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Indagaw Industrial Zone: To substitute local raw materials for foreign ones



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and party inspecting a row of Mazda Jeeps assembled by the Myanma Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries of the Ministry of Industry-2 during his visit to the Indagaw Industrial Zone in Bago Division, on 14 June.-MNA

"Continued efforts are required to substitute local raw materials for foreign ones in manufacturing machinery said Head of State Senior General Than Shwe during his tour of Indagaw Industrial Zone in Bago Division.

"Machinery produced by the factories of the zone are to be adapted to the prevailing market trend to win customer satisfaction and to enhance their quality", he added.

Senior General Than Shwe was accompanied by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Khin Nyunt and other dignitaries of the State in inspecting the zone run by the Ministry of Industry-2.

The Head of State's inspection of the zone on 14 June covered a wide array of industries in operation, under construction and in planning stage

Tin Maung Than

Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin reported to Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on the industrial projects including the strength of blue and white colour workers at the zone, the number of industries in operation, under construction and in planning stage at the zone, research programmes and human resources development endeavours

The officials of the enterprises under the ministry also presented reports on the operating industries and future projects of the zone that was producing spare parts and new machinery for the Ministry of Rail Transportation, the Ministry of Electric Power, the Ministry of Energy, the Ministry of Industry-1, the Ministry of Science and techology, the Ministry of Mines and the Ministry of Defence

In giving guidance to the officials, the Senior General said, that for the products to become highly marketable, systematic research and development programmes were required to gradually improve their quality year by year.

The Head of State also stressed the need to set up electrical industries and produce skilled technicians for the industrial sector.

The Indagaw Industrial Zone at present is producing spareparts and machinery including radiators, metal bearings, ball bearings, inlet and exhaust valves, power-tillers. power cables, wires, batteries, gear parts, Mazda Jeeps gear boxes, gas cylinders and others.

Under the guidance and support of the Head of State and the government, the zone will implement its future projects to extend its operations and will boost its production capacity in order to serve the national interes

Minister for Industry-1 inspects factories

ister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun and of-

Yangon, 21 July-Min- | ficials inspected No 20 Insein Blanket Factory this morn-

The minister inspected

weaving of socks, quality control, ironing, sewing, dyeing and weaving of blankets. He gave instructions on boosting production of blankets and mass production of socks. The minister also inspected shawl factory of Myanma Textile Industries on Kanyeiktha Road in Mayangon Township.

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The demonstrators as well as the local onlookers were hit hard by our surprise attack. But not long after they began to counterattack. Rocks and pebbles came flying towards us. Both sides were attacking each other, and the whole area was noisy with shouts and abusive words.

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Entries invited to photo contest to mark 2004 Independence Day

YANGON, 21 July — The photo contest to mark the 2004 Independence Day will be held. The title of the contest is "Scenery Myanmar".

Those wishing to participate in the contest may send four print entries which must be not smaller than 10" by 12" size. The entry must be own creation and it must not be the prize-winning one. The full caption must be attached to the entry. The entries must be sent together with two passport size photos and the brief biography of the competitor. The entry taken by digital camera will not be accepted.

The entries are to be sent to UThan Tun, Acting Director (Production), Information and Public Relations Department, No 22/24, Pansodan Street, not later than 30 September. Handsome prizes will be presented to the winners.

Minister for Industry- $\overline{1}$ U Aung Thaung inspects production process of Blanket Factory

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 22 July, 2003

Towards emergence of e-Government

In the world today, information technology is experiencing rapid development and becoming a towering sway over every sphere of life. What happens in any part of the world is known to the other parts of the globe within minutes and even seconds. Therefore, we metaphorically call the world today a global village.

This being the case, we are in a situation where we cannot dispense with IT knowledge and technology. To spell the development of IT technology and the emergence of e-Government in the Union of Myanmar, computer scientists and national entrepreneurs of computer industry, with the support of the Government, are working hard in concert.

A ceremony to clarify the tasks of the e-National Task Force on e-Government was held at the MICT Park in Hline Township on 20 July and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Khin Nyunt, also Chairman of **Myanmar Computer Science Development Coun**cil, attended the ceremony.

In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-1 stressed that it is out of the question for those without IT knowledge to gain access to other fields of education and the emergence of e-Government is indispensible for Myanmar to be able to keep abreast with other nations of the world.

Due to the support of the Government and the active participation of IT scientists and indus $trialists, IT\,in frastructures\,like\,international\text{-}level$ MICT Park and Bagan Teleport have emerged in so short a time. And we owe the development of information technology to young Myanmar computer scientists and entrepreneurs of high calibre. In the software sector, there are now many companies that are cooperating with their counterparts at home and abroad. Myanmar IT companies have also created the IT programmes that can effectively be used in government departments and economic, education, health and banking services.

Therefore, we would like to urge all the ministries to coordinate and cooperate with the relevant IT companies and organizations for the emergence of e-Government.

Do not be bolstered whenever flattered

Chemical liquid used in producing drugs seized

YANGON, 21 July - Members of local intelligence unit and Muse Special Anti-drug Squad, acting on information, searched a place near Malun-Kaungwaing old village to the south-west of Namoud Village in Muse Township on 24 June afternoon and seized Saw Hla together with 80 gallons of lysol, 56 gallons of ether and 100 litres of hydrochloric acid.

Muse Police Station filed Saw Hla, son of U Shwe Kyaung of Manhaung Village in Namoud village-tract in Muse under Section 15/16 (C) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. - MNA



Saw Hla seized with chemicals used in drug refinery.



Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun speaking at the opening ceremony of JE-2 Sewerage Course and Financial Supervisory-2 Course.— CONSTRUCTION

Public Works opens Training Courses

Engineer-2 Sewerage Course and the Financial Supervision level-2 Course of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction was held at the hall of Central Training School (Thuwunna) this morning.

Present were Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Deputy Minister U Tint Swe, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises,

YANGON, 21 July — The ceremony to open the Junior | Principal U Saw Kya Waw Mu and course instructors and trainees.

Next, the minister and party inspected the computer room and gave necessary instructions.

Altogether 48 trainees are attending the Junior Engineer-2 Sewerage Course which will last four weeks and 26 trainees the Financial Supervision Level-2 Course which will last five weeks .- MNA



Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt addresses coordination meeting of Development Affairs Department.

PBANRDA Minister addresses work coordination meeting

YANGON, 21 July-Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt addressed the work coordination meeting of the Development Affairs Department and the State and Division Development Affairs Committees held at the meeting hall of the Minister's Office this

In his address, the minister said that the development affairs committees are making efforts with added momentum for ensuring rural water supply and better transport in rural ar-

eas. Rural housing project is being implemented for raising the living standard of rural people. In the process, priority will have to be given to quality and minimizing costs. The development affairs committees need to continue to make efforts to build district-to-district roads in west Yoma in arid region in the rainy season. Efforts are to be made with added momentum in the coming open season to complete the project in

In addition, the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries is to strive together with the development affairs committees in introducing livestock breeding in the rural areas to enhance the incomes of rural people.

Next, Director-General Col Myo Myint reported on the number of houses scheduled to be built in rural areas, those completed and houses under construction and Deputy Director-General U Mva Nyein and Deputy Director-General Thura U Soe Aung on findings in the field trips to rural areas. This was followed by a general round of discus-

The meeting ended

with the concluding remarks by the minister.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General of Development Affairs Department Col Myo Myint, Director-General of Department for Development of Border Areas and National Races Col Than Swe, the deputy directorsgeneral, the directors, the directors from Sagaing, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, the deputy superintending engineers and the senior engineers. —MNA

Transport Minister inspects Pansodan Jetty, waterway of Yangon River

Yangon, 21 July -Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Pe Than, Managing Director U Thein Htay of Myanma Port Authority and officials, this morning inspected construction of the ticket booth of PansodanDalla ferry and the passenger lounge.

Next, the minister inspected the compound of Pansodan-Nanthida Wharf and gave instructions on keeping the area pleasant.

Afterwards, the minister, the deputy minister and party saw over the berthing

of water craft in Hline River. waterway for ocean-going vessels from Yangon River mouth to Myasein Island and keeping of buoys.

The minister went to Thanlyin Glass Factory and inspected building of the jetty at the factory.

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Preventive measures against malaria undertaken

Yangon, 21 July The fourth national malaria control activities carried out in Basic Education High School, Talay, in Tachilek on 11 July morning. Educative talks on malaria control were held. Moreover, Health staff made blood tests on the students to find out whether they were infected malaria or not.—MNA

General sees more anti-US attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 July —Resistance to US forces in Iraq will grow in coming months as progress is made in creating a new government to replace the dictatorial regime of Saddam Hussein, the top commander of American and international troops in Iraq predicted Sunday.

General John Abizaid, the commander of Central Command, said he is establishing an Iraqi "civil defence force," or armed militia, to help US forces combat the violence and sabotage that Abizaid and others believe is being spearheaded by remnants of Saddam's regime.

Speaking with a small group of reporters over lunch at a Baghdad hotel, Abizaid said that the establishment earlier this month of a Governing Council of Iraqi political leaders was a good first step that improves the outlook for getting the country back on its feet.

"But in the short run it creates great anxiety among our

enemies, and they'll increase the level of resistance," Abizaid said. "So I'm enormously optimistic about our opportunity for success, as long as we don't lose our nerve.

The ambush death of two soldiers Sunday in northeren Iraq brought to 151 the number of US troops killed in action since the March 20 start of war - including 36 since May 1, when President Bush declared major combat over.

Abizaid was joined at the lunch by Paul Wolfowitz, the deputy secretary of defence, who has made a point of insisting that the attackers not be called "resistance."

Two more US troops



A Shiite boy throws rock at US soldiers in Najaf, Iraq, on 20 July, 2003. Confrontations with the US troops began after over 10,000 Shiite Muslims gathered in Najaf to protest the US military who briefly surrounded a popular Shiite Muslim's home Saturday after his prayer sermon on Friday denouncing the new Iraqi governing council and the US occupation of Iraq. —Internet

killed in Iraq as political row deepens BAGHDAD, 21 July—Two more US troops fighting

Sunni Muslim guerrillas in Iraq were killed as occupation forces faced an unprecedented new backlash from the country's Shiite majority.

