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## Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend Waso robes offering ceremony of families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) of Ministry of Defence

YANGON, 13 July — Families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) of the Ministry of Defence donated Waso robes to members of the Sangha at Pylon Chantha Maha Convocation Hall of the Five Nikaya Pitakat Thonbon Monastery in Dagon Myothit (South) Township at 9.30 am today, attended by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

Also present on the occasion were State Ovadaçariya Sayadaw Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Dawei Gawthitayama Monastery Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Açinnabhivamsa and member Sayadaws, Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Sayadaws, members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, the Pro-Rector of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon), the Rector of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, invited members of the Sangha, monks of the monastery, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Military Intelligence General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, members of the State Peace and Development Council and their wives, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and his wife and the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and his wife, the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander and wife, ministers and their wives, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the mayor of Yangon, senior military officers and their wives, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, Tatmadawmen and families.

Adviser to the State Peace and Development Council Office U Arnt Maung acted as master of ceremonies.

First, the ceremony was opened with recitation of Namo Tassa three times.

Next, On behalf of the Chairman Sayadaw, Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Açinnabhivamsa administered the Nine Precepts. Member of the Sangha recited Parittas.

The Senior General and wife offered Waso robes and provisions to the Vice-Chairman Sayadaw.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Khin Win Shwe and Lt-Gen Tin Oo's wife Daw Khin Than Nwe donated Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaws.

Afterwards, members of the State Peace and Development Council, the commander, the ministers and senior



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offer Waso robes and provisions to a Sayadaw at the Waso robes offering ceremony of Ministry of Defence at Five Nikaya Monastery in Dagon Myothit (South).— MNA

military officers presented Waso robes and offertories to members of the Sangha.

Presiding Nayaka of the monastery Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Bhaddanta Silakkandhabhivamsa delivered a sermon. The Senior General and wife shared merits gained. Next, the ceremony ended with three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Çiram Titthatu.

After the ceremony, the Senior General and wife and the congregation offered 'soon' to the Spayadaws. Later, the Senior General and wife and party donated 'soon' to members of the Sangha of the monastery.— MNA

### Dhammaçakka Day observed at famous pagodas in Yangon City

YANGON, 13 July — Today, Fullmoon Day of Waso (Dhammaçakka Day), is a significant day of the Buddhists. Devotees and pilgrims offered flowers to the images of the Lord Buddha at the pagodas and Waso robes to members of the Sangha throughout the country today.

Organized by Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees, the Waso robes and provisions were offered to Ovadaçariya Sayadaws of the pagoda at the ancient Buddha image

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### Models of West European Democracy Cannot be Exported

Today's international events have proved that efforts to transform the political superstructure first without making changes in the base of economic production of a backward and developing country cannot provide the proper foundation for the flourishing of democracy. Developing and backward countries can establish democracy only with advancement in their economy and productivity. Democracy can thrive only with the development of productive forces.

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing at the Waso robes offering ceremony of Ministry of Defence at Five Nikaya Monastery in Dagon Myothit (South).— MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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## To turn out leading citizens of the world

Out of nearly 6.3 billion people of the world's population, over one billion are youths between the ages of 15 and 24 and most of them live in developing countries. The ceremony to mark the 2003 World Population Day was held at International Business Centre on Pyay Road on 11 July, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Khin Nyunt.

In his address Secretary-1 General Khin Nyunt said "Myanmar considers its youths to be one of the greatest assets in the country. The Government is therefore paying great attention to the all-round development of our adolescents. While a comprehensive health programme including health education programmes for youths is promoted nation-wide, our education system is guiding our young people to the path of high moral standards as well as preparing them to meet the challenges of life. Today, young Myanmar people are enjoying opportunities as never before to uplift their standard of living and quality of life." The current population of Myanmar stands at 52.4 million and the young population between the ages of 15 and 24 is estimated to be about 9 million. With the guidance and support of the Government and the noble teachings of Myanmar's rich culture and traditions, Myanmar adolescents and youths enjoy better quality of life and higher social values than many of their brothers and sisters in other parts of the world.

Myanmar is fully aware that adolescents and young people are important in shaping the future of the nation. Therefore, while endeavouring to promote its own nation-building tasks, Myanmar will be enthusiastically cooperating with the nations of the world in promoting the development of young people, especially adolescents. With the cooperation of the Government and the people, progress has been made in the basic education sector of Myanmar. Thanks to the efforts of the education staff in cooperation with the respective local authorities, parents, social organizations and wellwishers, the rate of enrollment of the school-age children increased to over 90 per cent in 2002-2003 academic year.

Myanmar is determined to continue playing an active role in population-rated programmes while strengthening its collaboration and cooperation with all nations and United Nations Agencies and also with relevant local and international NGOs. We would like to urge all to promote the quality of life of the adolescents and young people and equip them with the necessary tools so that they will become leading citizens of the world.



Kawthoung Airport Building seen in Kawthoung.— MNA

## Dhammaçakka Day observed

YANGON, 13 July — Over 600 trainees of the 21st Basic Buddhism Cultural Course led by Instructor Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Panñāsami held Fullmoon Day of Waso, Dhammaçakka Day at Maha Pasana Cave on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hill this morning. First, the ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of *Namo Tassa* and trainees Ma Sein Sein Win and Ma Theint Theint Thu recited religious verses. The trainees offered Waso flowers, water and lights to Buddha Image and supplicated on religious affairs. Next, those present offered Waso robes and offerings to Instructor Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Panñāsami. — MNA



Minister at the State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Office Lt-Gen Min Thein supervises tasks of Dry Day inspection team.— MNA

## Dry day inspection team discharge duties

YANGON, 13 July — Chairman of the Supervisory Committee for Dry Day Minister at the State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Office Lt-Gen Min Thein and officials inspected Dry Day inspection teams discharging duties here

this morning.

The teams checked Dry Day pass, driver's licence, wheel tax and wearing of departmental uniform at the main points from 7 am to 5 pm.

MNA

## Towards industrialized nation based on agriculture

Article by Kyaw Sein

Myanmar is striving to become an industrialized nation based on agriculture. Water is essential for the successful implementation of agricultural tasks. In this regard, dams, reservoirs and sluice gates are being built and river water pumping projects implemented throughout the country for agricultural purpose.

From 1988 to this date, 148 dams and reservoirs that benefit three million acres of farmland, 11 sluiceways, 235,900 acres, and 265 river water pumping projects, 28,210 acres have been built. The Irrigation Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation built the above-mentioned 148 irrigation facilities — two in Kayah State, one in Chin State, 14 in Sagaing Division, one in Tanintharyi Division, 37 in Bago Division, 25 in Magway

Division, 36 in Mandalay Division, six in Mon State, four in Rahine State, 12 in Yangon Division, two in Shan State, seven in Ayeyawady Division and one in Kayin State — in accordance with geographical conditions and needs of the states and divisions. After the State Peace and Development Council's assumption of the responsibilities of the State, plans have been laid down to build dams and reservoirs starting from 1988. On 20 March 1990, Kinta dam with water storage capacity of 873580 acre feet which benefits 201,500 acres of farmland and that can generate electricity through two 28-megawatt generators was opened. A total of K 1361.70 million was spent on the project. Similarly, Kinpuntaung Dam that can irrigate 5,000 acres of farmland was opened in Taungdwingyi Township in Magway Division on 29 March 1990. The dam was opened as the second one of its kind in the time of Tatmadaw Government and it was built spending K 75.10 million.

Of the dams being built in Myanmar, the biggest one is Thaphanseik Dam and it is included in the list of the biggest five in South East Asia. Thaphanseik Dam Project started in 1996-97 and on 17 April 2001, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe formally opened it. Thaphanseik Dam Project is the multi-purpose one and before it came into existence, the feasibility survey took over 40 years. Due to various reasons, the project could not be implemented but the 40-year-old dream has been materialized in the time of Tatmadaw Government with the firm resolution that the task to raise the social standard of the people will be carried out without fail.

Hydel power plant with three turbines was also built at the Thaphanseik Multi-purpose Dam project and it can generate 30 megawatt of electricity. It now supplies 117.2 million-kilowatt hours of electricity a year. The 22,587 feet long earthen dam with maximum water storage capacity of 2,880,000 acre feet was built successfully by Myanmar engineers.

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KALIHTAW DAM IN HLEGU TOWNSHIP, YANGON DIVISION: The Kalihtaw Dam was built at a cost of K 441 million. It can store 26,000 acre-ft of water and irrigate 9,000 acres of farmland. —MNA



# Iraq takes first step towards self-rule

**BAGHDAD, 13 July** — After weeks of difficult negotiations, the US-led authority in Iraq is expected to announce the country's first postwar government tomorrow in an attempt to make good on prewar promises to cede power to Iraqis as soon as possible after the fall of Saddam Hussein.

Although the names for the "governing council" have not been finalised, a senior coalition official said it would comprise 25 members drawn from all sections of Iraqi society - Kurds, Shia, Sunnis, Turkomans and Christians - and would be granted "extensive executive powers". There will be three or four women on the new body.

The United Nations' top official in Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello, has given the new body his blessing, saying he will attend its launch to give it international legitimacy.

The council's mandate will include hiring and firing ministers and setting up a constitutional committee to thrash out the shape of a future Iraq.

It will also oversee the introduction of a new currency, set fiscal and budgetary policy, and dispatch diplomatic representatives abroad.

The coalition official said the new council would work closely with the coalition provisional authority headed by Paul Bremer.

But until "free and fair" national elections are held and a new constitution is ratified by an Iraqi parliament, ultimate authority in the country would rest with the US and British

occupying powers.

The official offered no timetable for elections.

There has been widespread dismay among the former Iraqi opposition over the Americans' delay in appointing an interim government.

The need to reach a decision over the council has been given added urgency by the deteriorating postwar security situation in Iraq. US military spokesmen cite an average of 13 attacks a day on American and British forces in Iraq, while popular frustration mounts about lack of jobs and basic services in the centre and south of the country.

Handing at least some responsibility to Iraqis now is also likely to ease domestic pressure on the Bush administration as its leading officials seek to rebut charges that the country is heading into a political quagmire in Iraq.

At first glance, the broad powers to be assumed by the council appear a far cry from the anaemic-sounding "advisory" body touted by Mr Bremer when he took up his post as chief administrator in Iraq almost two months ago.

Nevertheless the council is likely to face the inevitable criticisms that it is little more than a US puppet. —*Internet*



US soldiers look for a suspected improvised explosive device in Baghdad, Iraq on 12 July, 2003. Nothing was found there.

INTERNET

## Two Iraqis wounded after attack on US troops

**BAGHDAD, 13 July** — Two Iraqis were wounded when their vehicle was caught in crossfire after a rocket-propelled grenade attack on a US patrol near Baghdad Airport, the US military said on Friday.

The attack took place at around 10:20 pm (1820 GMT) on Thursday north-east of the airport and US troops returned fire, a military spokesman said. There were no US casualties.

"A civilian vehicle was caught in cross-fire. One Iraqi was shot in the neck and one Iraqi was shot in the abdomen," the spokesman said. He said the Iraqis had been taken to a military medical facility. He had no word on their condition.

US forces have come under almost daily attack in Iraq despite deposing president Saddam Hussein in April. Thirty-one US soldiers have been killed by hostile fire since US President George W Bush declared major combat over on May 1.

Assailants mounted a mortar attack on US troops in the volatile city of Ramadi, around 60 miles west of Baghdad, on Thursday but inflicted no casualties or material damage, a military spokesman said.

Soldiers have come under fire most frequently in Baghdad and the mainly Sunni Muslim areas north and west of the city

which were bastions of support for Saddam, himself a Sunni.

In Falluja, another flashpoint town, US troops withdrew as darkness fell on Thursday from positions around a police station and local government building where they had come under rocket-propelled grenade attack the previous night.

A military Press officer in Falluja said US forces were not pulling out of the town but were trying to give more control to Iraqi police. One unit was preparing to leave the town but it would be replaced by another, he said.

"We're not pulling out of the centre of Falluja," Specialist Scott Molina told *Reuters*.

A *Reuters* Television cameraman saw US troops patrolling in the town centre on Friday morning.

