the Hluttaw and handing over the State power to it. Regarding that, it issued a string of statements to obtain the international assistance. The result of the general election held on 27 May 1990 became null and void since 26 May 1994 according to law. There were no election results in the world that are valid for over 20 years.

Despite a spate of hindrances and obstacles of the NLD, notorious foreign media, renegades and insurgents, the National Convention was successfully completed on 3 September 2007. The constitution (2008) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was written by 54 members of the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution from 4 December 2007 to 19 February 2008. The referendum holding commission and sub-commissions at different levels sought the approval for the constitution (2008), which was written in the interest of the people, in 278 townships on 10 May 2008 and in 47 storm-hit townships on 24 May 2008. And about 99 per cent of eligible voters cast votes on the constitution with 92.48 per cent of votes in favour. This meant that the people unanimously approved the constitution. Being approved by 92.48 per cent accounting for 93 people out of 100, the success in the approval of referendum is the national achievement. The verbal attempts of destructive elements at home and abroad to jeopardize the referendum turned out to be fruitless.

In recent interviews with the BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB, those from the NLD said to be spokesman and legal experts said that they didn't accept and recognize the constitution (2008), that it was illegal, and that they preferred the result of the 1990 election. Again, we are hearing the voices of a group that is eager to come to power in disregard of the wishes of 93 per cent of the people under Myanmar political stage.

With that regard, I happened to remember the late Alanka Kyaw Swa Shwe Mann U Tin Maung. It is my wish that Alanka Kyaw Swa Saya Shwe Mann presented himself to the audience the drama "Ywe Merchant" again.

(Translation: MS + TS)

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He said national race armed groups in Kokang and Wa regions returned to the legal fold on 31 March 1989 and on 9 May respectively. Later, Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races led by Senior General Than Shwe was formed on 25 May 1989 and border areas development project was launched. On 31 May the same year, the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races was formed for close supervision of the project. National race armed groups returned to the legal fold one after another from the time the government had launched border area development tasks. Therefore, development tasks were implemented widely. In 1992, a new ministry was constituted for speedy implementation of border area development tasks. The border area development project has been implemented since 1989 and

brilliant achievements have been made in 18 years.

He said this year is the second year of the fourth five-year plan. The government has spent over K 231,113 million on the border area development project since 1989. At the 1/2007 meeting of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races, Chairman of the Central Committee Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on giving priority to education, health, transport and economic sectors and making efforts for more progress. In accord with his guidance, major roads and bridges are being upgraded and new roads are being built in the regions.

As regards the education sector, the government is giving priority to development of national race youths and enhancement of man power. Efforts are being made for development of national race youths and human resources in cooperation with

the Ministry of Education and international organizations. Moreover, the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs formed Education and Training Department.

The State has opened 34 domestic science training schools and technical training schools in Sittway, Laukkai, Pangsang and Monla regions for their vocational education.

As regards the health sector, National Health Committee is placing emphasis on providing health care to border areas by adopting the policy of placing health care not only to rural but also to border areas.

As for the agriculture field, it is necessary to help boost production of region-wise crops and to arrange markets for trading crop surpluses. Small dams and embankments are being built and highland farming is being established to replace slash-and-burn agriculture that can harm the natural environment. As a result, local farmers are able to boost their crops and establish annual crop plantations of orange, lychee and tea.

In relation to the elimination of narcotic drugs, with its own resources, the State is taking measures to eliminate the poppy cultivation that had been rooted in the country since colonial rule by laying down a 15-year plan. The cooperation of local people from border areas has led to the dramatic fall of poppy cultivation and this has been recognized by the international community.

Regarding the border area development, Chairman of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance at the meeting (1/2007) of the Central Committee that national unity can be forged and a peaceful and developed nation be built only if the development gap between border areas

and inner cities is narrow. So priority is to be given to the progress of national races.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister said, border area development tasks have been carried out since 1989. Due to the correct policy and the cooperative efforts of responsible officials of the State, organizations and the people of border areas, more success has been achieved than expected and peace and stability and development of the border areas can be witnessed. All in all, regional work committees, ministries and work subcommittees are to strive for more development of the border areas without being complacent about the economic opportunities for the ordinary people.

Next, Minister Col Thein Nyunt reported on border areas development

work and financial statements, work being done, distribution of machinery, human resource development in the border areas and narcotic drug elimination tasks and development work in cooperation with UN agencies and international organizations.

The commanders submitted reports on region-wise work to be fulfilled.

The Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development and Affairs reported on matters to be decided and documented.

Afterwards, the committee members gave a presentation on national races development in border areas.

After responding to the reports, the Prime Minister made concluding remarks.—MNA

Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fishery Sciences holds seminar

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—The Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fishery Sciences held the

seventh paper reading section on forest research at the Research Hall of Yezin, yesterday morning, attended by Minister for Forestry

Brig-Gen Thein Aung. Resource persons submitted 11 research papers to the seminar.

MNA

Ministry of Transport holds work coordination meeting



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe addresses work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Transport.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—The Ministry of Transport held its work coordination meeting at the ministry, here yesterday morning.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivered a speech.

Officials of departments and enterprises under the ministry and those in charge in regions reported on work done and to be done. The directors-general of departments, the rector and the principal reported on the requirements and took part in the discussions.

The directors-general of departments reported on measures taken. Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung held a discussion about the reviews. The meeting came to a close with the concluding remarks by the minister.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung speaks at the opening of 7th Research Conference.