The political fallout from the war continued to threaten US President George W Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, with sliding support in the United States and a crisis in Britain following the suicide of a key witness in the row over weapons of mass destruction.

Meanwhile US civil administrator Paul Bremer said it could be at least a year before Iraq had a sovereign government in place, as he admitted that deposed dictator Saddam Hussein was probably still alive and hiding out in the country.

Bremer said the insurgency in Iraq may have been part of a deliberate strategy by Saddam to begin military resistance against US forces only after they had occupied the country

The two US soldiers were killed in an ambush in northern Iraq by rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire west of Mosul, in the normally quiet Kurdish-dominated north, a US military spokesman said, pushing US combat deaths during the Iraq campaign above 150. —Internet

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Iraqi reconstruction efforts facing huge challenges

Washington, 21 July—The Iraqi reconstruction efforts are facing huge challenges, and safety and jobs are top issues for the Iraqis, an advisory panel of the Pentagon said in a report.

The report also said the Iraqi Provisional Authority, whose members were appointed by the Untied States, is "isolated and cut off from Iraqis", The New York Times reported Friday.

"The Iraqi population has exceedingly high expectations, and the window for cooperation may close rapidly if they do not see progress on delivering security, basic services, opportunities for broad political involvement and economic opportunity," the report said.

The report said that "the next 12 months will be critical to the success or failure of the Iraq reconstruction effort" and that "the next three months are crucial to turning around the security situation". The five-member panel was sent to Iraq by US Defence Secretary Donald H Rumsfeld and travelled to Iraq between June 27 to July 7. The panel was headed by John Hamre, former deputy secretary of defence and now President of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank.

The panel also concluded that "the United States will need significant international assistance" to succeed in postwar Iraq and the Bush Administration must give the provisional authority "more resources, personnel and flex-

Old Lhasa City proper opens to visitors

LHASA, 21 July - The famous Bargor Street in the old city proper of Lhasa, capital of the Tibet Autonomous Region in northwest China, opened to visitors Saturday after a face lift of its major roads and drainage system.

The old Lhasa city proper centres on Jokang Monastery, which dates back over 1,300 years, and covers an area of one square kilometres. The area, especially Bargor Street, is widely regarded as a tourist attraction featuring traditional Tibet culture.

The central and Local governments have allocated 169 million yuan (20.4 million US dollars) to surface the formerly bumpy roads and outdated drainage system

The streets have been lined with granite and more public lavatories built. Meanwhile, sewage and garbage processing stations have also been constructed.

The renovation project is aimed at improving the living conditions of local residents and maintaining the traditional Tibet cultural flavour characterizing the region, said an official in charge of the project.

MNA/Xinhua

Papers highlight central govt's firm support for **HK SARS**

Hong Kong, 21 July - Major Hong Kong newspapers Sunday highlighted Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HK SAR) Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa's duty visit to Beijing Saturday and the central government's strong support for the Tung Chee Hwa-led HK SAR government.

Wen Wei Po said in its editorial, entitled "The Central Government Firmly Supports Hong Kong's Stability," that Chinese President Hu Jintao, Premier Wen Jiabao and several other Chinese leaders met with Tung Chee Hwa.

The high level meetings and the important speeches made by the leaders of the central government indicated to the world that the central government firmly supports Hong Kong's implementation of the "one country, two systems" principle, supports the chief executive's administration by law and Hong Kong's stability, and encourages Hong Kong's economic recovery.

The newspaper banner headlined an article entitled "Hu, Tung Shake Hands for as Long as One Minute" in its page three, telling correspondent's experience of the central government's care and concern for Hong Kong.

Ta Kung Pao said in its editorial entitled "Hu, Wen Urge Hong Kong to Maintain Stability and Revitalize Economy" that maintaining stability and revitalizing economy should be an important guideline for Hong Kong at present.

The editorial called on the HK SAR government and all Hong Kong residents to take concerted efforts in the process of overcoming the current difficulties

The newspaper also stressed Tung's pledge that he is capable for maintaining Hong Kong's stability.

The Hong Kong Commercial Daily News carried an editorial entitled "Hu, Wen's Sincere Words, Earnest Wishes Calling for Hong Kong's Stability, Development", saying the Chinese mainland's experience and lessons indicated that to seek economic development, it is very important to maintain political stability.

It said without economic development, it is very hard to maintain political stability, while without political and social stability, economic development could hardly to be achieved. — MNA/Xinhua



A man of the Lisu ethnic group preforms his stunt Barefoot Walking On A Flame in Tengchong County, southwest China's Yunnan Province on 18, July, 2003. There has been a traditional sport called "Climb A Mountain of Knife and Plunge Into a Sea of Flames" in Tengchong County. The main's performance in only part of the traditional sport. —XINHUA PHOTO

Amnesty accuses **US** of rights abuses in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 July - Amnesty International accused US troops on Sunday of "very severe" human rights abuses in Iraq and complained that it had been denied access to thousands of prisoners held without charge in "appalling" conditions.'

Amnesty spokeswoman Judit Arenas | notorious Abu Ghraib prison. Licea said some Iraqis had been forced to stand under the blistering sun for up to 48 hours in US-run detention centers that lack proper sanitation and that relatives had no information on their plight.

One detainee was shot dead by US troops during a prison riot last month, she told Reuters in an interview in Baghdad.

"We are disappointed that human rights were used as an excuse to go to war in Iraq and now the human rights of Iragis are being violated," she said, condemning conditions at among other sites Saddam Hussein's once

US military officials declined immediate comment. A team from the London-based independent rights watchdog is visiting Iraq to take testimony from those held and released by US forces and to try and speak to some of those still held.

It is also investigating abuses under Saddam, although most of those imprisoned by him are now free. While some Iraqis detained by invading troops have been released, many remain in prisons with no access to a lawyer or families, Licea said



US soldiers check former Iraqi Army officer prior to getting his backpay in Baghdad, Iraa on 16 July, 2003. Iraa's US administrator dissolved Iraa's armed forces after the war, and decided to deny them one-off payments being given to other former govern-

Shanxi Province records fast mid-year growth

TAIYUAN, 21 July -North China's Shanxi Province reported rapid economic growth during the first half of this year with its gross domestic product (GDP) up 11.6 $\,$ per cent year on year, official figures show.

Figures released by the Statistic Bureau of Shanxi Provincial government show GDP reached 102.7 billion yuan (12.5 billion US dollars), exceeding the 100 billion yuan (12.1 billion US dollars) for the first time.

The inland province harvested 2.59 billion kilogrammes of cereals, up 5.7 per cent over the same period last year, despite a 10-per-cent drop in the acreage under summer grain crops, the bureau said.

The industrial sector reported 22.5-per-cent growth in added output value to 39.85 billion yuan (4.85 billion US dollars), or an increase of five percentage points year on

A rapid increase in fixed asset investment was attributed to the fast industrial growth.

The province recorded 31.92 billion yuan (3.89 billion US dollars) in fixed asset investment during the first half, up 35.9 per cent. Investment by non-state-owned sectors jumped 74.5 per cent to 18.6 billion vuan (2.26 billion US dollars). -MNA/Xinhua

Foreign investment rises in suburban Shanghai

Shanghai, 21 July-Shanghai suburbs are becoming a magnet for foreign investment as the metropolis seeks coordinated development of both the 600-squarekilometre city proper and the vast 5,700-square-kilometre suburban area.

According to statistics provided by the municipal agricultural committee, contractual foreign investment in Shanghai's suburbs signed in the first half of this year totalled 4.52 billion US dollars, accounting for 74 per cent of the municipal total for the same period.

Actually used foreign investment here totalled 1.3 billion dollars in the first six months, up 30 per cent yearon-year. By the end of June, a total of 5,018 foreignfunded enterprises have gone into production in Shanghai's suburbs

MNA/Xinhua

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Senate Democrat wants Bush affirmation that war evidence accurate

Washington, 21 July-A Democratic senator says President Bush could make the Iraq intelligence controversy go away by telling Americans whether or not he exaggerated.

Jay Rockefeller says the question is, "was it right, or was it wrong?"

The West Virginia senator is vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee. Appearing on "Fox News Sunday," Rockefeller said "facts really do matter."

On the same program, House Speaker Dennis Hastert defended the Bush administration. He said "intelligence is not an exact science."

Hastert says the allegation that Iraq sought to buy uranium in Africa came from intelligence sources that were thought to be reliable.

When he made the allegation in his State of the Union speech, Bush said the information had been provided by the British government. -Internet

Russian peacekeepers to Iraq not on agenda

Moscow, 21 July -The issue of sending a Russian contingent to participate in the international peacekeeping force in Iraq is not on the agenda, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said Friday.

considered yet, as the main thing is absent: a United Nations Security Council resolution," Ivanov was quoted by Russian news agencies as saying.

"Many countries will decide on their position after the corresponding legal foundations, first of all a UN Security Council resolution, have been developed," Ivanov added.

Earlier on Friday Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Yakovenko said Russia was ready to consider sending peacekeepers to Iraq if the UN Security Council approved such an action.

"I admit such a possibil-

"This issue has not been | ity if there is a corresponding decision by the UN Security Council," the Interfax news agency quoted him as saying.

Yakovenko reiterated the statement made by Deputy Foreign Minister Yury Fedotov Thursday that Russia would not examine the possibility of joining the current US-led coalition forces in Iraq.

Fedotov also suggested adopting another resolution of the UN Security Council which would broaden the UN's participation in Iraqi affairs.

He hinted at Russia's possible participation in a peacekeeping mission in Iraq under

MNA/Xinhua

Peruvian police arrest **Dutch** woman with drug

Lima, 21 July - Antidrug agents captured at the Lima International Airport a Dutch woman with 48 kilos of basic cocaine paste valued at 2.5 million US dollars, the national Anti-Drugs Direction (Dinandro) of the National Police of Peru said Saturday.

The woman, identified as Francesca van Minen, became nervous and was noticed by the Dinandro agents who checked her luggage while she was waiting for the flight to the German city of Hanover, the Dinandro said.