Local police had called on US forces to leave the town, saying their presence was provoking violence. US commanders said they wanted Iraqis to police themselves but the time was not yet right for a US troop withdrawal from Falluja.

MNA/Reuters

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## World Bank sends more officials to Iraq

**WASHINGTON, 13 July** — The World Bank is beefing up its team in Iraq and now has officials in the country looking at the investment climate, financial sector, food, water and agriculture, a Bank official said on Friday.

The Bank currently has ten officials in Iraq and Joe Saba, who has responsibility for Iraq and a few other countries in the region, is set to arrive in Baghdad this weekend. At the beginning of this month the Bank also had an official in the country looking at needs in the health sector.

The World Bank has been given the task of putting together an assessment of how much the rebuilding of Iraq is likely to cost, before a meeting of donors scheduled to take place at the end of September or October.

"We have a team on investment climate and we have a team on banking and the financial sector and a team on agriculture, water resources and food security," the official told *Reuters*.

"The needs assessment cuts across sectors." The official could not say when the cost estimate is likely to be completed.

"One of the biggest constraints we're facing on the ground is security," the official said.

"When everyone gathers the information they need to gather then the work is done, there isn't a predetermined date. —*MNA/Reuters*

## Canadian photographer in Teheran "brain dead"

**OTTAWA, 13 July** — Canadian freelance photographer Zahra Kazemi, who ended up in a Teheran hospital with serious head injuries after being arrested, has been diagnosed as brain dead, the woman's son said on Friday.

But Stephane Hachemi said the report by an Iranian doctor might not be totally accurate and he was holding out hope his 54-year-old mother might recover.

Relatives say Kazemi — who also holds an Iranian passport — was beaten into a coma shortly after she was arrested on June 23 for taking pictures of a prison in Teheran. Iran has accused Kazemi of being a spy, they said.

"She's still in the same terrible condition, with a dead brain and broken skull," Hachemi told *Reuters*, citing a report from an Iranian doctor.

"It might not be true, it (her condition) might be better... the Iranian authorities have caused her to suffer and we want them to repair that (damage), to collaborate to make things work in the best possible way," he said.

A spokesman for the Canadian Foreign Ministry said Ottawa was looking for a neurologist who could go to Teheran once the Iranian authorities had given permission.

Canadian officials summoned the Iranian Ambassador on Thursday to demand an explanation as to what exactly had happened to Kazemi. Canada's Ambassador in Teheran will discuss the case when he meets senior Iranian officials on Saturday. —*MNA/Reuters*



US soldiers guard the scene where an improvised explosive device (IED) was thrown at US troops guarding a hospital wounding one soldier in Baghdad, Iraq on 12 July, 2003. —INTERNET

## Poll shows majority in US think Iraq casualties too high

WASHINGTON, July 13 — Over half of 1,006 Americans surveyed said the level of U.S. casualties in Iraq was unacceptable, a new poll by ABC News and the *Washington Post* said on Friday.

The results of the survey pointed to rising concern over American casualties in Iraq, falling confidence in the Bush Administration, and increasing doubt over whether the war launched by US-led forces in March was worth fighting.

The poll was taken July 9-10 amid growing criticism of Bush's handling of the war, the intelligence he used in justifying it and mounting US casualties since the fall of Baghdad. For the first time, a majority — 52 per cent — of those polled said the number of casualties in Iraq was unacceptable. And while 57 per cent said the war was worth fighting, that had fallen from 70 per cent at the end of April.

Fifty per cent believed the Bush Administration had intentionally exaggerated its evidence that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. Eighty per cent expressed concern about getting "bogged down" in a long mission in Iraq.

Bush's approval rating for handling the situation in Iraq fell by 17 points since the end of April, to 58 per cent now. His overall job approval rating was down to 59 per cent, matching its lowest in the poll since September 11, 2001.

The telephone survey was conducted among a random national sample of 1,006 adults. There was a three-point margin of error. —MNA/Reuters

## Blair under pressure to get Guantanamo suspects home

LONDON, 13 July — British Prime Minister Tony Blair faced growing demands on Friday to press US President George W. Bush to send British terror suspects in Guantanamo Bay back home for trial to ensure they escape the death penalty.

Blair, Washington's political ally and military supporter, will visit Bush in Washington on Thursday and British opposition politicians say he must prove that his much-vaunted US ties can deliver results.

"I think a special relationship has to be a two-way street," Liberal Democrat leader Charles Kennedy said. "What we seem to be encountering at this stage is very much one-way traffic."

US plans for military trials of a first batch of six foreigners — including Britons Feroz Abbasi, 23 and Moazzam Begg, 35 — have caused worldwide outrage and put a strain on the close Anglo-American political alliance.

Britain, which opposes the death penalty, says it has repeatedly expressed "reservations" over the military commissions which will try detainees in the Guantanamo Bay prison camp on Cuba, which was set up to house Taleban and al-Qaeda suspects after the September 11 attacks.

But it also insists that detainees have provided — and could still offer — valuable information for the US-led "war on terror" targeting Osama bin Laden's global militant network.

MNA/Reuters

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## Former Iraqi information minister arrives in Abu Dhabi

DUBAI, 13 July — Former Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahaf made a sudden appearance in Abu Dhabi on Friday, saying he might not return to his homeland.

"When I leave I always have in my mind that I might not come down this road again, but I'm working and praying to God that I can return to Baghdad one day," he said on Abu Dhabi Television.

Sahaf, 63, became an unlikely media star during the war, winning his stripes as a hero to many in the Arab world while Western audiences gasped and then chuckled at his bravado.

Now grey-haired, he earned his unflattering nick-

name "Comical Ali" for proclaiming the defeat of US forces even as American troops advanced into Baghdad, and for his habit of handling loaded weapons during news conferences.

"Hopefully, all of them (Arab countries) are our nation, but one always hopes to return to his homeland with his memories," said Sahaf, who was shown arriving at the airport in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates.

MNA/Reuters

## Iraq cost could mount to \$100 billion

WASHINGTON, 13 July — The cost of the war and occupation of Iraq could reach \$100 billion through next year, substantially higher than anticipated at the war's outset, according to defence and congressional aides. This is raising worries that other military needs will go unmet while the government is swamped in red ink.

The cost of the war so far, about \$50 billion, already represents a 14 percent increase to military spending planned for this year. Even before the United States invaded Iraq in March, President Bush had proposed defence budgets through 2008 that would rise to \$460 billion a year, up 74 percent from the \$265 billion spent on defence in 1996, when the current buildup began.

At the same time, the federal budget deficit is exploding. This week, officials expect to announce that it will exceed \$400 billion for the fiscal year that ends September 30, the largest in US history by a wide margin. Former White House budget director Mitchell E Daniels Jr said last month the deficit should be smaller next year, but economists at Goldman Sachs Group Inc — factoring rising war costs — said Friday the deficit may climb even higher than their previous \$475 billion estimate.

"It's already unclear whether [the Bush defence buildup] is sustainable," said Steven M Kosiak, a defence budget analyst at the

Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments. "Add another \$50 billion, and it's doubly unclear."

Administration officials concede that spending levels in Iraq are considerably higher than anticipated. At the onset of war, Dov Zakheim, the Pentagon's chief financial officer, said postcombat operations were expected to cost about \$2.2 billion a month. By early June, he had adjusted that forecast to \$3 billion. But with about 145,000 U.S. troops still in Iraq, some under fire, costs have continued to climb.

The average monthly "burn rate" from January to April, a span encompassing the "heavy combat" phase of the war, was \$4.1 billion, Zakheim said. That is not much higher than current expenditure rate of \$3.9 billion a month for the occupation, even though most of the Navy and Air Force contingents have been sent home.

"We've peaked out," Zakheim said, "but we are still there in a way that we perhaps didn't think we would be at this point." —Internet



A convoy of US military vehicles passes by the main road in Fallujah, 60 kilometers, 37 miles west of Baghdad, Iraq on 12, July 2003. In a major security shift, US forces announced they are turning over police duties in the restive city of Fallujah to local law enforcement officials. Fallujah is the scene of deadly attacks on American soldiers. —INTERNET

## Russia pledges continued military assistance to Afghanistan

Moscow, 13 July — Russia is interested in having military cooperation with the authorities of Afghanistan and will sustain its military and technical assistance to the country, Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov said Friday.

After talking with his Afghan counterpart Mohammad Fahim Khan, Ivanov vowed to offer 100 military trucks, as well as airfield facilities, communication and other equipment to the country as early as this autumn, confirming that Russia will continue to help Afghanistan develop its national Armed Forces, the *Interfax* news agency reported.

More Afghan servicemen will get chance to study at Russian military colleges as part of Russia's plan to expand a training programme for Afghan military specialists.

The training, which has been focused on communications means, logistics and other areas, does not include combat tactics, Ivanov added. The Afghan minister visited a military college in St. Petersburg Thursday after his arrival and continued his trip in Moscow Friday.

Ivanov pointed out that the long-term peace on the entire territory of Afghanistan would not be secured without the existence of efficient combat Armed Forces in the republic, according to the *ITAR-TASS* news agency.

He noted that Russian-Afghan military cooperation, which is based on the bilateral agreement signed in Kabul last year, "is open and transparent to everybody".

Russia wants nothing from the country except for the restoration of law and order established by independent efforts of Afghan people and legally elected government, Ivanov stressed. The Afghan minister extended his gratitude for Russia's considerable and valuable support in the difficult circumstances under which the new Afghan administration was put together.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division burn back bushes along the road leading to the international airport in Baghdad, Iraq on 12 July, 2003. There has been several attacks on US soldiers along the airport road in the last few weeks leading to several deaths and injuries. —INTERNET



# Blix says Blair made WMD mistake

WASHINGTON, 13 July—The former head of the UN weapons inspectors Hans Blix has told a British newspaper that Tony Blair made a “fundamental mistake” in claiming that Saddam Hussein could deploy weapons of mass destruction in 45 minutes.

Although Mr Blix has previously expressed doubts about Britain and America's use of intelligence, his remarks to the *Independent* on Sunday go further than before.

He said the figure of 45 minutes to deploy weapons of mass destruction seemed “pretty far off the mark” to him.

He told the newspaper that in his opinion Tony Blair over interpreted the intelligence Britain had although Downing Street has strongly defended its use of the 45 minute claim.

The claim appeared in a dossier presented to Parliament last September as the government set out its first justifications for eventual military action in Iraq.

Last Monday, a cross-party committee of MPs found that the claim “did not warrant the prominence given to it” although it cleared Mr Blair's media chief Alastair Campbell of inserting it in the dossier.

And on Saturday, the chair of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, Donald Anderson, said the government should make available more information about the source which said Iraq was trying to obtain uranium from Niger.

The uranium claim,

which was also first made public in the September dossier, was used by both governments to build a case for going to war over Iraq's alleged weapons of mass destruction.

The claim was then cited in President Bush's State of the Union speech to Congress in January.

Mr Bush said: “The British Government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa”.

The White House now says that was a mistake, the

CIA had information that the Niger claim was based on fraudulent documents.

The head of the CIA, George Tenet, has taken the blame for its inclusion in the speech and Mr Bush has said he now considers the matter closed. However, on Saturday the UK defended the Niger claim, saying it had intelligence from a separate source that the CIA did not know about.

Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said the UK had additional information to support the claim that Iraq had sought uranium from Niger, but this

intelligence had not been passed on to the US administration. The comments, in a letter from Mr Straw to senior Labour MP Mr Anderson, reveals a lack of consultation between British and US intelligence officials.

It shows that the US did not reveal a report compiled by a special envoy in Niger rubbishing suggestions that Iraq was trying to obtain uranium while Britain did not reveal to America its own intelligence on African uranium because it came from another foreign intelligence service. —Internet



*Iraqi children gather near an abandoned missile on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq on 12 July, 2003. Missiles and their mobile launchers were hidden by Saddam Hussein's military all over Iraq but were abandoned following the nearly non-stop bombardment by the US and British forces during the war. —INTERNET*

## Vietnam highlights strategy for safeguarding nation in new situation

HANOI, 13 July—Nong Duc Manh, general secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee, highlighted here the strategy for safeguarding the nation in the new situation and the scheme to reform salary systems.

