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Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to President of Egypt

YANGON, 23 July — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on the occasion of the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt which falls on 23 July 2003.— MNA

A city lying in a large and pleasant garden

In an area not far from Yangon Division, there lies the Zwebat Sluice Gate, an irrigation facility included in a large array of infrastructures helping green the 30-mile perimeter of the Yangon City.

And thanks to the Zwebat Sluice Gate in Waw Township, Bago Division, farmlands in its vicinity are now safe from floods and sea water. The sluice gate is also providing greater assistance to reclaiming wetlands and enough water for cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy and other crops and plants.

In addition, the Moeyungyi Lake with a storage capacity of 140,000 acre-feet will also supply water through canals in Bago, Thanatpin and Thongwa for greening the 30-mile perimeter of the Yangon City and develop crops cultivation in the area.

As the area of Yangon is growing, along with the number of new settlement towns, world-class buildings, infrastructures, industrial zones, business centres, transport networks and parks to add modern characteristics to the city, the extent of the task to clean and green the whole area of the metropolis has become greater.

In this regard, the State has laid down the plan for year-round greening of the 30-mile perimeter of Yangon City, covering a large array of dams, sluice gates and lakes for irrigation and prevention of floods and the inflow of sea water, a network of feeder and drainage canals, a mammoth land reclamation project, and a massive agricultural development task.

The greening plan also includes Wingadat, Manpyo and Kokko sluice gate projects, reclamation of 10,000 acres of virgin and fallow lands with water from Moeyungyi Lake and cultivation of various types of crops on 55,000 acres in Kayan, Thongwa, Kyauktan and Thanlyin townships in Yangon Division all the year.

Thanks to the Zwebat Sluice Gate in Waw Township, Bago Division, farmlands in its vicinity are now safe from floods and sea water. —MNA

Tin Maung Than

On 19 July this year, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Khin Nyunt visited a number of irrigation facilities, agricultural works and other development undertakings of the 30-mile perimeter greening plan.

During the inspection, the Secretary-1 told officials that as more virgin, fallow and wetlands would be reclaimed in the future, a greater number of irrigation facilities would be needed to supply enough water for the newly establish farmlands to help green the areas included in 30-mile perimeter of Yangon.

Therefore, the staff of the 30-mile perimeter greening plan are striving hard to extend the storage capacity of Moeyungyi Lake and other dams and lakes, facilitate the operations of the irrigation works, reclaim more land as targeted and cultivate crops and plant trees as scheduled for Yangon to be like the city lying in a large and pleasant garden.

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council Order No 3/2003 9th Waning of Waso, 1365 ME (22 July 2003) Appointment of Attorney-General

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed U Aye Maung, who is jointly serving the duties of the attorney-general, as the attorney-general with effect from today.

By order,
Sd/ Khin Nyunt
General
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Daw Suu Kyi, the NLD party and Our Ray of Hope — 12

A political party may tour various regions to make speeches about its policy but it cannot expect everyone to agree with it. There may be others with different views. Moreover, we made a public nuisance of ourselves with our rowdy behaviour so there was bound to be some kind of unrestrained response in certain places.

But heedless of this we insisted on travelling at night and this put us in a position where we were unable to definitely tell who the culprits were when such encounters occurred. Although we tried to identify this person or that group we had no real proof because we could not see properly in the dark. So, the question is "Isn't that our own failing?" (Article on pages 8 and 9)

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Actively participate in health care services

The State Peace and Development Council, in its drive for the Union of Myanmar to become a peaceful and developed nation, is trying to enlist the active participation of the entire people. Prevailing upon the people to actively lend themselves to the task of modernizing the nation calls for the raising of their health standard. Therefore, uplift of health and fitness of the entire nation has been embodied in the Four Social Objectives and health care services are being systematically provided in both urban and rural areas to improve the health standard of all citizens in accordance with that particular objective.

To provide extensive health care services, the Government has been building the required infrastructure such as clinics and hospitals even in the remote areas. In addition, more and more doctors and nurses are being appointed. The Ministry of Health, on its part, has also been taking all the necessary steps to prevent and cure diseases. Prevention is better than cure and so first priority is given to preventive measures in carrying out health care services. Accordingly, projects have been laid down to prevent malaria, dengue haemorrhagic fever, elephantiasis, tuberculosis, leprosy and season diseases.

Sound health is important not only for an individual person but also for the whole nation. To improve the health standard of the nation, people are required to cooperate with the Health Department and actively participate in health care services. The people should take care of personal hygiene and cleanliness of their houses and of the wards and streets they live in. They should conscientiously take part in community sanitation work. Moreover, they should abide by the reminders and notices against the seasonal diseases announced by the Ministry of Health if and when necessary.

Finally, we would like to urge all the entire people to have health awareness. If they have health awareness, take care of their own health and actively participate in health care services being carried out by the Ministry of Health, the health standard of the nation will improve. Only then will our goal of a peaceful, modern and developed nation materialize.

Do not be bolstered whenever flattered

Knowledge Bank paper reading session to be held

YANGON, 22 July — Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association has been holding Knowledge Bank reading session. Dr Tin Tun Oo will read paper on SARS at 12 noon on 26 July at the Sarpay Beikman building, of No 529, Merchant Street.

Members of MWJA and enthusiasts are invited to attend it.

Educative handouts will be distributed to those present. Books on SARS recently written by Dr Tin Tun Oo will be sold at special price to observers and resource persons. —MNA

Commander inspects regional development tasks in Yathedaung Township

YANGON, 22 July — Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Oo on 17 July met with local people and staff at Yathedaung Township Peace and Development Council Office in Sittway District and urged them to extend agriculture for rice sufficiency in the region and cultivation of crops exceeding the target.