The agents found 46 rectangular packages in four knapsacks of synthetic canvas and thus arrested van Minen. Meanwhile, at a post office near the airport, 12 four-kilo packages containing high-purity cocaine, valued at 500,000 dollars, were found. —MNA/Xinhua



The photo taken on 10, July 2003 shows a corridor bridge in Tang' an village of the Dong Nationality, one of the minority nationalities in southwest China's Guizhou Province. Some 800 people live in the village, which has a history of more than 700 years. The village, which has well preseerved the original custom of the Dong Nationality, was named in December. 1999 as a Dong ecological museum, one of the four built and protected jointly by China and Norway. -XINHUA PHOTO

Bremer says he believes Saddam still in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 21 July-The US civilian administrator in Iraq said on Sunday he believed Saddam Hussein was still in the country, probably hiding in the area where most of the attacks on Americans are being organized.

Paul Bremer, in a series of television interviews, also said US forces were putting together an Iragi civil defence corps made up of Iraqis under US military command "to help us basically with the armed part of the work we're doing.

"By having Iraqis help us, we're likely to get better intelligence on who it is we're fighting," Bremer told "Fox News Sunday." "We've got to know who these people are and then we've got to seek them out and either capture or kill them."

Bremer, who is overseeing the US effort to establish civilian control in Iraq, acknowledged on CBS' "Face the Nation" there had been

"an uptick" in attacks on US forces who ousted Saddam in April.

Thirty seven US troops have been killed since President Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1. Since US-led forces invaded Iraq in March, 151 American soldiers have been killed in hostile action.

Internet



Carrying the Iraq national flag, Shiite Muslims march in protest against US troops on 20 July, 2003, in the Muslim holy city of Najaf, 160 kilometers (100 miles) south of Baghdad, Iraq, Over 10,000 Shiite Muslims gathered in Najaf to protest the US military who briefly surrounded a popular Shiite Muslim's home Saturday after his prayer sermon on Friday denouncing the new Iraqi governing council and the US occupation of Iraq.—Internet

moved against the dollar af-

ter posting gains on Friday

Japanese markets are closed

for the Marine Day holiday.

which will limit volumes

sentiment report caused mar-

kets to check some of their

optimism on the dollar, even

though the headline number

came in slightly above ex-

Traders said sterling ran

into some early selling in

Asia after British police on

the weekend confirmed that

the body of scientist and

former weapons inspector

David Kelly had been found.

Kelly became embroiled in a

row over whether the Blair

government exaggerated the

fallout added to the economic

pressures on sterling that has

seen it fall about 6.5 percent

from a 4-1/2-year high of

\$1.6903 on June 17.

The potential political

case for war against Iraq.

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Friday's US consumer

until the European open.

Sterling falls to 3-month low against dollar

SINGAPORE, 21 July-Sterling fell to a three-month low against the dollar and six-week low against the euro on Monday on uncertainty over the political fallout from the apparent suicide of British scientist.

The pound was quoted around \$1.5776 in early Asian trade, its lowest since April 23, before edging back above \$1.5800. Against the euro it weakened to 71 39 pence, its weakest since June 9, before steadying.

'There's talk that (Prime Minister Tony) Blair is in trouble. I think that is what people are pointing to as the main reason," a senior dealer at a Singapore bank said of sterling's fall.

While sterling was weak, the yen and euro were little

> **Donate** blood

continues to pour into E-China city GAOYOU (Jiangsu Prov-

ince), 21 July — Despite the risks of flood, the investment environment and enthusiasm of foreign investors in Gaoyou City in east China's Jiangsu Province have remained unchanged.

Investment

tor of the Gaoyou Economic Development Zone, said Saturday the zone signed a major investment project on Friday. According to the contract, a real estate development company from Hong Kong would invest 12 million US dollars to develop and operate a four-star hotel, department store, office buildings and residential buildings in the zone. Construction would start in August. Established in 1991, the zone is now home to 200 enterprises, including 20 foreign-funded ones. Liu said the zone had given enterprises inside the zone every support in the face of flooding, while businesses had reciprocated by making donations for the city's flood control work MNA/Xinhua

Liu Kang, deputy direc-

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Blair won't resign over adviser's suicide

London, 21 July-Prime Minister Tony Blair said he would take full responsibility if an inquiry finds the government contributed to the suicide of scientist David Kelly, identified Sunday by the British Broadcasting Corp as its main source in accusing the government of hyping weapons evidence to justify war in Iraq.

through east Asia by angry charges about the Ministry of Defence adviser's death. said he has no intention of resigning over the dispute, as some critics at home have demanded.

He welcomed the BBC's announcement, which temporarily shifted the angriest public criticism from his administration to the broadcaster, whose credibility came under attack.

"In the end, the government is my responsibility

Blair, dogged on his trip | and I can assure you the judge (heading the inquiry) will be able to get to what facts, what people, what papers he wants," Blair told Sky News

The prime minister also said at a joint news conference with South Korean President Roh Moo-hvun in Seoul that he would testify in the investigation.

Kelly's suicide has visibly shaken Blair, who learned of it at the start of an exhausting Asian trip after flying first across the Atlantic to give a speech to the US Congress.

He appeared tense and preoccupied during appearances Saturday in Japan, and his characteristic wide grins were replaced by a withering glare when a reporter shouted: "Have you got blood on your hands, prime minister?

Blair's government and the state-funded BBC have been embroiled in a bitter. drawn-out battle over a May 29 radio report by journalist Andrew Gilligan.—Internet

US judge halts spending of frozen Iraqi assets

WASHINGTON, 21 July - A federal judge temporarily froze on Friday the distribution of seized Iraqi assets the Bush Administration is using for postwar rebuilding, a plaintiff's lawyer said.

US District Judge Richard Roberts put a 10-day hold on the balance of 1.7 billion US dollars in funds the White House earmarked in March for Iraqi infrastructure and economic development projects.

Earlier this month, Roberts awarded nearly one billion US dollars in damages to 17 former prisoners of war from the 1991 Gulf War and their families who sued the Iraqi government for pain and suffering.

An administration spokeswoman had no comment on the ruling in the District of Columbia court. But Steve Fennell, an attorney for the former POWs, confirmed in a statement that Roberts had issued a temporary restraining order and said the government has spent nearly 700 million US dollars of the 1.7 billion US dollars.

Fennell is trying to get a payout for his clients, and says a law enacted last year covering the use of seized foreign assets supports their claim.

MNA/Reuters



A tourist takes a picture of the column-shaped joints by the effect of volcanic movements in Tengchong County, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 18 July, 2003. With more than 90 volcanos, the county is known as a "volcanic geology museum," which has attracted scholars and tourists.—XINHUA

The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago.

The second best time is now.

Report says US planned pre-war attacks on Iraq defences

New YORK, 21 July - US air war commanders carried out a comprehensive plan as far back as mid-2002 to disrupt Iraq's military command and control system to prepare for the Iraq war, The New York Times reported in Sunday editions.

Citing an internal briefing on the conflict by the senior allied air war commander, the Times said the plan named "Southern Focus" called for attacks on the network of fibreoptic cable that Saddam Hussein's government used for transmitting military communications, as well as airstrikes on key command centres, radars and other military assets.

The strikes, conducted from mid-2002 into the first few months of this year, were publicly justified as a response to Iraqi violations of a no-fly zone that US and British officials established in southern Iraq, but Lieutenant-General T. Michael Moseley, the chief allied war commander, said the attacks also laid the foundations for the military campaign against Baghdad.

'It provided a set of opportunities and options for General Franks," Moseley, in an interview, told the Times regarding the strikes and referring to General Tommy Franks, who was head of US Central Command.

While there were indications the United States was trying to weaken Iraqi air defences in anticipation of a possible war, the scope and detailed planning that lay behind the effort were

not generally known before, the Times report said.

One reason it was possible for US forces to begin the ground campaign without preceding it with extensive airstrikes was that 606 bombs were dropped on some 391 carefully chosen targets under the plan, Moseley said.

The disclosures were contained within an assessment by Moseley on the lessons of the war with Iraq, the paper said, which he presented at an internal briefing for US and allied military officials at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada on

Among other disclosures were that there was not a bunker in the Dora Farms area near Baghdad where US intelligence initially believed Saddam was meeting with aides and which was attacked by F-117 stealth fighters and cruise missiles at the outset of the war; and that commanders were required to obtain the approval of Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld if planned strikes were thought likely to cause more than 30 civilian deaths. More than 50 such strikes were proposed, and all were approved.

Three

killed in

helicopter

crash in

Britain

London, 21 July-

Two adults and a child

were killed after a helicop-

ter crashed Saturday in a

field in Kent, eastern England, shortly after take-off. The Hughes 500 air-

craft took off from Biggin Hill airport and came down

in nearby Cudham Lane South at about 0950 BST,

according to a BBC report.

Service spokeswoman said

that all the three on board

were pronounced dead at

the scene by a doctor who

arrived by air ambulance.

The bodies were not taken

to hospital but were left at

the scene in the care of

police, as was the normal

procedure when fatalities

are involved, she added.

A London Ambulance

A US Army soldier belonging to the First Armored Division dismounts from his vehicle at a street crossing in Baghdad, Iraq on 19 July, 2003. —Invernet

Departure of Iraqi refugees from Saudi Arabia delayed

Kuwait City, 21 July — Return of Iraqi refugees from a Saudi camp has been delayed for 10 days due to technical reasons, a UN official was quoted by the KUNA news agency saying on Saturday.

"The first batch comprising 244 Iraqi refugees in Rafha camp were supposed to return home immediately on their volition on Monday, but this move was delayed until end of this month," Mamoon Muhsen, external affairs officer of the Gulf regional office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said.

These refugees will return to the southern Iraqi city of Basra via the Saudi and Kuwaiti territories after notifying the British command there, Muhsen said.

He added that both states are making all efforts through cooperation with the UNHCR to secure the return of the Iraqi refugees to their homeland.

So far, 2,800 Iraqi refugees have voiced their intent to return home, but the UNHCR does not encourage them to do so now for three reasons, namely absence of security and stability in Iraq, non-availability of basic services as well as absence of a specific team to shoulder the task of supervising their conditions, Muhsen said.

Earlier in the day, the UNHCR said in a statement issued in the Saudi capital of Riyadh that the return of those refugees will be voluntary and very limited due to the insecure situation in Iraq. Any wide-scale action to take back Iraqi refugees to their country would not start before the beginning of next year as the security and humanitarian situation there normalizes, it added. More than 5,000 Iraqi refugees are living at Rafha camp, some 10 kilometres from the Iraqi border. A majority of them fled Iraq after Saddam Hussein's forces crushed a Shiite revolt in southern Iraq in March, 1991.