FORESTRY

Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

1. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
2. Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
3. Keeping genuine patriotism based on national solidarity alive and dynamic
4. Turning out younger generation who will continue to safeguard the national culture and character

Construction Minister attends work coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July— Work Coordination meeting of the Ministry of Construction was held at the meeting hall of the ministry here this morning. It was attended by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, deputy ministers U Tint Swe and Brig-Gen Myint Thein, departmental heads, superintendent engineers and officials.

The minister urged them to implement the projects in accord with the departmental rules and regulations and to use the fuel systematically. —MNA

USDA Secretary-General meets cotton growers

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo met with cotton growers of Nyaunggaing village in Meiktila Township on 24 July.

The Secretary-General called for boosting of cotton production. He inspected cotton plantation and saplings, and attended to the needs of the growers.

He inspected paddy plantations along motor road and met with local farmers of Kontaung village in Thazi Township.

In West Kontaung village, he viewed cultivation of paddy in the field of a local farmer and supply of water from Kontaung dam.

In Ahkypeinbon village of Meiktila Township, the Secretary-General met with local farmers and called upon them to boost agricultural production and to participate in rural development work.—MNA

Work coordination meeting of Ministry of CPT held

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—The work coordination meeting for 2008 of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs was held at the ministry, on 24 July.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw spoke on the occasion. Managers of States and Divisions reported on measures taken regarding the communications, postal service and telegraphs



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw speaks at work coordination meeting (2008) of Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs.—CPT

and future tasks. Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Thein Tun,

heads of departments and managers took part in the discussions. Next, the minister fulfilled the requirements.—MNA

Rail Transportation Ministry honours staff's children

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—Ministry of Rail Transportation held a ceremony to honour the

children of the staff, having passed the matriculation examination for 2007-2008 academic

year, at the meeting hall of the ministry here this morning. First, Minister for Rail Transportation

Maj-Gen Aung Min gave a speech at the ceremony.

Afterwards, the minister handed awards over to departmental heads for awarding the students who have passed the exam with three-distinctions and below. He also presented awards to four with six-distinction winner students.

Deputy Minister Thura U Thaug Lwin presented awards to five with five-distinction winner students and deputy minister U Pe Than to 18 with four-distinction students.

A total of 636 children of staff have passed the exam.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min presents prize to an outstanding student.

MNA

English proficiency course No 1/2008 opens

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—English proficiency course No 1/2008 of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 was opened at the Training Hall of the Ministry here, yesterday. The course opening ceremony was attended by Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and extended greetings on the occasion.

Also present were Director-General Dr Thein Tun of the Electric Power Department, departmental heads and 20 trainees.—MNA

Health care services for storm survivors winner in Myaungmya

YANGON, 26 July—Under the arrangement of the Ministry of Health, a mobile medical team comprising Professor Dr Nyunt Thein of University of Medicine (1), the specialists and house surgeons performed health care to storm survivors in Myaungmya Township from 19 to 20 July.

They presented clothes and toys to 104 orphans and performed psychological support at Institute of Agriculture in Myaungmya. At a church, they gave medical treatment to 120 patients and presented personal goods to storm survivors. On 20 July, they provided medical check-ups to the patients at Myaungmya District General Hospital and presented medicines and medical equipments for the hospital.

MNA

Vice-Mayor inspects tax-free markets

YANGON, 26 July—Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa inspected Pantaya tax-free market in Bahan Township, Hanthawady tax-free market in Kamayut Township and tax-

free markets in Yankin Township this morning.

At the meeting hall of Yankin Township tax-free market, the vice-mayor urged the officials to undertake five tasks of tax-free market systematically. —MNA

Prizes presented to outstanding students and staff

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination in 2007-2008 academic year and staff of Ministry of Energy for their outstanding performance in the Central Institute of Civil Service was held at the ministry here this morning.

First, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi delivered an address.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay presented prizes to 37 outstanding students and three service personnel.

Present were the directors-general, managing directors, directors of departments and enterprises.

Next, Ma Hnin Ei Ei Khin, a six-distinction winner in the matriculation examination, expressed thanks. —MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi presents prize to an outstanding student.

MNA



Talks on organic fertilizer given

YANGON, 26 July — Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Supreme Groups of Company jointly organized talks on benefits of organic fertilizer at UMFCCI in Lanmadaw Township today.

Chairman of Supreme Groups of Company Dr Sein Myint and wife Daw Myat Thandar donated K 1.8 million for building three houses in storm-hit areas to President U Win Myint of UMFCCI.

The experts gave talks on organic fertilizer and bio-insecticide, and answered queries raised by those present. —MNA



Dr Sein Myint and wife Daw Myat Thandar present cash donation to UMFCCI President U Win Myint. —MNA

Hninzigon Home for the Aged offers Waso robes



The 50th Waso robe offering ceremony of Hninzigon Home for the Aged in progress.

MNA

YANGON, 26 July—The 50th Waso robe offering ceremony was

held at Thiri Yadana Dhammayon Hall of Hninzigon Home for the Aged in Bahan Township this morning.

Presiding Nayaka of Palikayi Monastery of Thakayta Township Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Agga Maha

Pandita Bhaddanta Ingisa invested the Five Precepts at the congregation. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Patrons, the chairman and members of the board of trustees for the home donated Waso robes and alms

to members of the Sangha.

The presiding Nayaka Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained.

Later, they offered meals to the Sayadaws.

MNA

Mobile Software launching seminar held

YANGON, 26 July—A mobile software product launching seminar of SiDA Technology Co Ltd was held at Myanmar Info-

Tech on Hline University Campus today. Matters related to English-Myanmar Dictionary comprising over 50,000 words was explained at the seminar.

UbiFind software for the dictionary can be installed at the mobile phone.