At the closing meeting of the eighth plenum of the Ninth Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam on Saturday, Manh stressed that tasks of safeguarding the nation at present are to firmly defend the country's independence, sovereignty, unification, territorial integrity, security, social order, culture; and the party, the state, the people, the socialist regime, the renovation cause, and the national interests.

Those tasks are based on the comprehensive viewpoints of national security, he said, adding safeguarding the nation cannot only be defined as protection but, beyond that, as care for construction and development.

Vietnam wishes to be a friend and a reliable partner

of all countries, striving for the goals of peace, independence and development, Manh reaffirmed.

Regarding the salary-related scheme, Manh noted that in the renewal process, there exists an unequal development among sectors. A majority of farmers in particular still have low incomes.

Therefore, there should be gradual measures to ensure a reasonable relationship between incomes of wage earners and beneficiaries of social allowances and incomes of other workers to create consensus in the society, he said.

To implement these viewpoints, appropriate steps should be taken. In the short term, salaries of low- and middle-income earners

should be raised to better implement the principle of distribution according to work and results of production and business operations of each agency and business, the party leader noted.

There should also be measures to ensure transparency in incomes, to control and rationalize salary-characteristic incomes, to gradually ensure that salary is the main source of income and ensure that ends are met for officials, state employees and wage earners wiping non-salary benefits, said Manh.

MNA/Xinhua

## Singapore firms say to help run Baghdad Airport

SINGAPORE, 13 July—A Singapore consortium has been chosen to provide ground services at Baghdad airport when it reopens for commercial services after the Iraq war, two government-linked firms said on Saturday.

The companies, conglomerate Keppel Corp and Singapore Airport Terminal Services Ltd (SATS), confirmed their involvement in the consortium but declined to give further details. SATS is the ground handling and catering arm of Singapore Airlines.

“We are finalising the partnership agreement and contract, and will make an announcement once it's signed,” a Keppel spokeswoman told *Reuters*.

A SATS spokesman said the consortium would likely make an announcement early next week on the deal.

“We are still in discussions with some parties about providing ground handling and cargo services at Baghdad Airport, but no agreement has been signed yet,” he told *Reuters*.

The contract had been

won by a consortium led by unlisted Singapore trading and logistics firm Windmill International, Singapore's *Straits Times* newspaper said.

The Singapore firms would provide ground-handling, cargo and baggage services at the airport, beating bids from rivals from the United States, Europe and the Middle East, the paper said.

The contract, worth US\$5 million to US\$8 million, is for an initial period of 12 to 18 months, with provision for renewal.

Baghdad International Airport is due to reopen later this month. Formerly known as Saddam International Airport, it was closed after US-led forces attacked Iraq earlier this year and deposed President Saddam Hussein.

Internet

## Russia seeks safety for embassy in Iraq

MOSCOW, 13 July—The United States should guarantee the safety of Russian diplomats in Iraq and give the Russian mission there full diplomatic recognition, the Russian Foreign Ministry said Saturday.

The ministry statement came after US Ambassador Alexander Vershbow reportedly said Washington does not consider the Russian Embassy in Iraq a diplomatic mission and cannot accept responsibility for the staff's safety.

Vershbow also was quoted by the *Interfax* news agency as saying the United States considers it unwise for

other countries to set up diplomatic missions in Iraq because there is no Iraqi government at this stage. The Russian Foreign Ministry said, “This position is far from irreproachable in light of international legal norms and universally recognized diplomatic practices.”

It cited the 1961 Vienna convention governing diplomatic relations, saying, “In as much as the current occupation of Iraq does not influence the existence of Iraq as a state, its diplomatic relations with Russia continue.”

The ministry added, “We expect the United States to consider with full attention our repeated requests to ensure the normal and safe functioning of the Russian Embassy in Baghdad.”

Russia vehemently opposed the US-led war in Iraq but the two countries have tried to patch up relations since. The Foreign Ministry statement noted that both nations understand “the need to cooperate closely in the post-conflict settlement in Iraq.” —Internet



*Three sick tigers lie on the ground at the Hangzhou Wild Animals Zoo in this capital city of east China's Zhejiang Province on 10 July, 2003. The zoo staff members try their best to treat three four-month-old sick cubs for lack of Vitamin D3 as they grow up by relying on drinking dog's milk. —XINHUA PHOTO*

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## Public doubts grow about Iraq policy

WASHINGTON, 13 July — A growing number of Americans feel the US troop casualty level in Iraq is unacceptable and believe the Bush administration intentionally exaggerated evidence that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, according to an ABC-Washington Post poll.

The increasing concern about this country's Iraq policy appears to be pulling down the president's job approval rating, which was at 59 percent in this poll, about the same level as in several other recent polls. That's still relatively strong, but down from the high 60s to mid 70s where it had been for the last few months.

More than half in the poll, 52 percent, said there is an unacceptable level of casualties in Iraq — the first time this poll has found a majority who feel that way. Slightly more, 57 percent, said the war in Iraq was worth fighting, down from 70 percent at the end of April. Half of the respondents said they believed the administration intentionally exaggerated the evidence.

A majority, 58 percent, supports Bush's handling of Iraq, but people were evenly divided on his economic policies.

The dropping confidence in the Iraq

mission comes at a time the Bush administration has been on the defensive about the war.

Administration officials have been trying to explain how false information about Iraq's weapons program ended up in the State of the Union address. Bush on Friday blamed the CIA for his erroneous claim that Iraq tried to acquire nuclear material from Africa.

The president has also urged the public to be patient about continuing casualties in Iraq.

Overall support for the U.S. military's presence in Iraq remains strong, with 74 percent supporting it and 48 percent, about half, supporting it strongly.

The poll of 1,006 adults was taken Wednesday and Thursday and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Internet



An Iraqi streetseller sells ice on the street in Baghdad, Iraq on 12 July, 2003. —INTERNET

## 5,000-year-old skeleton unearthed in south China

GUANGZHOU, 13 July — Chinese archaeologists have unearthed an intact skeleton at a Neolithic site in Dongguan City of south China's Guangdong Province.

Experts say that the 5,000-year-old skeleton, positioned face-up with limbs extended was a male inhabitant of the Pearl River delta in the central-south part of Guangdong.

Archaeologists with the Guangdong Provincial Cultural Heritage, the Archaeological Research Institute and the Dongguan City Museum have excavated large quantities of pottery and stone, bone and mussel tools at the Haogang Neolithic site in the Nancheng District of Dongguan, since excavations began on April 15.

The Haogang site was discovered by archaeologists in the 1980s.

The Haogang New Stone Age site has residential housing, designated sites for public activities, areas for garbage disposal and a designated burial area, indicating that human beings lived in the Pearl River delta more than 5,000 years ago, said Feng Mengqin, an expert with the Guangdong Provincial Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Research Institute and head of the excavation team.

Judging from the materials unearthed

thus far, the Haogang site was the earliest site on the Pearl River delta inhabited by human beings, according to Feng.

Also excavated at the site were numerous oyster shells, fish bones and fishing tools, which indicate that the ancient inhabitants lived on fishing instead of farming, according to experts.

Local people say that piles of shells were still a common sight in the Haogang area in the 1980s.

Feng Mengqin says that the discoveries of the Haogang site and of the skeleton are crucial to the study of the origins of the culture of the Lingnan area, located south of the Five Ridges (Dayu, Qitian, Dupang, Mengzhu and Yuecheng) that comprise Guangdong Province and the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in south China.

The discovery also provides evidence for the study of the relationship among ancient civilizations in the area of the Pacific Ocean.

MNA/Xinhua

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## Pressure builds on John Howard over weapons

WASHINGTON, 13 July — Prime Minister John Howard must take responsibility for telling Australians Iraq had sought to import uranium from Africa, Deputy Labour Leader Jenny Macklin said Sunday.

Mr Howard told parliament in February, as part of his argument for Australian involvement in the war against Iraq, intelligence reports had shown Iraq was trying to import uranium from Niger.

The intelligence reports have since been discredited, and key government intelligence agencies have revealed they were aware information in the reports was false.

However, they did not tell Mr Howard.

"In the end the prime minister is responsible," Ms Macklin told the Nine Network.

"It was the prime minister that went into the House of Representatives and told the parliament that Iraq was preparing nuclear weapons and was receiving material from Niger."

Ms Macklin said Mr Howard might be misleading the public about when he knew

the evidence was false.

"What we really haven't gotten to the bottom of is whether he is still misleading the Australian people about when he knew and why he didn't correct the record earlier," Ms Macklin said.

"We also need to know whether or not it's gross incompetence on the part of those agencies for not informing the prime minister, or why the prime minister and his office didn't check either before or after he made those statements in the parliament."

As soon as the evidence was shown to be false, Mr Howard should have corrected the public record, Ms Macklin said.

"If that evidence came further to light after he'd made the speech, why didn't he come back into the parliament and correct the record?" Ms Macklin said.

Internet

## US casualties in Iraq total 217

WASHINGTON, 13 July — Up to Saturday, July 12, 217 US soldiers have died since the beginning of operations in Iraq, according to the Pentagon. The British government has reported 42 casual-

ties. Since May 1, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 79 US soldiers have died in Iraq, according to the Pentagon.

Here is information on the

latest US casualties.

The military reported Saturday that one soldier of the 4th Infantry Division died in "a non-hostile gunshot incident." No details were available. —Internet

## Chinese mainland reports no new SARS cases

BEIJING, 13 July — The Chinese Ministry of Health Saturday reported neither new severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) cases nor new deaths from the disease on the Chinese Mainland for the 24 hours from 10.00 am July 11 to 10.00 am July 12.

During the past 24 hours,

the Chinese Mainland reported no new suspected SARS cases, either.

As of 10.00 am July 12, the number of SARS patients hospitalized on the Chinese Mainland dropped to 18, all

of them in Beijing.

There is now only one suspected SARS patient on the Chinese Mainland, who is in south China's Guangdong Province.

MNA/Xinhua

## Turkey, Russia fail to reach agreement on natural gas prices

ANKARA, 13 July — Turkey and Russia failed to reach a compromise on a dispute over natural gas prices, the Anatolian news agency reported Friday.

During a meeting that lasted for nearly five hours in Ankara on Thursday, Turkish Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Hilmi Guler and Russian natural gas company Gazprom's Executive Board Chairman Alexey Miller only agreed to take each other's requirement into consideration.

Turkey stopped purchasing natural gas from Russia through the Blue Stream pipeline on March 12, 2003 and declared it would do so until August 2003.

MNA/Xinhua



A physician holds siamese twins in this 22 June, 2003 file photo at a hospital in the northern Argentine province of San Juan. The twins, who were born sharing the same heart and lungs, but had separate brains, spinal columns, and stomachs, died on 10 July, 2003, of respiratory problems and a heart attack, after exceeding medical expectations by surviving 29 days since their birth. —INTERNET



# Approval for Bush's handling of military operation in Iraq drops

WASHINGTON, 13 July—Public opinion of President Bush's handling of Iraq has dropped about 20 points since US forces took Baghdad in April, a Newsweek poll said on Saturday.

Bush's approval rating for his handling of the military operation in Iraq fell to 53 percent among those surveyed on July 10-11, from 65 percent in a May 29-30 poll, and a high of 74 percent in an April 10-11 poll taken just after Saddam Hussein was ousted from power in Iraq, Newsweek said.

The president's overall rating slipped to 55 percent from 61 percent in the May poll. More than half of those polled, 53 percent, said the Bush administration did not purposely mislead the public about evidence that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction in order to build support for the war, while 38 percent said the administration had misled the public.

And in an indication of how the controversy over an incorrect assertion by Bush in

his January State of the Union address that Iraq was trying to acquire uranium from Africa was playing to the public, 72 percent said they had not heard about it.

Among registered voters, 50 percent said issues of the economy and jobs would be more important than terrorism and homeland security in determining their vote in next year's presidential elections.

Twenty-two percent said terrorism and homeland security would be more important issues.