The camp, 20 kilometres north of the town of Rafha, was initially set up for more than 33,000 Iraqis who fled the crushing of the rebellion.

In another development, High Commissioner of the UNHCR Ruud Lubbers is due in Kuwait on Tuesday for a three-day visit. He will talk with senior Kuwaiti officials on making more relief aid to the refugees and their return to their country. — MNA/Xinhua

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Annan calls for quick handover of power to Iraqis

UNITED NATIONS, 21 July -In his first major report on postwar Iraq, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Iraqis did not want democracy imposed on them by outsiders and rated lawlessness as their primary concern.

Annan, who sent the report to UN Security Council members on Friday for discussion on Tuesday, also envisioned an ambitious UN role in Iraq in the political transition to help form a new Iraqi government. He made clear that role would exclude responsibility for law and order.

He said Iraqis were lining up to tell his special representative, Brazilian Sergio Vieira de Mello, that creating an interim government quickly was their "central concern".

"It is important that Iraqis are able to see a clear timetable leading to the full restoration of sovereignty," Annan said. There is a pressing need to set out a clear and specific sequence of events leading to the end of military occupation."

Annan wrote the report as the US death toll in Iraq surpassed that of the 1991 Gulf War and Washington was considering additional UN involvement to try to persuade nations to contribute troops or help with finances.

Iraqis speaking to UN officials "expressed deep concern about the precarious, some believed deteriorating, security situation, particularly in Baghdad," Annan said. "Daily living conditions have not improved, at least not for those living in urban areas, and may have got worse," the report said. Continued looting and what appeared to be the emergence of organized sabotage "pose a significant threat to the restoration of basic services. In addition, the large illegal trade in oil and fuel directly affects the access of Iraqis to these vital supplies, as well as their perception of progress in the current environment," Annan said.—MNA/Reuters

French Riviera forest fire contained

Paris, 21 July - The two-day forest fire along France's Cote d'Azur was contained on Saturday morning, but some 1,300 firefighters remained mobilized on the ground, officials said.

The blaze, the largest one in France's Var region since 1990, began on Thursday near Vidauban, about 60 kilometres east of Toulon. It has devoured more than 10,000 hectares of picturesque Mediterranean trees and forced more than 9,000 people to evacuate.

French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin arrived in the ravaged region on Saturday morning. He is scheduled to inspect firefighters in the afternoon.

Fire devastates forests in the French Riviera backcountry each summer. — MNA/Xinhua



The picture taken on 20 July, 2003 shows a high voltage electric equipment is being installed in a power plant on the left side of the Three Gorges Project on the Yangtze River, China's largest water conservancy project. —XINHUA PHOTO

Commander inspects Bhamo region development tasks

YANGON, 21 July Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe on 13 July morning met with local people in Bhamo Township at Theinlin Village Basic Education Primary School in the township and fulfilled the requirements for agriculture, rural education and health sectors and presented K 1 million for construction of a BEPS

The commander went to Sinkhin Bridge construction site. After hearing reports, he gave instructions on

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe inaugurated Sitha model Village and its village library. Next, he met with local farmers and urged them to extend cultivation using quality strain and modern cultivation methods.

The commander proceeded to Paungne Creek Dam construction site and inspected the work site.

On 14 July, the commander also inspected cow breeding farm, pineapple plantation and layer breeding farm, and nursing and midwifery training school construction site in Bhamo.

He next went to the indigenous medical department building construction site and presented K 500,000 for the building. Afterwards, the commander saw over Bhamo City Hall construction and attended to the needs. - MNA

Commander discusses cultivation of ten major crops in Pindava

YANGON, 21 Julyman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Command of Southern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met local people of Taunggyi District and Pindaya Township at ZawgyiOo Hall in Pindaya Township on 16

The commander discussed cultivation of ten major crops with the use of modern methods and fertilizer.

Township Executive Officer of Pindaya Township General Administration Department U Soe Win reported on agricultural data, Shan State Myanma Agriculture Service Manager U Saw Jackson and officials measures undertaken for agriculfure

A local farmer reported on requirements and the commander fulfilled them. The commander and party inspected agricultural mechanization showroom, irrigation department showroom and fertilizer production showroom.

The commander went to

Konlon Pariyatti Sarthintaik and offered Waso robes to State Ovadacariya Konlon Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Tejaniya. The commander inspected Thegon Village Primary School and visited Thiri Mingala Theikdi Aungmye Pagoda. In the evening, the commander also visited Çakkataung Laykyun Çakka Yadana Manaung Kaba Nyeinchanaye Pagoda in Tamai Village and inspected No 65 Tractor Station. —MNA

Commander attends Waso robes

offering ceremony
Yangon, 21 July—Bago departmental
Division Peace and Develop- bers of Mate ment Council and departments concerned offered Waso robes to members of the Sangha at Okthathiri Sathintaik in Bago on 18 July morning, attended by State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee member Savadaws. members of the Sangha led by Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Dhammalinkara Kyaungtaik in Bago Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddammajotika Agga Maha Saddammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Visuddha, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko and wife, Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander of No 77 LID Brig-Gen Than Htay and local authorities,

departmental officials, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association and social organizations, wellwishers and guests. First, the commander and congregation received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw of Okthathiri Sarthintaik Agga Maha Saddham-majotikadhaja Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vimala.

Then, the commander and wife, the deputy minister and wellwishers presented Waso robes and offertories to members of the Sangha. Afterwards, the Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Panhlaing Sarthintaik delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained.

After the ceremony, the commander and party offered "soon" to members of the Sangha.-MNA



Merits being shared at the Waso robes offering ceremony of Ministry of Energy.

Energy Ministry offers robes

YANGON, 21 July — The Bhaddanta Panñayamsa and Ministry of Energy held the members of the Sangha. members of the State Peace 13th Waso robes offering ceremony at Energy and Development Council Dhammavon on Kaba Ave and their wives, the Com-Pagoda Road this morning. mander-in-Chief (Navy) and wife, the Commander-in-Present were Kvimvindine Thadu Chief (Air) and wife, ministers, military and civilian officers and wives, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and wife Daw Khin Mar Ave. Deputy Minister U Tin Tun. officials and staff.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Panñavamsa administered

the Five Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Next. Waso robes were offered to the Savadaws.

Later, 'soon' was offered to members of the Sangha. MNA

Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita

Waso robes offered at Maha Santi Sukha Monasterv

Parivatti Monastery Presid-

ing Nayaka Sayadaw Agga

YANGON, 21 July — The seventh Waso robes offering ceremony was held at Maha Santi Sukha Buddhist Missionary Monastery in Natchaung Ward, Tamway Township, this morning.

Tamway Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Secretary Bhaddanta Eithaka administered the Five Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Officials donated Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaws

After the ceremony, 'soon' was offered to members of the Sangha.-- MNA

Work coord meeting on organizing fourth World **Buddhist Summit**

YANGON, 21 July - The Information and News Compilation subcommittee held a work coordination meeting on organizing the fourth World Buddhist Summit at the meeting hall of Myanma Radio and Television, Subcommittee Chairman Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein addressed the meeting.

Also present were directors-general, managing directors and officials of the departments and enterprises under the ministry. Director-General Dr Myo Myint of the Religious Affairs Department and officials.

MNA

Do not be frightened whenever intimidated

Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein addresses second coordination meeting of Information Sub-committee on the World Buddhist Summit. - MNA





Managing Director U Pyone Maung Maung addresses the seminar.—MNA

Digital future seminar held

YANGON, 21 July— A digital future seminar jointly organized by CE Technologies Co Ltd and Cho Cho Co Ltd was held at MICT Park this morning.

Present were Vice Chairman of e-National Task Force U Aung Mvint. Chairman of MICT Development Corporation Brig-Gen Thein Swe and BOD members, Managing Director of Bagan Cyber Tech Col Tin Oo and BOD

members, officials of Myanmar Computer Federation, Myanmar Computer Scientists Association and Myanmar Computer Industry Association and guests.

Chairman of MICT DC Brig-Gen Thein Swe, Managing Director of CE Technologies Co Ltd U Pyone Maung Maung and Chief Executive Officer Mr Lee Tong Tai of Biz Point International Pte Ltd spoke on the occasion.-MNA

Daw Suu Kyi, the NLD Party and Our Ray of Hope — 11

= Maung Yin Hmaing 🕳

(Continued from yesterday)
We shall be back home
when the time comes

The members of our group led by Auntie Suu were quick in hitting out at others, with fists, feet and stones along the way from Madaya to Mandalay. But our elders had not made any effort to stop or forbid the youth members of Yangon nor the local NLD members. So it was like giving their silent approval and unspoken instruction "to carry on since this is the best way to solve problem."

It was almost 5:30 in the evening, when our group entered Mandalay. As soon as we entered the city, we behaved most offensively shouting and being disorderly to cause disturbances. They were shouting randomly with raised fists as many others had done in the 1988 unrest. At about 6 in the evening, we arrived in front of the Mandalay Division NLD Party office at Plot 654, on 38th Street, between 79th and 80th streets, in Maha Aungmye Township. Auntie Suu got off the car.

Mandalay as is generally known is a city where there are people out on the streets round the clock. It is busy and bustling with people occupied with their own jobs. The situation however became worse with our ar-

rival in the city. As about 200 party members were trying to cause disorder, a lot of people came out to find out what was happening and a crowd had gathered. More often than not, the roads in Mandalay are always hectic with traffic. But if any kind of disturbance occurs, they at once become congested and blocked with traffic and people.

A gathering of a large crowd people for whatever reason causes apprehension and alarm in the people living in the houses and apartments on both sides of the roads. They are apt to hurriedly close their doors and shops in anxiety. Thus, it is standard practice for the authorities concerned to do their duty to control the situation and clear the streets and thus prevent occurrence of undesirable incidents.

Soon after we arrived at the Division NLD Party office, 38th Street was blocked as the party members were using Auntie Suu as a lure to entice and incite the people at the same time. The authorities on a light truck could be heard requesting the people to avoid blocking of roads with a loud-speaker.

"...Attention please!
As you are blocking the road, kindly move to the roadside to prevent a traffic jam."