UbiFind software can be downloaded as the Demo Version from www.sidatech.asia on Internet for trial used. Activation code for UbiFind Dictionary is available at Sein Gayhar Super Markets in Yangon

and other cash drop off centers. Moreover, the customers may get the Activation code at mobile phone shops in Yangon and Mandalay. These shops will provide necessary help for the customers.

The list of Cash Drop Off Centers and Mobile Phone shops is posted at www.sidatech.asia. The UbiFind English-Myanmar Dictionary (Pro-version) is being sold with K 19,000 per copy and that of Lite Version, K 9,500 per copy. —MNA

Thai Ambassador donates cash and kind to Int'l Institute of Abhidhamma, storm victims

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—A ceremony to donate cash and kind to International Institute of Abhidhamma and storm victims was held at the IIA of Sitagu International Buddhist Missionary Sasana Beikman at Pinlon Street in Dagon Myothit (North) Township this morning.

On behalf of the Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Minister-Counselor Mr Prasas Prasasvinit Chai donated FEC 3,125 to International Institute of Abhidhamma and rice, foodstuff, medicines and instant noodle packets for storm victims accepted by Chairman of IIA

Management Committee U Mya Than (Retd-Ambassador). Chairman U Mya Than presented certificates of honour to the minister-counselor.

MNA



Launching seminar of UbiFind English-Myanmar Dictionary for mobile phones in progress. —MNA

Computer professionals giving beneficial talks to IT enthusiast youth

Article: Moe Myint Lin Lat
Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

There have been neverending advances in the age of information technology. As a result, most of youth are interested in IT that plays a vital role in all aspects such as economic, social and health sectors.

With a view to enhancing the information and communications technology, the talks on IT, to be organized by the Myanmar Computer Professionals Association (MCPA) and sponsored by the



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U Win Htein Win
Executive of MCPA

Myanmar Professionals Education Centre (MPEC), will be held at Room No. 205 of Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township at 9 am on 27 July.

In an interview,



“We will hold direct question-and-answer sessions.”
U Ye Yint Win
Joint-Secretary (MCPA)

MCPA Joint-Secretary U Ye Yint Win of Biz Soft Company said, “We will reply queries that those who are friendly in basic computer knowledge may become computer technicians, that how the interested persons should try to become software engineers and software technicians, and that any person may become a software technician based on their level of interest in the subject in few years.”

To understand basic needs of information technology, the attendants will have the opportunities to hold question-and-answer sessions with the speakers directly.

U Tun Khaing, Executive of MCPA and responsible person of Integra Company,

explained, “I will discuss the basic needs of IT technicians, studies and practices and application of latest technologies. In the discussions with the participants, we will give talks about solving technical problems applying softwares and another topic that it is necessary to apply the



“I will give talks on the points how to create better works applying IT.”
U Nay Lin Than
Executive of MCPA

technology in favorable conditions and time.”

The talks will focus on the appropriate study for developing of computer programmes and how to prepare oneself to become a professional developer.

U Nay Lin Than, Executive of MCPA and responsible person of Myanmar Information Technology (MIT), said, “The condition of

computer professional developers is different from that of doctors and engineers. They have to abide by prescribed disciplines. They are always trying their best in various fields. I will give talks how to satisfy the needs of customers through IT. I will hold a discussion on the point how to try hard to become a professional developer in the IT arena by creating the quality works on time.”

In an interview, U Win Htein Win, Executive of MCPA and an official of Gusto Company, said, “I will give talks on developing programmes, solving problems of businesses, health centres and super markets through IT. At present, the software development plays a key role in solving problems to get the correct results in a short time. Today’s youth are interested in applying IT. I will discuss the important factor of applications.”

Indeed, the correct approach is important for those who are studying in IT field. U Zaw Moe Tun of Executive of MCPA as

well as an official of MIT disclosed, “To become a software developer one



“I will explain advancements of latest technology.”
U Tun Khaing
Executive of MCPA

does not need many years. There are a large number of youth who take interest in this field. The software developing industry at home requires youth’s participation. Today, as the IT is a smokeless industry, the youth may not encounter many difficulties to join the IT arena.”

The Myanmar Computer Professionals Association has been

organizing workshops, training courses and seminars for turning out the youth to become IT technicians and for development of IT industry. It is sure that the forthcoming IT talks will be beneficial much



“I will hold discussion that today’s youth may not encounter difficulty to join IT sphere.”
U Zaw Moe Tun
Executive of MCPA

to the youths.

Translation: TTA

Myanma Alin:

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Discussions and topics of MCPA

Date & Time	Topic
27 July (Sun) 9-12 am	How to prepare to become a professional developer
2 August (Sat) 1-4 pm	ITPEC
9 August (Sat) 1-4 pm	Cyber Threats
23 August (Sat) 1-4 pm	Database
6 Sept (Sat) 1-4 pm	PC based Control System
20 Sept (Sat) 1-4 pm	IP Security

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TAMAPN VOYNO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMAPN VOYNO () are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived on 27.7.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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**Unknown insects found
in 110-million-year-old
amber in Spain**

MADRID, 26 July—The remains of several unknown insect species which became extinct long before dinosaurs stopped roaming the earth have been discovered in pieces of 110-million-year-old amber found in Spain, researchers said Thursday.

Palaeontologist Enrique Penalver said the amber discovered in the El Soplao cave in the northern province of Cantabria was in "exceptional" condition.

"The conservation is incredible. You can study the details," he told a

news conference in Santander according to the *Europea Press* agency.

Several types of arachnids, as well spider webs and plant remains, were found fossilised in the amber discovered at the site, added Penalver, a researcher with the science ministry's Geology and Mine Institute.