The registered voters surveyed were split on whether they wanted Bush to serve another term, with 47 percent saying they would like to see Bush re-elected and 46 percent saying they would not, while 7 percent were undecided. —Internet

## Germany sets preconditions for Iraqi deployment

BERLIN, 13 July—The German Government Friday attached conditions for even considering deployment of German troops in Iraq.

The conditions for examining the possibility of German troops in Iraq are "the request from a legitimate Iraqi transitional government and a clear UN mandate," said Bela Anda, the chief spokesman for the German Government.

Earlier this week, US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said that he would welcome NATO countries, including Germany and France, to contribute to peacekeeping forces in Iraq.

Meanwhile, a spokeswoman, speaking anonymously, said that the issue of Germany's non participation in the Iraqi mission stood to "no debate", because Berlin's position on the war remained unchanged.

The responsibility for postwar stability lies in the US-led coalition forces as expressly described in a relevant UN resolution, she said.

She added that Germany would be involved mainly in reconstruction by offering millions of euros of humanitarian assistance.

The Iraqi issue is expected to be high on the agenda of German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, who starts to visit the United States on Monday.

MNA/Xinhua

## China to award protectors of ozone layer

BEIJING, 13 July—China will celebrate the ninth "International Ozone Protection Day", which falls on September 16, by awarding organizations, projects and individuals who help to protect the ozone layer. Six ozone-sphere protection awards will be jointly conferred by the State Environmental Protection Administration and the China Environmental Culture Promotion Association on individuals or organizations committed to protecting the ozone layer. According to the award organizing committee, five awards will be given to those who have made special efforts to protecting the ozone layer within the past 12 months. The other golden award will be dedicated to an organization or individual who has demonstrated a more long-term commitment.

The awards will be issued for the following six consecutive years

MNA/Xinhua

## Second service woman dies in Iraq

FORT CARSON (Colorado), 13 July—An Army sergeant killed by a gunshot wound in Iraq became the second US servicewoman to die in the war.

Sgt Melissa Valles, 26, of Eagle Pass, Texas, died Wednesday from non-combat injuries, according to the Defense Department. The accident in Balad, a city 55 miles north of Baghdad, was under investigation and details were not released. Valles was with the headquarters detachment of 64th Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Fort Carson officials said Friday. "We know it is a gunshot wound to the abdomen. We just don't know the circumstances," said Lt-Col Tom Budzyna, base spokesman. The first woman to die in the Iraq war was Pfc Lori Piestewa, 22, of Tuba City, Arizona, who was killed March 23. She was with Pfc Jessica Lynch when their Humvee crashed into another vehicle. —Internet



US soldiers patrol a neighbourhood in Baghdad, Iraq on 12 July, 2003. —INTERNET

## NZ astronomers discover planet much bigger than Earth

WELLINGTON, 13 July—New Zealand Canterbury University astronomers have broken international ground with the discovery of a planet 38 times the size of Earth, according to the South Island-based *The Press* Saturday.

Doctoral scholar David Ramm, along with his supervisors, Professor John Hearnshaw and Jovan Skuljan, stumbled on the planet three weeks ago, and the team broke

the news Friday to envious colleagues worldwide.

"It was unbelievable," Ramm said. "You never imagine you will actually do something like this — unbeliev-

able." The planet itself is too dim to see directly but sits next to a parent star in the southern Milky Way. As the planet orbits the star — this takes 324 days — the tug of the planet makes the star wobble. Ramm discovered the star's wobble by chance, and the team later found 13-year-old satellite data that proved the planet's existence and size. Of the 100 or so "extra-solar" planets discovered since the first in 1995, this is one of the biggest.

Its next transit of the star is May 2004 when, Professor Hearnshaw said, every astronomer worldwide will be watching. "It's a huge thing for New Zealand because there are only about a dozen astronomers in our country out of 7,000 worldwide and we have discovered something as large as this, right here." Ramm, a Foundation for Research Science and Technology Top Achiever doctoral scholar, was working on an unrelated project at Mount John Observatory, near Tekapo, when he made the discovery. —MNA/Xinhua

## Beijing sees improving air quality

BEIJING, 13 July—The air quality of Beijing has improved markedly with particulate matters in the air reduced by 28.1 per cent in the first five months of the year compared with last year.

According to statistics from the State Forestry Administration (SFA), only seven sandstorms hit northern China in the first half of the year, a drastic decline when compared with 18 sandstorms in 2001 and 12 in 2002. Beijing has reported no sandstorm this year.

Beijing also made progress in controlling sand and soil erosion, with the amount of fallen dust reducing by 13.2 percent last year

over the figure for 2001, according to the SFA. The volume of silt washed into the Miyun Reservoir, a major drinking water source for Beijing, was 25,000 tons less in 2002 than the amount for the previous year.

SFA deputy director Li Yucai attributed these achievements to improvements in ecological environment in areas around Beijing.

Starting from May 2000, the Chinese Government launched a project to improve vegetation in desert areas in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Hebei and Shanxi provinces, Beijing and Tianjin municipalities.

MNA/Xinhua



US Army soldier orders an Iraqi to get against a fence while detaining him in Baghdad, Iraq on 12 July, 2003. —INTERNET

## Models of West European Democracy Cannot be Exported

Aung Moe San

US President George W Bush said, "Our biggest export is 'freedom' and this is our world standpoint." Since the time of President Carter, the US has been using its human rights and democracy norms as its policy guideline. Especially, since the dissolution of East European communism in 1989, the US has presumed that it is able to transfer human rights and democracy as a political export item without facing any resistance or hindrance. However, some East European countries that had acquiesced and pursued this ideology were confronted with the rise of religious intolerance and racial chauvinism followed by blood baths, and the people's lives were put in jeopardy.

During his presidency, Clinton announced that there would be "a flourishing of human rights and democracy in China". But contrary to what America anticipated China has followed its own path to development. Asian countries including Japan, China, South Korea, Singapore and Malaysia, which have achieved remarkable economic success, have never followed the West European or American models mindlessly. Hence, the nations of the world have been changing and developing in accord with their own historical background and process, and their own social, political, economic and environmental conditions. Whether it is the advice of a wise man given in utmost sincerity the important thing is that it should be in accord with the objective conditions of life.

Today's international events have proved that efforts to transform the political superstructure first without making changes in the base of economic production of a backward and developing country cannot provide the proper foundation for the flourishing of democracy. Developing and backward countries can establish democracy only with advancement in their economy and productivity. Democracy can thrive only with the development of productive forces. Because the majority of countries in East Europe had given priority to the introduction of democracy, which is a political freedom that belongs to the superstructure, before developing and modernizing their economy and productivity, they have earned a lot of misery in spite of all their efforts. The result is that, there is now greater decline than development. This opening up of political freedom first before consolidating the economic foundations is like urging a child to run before it can walk so to speak. No matter the good will, the end result in bringing about such a transition will be hardship in practical life. The flourishing and development of democratic norms and practice is dependent on a proportionate advance in the economic standard, social standard and intellectual standard of a nation or society.

The uncontrolled opening up of freedom in communities, which lack development in all these three sectors will only bring about an ultra democracy or a distorted form of democracy that will only hinder and obstruct the road to progress of a society. Turning a blind eye to these factors, today's West European powers have been and are still trying to impose their models of democracy on world nations as if it were an export item. In doing so, they are using the methods of launching limited wars, imposing economic sanctions and applying pressures through the UN and thus preparing the way for their minions inside the victimized country to grab power. But all these methods have never yielded results as expected and have ended in failure at the cost of a large amount of capital.

The method of launching limited wars destroys lives and property on both sides. For example: the Vietnam, Korean and the Indochina Wars that were launched by America and some western countries after World War II. The method of imposing economic sanctions also incurs economic losses and downturns. America is the country that imposes the largest number of economic sanctions in the world. According to the study of the International Economic Bureau, the economic sanctions have cost America from US \$ 15 billion to US \$ 17 billion in economic losses and a lay-off of 200,000 jobs. The method of applying pressure through the UN will not magically turn a developing nation into a prosperous democracy as if it had been dipped into an enchanted pool. It will only push the country towards isolation and the freedom to make its own choices.

The attempts to pave the way for their minions to seize power will further lead to escalation of internal tensions of the victimized country and also create much suffering for the people.

This blind and prejudiced meddling in Myanmar's home affairs, supporting one side while opposing the other by America and its West European allies have adversely

affected the nation's internal stability. It has created obstacles and hindered the nation's efforts to establish peace and stability in the country to set up a democratic State and a market-oriented economy. The 15 years of attempts to use such methods to impose West European norms of democracy in Myanmar have been of no avail. This is because their methods ignore the interest of the people and represent just a single select group. In reality, the industrialized nations of the world should help to guide the backward and developing countries in their efforts to adopt democracy with a more positive attitude.

Japan's attempts to dominate the Asian market through military might during World War II were unsuccessful. But during the post WWII Cold War Era, Japan through economic measures alone was able to dominate not only the Asia market but also the global market. If asked why, the answer is that the Japanese products proved to be of benefit to countries all around the globe. In contrast, the international community sees America and its allies as hegemonic and neo-colonialist as they, instead of using methods acceptable worldwide instead choose to wage wars, impose economic sanctions and use drastic methods to intimidate others. That is why, America has even been dubbed the World Policeman.

It will be totally wrong to assume that poverty, hunger and hardship will cause unrest in the name of democracy in Myanmar today. Because a community that suffers from economic hardship and poverty lacks discipline and knowledge, and less ability to distinguish between right and wrong and this can give rise to anarchy and the establishment of a "mobocracy" ruled by gangsters. In such a state of affairs there will be no other option but a military coup. If such were the situation there would follow an endless cycle of military coups with military rule leaving the house by the front door and entering it again from the window.

Dr. Gunnar K. Myrdal in an excerpt from Volume 2 of his book "An Inquiry into the Poverty of Nations", states as follows concerning the adoption of a democratic system in developing countries, the Independence Era: The newly independent Asian nations in drawing up their Constitutions usually included a full set of democratic rights, which even the West European nations could enjoy only after they had become fully advanced nations. The concept of the right to vote for everyone is also related to the popular notion of economic and social "egalitarianism". In the drafting and finalizing of these Constitutions, eminent experts in Constitutional Law of the West were also consulted. But questions such as: Will it be feasible if a political system equipped with all the characteristics of a political democracy is set up in a developing country? What would be the consequences? were not pondered seriously. And till now, there is still weakness in such practical considerations. Nobody has seriously considered why the foundations of the new democratic nations that emerged in middle, eastern and southern Europe after the end of the World War I are still so unstable. The capitalist democratic powers of West Europe never heeded the fact that their countries had also practised a limited form of democracy by restricting voting rights 30 to 40 years before reaching the stage of modernization and development. But for the new generation of emerging nations they ignored or failed to see that the political organizational set up and conditions of most of these nations were not yet fully developed.

The above-mentioned statement is the assessment made by Dr Gunnar K Myrdal from the social science point of view.

Even in present day America, which may be termed the Grandfather of World Democracy, its people are not able to observe and live up to the norms of democracy of their country:

On 14 May 2000, thousands of American women gathered in downtown Washington and participated in the march of one million moms. Similar demonstrations were also staged in another 70 cities around the nation in addition to the one in Washington. The main cause of the march was effective gun control. The number of American children killed by the guns in 1994 was 4,223. Although the figure was 28 per cent down in 1997, the shooting at Columbine High School had frightened the entire US.

Fifteen students were killed in the shooting at Columbine High School in the State of Colorado. The moms were staging a mass demonstration, as the country could not effectively solve the problem of how to enact and enforce a strict gun carrying law though one year had gone by since the

### 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

### Efficient use of electricity

- \* Use daylight as the main source of light
- \* Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- \* Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- \* Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp every day by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

### Efficient use of fuel

- \* Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
- \* Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US\$ 5.5 million in a year
- \* The amount, US \$ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River

## Do not be bolstered whenever flattered.

Columbine High School incident. While the moms were on strike to demand strict gun control law, they faced a counter demonstration by a few other groups. The counter demonstrators stated that the rights of US citizens, which included the right to carry guns, should not be violated and that it was a right granted by the American Constitution.