When the Dyna truck turned into the 78th Street and parked at the curbside some youth members of the Yangon NLD together with some local members smashed its windscreen to pieces. As for Auntie Suu, she was still having a good time giving speeches from the second-floor balcony of the division office. The situation on the road returned to normal when it was past 10 p.m. While we were preparing to go to bed, we heard Tin Htut Oo on the phone conveying a directive to circulate a news report which in effect said that a vehicle with traffic police in it had driven at high speed through the crowd of people listening to the Auntie Suu's speech and as a result the people had smashed the windscreen of the police car.

May 27.

Auntie Suu spent the whole day visiting and making speeches at the township party offices in Mandalay and Tada-U. We went everywhere in a procession with motorcycles as escort and it was almost certain that many of the townspeople were cursing us as a nuisance. And for the authorities concerned it was an extra burden to clear the roadblocks.

27 May

We put up a notice board in front of the division



Smashed windshield seen in the car of members of Traffic Police who controlled traffic jam in front of Mandalay Division NLD Office caused by the speech of Daw Suu Kyi on



Undisciplined motorcyclists from the convoy led by Daw Suu Kyi enter Sagaing along the entrance road on 29-5-2003.

office. The notice carried a brief account of our activities on 27 May, and an announcement that the group would take a rest on 28 May 2003. Accordingly no one left the divisional headquarters that day. But there was a continuous stream of visitors to the division office entering it from the front door as well as the back door and up till ten that night; there were many comings and goings. I got into bed but did not sleep soundly because of my apprehensions for the trip next day.

I was worried, as I knew that Auntie Suu was making preparations to travel to Monywa and commence her campaign all along the way with a strong force. I had also learned that in accordance with Auntie Suu's directive the division NLD chairman U Bo Zan had summoned the chairmen, the vice-chairmen and the secretaries of the four townships in Mandalay city, telling them to supply one car from each township and to recruit all volunteers with division organizers as the

In addition, Auntie Suu had added inflammatory statements in her speeches in Mandalay to stir up the hate and antagonism of the party members. During her speech in front of the North-West Township NLD party office, she said:

"...In doing politics, there are times when we have to move forward or backward depending on the situation. And we will have to make sacrifices if necessary..."

Such words were meant to incite party members to reckless acts. Thus, I was speculating that a lot of confrontation and conflict could flare up along the way.

May 29.

We left Mandalay. We passed through towns and villages along the road from Mandalay to Monywa seeing many who welcomed us as well as crowds that opposed us. A significant incident was that a motorcycle from our convoy accidentally keeled over on the roadside just beyond Pe-gado checkpoint between Kyaukse and Kan-ywa Village.

Our group led by Auntie Suu arrived at Monywa after six in the evening. The venue of the signboard raising ceremony was to be held at the house of U Tint Lwin in Plot 117/kha, on Thazi Street, Chanmya Thazi Ward. It was not more than three miles from the town entrance. Normally, it would have been a 20-minute drive

for the convoy to reach it. But we were travelling like a lame duck and arrived at the house only at nine in the late evening.

More cars and motorcycles had joined us along the trip from Mandalay to Monywa and the convoy now consisted of over 30 cars and about 200 motorcycles approximately. As it was evening, most of the people were on their way home from the work or taking a stroll in the town. The timing was just right for our tactics to cause disorder in the town.

The shouting of slogans by the party members of the convoy had now disrupted peace and stability in Monywa. The sound of our slogans had also frightened the people of the town. Is this democracy? One thing sure is that it is an unruly democracy.

Though we had arrived late at night to the designated venue we at once held the signboard erection ceremony. There were no disturbances at all. It may be that Auntie did not know or was pretending not to know but we heard a bit of news when we arrived at the house of U Kyi Soe. It was that the personnel concerned of the

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Undisciplined NLD members cling to the car of Daw Suu Kyi at the entrance to Sagaing on 29-5-2003.



A private saloon has to make way in front of Sagaing Division NLD Office for the convoy of Daw Suu Kyi on 29-5-2003.

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 enternrises
- 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

MAPT offers 'Soon' to monks

YANGON, 21 July — Staff families of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading, the Ministry of Commerce, offered a day's meal to the monks of State Parivatti Sasana University (Yangon) at Mogok Soonsar Hall this morning. Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone presented offertories to the monks.

Head of Myanmarsar Department of the university Savadaw Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Sagarañana administered the congregation with the Five Precents.

The minister and departmental heads presented provisions to the monks.

Next, the minister presented K 1,445,500 for days' meals to Director-General U Sann Lwin of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana. Then, 'soon' was offered to Savadaws and members of the Sangha. - MNA

Do not be softened whenever appeared

POEM:

Beware of those who love too much

- When humans have dealings Love comes first and foremost As true kin and relatives.
- After dealing like relatives, secondly comes Close intimacy and intermingling Share love as neighbours.
- After dealing like relatives, comes intense love For people of the same village.
- Those of other villages Treating a person of our village As closer than fellow villagers and relatives And share love intensely If such is known, villagers should Pay attention and be vigilant Safeguard original love Not to be destroyed.

Po Wa (Trs)

Art Show of students of University of Culture opened

YANGON, 21 July-Members of Library, Museum and Exhibition Supervisory Committee inspected the art show of third year students of University of Culture at the front wing of Bogyoke Aung San Market in Pabedan Township this morning.

Member of the Committee Librarian Daw Khin Mu of the University of Culture presented permit to third year student Maung Khaing Mar who takes charge of the show.

Students of the university presented their works at the show which will continue up to 27 July.- MNA



Library, Museum and Exhibition Supervisory Committee member Daw Khin Mu presents permission to in-charge of Art Show Maung Khaing Mar. — MNA

Daw Suu Kyi...

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Monywa Township NLD party had not, up till now, asked authorization for the ceremony from the township officials concerned.

In Monywa, I made inquiries among the local party members about the incident in which vice-chairman of the Monywa Township NLD Daw Khin Than was overrun by a motorcycle. I wanted to know whether it was an accident or not. The news report broadcast by foreign radio stations, based on information given by party spokesman Granduncle U Lwin, implied that it was a plot of

the USDA. But what a local party member told me was quite clear. On 27 May, Daw Khin Than was waiting in front of her house on Kyaukka Street, Sule Gon Ward, to travel to Dabayin together with chairman of Sagaing Division NLD party U Ba Ba. It was five in the morning and was not yet light. Just then U Ba Ba's car arrived and stopped opposite her house. When U Ba Ba sounded the car horn to signal his arrival, she had heedlessly crossed the road looking neither to left or right. It was while she was crossing the road that a motorcycle driven by someone

whose identity is unknown, accidentally hit her.

Daw Khin Than was taken to a private clinic but was soon transferred and warded at Monywa People's Hospital. She had given a false report at the hospital that she was injured when she slipped in the bathroom. The traffic police acting on information went to the hospital and made inquiries to find out what really happened, but Daw Khin Than, herself had signed the statement at the hospital because she did not wish to press charges

May 30.

We left Monywa a about ten in the morning. In other towns, there were lojoined our convoy part of the way between townships but none of the Monywa party members accompanied us. However, not a single untoward incident occurred along the road, so that my depression lifted and I felt light-hearted.

We entered Butalin at about two in the afternoon. Soon after we arrived there. Auntie Suu swiftly held the signboard raising ceremony, and gave speeches. We left Butalin at about 4 pm.

It was almost sunset when we arrived at Sai-pyingyi. It was getting darker and when we arrived at Kyi Village night had already fallen. We saw the light of a car coming from the other direction on the road, so we stopped our convoy. And while members of our group were inquiring in loud voices what was the matter, we began to hear slogans in protest against our group.

This time again the guys in our group who had had a taste of being the aggressor shot at them with catapults under cover of darkness. Raised voices "Ah, they are shooting at us!" came through together with the slogans.

The demonstrators as well as the local onlookers were hit hard by our surprise attack. But not long after they began to counterattack. Rocks and pebbles came flying towards us. Both sides were attacking each other, and the whole area was noisy with shouts and abusive words.

As it was dark, it was impossible to differentiate between friend and foe. As the situation become more dangerous, we quickly scrambled into the nearest cars to make a quick escape. But one of the cars could not start quickly enough. It was the car (Ba/2762) with the NLD youth in-charge Tin Htut Oo and the car I had climbed into.

Auntie Suu's car made a dash for it through the crowd. The car with Dr Hla Soe Nyunt and group of Mandalay also drove away from the scene along the cart track by the roadside. Daw Win Mya Mya's car tried to do the same. But unfortunately a person fell off from a motorcycle in front of the car. When the driver tried to turn the car to avoid running over him, it hit a big Kokko tree at the roadside.

We tried to make an attempt to help them, but there was no way. There was total confusion. So our car was obliged to drive away blindly and escape. We were driving along the cart track at the side of the road but soon got stuck in the sand. While the car was still struggling to get out of the sand we saw a group of people running towards us. As we did not know whether they were coming to help us, hit us or just running away, we took no chances and got off the car to flee from the area.

As far as I remember, the guys from Auntie Suu's car had also got into our which had been nearest to them; there were, Khin Oo, Than Soe, Kyaw Zin Win and Toe Lwin. While we were running away we met with the security personnel who were coming to take control of the situation and at last we were safely in their hands. Than Soe and Khin Oo afraid of being arrested, steered clear of the security personnel and fled the area. Later, we were sent to Ye-U Police Station. We were so happy for now we were out of danger.

Ye-U Police Station was crowded. I saw guys from our group with gloomy faces. We heard a junior police officer reporting to his superior near us. According to what he said four 2-inch by one-inch rods and one catapult were found on Auntie Suu's car. But I was now free from anxiety. For I knew that I was in a safe place. And I knew that at the right moment I would soon be back home

(To be continued) (Translation: TMT)



When Daw Suu Kyi and party on their way to Monywa arrive at the place near Yayposarkan Village, Chaung U Township, on 29-5-2003, and local people holding the placards stage demonstration against NLD members.