It is the most important amber find to date in Spain and possibly in all of Europe, he added. There are few other amber finds from that era in the world, he said.

Internet

**NZ students offer cash
for "arrest" of
US's Rice**

WELLINGTON, 26 July — A group of New Zealand students has come up with a novel way of protesting against a visit by US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, offering a cash reward for her "arrest" over US actions in Iraq.

The Auckland University Students' Association has offered 5,000 New Zealand dollars (3,700 US dollars) for any student making a citizen's arrest of Rice during her 36-hour stay that starts later on Friday. "It's primarily symbolic, but it's a

protest against her actions as secretary of state in Iraq and the authorization of the torture of suspected terrorist detainees," said the student body's president, David Do.

Police said the stunt was disturbing, and warned no-one would be allowed to disrupt the visit. "We are obliged to ensure the safety and security of the visiting guest and we will not shirk from that task," said District Commander Superintendent Brett England in a statement.

MNA/Reuters

**INVITATION FOR TENDER
(TENDER NO. 4 (T)/ LBO(2)/2008-2009)**

1. Sealed Tenders are invited for the Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the Supply of 2,049,500±10% Metric Tons Lube Base Oil & Additives.
2. Tender Closing Date : 1-8-2008 at (12:00) noon
3. Tender Opening Date : 1-8-2008 at (13:00)hrs
4. Delivery Time : Within August/ September 2008
5. Tender Documents and details information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours commencing (28-7-2008) on payment of the One Hundred (100) FEC per set.
6. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender document officially from Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

**Building blasted
in bank job**

SYDNEY, 26 July—Thieves blasted an automatic teller machine (ATM) out of the wall of a bank in Brisbane with such force that the building itself might have to be demolished, news reports said on Saturday.

Police said on Friday's explosion was so strong it blew the ATM into the street and damaged other buildings.

The thieves were less successful in actually opening the ATM. They fled without stealing any cash. —*Internet*

**Westfield exec refuses US
Senate panel tax queries**

WASHINGTON, 26 July — The group managing director of Australia-based Westfield Group, a major shopping mall group, refused on Friday to answer questions from a US Senate subcommittee investigating international tax havens. Peter Lowy cited his constitutional right to not give self-incriminating testimony when he was called to answer questions about his family's involvement with LGT Bank of Liechtenstein. The Senate Permanent Subcommittee on

Investigations is looking at LGT Bank as part of a larger inquiry into wealthy Americans who avoid taxes by hiding assets in Switzerland and Liechtenstein, a tiny European principality.

The practice deprives the US Government of 100 billion US dollars in revenues annually, according to lawmakers. Senator Carl Levin, a Michigan Democrat and chairman of the subcommittee, said the Internal Revenue Service is investigating 147 US taxpayers with LGT accounts. —*MNA/Reuters*

**Election loss deals crushing blow
to UK's Brown**

GLASGOW, 26 July — Britain's ruling Labour Party lost a parliamentary seat in one of its traditional strongholds, a stinging electoral setback for Prime Minister Gordon Brown, results showed on Friday.

Defeat in Thursday's poll in the Glasgow East constituency, which Labour won with a huge 13,500 majority at the 2005 election, will fuel Labour discontent with Brown's leadership and could lead to moves to oust him, some analysts believe.

The pro-independence Scottish National Party (SNP) scored a dramatic victory by a slim 365-vote margin as voters in Britain's third-largest city turned against Labour in droves.

The result, following a series of other recent Labour election defeats, will strengthen expectations that Labour's 11 years in

power may be nearing an end and that it could lose the next general election, due by 2010.

"This SNP victory is not just a political earthquake — it is off the Richter scale," jubilant SNP candidate John Mason said.

The defeat in what was considered Labour's third safest seat in Scotland was particularly galling for Brown because he is Scottish.

The result adds to the deepening sense of crisis enveloping Brown, whose popularity has slumped since he took over as prime minister from Tony Blair 13 months ago.

Brown and Labour have been hurt by the credit crisis, which has hit economic growth and sent house prices sliding, as well as by rising food and energy bills.

Internet

**Blasts at
Gaza cafe,
politician's
house**

GAZA, 26 July — Bomb blasts rocked a cafe and a Hamas politician's home in the Gaza Strip on Friday, killing at least one Palestinian in one of the biggest flare-ups in internal violence since Islamists seized the enclave a year ago.

Hamas blamed unidentified "gunmen" for the bombings, suggesting the involvement of a Palestinian faction. An Israeli Army spokesman said he was not aware of any Israeli activity.

The Hamas Islamist group took control of the Gaza Strip a year ago.

Hamas security forces said the first bomb went off outside a popular cafe in the centre of Gaza City, killing a passer-by whose identity was not immediately known. A few minutes later, a second bomb exploded outside the house of Hamas politician and leader Marwan Abu Rass. Nobody was injured in that blast.

MNA/Reuters

A woman uses a flashlight to rummage through the kitchen of her aunt's house on 25 July, 2008 after power to the area was knocked out by Hurricane Dolly, in San Benito, Texas.

INTERNET



Italy returns antiquities looted from Iraq

ROME, 26 July — Italy on Thursday returned 13 ancient Iraqi artefacts that had been smuggled out of the country after the US-led invasion.

Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi gave the artefacts, which included

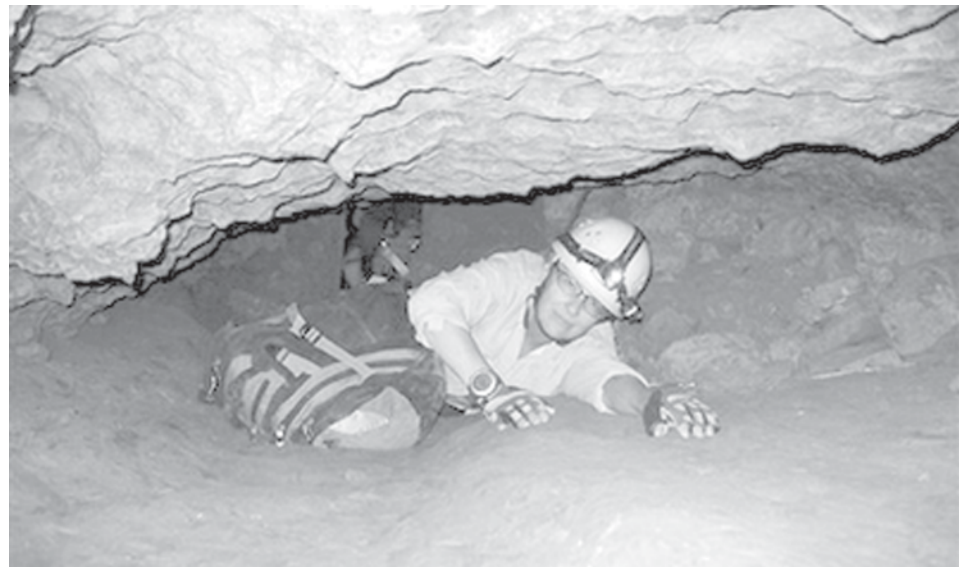
a tablet and a lamp, to Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki during his visit.

They were recovered by Italian police, who have been waging a campaign to recover stolen archaeological artefacts.

“It is an important and

symbolic gesture about how Italy ... treats objects of antiquity and always tries to return them to the countries where they belong,” Berlusconi told a joint news conference with Maliki, where some of the artefacts were displayed.

Maliki appealed to countries to follow Italy's lead and return all antiquities that were looted and smuggled out of the country after the invasion—MNA/Reuters



A file photo shows New Mexico Tech professor Penny Boston crawls through the Mud Turtle Passage on the way to the Snowy River formation during an expedition in Fort Stanton Cave, NM, on 3 July, 2008. Boston is among the scientists studying previously undiscovered microbes found along with black manganese deposits on the cave walls.—INTERNET

France's first lady also first in record sales

PARIS, 26 July — France's first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy shot to the top of the charts with her latest album in its first full week on sale, a music industry body said on Wednesday.

The album has generated massive interest because it is the first by the Italian-born former model turned pop star since her whirlwind romance with President Nicolas Sarkozy, whom she married in February less than three months after they met.

The new record, entitled “Comme si de rien n'était” (As if nothing had happened) and released under the first lady's maiden name

Carla Bruni, hit the shelves on 11 July in a blaze of publicity.

MNA/Reuters



Bird egg samples collected from the BioDiversity Research Institute's study of toxins in Maine are shown in this 20 April, 2008 image.—INTERNET

Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan launch joint rail link

KARS (Turkey), 26 July — Leaders of Turkey, Georgia and Azerbaijan launched a railway project between the three countries on Thursday, building on links forged by gas and oil pipelines.

At a railway station in the eastern Turkish border town of Kars the presidents of the three countries held a ground breaking ceremony for the \$290 million Turkish section of the railway.

The three are linked by

the BP-led <BP.L> Baku-Ceyhan oil pipeline and the Baku-Tbilisi-Erzurum gas line but trade links between Turkey and the Caucasus Region are limited.

Turkish President Abdullah Gul, Georgia's Mikheil Saakashvili and Azerbaijan's Ilham Aliyev placed three sections of railway track on a large map of the region in a symbolic launch of the project as confetti showered down.

“With this project the historic Silk Road is being reinvigorated,” Gul said in a speech.

“The project is open to all countries in the region who want to contribute to good neighbourly relations, peace and prosperity,” he said.

Ozgun Yapi-Celikler joint venture won the tender last September for construction of the 76-kilometres (47-mile) Turkish stretch of the railway with a bid of 289.8 million US dollars, the lowest of 14 bids.

MNA/Reuters

Volkswagen, Peugeot, Fiat defy sector gloom

PARIS/FRANKFURT, 26 July — Volkswagen led a trio of European automakers which issued surprisingly strong results and held to full-year targets on Wednesday, sending their shares higher despite analysts warning the second half will be tough.

Volkswagen, Europe's No 1 and the world's No 4 auto group, said second-quarter operating profit rose 22 per cent to 2.12 billion euros (3.38 billion US dollars), easily topping market expectations.

A Reuters poll of 20 analysts forecast operating profit would rise on average to just 1.81 billion euros in the quarter, putting VW on track for an estimated 6.61 billion for the full year or a rise of 7.5 per cent.

Smaller rival Peugeot Citroen repeated its 2008 operating margin target of 3.5 per cent, confounding analysts who had expected a trimmed target.

But both companies, and world No 2 truck maker Volvo, warned of a tougher environment ahead as consumers curb spending and metals prices remain high.

Volvo reported a bigger-than-expected second-quarter rise in pretax profit and stuck to its outlook for its main markets this year, but warned of growing consumer caution.

Fiat confirmed its targets for this year and the next after posting a 19.6 per cent rise in quarterly profit to 1.13 billion euros, beating average market expectations.

French carmaker Renault reports on Thursday.

MNA/Reuters

Over 1,000 died in US painkiller overdoses

WASHINGTON, 26 July — At least 1,013 people died of overdoses in several US cities from 2005 to 2007 after illegally injecting the highly potent painkiller fentanyl, US officials said on Thursday.