The spokesman of the American National Rifle Association (NRA) also said that the requirement to register and obtain a licence for carrying guns amounted to a breach of an amendment to the Constitution in this regard and a violation of freedom. Here we see the right of every American citizen to carry a gun granted by the Constitution as opposed to the danger that the American people were faced with. In addition, the hijacking of passenger planes and the terrorist attack on 11 September 2001 are appalling indications of the lack of security of American democracy.

Hence the Western bloc countries headed by America should assess and take heed of the fact that their system and norms of democracy which have yet to suit their people, should not be exported to developing countries either by fair means or foul.

There is clear indication that their democracy models have not succeeded so far in Afghanistan and Iraq, which were militarily occupied by the US and its allies not so long ago. Sadly, the peoples of the two countries are still facing a lot of poverty and hardship. If the democracy models of the US and the West should be forcefully imposed on the two countries, they will surely disintegrate and bloodbaths would ensue.

A nation and its people can learn from the experiences of other countries and races. However, the nations and the peoples concerned can only build up the right and proper democratic system depending on the extent of their economic, political and social development. A human society cannot overcome its difficulties and hardships by just enacting a law or by impetuous and daredevil acts.

The law of social science says that only if the right laws of the historical process can be found and pursued correctly can inherent sufferings be reduced.

Thus, I would like to present my view that western models of democracies cannot be exported to a country if they are not in conformity with the society of that country and that this is a violation of the law of social science, which maintains that democracy can be built only with the development and advancement of productivity.

(Translation: TMT)



## Secretary-1 attends Waso-robe offering ceremony of Kaba-Aye Maha Gandayon Monastery

YANGON, 13 July — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Khin Nyunt attended the Waso-robe offering ceremony of Kaba-Aye Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery held this morning at the monastery and presented Waso robes and offertories.

State Ovadacariya Shwekyin Sasanabaing Sayadaw Bhaddanta Rajindabhivamsa administered the congregation with the Nine Precepts. Next, members of the Sangha recited parittas.

Next, the Secretary-1, the commander, the ministers and the deputy ministers offered Waso robes and alms to the members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, Tipitaka

Maha Gandayon Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Maha Gantha Vacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kavidhaja supplicated on holding of the ceremony to present prizes to 150 members of the Sangha who passed the religious examinations and honorary awards to 39 Sayadaws.

Presiding Nayaka of Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monasteries Tipitaka Dhara Dhamma Banda Garika Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhamma Pali Paragu Bhaddanta Sumangala Lankara (PhD) delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained. Later, the ceremony concluded with the three-time recitation of *Buddha Sasanam Ciram Thitthatu*.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San donate Waso robes and offertories to a Sayadaw. (News on page 1)—MNA

## Unprecedented achievement...

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Next, Chairman of Kawthoung District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Kyaw Phyto reported to the Secretary-2 and party on the location of the district, implementation of five rural development tasks, construction of new roads and bridges, improvement of health and education, cultivation of paddy and local food sufficiency. He also reported on 46,209 acres of oil palm planted by entrepreneurs and local people till 2002 and future plans, sale of fish and prawn to foreign countries and poultry farming tasks.

The Secretary-2 delivered an address, saying that Taninthayi Division has a lot of land and water resources which can uplift the agriculture, livestock breeding and mineral sectors of the division. The Government is also creating opportunities with various ways for development of the division. Today's Kawthoung region is different from the situation in the past.

Bayintnaung Statue and Bayintnaung Hall have been built to be able to foster nationalism. And roads inside and outside the town have been extended and renovated.

As a result of upgrading Kawthoung Airport and the airport building, now Jet planes carrying passengers can land on it.

Kawthoung-Khamaukkayi-Bokpyin-Myeik-Dawei Union Highway is under construction. Similarly, the bank of Kawthoung was kept to be pleasant and new Tawwin Jetty was also built. In addition, Yinwa Dam was built for supply of drinking water.

In Kawthoung, over

960 telephones have been installed through auto-telephone system in the telecommunication sector.

In the past, there were two Basic Education High Schools, but there are nine now. Altogether 142 basic education schools have been opened to enable the youths to gain opportunities to learn basic education.

Likewise, Kawthoung District Hospital has been upgraded to the 100-bed one to uplift health care services.

With the permission of the State, nine private entrepreneurs have cultivated 4,500 acres of oil palm plantations. The entrepreneurs gave job opportunities to the local people and opened schools and dispensaries for them. TV retransmission stations have been built in Kawthoung, Bokpyin, Karathuri and Aungba.

There are endeavours of the State with genuine goodwill for all-round development and living standard of the local people in Kawthoung District. As the local people and local authorities have cooperated with the State, the region achieved success in a short time without any foreign aids.

In future, the State, the people and the Tatmadaw are to join hands for the development of the region with added momentum and ensuring security in the region.

Local authorities and personnel, are urged to serve the interests of the local people. Emphasis is to be placed on ensuring economic development of the local people. However, tasks are to be carried out in line with the existing laws and disciplines in serving the interests of the



Secretary-1 General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe offer Waso robes and provisions to a Sayadaw. (News on page 1)—MNA

people.

The Secretary-2 presented 1,000 dozens of exercise books for the basic education schools in Kawthoung District to Kawthoung Township Education Officer U Saw Shein, and cordially greeted the departmental officials.

After the ceremony, at Myintzuthaka Hall the Secretary-2 and Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with national entrepreneurs who are growing edible oil crops in Taninthayi Division.

Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Soe Win and Lt-Gen Maung Bo yesterday morning met with oil crops growers at Bayintnaung Hall in Kawthoung Station.

Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye reported on arrangements being made for cultivation of oil crops on 500,000 acres of land in the division, cultivation of oil crops by district-wise national entrepreneurs and other growers and thriving of the plantations.

Managing Director U Myint Oo of Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise reported on cultivation of oil crops and officials of the oil crop-growing compa-

nies on cultivation of oil crops and efforts to meet the targets of the cultivation. Next, Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann said the oil crops cultivation project is the one that will be beneficial in the long run.

The State has been allocating lands to cultivate oil crops and fulfilling the needs in education and health sectors of workers and their families of oil crops plantations.

It is required for the entrepreneurs to make efforts for successful implementation of the project. Regional authorities are also to participate in the project, he said.

The Secretary-2 explained the arrangements to fulfil the needs in rice sufficiency of Taninthayi Division and other requirements.

Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, the Secretary-2 and party arrived at Bokpyin by motorboat in the afternoon where they were welcomed by Brig-Gen Thein Htaik of Bokpyin Station and officials. At Thapayay Hall of the Township Peace and Development Council Office, Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann and the Secretary-2 met with the council chair-

man and members, departmental staff, members of social organizations and local authorities.

The chairman of Township PDC reported on area of the township, cultivation of paddy and crops, raising of chickens and prawns, implementation of the projected works and staff welfare tasks.

The Secretary-2 explained regional development, local self-sufficiency of rice, extension of agricultural and livestock breeding tasks.

Then, Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann urged the officials to make efforts for the development of Bokpyin

region and to organize the local people to take part in the development tasks. He then cordially greeted those present at the meeting.

After that Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, the Secretary-2 and party viewed round Bokpyin Township.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, who is included in the tour of Taninthayi Division on 11 July, went to Kawthoung District Information and Public Relations Department in Kawthoung where he inspected the information tasks and gave necessary instructions to the staff.

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## H&T Deputy Minister leaves for Hong Kong

YANGON, 13 July — Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu together with Director-General U Khin Maung Latt left here for Hong Kong to attend Asian Region Tourism Revitalization Conference, organized by World Tourism Organization WTO and Boao Forum for Asia, which will be held in Hong Kong

Special Administrative Region, the People's Republic of China from 14 to 15 July.

The deputy minister and party were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Managing Director of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services U Htay Aung and officials and families of the delegation. —MNA



*Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann meets with oil palm growers at Bayinnaung Hall in Kawthoung Station.—MNA*

## Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects development undertakings in Mon State

YANGON, 13 July—Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence together with Deputy Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Myo Hla, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of department, arrived at Wekalaung Village, Thanbyuzayat Township, Mon State, on 7 July morning.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Mawlamyine District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Thaw Zin, local authorities, members of social organizations and local people. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party attended the opening of the reinforced concrete bridge built on self-reliant basis in the village.

The Chairman of Thanbyuzayat Township Peace and Development Council, and the Chairman of Wekalaung Village Peace and Development Council formally opened the bridge.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected the bridge.

The bridge was built at a cost of K 5,838,420 contributed by local people with the help of the Township Development Affairs Committee. With the use of the bridge, people from Anin, Htinu, Ankhe and Wekalaung Villages can now travel to Thanbyuzayat, thereby contributing to smooth flow of commodities in the region.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to Theinkyaung Monastery and paid homage to Presiding Sayadaw of the monastery Bhaddanta Silateja and presented offertories to him.

Next, they arrived at the prawn breeding farm of Son Food/TMA Co at the side of Karuppi Creek in Karuppi Village. At the briefing hall, Director of the company U Hnin Oo reported on breeding of prawn on 130.2 acres of land, obtaining of prawn fry, and arrangements for marketing of prawn.

Next, Deputy Director-General of Fisheries Department U Hla Win reported on provision of technological knowledge-how and prawn fry to private prawn breeders.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo

attended to the needs and gave necessary instructions.

He then inspected catching of prawn at the farm. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived at sea prawn breeding camp of Pyi Phy Kyaw Co at the side of Karuppi Creek in Panga Village of the township. The Managing Director of the company reported on land allocated for breeding of prawn, progress of work, breeding of prawn and target for producing of prawn.

Next, departmental officials reported on assistance provided to the private entrepreneurs.

Then, Lt-Gen Maung Bo attended to the requirements and inspected arrangements for marketing of prawn and catching of prawn.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to sea prawn breeding camp of Myan Naing Myint Co in Setse region, Thanbyuzayat Township. Managing Director U Maung Maung Myint of the company and Manager U Kyaw Soe Moe reported on location and objective of the company, breeding of prawn fry and work requirement.

Next, departmental officials gave supplementary reports. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions. He said that the government has been making tremendous efforts for all-round development of the State and enhancing of the socio-economic life of the people. Priority is being given to better transport for the national development while making efforts for effective tapping of land and water resources for economic development of the State.

Mon State is rich in natural resources. There are full of favourable natural conditions that could lead to progress in agriculture and livestock breeding sectors. Thus, extended breeding of sea prawn needed to be carried out. Officials concerned are to provide necessary assistance to the private prawn breeders.

The national entrepreneurs and the companies who are engaged in prawn breeding in Mon State are to provide technological know-how to those who are breed-

ing prawn on a manageable scale. Departmental officials are to strive together with local authorities for regional development with the effective use of land and water resources.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived at the rural health care centre of Kwanta Village, Mudon Township and greeted departmental officials, health staff and expectant mothers.

They then looked into cultivation of paddy on model Manawthukha paddy plot of Myanma Agriculture Service. At the briefing hall, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with departmental officials, local farmers and village-elders. Officials reported on progress in cultivation of 310,010 acres of monsoon paddy representing 46.11 per cent against the target of 672,298 acres, arrangements for cultivation of 137,050 acres of summer paddy and other crops.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo made a speech. He said that the government has laid down the five rural development tasks and are implementing them for development of rural areas where the majority of the people reside. At the same time, the 24 development regions have been designated and work is well under way for bringing about harmonious development in all states and divisions including border areas, he pointed out. Free trading of rice will be granted in the coming year in the interests of the farmers and the people as well as for ensuring development of the market-oriented system.

It was encouraging to note the condition of paddy cultivation in Mon State and the departmental officials and the people are to make concerted efforts for exceeding the target, he added.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo greeted the local farmers.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party went to Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) construction project in Mawlamyine, Mon State. Chief Engineer U Han Zaw of Public Works reported on the salient points of the project. Next, Deputy Superintending Engineer U Myo

Chit and Deputy Superintending Engineer U Ohn Han reported on progress of work, work being carried out and future tasks.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on earlier completion of the project, meeting set standard and worksite safety, minimizing of loss and wastage.