Pearl Exhibition will make Myanma pearls known to the world

Article by Myint Lwin; Photos by Nyo Maung (MNA);

The Myanma Pearl Enterprise under the Ministry of Mines will put on sale its pearls in local currency through sealed tender system and competitive bidding at Pearls Emporium and Design Competition, which will take place at Thiri Yadana Hall of the ministry on Kanbe Road, Yankin Township, here, from 26 to 28 July. Managing Director of the MPE U Maung Toe, General Manager U Sein Lwin and officials oversaw the pearls on display at the exhibition on 18 July after-



Gold-colour pearl lot to be sold at over K

The purposes of the exhibition are: to promote the sale of Myanma pearls; for the citizens to wear pearl ornaments; to produce pearl ornaments in modern and attractive designs; and to develop and modernize Myanma handicraft. The MPE has undertaken the pearls marketing since 1992. In the past, pearls were sold only in emporiums and even national gem merchants had no access to the emporiums. Since the 33th Myanma Gems Emporium in 1996, national entrepreneurs have been allowed to attend the gems emporiums.

Previously, the gems emporium was held once a year because priority was given to the sale of gems in foreign currency. But now, the local demand for the pearls is on the increase, and so is the production of pearls. Therefore, pearls are put on sale twice a year so that the penetration of foreign pearls of the same kinds can be prevented. The sale of pearls in jewellery form fetches more money than that in pieces. However, though the demand for pearls is on the rise in the local market, they have not found their way to foreign markets. As a pearl-producing country, Myanmar will earn more foreign exchange should the pearl ornaments attract foreign

At this exhibition, 95 lots of pearls will be sold at the floor price of K 193,550,000.



The world's biggest Myanma Pearl found on 18-4-2001.

Pearl lots worth less than K 2.5 million each will put on sale through sealed tender system, and those worth more than K 2.5 million each through compelitive bidding. Pearl lots will be on display at the exhibition from 10 am to 4 pm on 26 and 27 July. Sealed tenders will be opened and announced at 10 am on 28 July, followed by the pearl sales through competiive bid-

Arrangements have been made to present prizes to best buyers and awards for the best pearl designs. Pearl is included in nine gems and it is generally accepted that, when worn, it not only makes the wearer smart but also gives health, youth, wealth, and

Translation: KTY

Paunglin Dam (Modulating Tank) in Hlegu Township

Article by Sein Shwe Hlaing; Photo by Irrigation

Water is essential to cultivate paddy and other crops all the year round for greening 30-mile perimeter of Yangon City.

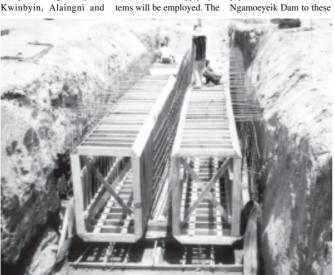
If the water supply system can be implemented. 440,000 acres of sown acreage will be extended and will contribute much towards development of national economy.

With regard to water supply system, already completed Ngamoeyeik,

Tabuhla Dams are located in the north of Yangon City. Likewise, Paunglin Mahuva Dam to support Ngamoeyeik Dam will be constructed. In the western part, Kankalay and Bawle river water pumping projects will be implemented. Similarly, other river water pumping projects are under construction in Dalla, Twantay, Kawhmu, Kungyangon and Hlinethaya townships.

Three water supply sys-

first is to supply water from Moeyungyi Lake to the townships in the east and south of Yangon City through the canal; the second is to prevent the inflow of salty water and danger of floods in the rainy season through Kayan Sluice Gate and to supply water to Kayan and Thongwa townships through the canal in summer; and the third is to supwater from



Preperations made to build a spillway at Paunglin Dam.-



Progress of work in building a spillway at Paunglin Dam-Irrigation

regions along Yangon-Thanlyin Bridge-2 through the concrete canal.

Ngamoeyeik Dam is situated near Phaunggyi Village, Hlegu Township. A total of 640,000 acre-feet of water flows into the dam annually and the dam has 160 acres of watershed area. The dam, 75 feet high and 15,500 feet long, can store 180,000 acre-feet.

The dam has a 320 feet long RC conduit built with three 6' by 4' valves and a 150 feet wide spillway. The dam has one main canal and two tributary canals to irrigate 58.971 acres of farmlands

Ngamoeyeik Dam flows 200,000 acre-feet of water through the spillway annually, though the dam supplies water to 200,000 acres of croplands and 327 acrefeet of water per day to Yangon City. As such, feasibility survey was conducted for building the modulating tank in the upper watershed area of the dam. The feasibility survey was conducted in 1998 and the geological survey in 2002-2003. Paunglin Dam damming Paunglin Creek is located four miles from Ohnhnebin Village, Hlegu Township. The dam which can store 106,560 acre-feet

will be situated on the 34.8 square miles of watershed area with over 100 inches of rainfalls

The dam will have a reinforced concrete conduit with two 4' by 6' valves. It is estimated that the project will cost K 550.92 million. The main embankment, the conduit and the control tower are under construction. At present, Paunglin Dam Project is being implemented for cultivation of paddy and other crops all the year round and to green 30-mile perimeter of Yangon City.

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Accomplishments for equitable development of regions in the country

In its efforts for the Union of Myanmar to stand shoulder to shoulder with the nations of the world, the State Peace and Development Council has been laying down plans for border area development, designating 24 Special Development Regions and carrying out the five rural development tasks and is implementing development projects with a view to bringing about equitable development of all regions in the Union.

Dams and reservoirs, roads and bridges and factories are being built across the nation to narrow the gap between one region and another.

Photos on this page show tangible results of sustained efforts of the Government for national development.



Padonmar Soap Factory of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited. The factory was built near Thephyugon Village in Paung Township, Mon State.



Welaung Dam in Taungtha Township, Mandalay Division. The dam was inaugurated on 13 July 1998.



Kissapanadi Bridge on Yangon-Sittway Road in Rakhine State.



No 12 Sugar Mill (Nawade) in Pyay Township, Bago Division.



Hinywet Dam in An Township, Rakhine State. The dam was opened on 29-10-2002. With 750 feet in length and 70 feet in height, the dam was built at a cost of about K 100 million to supply water to about 100,000 people.

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Natural disasters kill 100,000 in Latin America in last 30 years

Santiago, 21 July-More than 100,000 people have been killed in Latin America due to natural disasters over the last three decades, according to a report released on Saturday by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (CEPAL).

The report, Manual on | more irreversible" the Assessment of the Socioeconomic and Environmental Impact of Disasters, said natural disasters have also caused losses of 65 billion US dollars and affected some 150 million people in the area in the period.

The heavy casualties and material losses caused by natural disasters have been mainly in smaller and less developed countries, especially in the Andean region, Central America and the Caribbean area, according to CEPAL.

The report said that as natural disasters mostly hit poorer and more vulnerable countries, the damage is "socially more important and

Experience from developed countries shows that it is possible to diminish the impact of natural disasters by reinforcing the response and aid system, CEPAL

CEPAL, a UN organization, also said it had concluded a study on the socioeconomic impact of the January 21, 2003 earthquake in the Mexican state of Colima.

The quake killed 28 people and injured hundreds of others. The government of Colima has requested CEPAL to assess the damage, originally estimated at 90 million dollars.

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Anti-drug war in schools declared in Kenya

Nairobi, 21 July— The Kenyan Government and teachers union have embarked on a joint initiative to combat drug abuse in schools with a call to declare all learning institutions no smoking zones, the People Daily said here Saturday.

The initiative was made at a Press conference in Nairobi Friday by Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) and the National Agency Against Drug Abuse (NACADA) which observed that addiction to various drugs begins at schools.

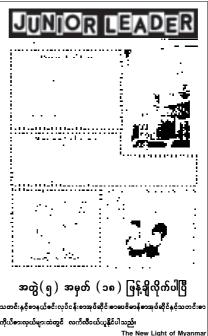
Leaders of the two organizations further expressed concern that students are easily accessing illicit drugs, even at shops located within their institutions, the newspaper said.

"Besides cigarettes, now pupils are buying glue across shop counters," said Joseph Kaguthi, NACADA national coordinator at his office.

MNA/Xinhua

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Egypt, Spain agree to help push forward M-E peace process

Cairo, 21 July—Egypt and Spain on Saturday agreed to help advance the stalled Mideast peace process by setting in motion a roadmap peace plan.

Speaking to reporters after meeting with his visiting Spanish counterpart Ana Palacio, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher said the two countries stressed the need to push forward the Palestinian-Israeli peace process. It is also important to restart Syrian-Israeli and Lebanese-Israeli peace tracks, Maher said, adding he and Palacio discussed how to achieve peace and stability in the region.

On her part, Palacio said that she will later travel to Syria to mull ways to push forward the Mideast peace process, adding the European Union should have a bigger role to play in Mideast issues. Palacio arrived here Friday night for a two-day visit to Egypt. The roadmap, worked out by the United States, the United Nations, the European Union and Russia, requires reciprocal steps toward peace from both Israel and the Palestinians and envisions a full Palestinian statehood by 2005.— MNA/Xinhua

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"Popo" volcano coats Mexico City in white ash

Mexico City, 21 July-Popocatepetl volcano exhaled a plume of ash on Saturday morning and layered Mexico City in white volcanic dust, sending surprised residents seeking cover and coating cars and buildings.

"It was like rain. Our eyes were burning," said Isabel Hernandez, who was caught outside with her two children when the ash fell on the city. All three covered their mouths with wet pieces of

Popocatepetl, known as Popo, 40 miles southeast of the capital, sent up a 1.8mile high plume of ash and incandescent fragments at 9.20 am local time (1420 GMT).

Hours later, winds carried the cloud of ash to Mexico City, turning the sky dark and raining down fine dust.

Residents rushed into

pharmacies to buy bright blue surgical masks to cover their mouths, while radio programmes warned people to keep their heads covered and wash the ash off their cars carefully, as the fine volcanic particles can scratch paint.

The dust was especially thick in the south of the city, with radio reporting low visibility in those neighbour-

"Everything got dark here, as if it were raining. Some people were scared," said Alfredo Rosales, who was in the southern part of the city when the ash fell.

"In the south you can't

even see anything," said taxi driver Rene Pena, 31. Authorities said the ash was not a health threat.

Disaster prevention officials at Cenapred said the amount of ash that fell on the city was minimal and the volcano was stable.

"The volcano is very calm. The winds brought the ash toward the city but that's something we expect," an official said.

Mexico's International Airport reported little ash had fallen there and remained open, with one flight delayed for 15 minutes and another landing at a different airport.