The fentanyl, at least some of which came from Mexico, was sold illegally by drug dealers on US streets, sometimes mixed with cocaine and heroin, according to a report issued by the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Chicago area had the most deaths with 349, followed by Philadelphia with 269, the Detroit area with 230. Other deaths were reported in St Louis, Missouri, and the states of Delaware and New Jersey.

Emergency medical personnel reported finding some victims with the needle still in their arms, not having completed the injection because the drug was so powerful, said retired CDC public health service officer Dr Stephen Jones, who wrote the report.—MNA/Reuters



Rocks sit on a road following an earthquake in Iwaizumi. Residents of northern Japan said Friday that careful preparations and lessons learned from previous earthquakes limited the damage caused by the latest major tremor to hit the region.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Ferguson dismisses idea of British 2012 Olympic team

JOHANNESBURG, 26 July — Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson said on Friday the idea of a British soccer team playing at the 2012 London Olympics was a non-starter.

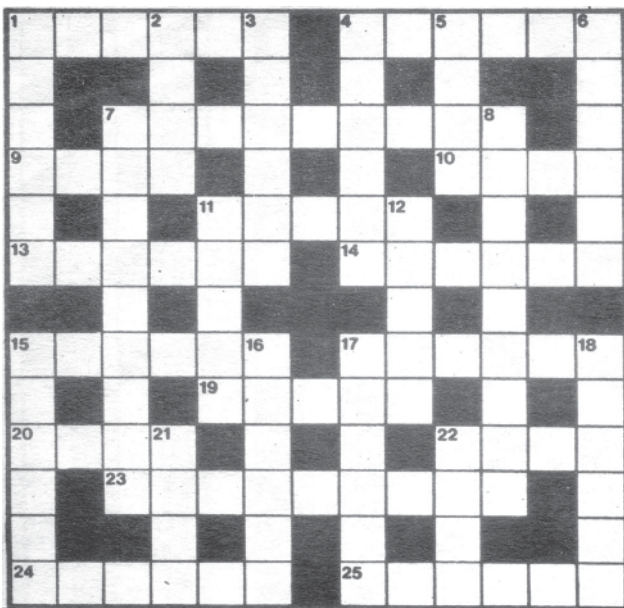
Ferguson had been named as the ideal coach for a combined team by 2012 organizing committee chairman Sebastian Coe last weekend, with Coe telling BBC Radio Five Live that he had discussed the issue with the Scot. But Ferguson, speaking in Johannesburg on the eve of Manchester United's match against South African club Kaizer Chiefs in the final of a pre-season exhibition tournament, dismissed the idea.

MNA/Reuters



Japan's Kunihiko Shimizu (L) spikes the ball against Brazil's Murilo Endres during their Volleyball World League series final match at the Maracananzinho arena in Rio de Janeiro on 25 July, 2008.—INTERNET

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 He sells from barrow
- 4 A benefice
- 7 Pink flower
- 9 Hunting whip
- 10 Learning
- 11 Make merry
- 13 Short poem
- 14 Steal cattle
- 15 Chirpy insect
- 17 Silly smile
- 19 Give out
- 20 Holm-oak
- 22 Long cut
- 23 Air nipped (anag.) (5-4)
- 24 Killer
- 25 Decide

DOWN

- 1 Domestic pottery
- 2 Snare
- 3 Milk curdler
- 4 Brood
- 5 Stringed instrument
- 6 Mourn
- 7 Linked
- 8 One end of earth's axis (5,4)
- 11 Prepared
- 12 Ghastly in colour
- 15 Bulb herbs
- 16 Better ventilated
- 17 Hillsides
- 18 Irritate
- 21 See-through photo (1-3)
- 22 Blemish

Redknapp claims Kaboul coup



Younes Kaboul

Spurs men Teemu Tainio, Pascal Chimbonda and Steed Malbranque at Sunderland after boss Roy Keane agreed fees for all four.

But even though Keane is believed to have met with the French defender, who struggled to find his feet in England after his move to White Hart Lane from Auxerre, there was rival interest from Pompey and Aston Villa.—INTERNET

LONDON, 26 July — Younes Kaboul will snub interest from Sunderland and Aston Villa to join Portsmouth, according to Harry Redknapp.

The Fratton Park boss is confident he has beaten his Premier League rivals to the signature of the Tottenham Hotspur defender.

Kaboul, 22, looked all set to link up with fellow

Beijing organizers sympathize with Iraqi athletes

BEIJING, 26 July — Beijing organizers expressed sympathy for Iraqi athletes on Friday after the suspension of the country's National Olympic Committee (NOC) ruled them out of next month's Olympics.

The Iraqi Government disbanded the NOC in May because of a dispute over how it had been assembled. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) set a deadline for its reinstatement but the government did not back down and the ban was confirmed on Thursday.

"We have noticed the relative regulations concerning the Iraq issue," Sun Weide, spokesman for the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games (BOCOG), told a news conference on Friday.

"It is a decision made

by the IOC according to relative regulations. It is an internal affair of the IOC. BOCOG feels sorry for the Iraqi athletes being unable to participate in the Beijing Games." At least seven Iraqi athletes, two rowers, a weightlifter, a sprinter, a discus thrower, a judoka and an archer, had earned places in Beijing.