The bridge will be connected with large approach structures on both Mottama and Mawlamyine banks. The bridge's approach structure for the motorway will be 1,624 feet long on the Mawlamyine bank; and 2,252 feet long on the Mottama bank. Thus, the total length of the road on the



*Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects prawn processing works of Pyi Phy Kyaw Co Ltd in Thanbyuzayat Township.—MNA*

bridge will be 11,575 feet long. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived at Mawlamyine Industrial Zone. At the briefing hall, the chairman of the industrial zone supervisory committee reported on facts about the industrial zone.

Next, Engineer U Aye Kyaw of Mon State Electric Power Enterprise reported on power supply to the industrial zone and officials of Mawlamyine Township Development Affairs Committee on water supply to the industrial zone.

Next, the industrialists reported on requirements.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo made a speech. He said that as Myanmar is an agro-based country the government is making efforts in all aspects for development of the industrial sector. In accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, altogether 18 indus-

## Dhammaçakka Day observed

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Tazaung this morning. Members of the pagoda board of trustees and donors presented Waso robes and offertories to the Sayadaws. Soe Moe Kyaw, Min Htet Tha and Kanthoo Kantha lottery shops offered 'soon' to members of the Sangha. Similarly, Wednesday Evening Sanitation Association donated Waso robes to the Buddha images at the pagoda. Likewise, Botahtaung Pagoda was crowded with devotees. Sayadaws administered Desanas to the congregation at the Dhammayon of the pagoda.

At Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagoda, wut associations recited Dhammaçakka Sutta and Anatta Lakkhana Sutta at the prayer hall of the pagoda. Members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees offered Waso robes to the Buddha images. Devotees and pilgrims thronged the pagoda from morning to evening. Similarly, the sixth Dhammaçakka Day was observed at Tooth Relic Pagoda in Mayangon Township. Members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees offered Waso robes to members of the Sangha.

Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and wife and officials attended the third Buddha Pujaniya of Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image on Mindhamma Hill in Insein Township this morning. The deputy minister and wife donated Waso robes, fruits, 'soon', water, flowers and incense sticks to the Image.

The 26th Dhammaçakka Day was held by All Myanmar Buddhist Organization at Sasana Beikman of the organization in Bahan Township. Present were Chairman of the organization and officials. At Ngahtatgyi Pagoda, Members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees offered fruits, 'soon', water, flowers and incense sticks to the Buddha image. Wellwishers served the devotees and pilgrims with refreshments. Likewise, Chaukhtatgyi, Koedatgyi, Kyaythun Phayagyi, Shwephonepwin, Mogaung and Kyaikkasan pagodas were crowded with devotees and pilgrims.—MNA

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whenever appeased**

trial zones were established in states and divisions and work is well under way for development of the respective industrial zones. Efforts are to be made to develop and modernize the nation through development of industrial sector.

The industrial zones are to produce many items which are cost-effective and of high quality. The industrialists are to make efforts for industrial development through innovation. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected the production process of an automobile. The Mawlamyine Industrial Zone is running with 14 major industries, 31 medium industries and 112 small industries.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected fertilizing of 8 acres of farmland of farmer U Tun in Zathabyin Village, Kayin State and greeted with local farmers. First, Deputy Direc-

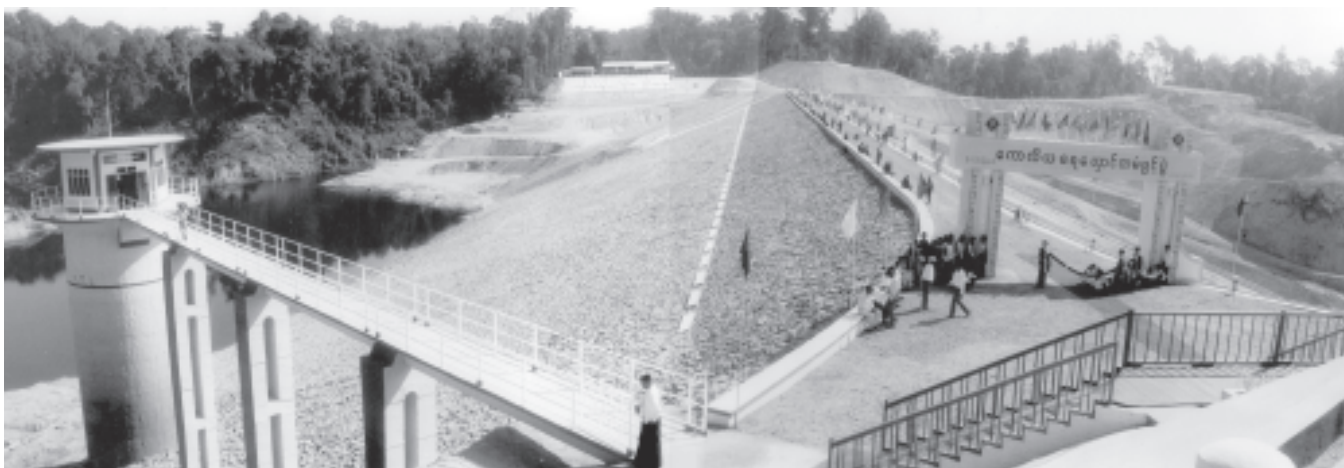
tor of Kayin State Irrigation Department U Aung Kyaw Win reported on land reclamation and digging of canals to prevent floods in the wetlands.

Next, Chairman of Hpa-an District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Soe Myint Aung reported on plan for reclamation of 25,465 acres of land in Kayin State and reclamation of 2,270 acres of lands in 2003-2004.

Next, Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Cho Tun Aung gave a supplementary report. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions, saying that local people, farmers and local authorities are to make collective efforts for national development and development of their state through full cultivation of summer paddy and monsoon paddy. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo cordially greeted the local people and farmers.—MNA



## Towards further progress



*The Kawliya Dam in DaikU Township, Bago Division was opened on 22 March 2003. It can irrigate about 24,500 acres of farmland and will prevent floods in Yenwe and Pyuntaza plain. — MNA*



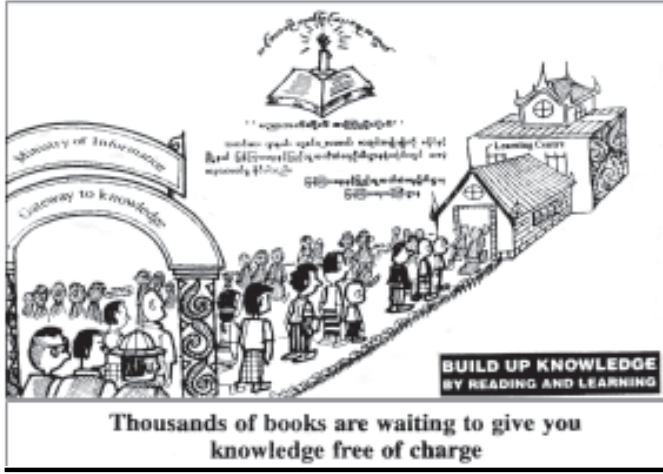
*Aerial view of Dedaye Bridge linking Kungyangon Township and Dedaye Township seen on 23-3-2003, the opening day.— MNA*



*The site for Coal-fired Power Station (Tikyit) Project being implemented by Myanma Electric Power Enterprise. The project is expected to be completed before the end of 2003.— MNA*



*The Paunglaung Hydel Power Project is being implemented on the Paunglaung River, a tributary at the upper reaches of the Sittoung River, 11 miles east of Pyinmana. On completion, the Paunglaung Hydel Power Plant will generate 911 million kilowatt-hours of electricity yearly. The photo shows the underground construction worksite at the project.—(YANKIN SOE MIN)*



## ADVERTISEMENTS

ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်  
ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးကော်မရှင်အဖွဲ့  
ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ် ၂၀/၂၀၀၃  
(၂၀၀၃ ခုနှစ် ဇူလိုင်လ ၈ ရက်)

လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ လူမှုဝန်ထမ်း၊ ကယ်ဆယ်ရေးနှင့် ပြန်လည်နေရာချထားရေး  
ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ မီးသတ်ဦးစီးဌာန (ရုံးချုပ်)နှင့် ဗဟိုမီးသတ်သင်တန်း  
ကျောင်း(ပြင်ဦးလွင်)တွင် လစ်လပ်လျက်ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ  
ရာထူးအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများ အလံ့ရှိပါသည်။

ရာထူး ပညာအရည်အချင်း လစ်လပ်  
ဦးစီးအရာရှိ (ဆရာဝန်) ဆေးပညာဘွဲ့ ၂ နေရာ  
(စီမံ-၂)

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-

(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။

(ခ) ၅-၈-၂၀၀၃ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၄၀ နှစ် ထက်မကျော်လွန်သူ  
ဖြစ်ရမည်။

(ဂ) လုပ်ငန်းသဘာဝအရ အမျိုးသားဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးကော်မရှင်အဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၅-၈-၂၀၀၃  
နေ့ အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့်  
စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၅၀/-ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေဖြေ  
နှုတ်ဖြေ စစ်ဆေးမှု အတွက်လေ့လာရန် လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့် စပ်လျဉ်း၍  
ဤအဖွဲ့ကကြေညာချက် အမှတ် ၁/၉၁ ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန် ထားသော  
ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ကကြော်ငြာ ခေါ်ယူသော ရာထူးများသို့  
လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လမ်းညွှန်စာစောင် ပါ  
သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်သည်။

၅။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့် မန္တလေးမြို့များတွင် ရေဖြေစာမေးပွဲစာစစ်ဌာနများ  
ထားရှိမည်။ မိမိဖြေဆိုလိုသောစာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ရှင်းလင်း  
တိကျစွာ ဖော်ပြရမည်။

၆။ ၃၀-၈-၂၀၀၃ နေ့နှင့် ၃၁-၈-၂၀၀၃ နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ်  
ရေးဖြေ စာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၂၈-၈-၂၀၀၃ နေ့မှစ၍ မန္တလေးတိုင်း  
အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီရုံးနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးတို့တွင်  
ဖြေဆိုခွင့်ကတ်ပြားများကိုထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၇။ စုစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုပါက ပြည်နယ်/တိုင်း၊ ခရိုင်နှင့်မြို့နယ်အေးချမ်း  
သာယာရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီရုံးများ၊ ပြည်နယ်/တိုင်း၊ မြို့နယ်အလုပ်  
သမားညွှန်ကြားရေး ဦးစီးဌာနရုံးများတွင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့  
လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်း အမှတ် (၃၇၈၀၆၃)သို့ဖြစ်စေ  
ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

### ရန်ကုန်နိုင်ငံခြားဘာသာတက္ကသိုလ်

ပထမနှစ်ဒီပလိုမာသင်တန်းသားများခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ ၂၀၀၃-၂၀၀၄ ပညာသင်နှစ်အတွက် ရန်ကုန်နိုင်ငံခြား ဘာသာ  
တက္ကသိုလ်သို့ ဒီပလိုမာသင်တန်းတက်ရောက်ခွင့်ကို အောက်ပါ  
အရည်အချင်းနှင့် ပြည့်စုံသူများ လျှောက်ထားနိုင်ပါသည်။

(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။

(ခ) နိုင်ငံတော်ကအသိအမှတ်ပြုထားသော ဘွဲ့၊ တစ်ခုခု  
ရရှိထားသူဖြစ်ရမည်။

၂။ ၂၀၀၃ ခုနှစ်၊ ဩဂုတ်လ(၈)ရက်နေ့ နောက်ဆုံးထား၍  
လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းကြရပါမည်။ သင်တန်းဝင်ခွင့် စာမေးပွဲဖြင့်  
သင်တန်းသားများကို ရွေးချယ်ယူပါမည်။ သင်တန်းဝင်ခွင့်နှင့်  
ပတ်သက်၍ အသေးစိတ်သိလိုပါက ရုံးခန့်အတွင်း မော်ကွန်းထိန်း  
ရုံးခန့် (စာမေးပွဲဌာန)တွင် လာရောက်စုံစမ်း မေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။  
(ဖုန်း - ၅၁၅၂၆၆)

(ကြည်ကြည်ဆွေ)

မော်ကွန်းထိန်း

ရန်ကုန်နိုင်ငံခြားဘာသာတက္ကသိုလ်

## ပြည်တွင်းပြစ်ကိုအားပေးပါ

# Annan says Africa must fight harder against "AIDS"

MAPUTO, 13 July — UN Secretary General Kofi Annan urged Africans on Thursday to make fighting AIDS their top priority and told international donors they had to do more.