MNA/Reuters



Picture taken on 19 July, 2003 shows the peak of one of the bell towers of the unfinished Sagrada Familia Church in downtown Barcelona, Spain. The church was designed by Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi, who began to build it in 1883. The church, known as "an artwork never completed" due to the fund problem and the controversies over the architecture style. attracts tens of thousands of visitors every year. XINHUA PHOTO

San Francisco, 21 July—A tooth said Bidders fail to have been pulled from Elvis Presley after an injury failed to attract the minimum 100,000 US dollars selling price on the eBay web site by the time a 10-day auction ended, officials said on Saturday. Frenzied, but ultimately fraudulent bid-

ding briefly pushed the price above two million US dollars before eBay required potential buyers to register if they wanted to place bids, according to Anthony DeFontes, who represents hairdresser Flo Briggs of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Though the dental artifact, which was packaged with shorn strands of the crooner's hair, created an

Internet frenzy — 161,000 people viewed the web page within 48 hours, DeFontes said — no legitimate bids remained when the auction ended shortly before midnight on Friday.

SARS death toll in Canada climbs to 41

TORONTO, 21 July- A 58-year-old fe- | male nurse, who worked at a Toronto Health Care facility and contracted SARS during the first cluster of cases, died at William Osler Health Centre on Saturday, bringing to 41 the number of persons who have succumbed to the flu-like disease in Canada. health officials said.

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"My sympathies go out to the family and friends of this individual and to all health

care workers, who continue to respond to the challenge of SARS," said Health and Long-Term Care Minister Tony Clement, in a Press release.

There were 14 active probable cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome on Friday, down from 18 one week ago. Some 13 patients are hospitalized and 6 are in critical condition, said the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.—MNA/Reuters

65 passengers treated for smoke inhalation in NY subway fire

treated in hospitals for smoke inhalation after the subway train they rode in, caught fire early Saturday in Brooklyn, one of the five boroughs of New York

None of the cases is considered life-threatening, while more than 30 others refused treatment fire department officials said.

About 100 people on the west-bound F train headed for Conev Island were evacuated from the York Street station after a fire broke out beneath a train, knocking out power and causing the tunnel to fill with smoke

Firefighters had put out all visible fire in about one hour and the situation was brought under control. The cause of the blaze was still under investigation, but transit officials said a mechaniblame.

"I don't feel in any way unsafe due to this," said a man who was on the train "It just happens every once in a while.

According to local TV reports, people used lighters and cell phones to light up the tunnel as they made their way down the tracks to an emergency exit.

The York Street station has closed for several hours. The Manhattan-bound Ftrain is bypassing the York Street station.

As of noon, F trains are running on the A line between West 4th Street and cal problem might be to Jay Street. —MNA/Xinhua

Mexico seizes 600 kilos of cocaine

MEXICO CITY, 21 July— The Mexican military have seized 600 kilos of cocaine on board an airplane and arrested 11 people involved in drug trafficking in the southeastern state of Campeche, the Defence Ministry said in a communique on Saturday.

The twin-engine Cessna light plane came from Colombia and its entry into Mexico was traced by the Air Force, said the ministry. Forces sent by the Army to the area where the aircraft landed, near the rural estate of Vista Alegre, in Campeche, found the drugs in the aircraft and arrested 11 people waiting for the plane.

Besides the drugs and the airplane, the military also confiscated two small-calibre arms and two pickup trucks, the authorities said. without mentioning when the anti-drug operation took place.-MNA/Xinhua

JFK in augural address, boxer shorts auctioned

New York, 21 July — A pair of President John F Kennedy's Navy boxer shorts sold for 5,000 US dollars at auction on Saturday, while an on-line bidder for a personal notebook used during the 1960 presidential campaign thought her winning bid was for 2,250 US dollars, not the actual high bid of 22,500 US dollars.

The auction featuring personal, campaign and other items of President Kennedy and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis was conducted by Marylandbased Hantman's Auctioneers & Apprais-

The items were consigned for sale by Mrs Kennedy's personal secretary between 1957 and 1964, Mary Gallagher, and her personal assistant between 1959 and 1965, Providencia Paredes.

The campaign notebook is black and contains 22 pages of lists, speech ideas and campaign notes. It was used by then Sena

tor Kennedy during the 1960 presidential campaign.

Suzanne Vlach, proprietor of Seaview Antique Mall in Seaview, Washington, told Reuters on Saturday from her home in Vancouver, "we thought it was 2,200 US dollars, not 22,000 US dollars".

Vlach said she immediately e-mailed Hantman's to inform them of her error, asking if there was any way to correct it. She added that she had intended to put the notebook in her shop, "but it might be a little expensive for my customers'

MNA/Reuters



The picture taken on 20 July, 2003 shows a technician from the French ABB company discusses with Chinese staff members on installing a high voltage electric equipment in a power plant on the left side of the Three Gorges Project on the Yangtze River, China's largest water conservancy project. —XINHUA PHOTO

Ronaldo affirms 2003 to be his best year

MEXICO CITY, 21 July -Ronaldo, Real Madrid's striker, said Friday in Guatemala, where he is in a three-day visit, that 2003 will be his best year as soccer player. According to reports dispatched from Guatemala City, capital of Guatemala, Ronaldo said: "I'm sure this will be my best year ever as player" and promised that he will multiply the number of goals he has scored.

Ronaldo arrived Thursday night in Guatemala, com-

ing from the United States to promote the launching of a new beer produced by Rio Brewery, a company that will be jointly developed here by Brazil's AmBev and Guatemala's Cabcorp.

The striker told the Press that he is yet to score many more goals in Spain and added that his next objective with Real Madrid is winning the Champions League.

Real Madrid, with the help of Ronaldo, became the champions of the 2002-2003 Spanish First Division league. He said it is an exaggeration that he is deemed as a world soccer phenomenon, but assured he is not upset if they do. He said he regretted the Brazilian national team did not get to fill the stadiums during his participation in the Gold Cup of the North, Central American and Caribbean Soccer Confederation, currently held in the United States and Mexico.

MNA/Xinhua



Jose Luis Chilavert, center, goalkepear of the Peoarol soccer team, plays the ball with, Danilo Peinado, of Defensor Sporting during their Uruguayan first division soccer match in Montevideo, Uruguay, on 20 July, 2003. Chilavert will be one of the reinforcements of

Centeno hat-trick puts Costa Rica semis

Four-goal Donovan leads US through at Gold Cup

FOXBORO (Massachusetts), 21 July- Landon Donovan struck four times as the United States reached the CONCACAF Gold Cup semifinals by thrashing 10-man Cuba 5-0 on Saturday.

Donovan scored twice in each half and Steve Ralston found the net in between to give the Americans an easy win over Cuba. who had Reizander Fernandez sent off just

The US will play on Wednesday in Miami against the winners of the Colombia-Brazil quarterfinal starting later on Satur-

The Americans, having failed to finish a number of early chances in their final group game against Martinique on Monday, proved to be much sharper against the hapless Cu-

In the 20th minute, Cory Gibbs had a shot cleared off the line by Adriani Faife and two minutes later Ralston's diving header was well saved by Odelin Molina.

But within a minute the US had opened the scoring as midfielder Eddie Lewis put Brian McBride through on the left side and he slid a perfect pass to the unmarked Donovan who slotted home easily from eight metres.

Donovan doubled the lead on 26 minutes when the San Jose Earthquakes forward volleyed home a Lewis cross from 10 metres and he almost completed his hat trick four minutes later only to see his awkward shot from eight metres flash wide.

Resigned to playing on the counter-at-FOXBORO (Massachusetts), 21 July

A hat-trick by Walter Centeno helped Costa

Rica earn a 5-2 quarterfinal victory over

El Salvador on Saturday, and a place in the

Centeno opened his account in first-

last four of the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

half injury time and converted two penal-

ties in the second period to set Costa Rica

up for a semifinal clash with Mexico or

tack, Cuba failed to shut down the Americans' skilful sorties down the wings and the McBride-Donovan strike partnership.

Three minutes from the break Lewis found Ralston whose header flew past Molina and Cuba were soon down to 10 men as Fernandez was dismissed for a tackle on Pablo

Ten minutes into the second half Donovan made a driving run into the area and headed another Lewis cross past Molina to finally clinch his hat-trick.

Donovan's golden touch in front of goal continued on 76 minutes after a foul on Clint Mathis by Faife gave the US a free kick 23 metres from goal.

Mathis' short kick put Greg Vanney through on the left and his cross was nodded home by Donovan for his 14th international goal in 42 appearances.

"Having three goals in the first half certainly made the second half a lot easier, especially with Cuba playing a man down," US coach Bruce Arena told reporters.

"Clearly, Landon Donovan's performance speaks for itself."

"It was a very difficult game for us," said Cuba coach Miguel Company. "We tried to play equal to the United States but they were far superior to us."—MNA/Reuters

Erick Scott tapped Costa Rica in front after goalkeeper Juan Gomez failed to hold a shot from Winston Parks in the 11th minute. El Salvador equalized 23 minutes later, Gilberto Murgas scoring from the penalty spot after Mauricio Wright fouled Victor Velasquez. But Costa Rica hit back when Centeno slammed in a shot from the edge of the penalty area.

El Salvador struck again nine minutes into the second period when Alfredo Pacheco fired a left-footed free-kick into the top corner from 25 metres.

MNA/Reuters

Jamaica in Mexico City on Thursday. in Gold Cup The two Central American rivals treated a pro-Costa Rican crowd of 15,627 at Gillette Stadium to an open, attacking Pearol for the second semester of this year.—Internet Ronaldinho signs five-year contract

with Barca

Madrid, 21 July- Brazilian World Cup-winning midfielder Ronaldinho has signed a five-year contract with Barcelona, the Spanish First Division club confirmed on their website on Saturday

Ronaldinho will have a medical on Sunday before being officially unveiled on Monday

Barca had earlier agreed a fee with his French club Paris St. Germain.

"I can confirm we have signed an agreement with Barcelona for the transfer of Ronaldo Assis de Moreira. known as Ronaldinho, who will join the Catalan club for the next five seasons." PSG president Francis Graille told the French club's web site.

Ronaldinho received a

Don't smoke

Airport from Barca vicepresident Sandro Rossell. who conducted the negotiations with Paris Germain, when the Brazilian arrived on a flight from his homeland earlier on Sat-

Rossell escorted the midfielder through the crowds and the player was clearly delighted with the reception he was given as he flashed his trademark smile and signed autographs for the fans on his way out of Terminal B.