MNA/Reuters



Cofidis team rider Sylvain Chavanel of France celebrates on the podium after winning the 19th stage of the 95th Tour de France cycling race between Roanne and Montlucon on 25 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Goalkeeper Robinson leaves Spurs for Blackburn

LONDON, 26 July — Blackburn Rovers signed goalkeeper Paul Robinson from Premier League rivals Tottenham Hotspur for 3.5 million pounds (6.95 million US dollars) on Friday. The 28-year-old, who has 41 England caps but has fallen out of favour with club and country, becomes manager Paul Ince's first signing since he took over from Mark Hughes a month ago. Robinson agreed a five-year contract with Blackburn, the club said on their website (www.rovers.premiumpv.co.uk).

Spurs had already signed PSV Eindhoven's Brazilian keeper Heurlho Gomes as their first-choice for next season. Earlier on Friday, Blackburn gave Aston Villa the go-ahead to approach 37-year-old goalkeeper Brad Friedel about a possible transfer.

Villa have already agreed to sign fellow US keeper Brad Guzan who has a work permit hearing next Friday. The 23-year-old has been lined up to replace Scott Carson, who was on loan from Liverpool and has since been sold to promoted West Bromwich Albion by the Merseyside club, and Thomas Sorensen, who Villa released at the end of last season.

Robinson spent four seasons at Tottenham after joining the north London club from Leeds United for one million pounds, making 175 appearances and scoring once with a 65-metre free kick against Watford in a league game two seasons ago.—MNA/Reuters



Shi Hyun Ahn of South Korea plays on the first hole during the Evian Masters women's golf tournament in Evian, eastern France, on 25 July, 2008.—INTERNET



Spectators cheer as the pack passes during the 19th stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Roanne and Montlucon, central France, on 25 July, 2008. INTERNET

Cech eyes new Lamps deal

LONDON, 26 July — Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech is hopeful Frank Lampard will remain at Stamford Bridge for at least another season.

Lampard's future at The Blues is uncertain amid interest from Italian giants Inter Milan.

Former Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho is keen to reunite with the England midfielder at Giuseppe Meazza.

However, the West London club are refusing to part company with Lampard this summer, despite receiving a £7.95million bid from Inter.



Frank Lampard

Internet



Residents walk on a debris-covered beach near buildings damaged by Hurricane Dolly on Bagdad beach, some 38 km (24 miles) from the border city of Matamoros on 24 July, 2008. After Hurricane Dolly unleashed a fury of damaging winds and wicked rain on the US-Mexico coastline and diminished to a tropical storm, widespread flooding along the populous Rio Grande Valley became the top concern on Thursday.—INTERNET

23 wounded in Norway refugee centre attack

OSLO, 26 July — Twenty-three people were wounded when a gang of 40-50 men armed with steel bars and machetes attacked residents at a refugee centre in Norway late on Thursday, officials said on Friday. No one was seriously wounded, but 10 were sent to hospital and 13 treated at a local clinic, hospital officials said.

An official at the centre in Oestfold south of Oslo said the attackers were Chechens and the victims Kurds. Police declined to confirm or deny that and said they had made no arrests so far.

“There was an attack from outside the asylum centre by people who don't live here, Chechens, 40 to 50 men armed with steel bars and other weapons,” Ole Morten Lyng, an official at the centre, told NRK public radio news.

MNA/Reuters

At least 45 killed as Congo boat sinks

KINSHASA, 26 July — At least 45 people were killed and another 100 were missing after a boat they were travelling on sank on a remote stretch of river in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a local government official said on Friday.

The accident happened on Tuesday night after the boat struck a rock on the Ubangi River, said Mathieu Bela, district commissioner for North Ubangi in the far north of the Congo, on the border with Central African Republic.—MNA/Reuters

Danish soldier killed in Afghanistan, three wounded

COPENHAGEN, 26 July— A Danish soldier was killed in Afghanistan on Friday when his tank hit a mine or an improvised explosive device (IED), Danish Army Central Command said.

Three other soldiers were lightly wounded. The tank was on its way to assist Afghan soldiers and their British and American advisers, who had come under fire from insurgents.

Denmark has about 550 combat troops in Afghanistan. Eleven have died in combat so far and three others were killed while trying to dismantle a mine. — MNA/Reuters

Argentina rejects Lamy proposal on Doha trade talks

BUENOS AIRES, 26 July — Argentina rejected a free-trade proposal by World Trade Organization chief Pascal Lamy on Friday, saying the document was “not acceptable in its current form”.

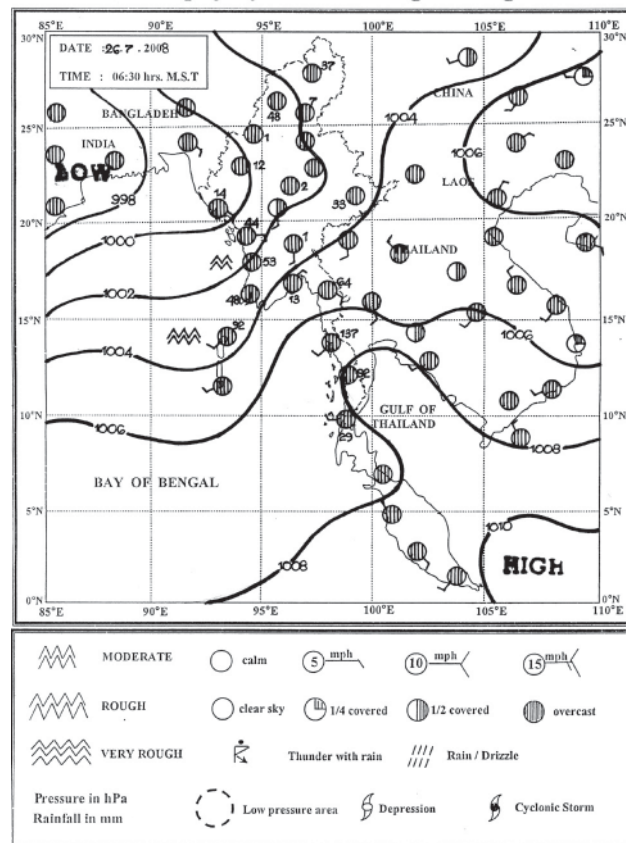
Foreign Minister Jorge Taiana made the comments

after a meeting of ministers in Geneva aimed at revitalizing deadlocked free-trade talks, a government statement said. “Argentina rejects in its current state the document presented by ... Pascal Lamy to reach agreement in the Doha Round of trade talks,” Taiana said.