In a speech at the second summit of the African Union in Mozambique, Annan called on African leaders to break the deadly wall of silence surrounding the continent's pandemic. Close to 30 million people in Africa are thought to be infected with HIV.

"(Make) the fight against AIDS a priority second to none," he told the African leaders. "Africa's efforts are being systematically undermined — by a virus so cruel that it strikes young adults as they are poised to enter their most productive years, and assume the mantle of leader-

ship," Annan said.

"Spending on the fight against HIV/AIDS by African governments, the US and the EU (European Union) has risen significantly, but it is still not enough. Twice as much is needed, this year, next year, and every year, for the foreseeable future," he said.

Of some 30 million HIV carriers in Africa, only about 50,000 now receive life-prolonging anti-retroviral drugs, the only treatment known to slow the progress of AIDS.

South Africa — which with close to five million HIV infections has the highest caseload in the world — has resisted providing the drugs in public hospitals, saying they are too expensive, untested and possibly toxic. South African President Thabo Mbeki is the current chairman of the AU.

US President George W. Bush, currently on an African tour, has pledged 15 billion US dollars, over five years to fight AIDS in Africa and the Caribbean, but health experts and activists worry the actual funding approved by Congress may be far less.

UNAIDS Director Peter Piot said HIV/AIDS was Africa's biggest development challenge but funding to fight it was lagging. "Sixty million Africans have been touched by AIDS in the most immediate way. They are either living with HIV, have died of AIDS, or they have lost their parents to AIDS," he said.

MNA/Reuters

## Malaysia, Singapore to maintain cooperation on disease outbreak

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 July — Malaysia and Singapore have agreed to maintain the existing framework of mutual cooperation, drawn up during the height of the spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), for future disease outbreaks.

The two nations have also agreed to maintain vigilance and continue surveillance to combat the threat posed by emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, secretary-general at the Malaysian Health Ministry Alias Ali said at a Press con-

ference after the 3rd Malaysia-Singapore Bilateral Meeting on SARS in Putrajaya near here on Friday.

"Both countries look forward to further strengthening bilateral cooperation on SARS and any other health

issues that may arise in the future," he said.

The meeting is a follow-up to the 2nd Malaysia-Singapore Bilateral Meeting on SARS held in Singapore on June 6.

The Malaysian delegation was headed by Alias while the Singapore delegation was led by the country's Permanent Secretary of Health Moses Lee.

Alias said officials of the two countries exchanged information and provided updates on the current SARS situation at the meeting. They also discussed prevention and control activities in the two countries.

"Since all countries have been removed from the World Health Organization's list of areas with recent local transmission of SARS, the meeting agreed that both sides will maintain existing framework for future collaboration and cooperation for future disease outbreak," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

### ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်

ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးကော်မရှင်အဖွဲ့

ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ် ၂၇/၂၀၀၃

(၂၀၀၃ ခုနှစ် ဇူလိုင်လ ၈ ရက်)

လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ စုစမ်းအင်စနစ်ကြီးဌာန၊ မြန်မာ့ရေနံဓာတုဗေဒလုပ်ငန်းတွင် လစ်လပ်  
လျက်ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများ  
အလံ့ရှိပါသည်။

ရာထူး ပညာအရည်အချင်း လစ်လပ်  
(က) အလုပ်ရုံခွဲစွဲ (စီမံရေး)/ စက်မှုအင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ ၁၀ နေရာ  
တတိယအင်ဂျင်နီယာ

(ခ) အလုပ်ရုံခွဲစွဲ (စီမံရေး)/ လျှပ်စစ်စနစ်အား ၃ နေရာ  
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(ဂ) အလုပ်ရုံခွဲစွဲ (စီမံရေး)/ အီလက်ထရွန်းနစ် ၄ နေရာ  
တတိယအင်ဂျင်နီယာ အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့

(ဃ) အလုပ်ရုံခွဲစွဲ (ထုတ်လုပ်ရေး)/ ဓာတုအင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ ၁၈ နေရာ  
တတိယဓာတုဗေဒအရာရှိ

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-

(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။

(ခ) ၅-၈-၂၀၀၃ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက  
အသက် ၄၀ နှစ်)ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးကော်မရှင်အဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၅-၈-၂၀၀၃  
နေ့ အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့်  
စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၅၀/-ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေဖြေ  
နှုတ်ဖြေ စစ်ဆေးမှု အတွက်လေ့လာရန် လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့် စပ်လျဉ်း၍  
ဤအဖွဲ့ကကြေညာချက် အမှတ် ၁/၉၁ ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန် ထားသော  
ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ကကြော်ငြာ ခေါ်ယူသော ရာထူးများသို့  
လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လမ်းညွှန်စာစောင် ပါ  
သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်သည်။

၅။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့် မန္တလေးမြို့များတွင် ရေဖြေစာမေးပွဲစာစစ်ဌာနများ  
ထားရှိမည်။ မိမိဖြေဆိုလိုသောစာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ရှင်းလင်း  
တိကျစွာ ဖော်ပြရမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို  
မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှ တစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏  
ခွင့်ပြုချက်ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးကော်မရှင်ရုံးသို့ ၅-၈-  
၂၀၀၃ နေ့အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ဓာတ်ပုံနှင့်အတူ  
ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၇။ ၃၀-၈-၂၀၀၃ နေ့နှင့် ၃၁-၈-၂၀၀၃ နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ်  
ရေးဖြေ စာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၂၈-၈-၂၀၀၃ နေ့မှစ၍ မန္တလေးတိုင်း  
အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီရုံးနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးတို့တွင်  
ဖြေဆိုခွင့်ကတ်ပြားများကိုထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၈။ စုစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုပါက ပြည်နယ်/တိုင်း၊ ခရိုင်နှင့်မြို့နယ်  
အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီရုံးများ၊ ပြည်နယ်/တိုင်း၊  
မြို့နယ်အလုပ်သမားညွှန်ကြားရေး ဦးစီးဌာနရုံးများတွင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ ဤအဖွဲ့  
ရုံးသို့ လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်း အမှတ် (၃၇၈၀၆၃)သို့ဖြစ်စေ  
ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

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Daw Kyaing Kyaing offers 'soon' to a member of the Sangha. (News on page 1)—MNA



Daw Mya Mya San offers 'soon' to a member of the Sangha. (News on page 1)—MNA



Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe donates 'soon' to members of the Sangha. (News on page 1)—MNA



Daw Khin Than Nwe donates 'soon' to members of the Sangha. (News on page 1)—MNA

## Waso robe offering ceremony held in Myitkyina

YANGON, 13 July — Kachin State Peace and Development Council and Northern Command held the Waso robe offering ceremony at the city hall in Myitkyina on 9 July morning.

Present were Myitkyina Khemathiun Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Çandavara-

bhivamsa and 18 members of the Sangha, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife, Myitkyina Air Base Commander Brig-Gen Bo Kyi and senior military officers, local authorities, wut associations and guests. The Sayadaw administered the

Five Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta. The commander and wife and wellwishers donated Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaws.

Next, the Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

After the ceremony, the commander and wellwishers offered 'soon' to members of the Sangha.—MNA

## River water pumping projects in Monywa District inspected

YANGON, 13 July — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, accompanied by officials on 9 July evening inspected Panhla project site for digging the canal for water supply in Tawkyauingyi Village in Kamonywa District. At the briefing hall

officials reported on arrangements for pumping water supply, digging of the main canal and tributary canals and supply of water for 3000 acres of farmlands in villages.

Next, the commander gave necessary instructions and viewed the digging of canals.

The commander and party went to (Paukinn)

Mageekwa river water pumping project site in ChaungU Township being undertaken by the Water Resources Utilization Department. Officials reported on digging of the 12000 feet long canal, water supply for 10000 acres of land through the canal. The commander then gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the needs. MNA

## Commander attends 14th Communal Waso robes offering ceremony

YANGON, 13 July — Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council held the 14th Communal Waso robes offering ceremony at Sasana Beikman, Pathein this morning, attended by State Ovadaçariya Kaba Aye Kyaungtaik Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sirindara and members of the Sangha, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and development Council Com-

mander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Htay Oo and wife, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe, officials and wellwishers. The commander and wellwishers offered Waso robes and presented offerings to the Sayadaw. They offered soon to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

The commander attended the 11th Communal Waso robes offering cer-

emony held by South-West Command and Tatmadaw families of Pathein Station. The congregation received Nine Precepts from the Chairman of Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Wailuwun Kyaungtaik Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nagavamsa. The commander and party offered Waso robes and alms to the members of the Sangha. MNA



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meets with staff of Kawthoung District Information and Public Relations Department in Kawthoung.—MNA

## Chanmyay Kyiphyu Thitagu Beikmandaw opened in Toungoo

YANGON, 13 July — The cash donation ceremony in conjunction with the opening ceremony of Chanmyay Kyiphyu Thitagu Beikmandaw at Zeebyubin Sasana Yeiktha Monastery in Toungoo was held at the Beikmandaw on 12 July morning.

Present were Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of the monastery Bhaddanta Suriya and members of the Sangha, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Devel-

opment Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko and wife, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Thura Maung Ni, Brig-Gen Thura Myint Thein of Toungoo Station, officials and wellwishers.

The commander unveiled the stone inscription.

The Sayadaw adminis-

tered the Five Precepts and supplicated on construction of the Beikmandaw. Departments and 139 wellwishers donated K 63 million through the commander, the deputy commander and officials. After the ceremony, the commander and wellwishers offered 'soon' to the Sayadaws.—MNA

**Do not be frightened  
whenever intimidated**

## SPORTS

**Chelsea agree fee for Geremi with Real Madrid**

LONDON, 13 July — Chelsea have agreed a 10-million-euro deal with Real Madrid to sign Cameroonian international midfielder Geremi.

"We now need to speak to the player and agree terms but I am optimistic that he will be coming to Chelsea," Chelsea chief executive Trevor Birch told his club's website on Friday.

A statement by Real Madrid on the Spanish club's official web site read: "The deal between both parties (clubs) has been signed and we are now awaiting for the appropriate guarantees to arrive from Chelsea before July 15 and for the club to agree personal terms with the player, who will also have to undergo a medical." Geremi, who is currently on holiday in Cameroon following the Confederations Cup, spent last season on loan at Middlesbrough.

Chelsea, who were bought by Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich last week, have also agreed a fee to sign West Ham defender Glen Johnson. —MNA/Reuters

**BBC reports Blackburn reject Chelsea's Duff bids**

LONDON, 13 July — Blackburn Rovers have rejected two official bids from Chelsea for winger Damien Duff, the BBC reported on Friday.

Since the arrival of their new owner, Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich, Chelsea have been linked with moves for some of the biggest names in European soccer including Inter Milan's Christian Vieri and Real Madrid's Geremi.

"A very serious bid has been made and rejected (for Duff), and we want the player to stay," Rovers Chief Executive John Williams told the BBC.

The failed offer follows other rejected Chelsea advances on Brazilian Ronaldinho and Juventus' Edgar Davids.

Williams declined to say how much the

London club had offered but said the bid was close to a figure the player could contractually consider.

He said an escape clause in Duff's contract which allows him to talk to other clubs if they offer a certain amount might prompt Chelsea to return with a third bid.

"It depends how serious Chelsea are about wanting to sign him," Williams said.

One bid under Abramovich has been successful. On Thursday West Ham United said they had accepted Chelsea's offer, for an undisclosed fee, for 18-year-old defender Glen Johnson. —MNA/Reuters

**City set up Cathedral service for Foe**

MANCHESTER (England), 13 July — Marc-Vivien Foe's last club Manchester City have announced a memorial service at Manchester Cathedral for the Cameroon international.

Foe was on loan at City last season and the club will pay their respects to the midfielder in the service, which takes place on Wednesday, July 16.