He was then whisked away to the club's offices to negotiate the terms of his contract and just a few hours later put pen to paper on a five-year deal to end the longrunning chase for his signature that involved Manchester United and Real Madrid.

Ronaldinho follows in the footsteps of Romario. Ronaldo and Rivaldo as he becomes the latest high-pro-

warm welcome at El Prat | file Brazilian to play for Bar-

His arrival is a triumph for Barca president Joan Laporta who faced stiff competition from English champions Manchester United for the talented midfielder.

Laporta was helped to victory in Barcelona's recent presidential election by the news that he had agreed a deal with Manchester United to sign David Beckham.

The England captain opted instead to sign for Real Madrid and Laporta promised to redouble his efforts to sign Ronaldinho.

The signing means Laporta has made good on his promise to bring in at least one "crack" - the word used in Spain to describe a world-class player with a media profile to match.

Media reports said Barcelona had agreed to pay the French club between 25 million euros (28.03 million dollars) and 30 million euros

(33.63 million dollars) for Ronaldinho, who was one of the most influential figures in Brazil's World Cup triumph last year.

The Brazilian becomes the fifth signing of the Laporta era as the new president has already signed Turkey goalkeeper Rustu Recber, Spanish midfielder Luis Garcia, Mexican centre-back Rafael Marquez and Portuguese winger Ricardo Quaresma.

Manchester Untied had appeared set to clinch Ronaldinho's signing earlier this week when manager Alex Ferguson described the deal as "just about there".

But earlier on Saturday United issued a statement on their official web site regarding the negotiations that said: "In order to bring the talks to a conclusion the club have spoken again with both PSG and the player's representa-

MNA/Reuters



Brazilian soccer player Ronaldinho undergoes a medical check-up after signing with the Spanish club Barcelona on 20 July, 2003. Ronaldinho, who was transfered from Paris Saint-Germain on Saturday in a transfer deal worth up to \$33.8 million, will be officially presented on

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Tuesday, July 22

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8:00 pm 17.News 18.International news 19.Weather report

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Land of Myanmar Songs on Screen "The Brightly Shining National News Rope Painting Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic 06.15 Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar" 06:25

23-7-2003*(Wednesday) Morning Transmission (03:30 - 07:30) Signature Tune

03:30 Greetings Song of Myanmar 03:32 Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma entiment

01:10

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Moon'

Myanmar Traditional 03:36

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Headline News
Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Tenderized
Eggplant" 03:42

National News 03:45 Maungmagan, The Seaside Village 03:50 03:55 Dance of the Royal

National News Song "Blue Moon" 04:00 04:05 04:10 Conservation of Seaturtles

National News Myanma Ancient Ornaments Showroom Song "To A Silver Seagull" 04:20 04:25

Seagull"
National News
A Trip to Inlay Lake
Myanmar Cuisine
"Monhinga"
National News
Ancient Pakhangyi 04:30 04:40

04:50 Vram Naga Harvest 04:55

Dance National News Wall-Hung Lobsters 05:00 Giant

Myanmar Modern Song "Loving Smile" Mosaic Painting of 05:10 05:12

Myanmar National News Naga Traditional **05:15** 05:20

Cultural Showroom Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma 05:25 Panorama & Myanma Sentiment'

05:30 Intricate Art of Silversmith Headline News
Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Hot and sour 05:40

fresh water prawn soup National News 05:45

Golden Mandalay Hill The Solo Dance 06:00 National News



Tuesday, July 22

Tune in today: 8.30 am Brief news

8.35 am Music 8.40 am Perspectives 8.45 am Music National news/ 8.50 am Slogan

9.00 am 9.05 am Music International news 9.10 am Music News/Slogan

1.40 pm Lunch time music More than words .. Westlife -Mv love is real ..

Strike

9.00 pm English lesson Look Ahead (38)
9.15 pm Music/Aritcle
9.25 pm Weekly sports Reel
9.35 pm Music for Your

listening Pleasure Why oh why .. ATC 9.45 pm News/Slogan

10.00 pm

Portfolio for easy listening

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Weather Map of Myanmur and Neighbouring Areas LOW ø a 0 ф 0 NO. 'n HICH (B

WEATHER Monday, 21 July, 2003

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observations recorded at 09:30 hours Summary of MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy to cloudy in Chin and Kayah States, Magway Division and rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered to widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Taininthayi Division and isolated heavyfalls in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (8.89) inches, Myeik (4.61) inches and Ye (3.86) inches. Maximum temperature on 20-7-2003 was 30.0°C (86°F). Minimum temperature on 21-7-2003 was 21.4°C (71°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 21-7-2003 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 20-7-2003 was (1.5) hours approx. Rainfall on 21-7-2003 was 8 mm was (1.5) hours approx. Rainfall on 21-7-2003 was 8 mm at Yangon Airport, 39 mm at Kaba-Aye and 16 mm at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 1128 mm (44.41 inches) at Yangon Airport, 1268 mm (50.83) inches at Kaba-Aye and 1262 mm (49.68 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 14 mph from Southwest at (11:50) hours MST on 20-7-2003. **Bay inference:** Moonsoon is moderate in the Bay of Bengal. Significant Features: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, the Severe Tropical Storm "KONI" over the South China Sea has centered about (430) miles Southeast of Hanoi, Vietnam. It is forecast to move Northwest ward.

Forecast valid until evening of 22-7-2003: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine, Kachin, Mon, Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated to scattered in the remaining areas with ioslated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%). State of the sea: Squalls with rough seas are likely at times in the Deltaic. Gulf of Mottama and off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface windspeed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. **Outlook** for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-7-2003: One Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-7-2003. One two rain or rainshowers, Degree of certainty is (80%). Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-7-2003: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Flood Bulletin
(Issued at 11.00 hrs MST on 21-7-2003)
According to the 06.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at NyaungU is (1121) cm. It will fall below its danger level of (1120) cm during the next (24) hours commemcing noon today.

According to the 06.30 hr MST observation today, the

water level of Chindwin River at Mawlaik is (1240) cm. It will fall below its danger level of (1230) cm during the next (24) hours commencing noon today

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects Vegetables Cultivation and Poultry and Fish Breeding Special Zone in Hmawby Township.— YANGON COMMAND

Yangon Division Vegetable Cultivation and Poultry and Fish Breeding Special Zone inspected

Yangon, 21 July — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, accompanied by No 1 Military Region Commander Col Tun Kyi and departmental officials, went to Yangon Division Vegetable Cultivation and Poultry and Fish Breeding Special Zone near Nyaunghnapin Village, Hmawby Township, this morning.

They met with departmental officials and private agriculturists and breeders and attended to their needs.

First, the commander and party inspected dredging of silt and repair of the em-

bankment along the main canal of Ngamoeyeik Dam, and repair of the entrance road to Hnakhanhmway Thaik Village in Hlegu Township. Officials reported on tasks being carried out. The commander gave necessary instructions.

On arrival at the Poultry and Fish Breeding Special Zone-3, the commander and party were welcomed by Chairman of the Special Zone Supervisory Committee Commissioner of Yangon Division General Administration Department U Hla Soe and officials.

At the briefing hall, Incharge of the zone-1 Yangon Division Manager of Myanma Agriculture Service U Aung Hsan, In-charge of the zone-2 District Commissioner of Yangon North District GAD U Thein Naing and In-charge of the zone-3 Head of Yangon Division Settlement and Land Records Department U Naing Win reported on land preparation in rainy season, cultivation of vegetables and breeding of broilers, layers and fish.

Next, Commissioner U
Hla Soe and officials briefed
the commander and party on
cultivation and livestock
breeding tasks and maintenance of laterite roads in the
special zones, Myanma Posts
and Telecommunications Division Manager U Saw Mu

Dae Lu on the arrangements being made for installation of telephones in the special zone-3 and Director of Yangon Division Irrigation Department U Kyaw Thein on the digging of the main canal for supplying water from Kalihtaw Dam to the croplands.

National entrepreneurs also reported on agriculture and livestock breeding tasks and requirements.

Next, the commander and party inspected progress of the special zone-3.

Later, the commander viewed thriving vegetable patches of private entrepreneurs in the zone-3 area and fulfilled their needs.— MNA

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 knowhow 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

Reminder to drivers

Yangon, 21 July — There has been some decrease in accident of bus-lines in Yangon City, thanks to strict supervision of officials. But, there occur more accidents of vehicles including private vehicles, departmental vehicles and city taxis, due to weaknesses in abiding by the traffic rules and regulations.

Various measures have been taken to reduce the occurrence of traffic accidents. So, drivers are to abide by the traffic rules and regulations. The Traffic Rules Supervisory Committee will take effective action against those breaching the traffic rules.—MNA

Tawa Sluice Gate is built at the fork of Bago River and Bago-Sittaung Canal near Tawa village on the eastern bank of the Bago River. The concrete sluice gate has 336-ft by 12-ft outlets. It can benefit 32,000 acres of land. The sluice gate was built with the aim of preventing flood in the rainy season and summer. It was commissioned

Commander inspects regional development work in Momeik Township

YANGON, 21 July -Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Local Tactical Operations Commander Col Aung Nyein and officials, on 17 July, arrived at Pubbayon Monastery in Momeik. The commander and party paid homage to Presiding Sayadaw member of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Bhaddanta Tejavamta and offered Wasorobes and provisions to the Savadaw.

The commander inspected teaching aids and classrooms of Momeik Basic Education High School. He presented prizes to 11 outstanding students who passed matriculation examination in 2002-2003.

The commander also inspected Momeik People's Hospital, comforted the patients and gave cash assistance. The commander looked into Sinshweli paddy plantations in Legyi village. He proceeded to Mainglon village BEMS in Kyaukme Township. He then viewed round the learning of students and donated K 300,000 to the headmistress. The commander and party arrived at Myoma Monastery in Mainglon Village where he paid homage and presented Waso robes and offertories to Presiding Sayadaw U Tuboga. The commander later went to Mainglon Village 16-bed station hospital and presented K 300,000 to the hospital staff. He oversaw groundnut, paddy and corn plantations of Kyaukme District Peace and Development Council. M//4