He added that leading farm goods exporter Argentina, along with other countries, had presented comments about Lamy's proposal. “We're negotiating and signaling that we want a better result,” he said.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 26 July, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain have been scattered in Kayah and Shan States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and fairly widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in Taninthayi Division and isolated heavyfall in Yangon Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (5.43) inches, Myeik(4.21)inches, Coco Island(3.93)inches, Mawlamyine(2.63) inches, Thandwe (2.48) inches, Kyaukpyu (2.28)inches, Bago (2.13)inches, and Thaton (2.05) inches.

Maximum temperature on 25-7-2008 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 26-7-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-7-2008 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 25-7-2008 was (2.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 26-7-2008 was (0.47) inch at Mingaladon, (0.51) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.71) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (57.99) inches at Mingaladon, (65.75) inches at Kaba-Aye and (78.19) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 25-7-2008.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 27-7-2008: Rain will be isolated to scattered in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of strong monsoon in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-7-2008: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-7-2008: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-7-2008: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Sunday, 27 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:55 am

5. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

8:10 am

6. “ငှက်တစ်သောင်း” (ကင်းကောင်ငှက်ပျော့ကြော် ထူးမွန်၊ အကယ်ဒမီစိုးရွှေ၊ ဦးမြင့်စိုး၊တိမ်ညွန့်၊) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်သိ)

8:25 am

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Musical programme

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Musical programme

11:25 am

3. Round up of the week's International news

11:35 am

4. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

12:00 noon

5. Myanmar video feature

“ရောင်စုံလမ်းမများ”

- (ဒွေး၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သီဟတင်သန်း)

1:50 pm

6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

1:55 pm

7. Dance of National Races

2:10 pm

8. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ

2:25 am

9. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

2:45 pm

10. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. The mirror image of musical oldies

4:35 pm

4. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:45 pm

5. Musical programme

5:00 pm

6. “ဇင်ဇင်နှုတ်ခြင်ကျား” (ဇင်ဇင်ဇော်မြင့်၊ လင်းလင်းဇော်မြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)

5:15 pm

7. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

8. Evening news

6:30 pm

9. Weather report

6:35 pm

10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

6:45 pm

11. Musical programme

6:55 pm

12. အားမာန်ပြည့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုး ရှင်သန်နေသောတရုတ်ပြည်

7:10 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရွှေမင်းသားလေးချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- “လူယောင်ဆောင်သော ရွှေငါးနတ်သမီးလေး” (အပိုင်း-၈)

Make donations to the storm victims

- Everybody may make donations freely.**
- Everybody may make donations to any person or any area.**

However, wellwishers are urged to avoid unsystematic donations and acts that may tarnish the image of the nation and its people.

- ☆ **Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation**
- ☆ **BBC lying**
- ☆ **VOA deceiving**
- ☆ **RFA setting up hostilities**
- ☆ **Beware! Don't be bought by those ill-wishers**

Witness may inform about misappropriation of internal and international relief funds and supplies

Anyone may dial the following phone numbers of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement if he witnesses or knows that the cash assistance and relief supplies donated from abroad and at home to the storm victims are kept for self-interest, traded, used for particular persons and organizations, or misappropriated for other purposes.

Head of Office Ph: 067 404021 and 067 404022
Deputy Head of Office Ph: 09 860 1002

2nd Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2008 continues

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—The matches of the Group-G of the Second Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2008 continued at the designated venues, here, this evening.

At Nay Pyi Taw football ground No. 1, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein,

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, departmental heads of respective ministries, service personnel, their families and local football fans enjoyed the match.

In the match, Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs team routed Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries team with 11-1.

At Paunglaung

football ground, Ministry of Science and Technology passed through Ministry of Home Affairs with 4-0.

On 28 July, Ministry of Commerce will play against Ministry of Industry-2 at Nay Pyi Taw football ground-2 while Ministry of Transport will compete against Ministry of Energy at Paunglaung football ground in the Group-H.

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Prof Dr Nyunt Thein and party of University of Medicine-1 provide health care services to local people in Myaungmya Township. — HEALTH

Taninthayi Division lifts trophy in 9th ISD U-19 Football Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—The final match of the 9th Sports Minister's Cup Inter-State/Division Under-19 Novice Men's

Football Tournament 2008 was held at Shan State Sports Ground in Taunggyi today.

In the match,

Taninthayi Division clinched the title by winning a 4-1 victory over Kayin State.

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Psychiatrists make field trip to Mawlamyinegyun Tsp

YANGON, 26 July – Under the arrangement of Myanmar Red Cross Society, a team comprising U Chit Pe and Daw Aye Moh Moh Lwin led by U Moe Hein went on a field trip to the villages in Mawlamyinegyun Township in order to raise the morale of storm survivors in

cooperation with the members of the township Red Cross Society from 13 to date.

They organized counseling talks on boosting morale thirty times at storm-stricken villages in the township.

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