Up to 1,000 people are expected to fill the cathedral and a PA system will be set up to relay the service to supporters outside the building.

The service will be led by Canon Paul Denby and Manchester City's club chaplain, the Reverend Tony Porter.

Foe collapsed and died on June 26 in a 1-0 Confederations Cup semifinal win against Colombia.

He was buried in Yaounde on Monday. An autopsy said a heart problem caused his death.

MNA/Reuters

**Birmingham transfer-list absent Senegal skipper Cisse**

BIRMINGHAM, (England) 13 July — Birmingham City have transfer-listed Senegal international midfielder Aliou Cisse for failing to report for pre-season training, the club's official web site reported on Friday.

Birmingham manager Steve Bruce said Cisse had been put up for sale for "a serious breach of club discipline" and also fined the player the maximum amount allowable, although the size of the fine was not specified.

Cisse, 26, was expected to report back for pre-season training on July 2, but failed to show up. He had been asked to report back earlier than the rest of the squad after missing most of the second half of last season through injury.

But the player told the club he did not know he was expected back as he had lost both of his mobile phones and although that was accepted by the club, he then showed up 90 minutes late when the bulk of the squad met up for the first day of training on Thursday. —MNA/Reuters



Roger Federer from Switzerland walks out of the center court after he won the half final against Gaston Gaudio from Argentina, on 12 July, 2003, during the Allianz Suisse Open in Gstaad, Switzerland. Federer wins the match 6-1, 7-6 (6). —INTERNET

**Les Ferdinand joins promoted Leicester**

LEICESTER, (England), 13 July — Former England striker Les Ferdinand signed a one-year deal with promoted Leicester City on Friday.

Ferdinand, 36, was a free agent after coming to the end of a short-term contract with relegated West Ham, whom he joined from Tottenham Hotspur last season.

Earlier on Friday Leicester manager Micky Adams bought French midfielder Lilian Nalis from Italian club Chievo.

Adams said on the Leicester web site: "I am delighted Les has agreed to join us and that I have been able to bring in someone of his Premiership quality and experience."

"He showed last season when he went to West Ham on loan that there is still plenty of life left in him and I certain that he will be a great acquisition for us." —MNA/Reuters

**Answers for yesterday's Crossword Puzzle****Colombian soccer player nabbed with \$1m in Mexico**

MEXICO CITY, 13 July — Colombian soccer player Carlos Augusto Alvarez Maya was detained at Mexico City's airport on Friday as he tried to leave the country with more than one million US dollars in cash, authorities said.

The former midfielder for Mexico's Necaxa was about to board an Avianca flight for Bogota when he was stopped by federal police. Airport security commissioner Ricardo de los Rios of airport security said Alvarez appeared nervous and raised suspicions.

Under Mexican law, international passengers must declare cash they are carrying greater than 10,000 US dollars. At first, Alvarez said he had been given the bag by two unknown people who asked him to take it to Bogota and he did not know what it contained, officials said. But he later said he was taking the money to his country under contract by an anonymous person, authorities said.

MNA/Reuters

**British, Turkish police to work together for qualifier**

NYON (Switzerland), 13 July — Turkish and British police will work together in a "major security exercise" to ensure Turkey's European Championship qualifier against England in Istanbul on October 11 is trouble free.

Representatives from the football associations of the two countries met for talks with UEFA officials at UEFA headquarters on Friday to try to prevent a repeat of the crowd trouble when the two sides last met in Sunderland on April 2.

"This has been a very fruitful meeting," UEFA's chief executive Gerhard Aigner said.

"We have heard in some detail the preparations that

are underway and together we have agreed the next steps that will be taken.

"The importance of the game is recognized by all concerned."

UEFA have threatened England with expulsion from Euro 2004 in Portugal if their fans are responsible for any more outbreaks of hooliganism and a number of measures were agreed by the authorities.

These will include inten-

sified cooperation between the Turkish and English FAs and the security forces, the two national police forces to work together, and for other joint initiatives to prevent trouble.

The English FA had already announced that they would not be taking any tickets for the game and would actively discourage fans from travelling to the game.

MNA/Reuters



The Olimpia soccer team from Paraguay celebrates their 2-0 victory over San Lorenzo del Almagro to win the Coors Light Recopa at the Los Angeles Coliseum, on 12 July, 2003. —INTERNET



## Commander attends Waso-robe offering ceremony

Yangon, 13 July — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe attended the Waso-robe offering ceremony held at Maha Theindawgyi Monastery in Pabedan Township this afternoon.

At the ceremony, the commander and wellwishers presented Waso robes and offertories to monks.

MNA



*Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo offer Waso robes to Sayadaws at Camp Commandant's Office Waso robes offering ceremony. (News page 16)— MNA*

## Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation offers Waso robes

YANGON, 13 July — The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation held its 12th Waso robes offering ceremony at the meeting hall of the ministry this morning.

Present were State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Joint-Secretary Nyaungdon Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa, Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin and wife, Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint and wife and staff families. Families of the minister, the deputy minister and officials offered Waso robes to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

Next, soon was offered to members of the Sangha.

MNA



*Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe donates Waso robes to a Sayadaw.— YANGON COMMAND*

## Education Minister arrives back from India

Yangon, 13 July — Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Education U Than Aung arrived back here by air this afternoon after attending the International Ministerial Conference on Dialogue among Civilisations-Quest for New Perspective held in New Delhi, India, on 9-10 July.

They were welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport by Minister at the State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Office Lt-Gen Min Thein, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office U Than Shwe, Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar and officials.

Pro-rector Dr Myo Myint of the University of Foreign Languages also arrived back on the same flight.

MNA



*Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and wife offer Waso robes to a Sayadaw.— MNA*

## Dhammacakka Sutta recitation ceremony held at Maha Muni Buddha Image

YANGON, 13 July — Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein attended the Dhammacakka Sutta recitation ceremony of students from basic education schools at Maha Muni Buddha Image in Mandalay on 11 July.

The commander and party offered flowers, water, lights and incense sticks to the Image. Next, they attended the tree planting ceremony at Yaytaguntaung Golf Resort in Patheingyi. — MNA

## Ministry of Rail Transportation offers Waso robes

Yangon, 13 July — The Waso-robe offering ceremony of the Ministry of Rail Transportation was held this morning at Taunggyi Monastery in Bahan Township.

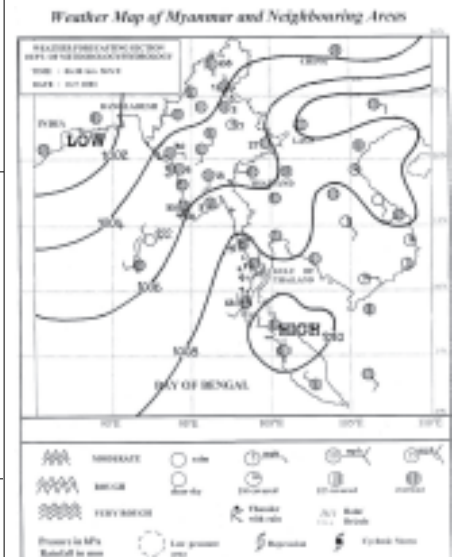
At the ceremony, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min, the deputy ministers and their wives and wellwishers offered Waso robes and offertories to 116 monks.— MNA



*Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min presents Waso robes to a Sayadaw.— RAILWAYS*

## Directorate of Resettlement offers Waso robes

Yangon, 13 July — The 3rd Waso-robe offering ceremony of the Directorate of Resettlement of the Ministry of Defence and Thanmyanthu Family was held at Satyonsu hall of Shwepaukkan Myothit in North Okkalapa Township. At the ceremony, Director of the Directorate of Resettlement Maj-Gen Aung Thein and senior military officers and wellwishers offered Waso robes and offertories to TheingiU Monastery Sayadaw and monks.— MNA



## WEATHER

Sunday, July 13

### Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

**MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Sagaing and Mandalay Division, scattered in Kayin State and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State and Upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mogaung (4.61) inches. Hkamti (4.25) inches, Kawthong (2.60) inches, Myeik and Bago (1.97) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 12-7-2003 was 30.2°C (86°F). Minimum temperature on 13-7-2003 was 21.5°C (71°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 13-7-2003 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 12-7-2003 was (2.6) hours approx. Rainfall on 13-7-2003 was 1 mm at Yangon Airport, 3 mm at Kaba-Aye and 4 mm at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 1096 mm (43.15 inches) at Yangon Airport, 1219 mm (47.99 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1211 mm (47.68 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from West at (16:35) hours MST on 12-7-2003.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is moderate in the Bay of Bengal.

### Forecast valid until evening of 13-7-2003:

Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Bago, Yagon and Taninthayi Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kayin, Mon and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squall with rough Seas are likely attimes off and along Deltaic, Mon-Tanintahyi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (45-40)m.p.h. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Increase of rain in Lower Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-7-2003:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-7-2003:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Tune in today:  
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8.30 am  
Brief news  
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Music  
8.40 am

Perspectives  
8.45 am  
Music  
8.50 am  
National news/Slogan  
9.00 am  
Music  
9.05 am  
International news  
9.10 am  
Music  
9.15 am  
Close

1.30 pm  
New/Slogan  
1.40 pm  
Lunch Time Music  
-Sailing Tracy Huang  
-Say goodbye  
- Madonna  
2.00 pm  
Close  
9.00 pm  
Spotlight on the star  
9.15 pm  
Article

9.25 pm  
Drug Elimination  
9.35 pm  
Vocal Gems/Gloden  
Land's Melody  
9.45 pm  
News/Slogan  
10.00 pm  
Portfolio for easy  
listening  
10.30 pm  
Close



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party offer 'soon' to members of the Sangha.  
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## Unprecedented achievement made in forging nationl reconsolidation

### Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Soe Win on tour of Kawthoung, Bokpyin

YANGON, 13 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win and Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung

Maung Thein, Chief of Staff (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, arrived Kawthoung via Myeik by air on 11 July evening.

They were welcomed there by Tactical Operations Commander Col Myint Tun and Tactical Operations Commander Col Tin Maung Nyunt of Kawthoung Station and departmental offi-

cials of Kawthoung District and Township.

At Myintu Thaka Hall in Kawthoung, they met with local authorities, departmental personnel, social organizations, local people and entrepreneurs.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann said that progress has been made across the nation due to combined efforts of the service personnel, the Tatmadawmen and the local people in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. Kawthoung District is one of the developing regions. They were there to fulfil requirements after inspecting the developing region, he said.

The tasks for all-round development of the State had been numerous and

complicated. Tremendous efforts had been made to overcome the difficulties for national development.

Changes for the better had been made in the nation in comparison with conditions of 1988. At present, community peace and stability of the State and prevalence of law and order overwhelm far-flung areas and border areas.

Unprecedented achievement has now been made in forging nationl reconsolidation as the government had been able to make peace with the armed groups. Based on these achievements, the Government could implement tasks for economic development of the State, he pointed out.

In view of the favourable geographical condi-

- 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

tions in the division, national entrepreneurs have been permitted to engage in oil palm undertakings in order that the division may become an oil pot of the State. Accordingly, the national entrepreneurs are actively participating in the oil palm project.

Similarly, the Government has created opportunities for the entrepreneurs and local people to be able to engage in the meat and fish sector.

Encouragement is being given to the national entrepreneurs as well as to the

local people to ensure success in their work.

Senior General Than Shwe, Head of State, with goodwill makes sure that all equal the States and Divisions enjoy equal progress.

The Government has served the interest of the people and it will continue to do so in future.

Local authorities, personnel and Tatmadawmen are to harmoniously join the State for gaining greater momentum in undertaking the development tasks.

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### Camp Commandant Office offers Waso robes

YANGON, 13 July — The Waso-robe offering of the Camp Commandant Office of the Ministry of Defence was held this morning at Sangyoung Monastery in Mayangon Township.

It was attended by Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Camp Commandant Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein and wife, senior military officers and families of Camp Commandant. Sangyoung Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Viçittabhivamsa administered the Five Precepts.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein presented Waso robes and offertories to the members of the Sangha. The ceremony came to an end fol-

lowed by sharing merits gained. — MNA



Aerial view of developing Kawthoung.—MNA