On 18 July, the commander went to agriculture farm of township General Administration Department and inspected pepper plants

and paddy plantations.

Afterwards, the commander proceeded to pepper plantation farm of township Peace and Development Council where 40,000 pepper saplings were grown. Next, the commander went to the township People's Hospital and attended to the needs. He saw over Basic Education High School of Yathedaung Township, and Information and Public Relations Department. On 19 July, Maj-Gen Maung Oo presented Waso robes and offertories to members of the Sangha at Aungmyay Bodhi Alodaw-pyai Monastery in

Yathe-daung Township. Similarly, he also donated Waso robes to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Arcara and members of the Sangha of Mayyu Monastery in Zedipyin Village in the township. Moreover, he also donated 50 bags of cement and 25 tons of timber to the monastery for renovation of the monastery.

Member of Rakhine State Work Committee for Women's Affairs wife of the commander Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo met with committee members, members of maternal and child welfare association, villagers at the

monastery and discussed social, health, education matters of the local people. Next, she presented iodized salt and gifts to those present. Later, the commander inspected station hospital in Zedipyin Village and presented K 1 million towards the fund of the hospital donated by Rakhine State Peace and Development Council through officials. He then met with officials, staff and locals at BEHS at the village and gave instructions on regional development tasks and attended to the needs.

MNA

Joint Myanmar UNICEF Advisory Group (JMUAG) meets

YANGON, 22 July — The Meeting on JMUAG from 2001 to 2005, under the Myanmar and UNICEF cooperation programme, was held at International Business Centre at 9 am today, attended by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha.

Also present at the meeting were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises, officials of East Asia and Pacific Regional Office and UNICEF Office, representatives of UN agencies and guests.

Regional Director Ms Mehr Khan of East Asia and Pacific Regional Office and Resident Coordinator of the UN System's Operational Activities for Development Mr Charles James Petrie extended greetings. UNICEF representative Mr J Bertrand Mendis reported on implementation of the



Minister U Soe Tha addressed the meeting on reviewing Myanmar and UNICEF cooperation programme. — MNA

project. Next, officials discussed health and nutrition, basic education and children in need of special protection, water and environment.

tal sanitation, information and communication and capacity building for planning and monitoring.

MNA

Talks on narcotic drugs held in Kyunsu

YANGON, 22 July — Talks to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking were held at the Basic Education High School in Kyunsu on 26 June morning. Present were local authorities, departmental personnel, teachers and students. The message sent by Chairman of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing was read. Later, officials gave talks on narcotic drugs.

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Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Mayor U Ko Lay cordially greet and encourage ward dwellers. — MNA

Health Minister, Mayor inspect prevention against dengue haemorrhagic fever

YANGON, 22 July — Member of National Health Committee Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor U Ko Lay inspected collective measures for prevention against dengue haemorrhagic fever in Thingangyun Township this morning. Head of Health Department of YCDC Dr Tin Maung Win and Head of Township Health Department Dr Than Than Htay reported on outbreak of dengue fever, preventive measures and weekly organizational and educative measures. The minister and the mayor gave necessary instructions. The minister and the mayor inspected sanitation of drains, chlorination in lakes and wells.

The mayor and officials also inspected tasks to be undertaken by YCDC for greening of Kandawgyi and its environs and gave instructions. —MNA

SANITATION TASKS INSPECTED: Yangon City Development Committee Joint-Secretary U Kyi Win and officials inspected sanitation tasks in Yangon on 22 July evening. Photo shows officials inspecting garbage collecting system in Pabedan Township. — ycdc



Annan warns US over Iraq: "Democracy can't be imposed from outside"

UNITED NATIONS, 22 July — Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged the United States Monday to quickly restore control of Iraq to its people, warning that "democracy can't be imposed from the outside."

In the 23-page report to the Security Council, Annan also noted concerns about the US treatment of Iraqi detainees and the failure to improve security in Baghdad.

While Annan welcomed the creation of a US-picked Iraqi Governing Council, he wrote that Iraqis had expressed "an overwhelming demand for self-rule."

"It is important that Iraqis are able to see a clear timetable leading to the full restoration of sovereignty," Annan wrote.

The critical tone of the report was unlikely to help US efforts to win support for an international peacekeeping force that could relieve overburdened American troops in Iraq.

US diplomats offered a cautious initial assessment. "We certainly agree that Iraqis should be in charge of their own country and we are working hard to do that and that's why the governing council is a good first step," said Richard Grenell, spokesman for the US mission to the United Nations. —Internet

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US troops face more Iraq road bombings

BAGHDAD, 22 July — Insurgents are increasingly using roadside bombs detonated by remote control to attack American forces in Iraq with an American soldier and his Iraqi translator dying in northern Baghdad in the latest explosion.

As part of an effort to lower the US profile in Iraq, the new US commander in the region announced plans to establish an Iraqi militia to help patrol the country.

Monday's attack wounded three other members of the US Army's 1st Armored Division squad and destroyed two Humvees. A US military spokesman credited an Iraqi vendor with saving one of the injured soldiers.

"One man who worked at a nearby stand helped the soldiers out of the vehicles. That probably saved one soldier's life," Lt Col John Kem said. In the past week, three roadside bombs have exploded, each killing an American soldier, and troops discovered and defused at least one other.

Four soldiers have died in attacks from rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire, the weapons used in nearly all attacks before

last week. The bomb that was defused was hidden in a mold used to make blocks of ice and designed to be detonated by a radio-controlled doorbell button — meaning it did not require a wire connection. Witnesses have reported other roadside bombs were set off by men sitting in cars some distance from the convoys, ensuring a quick getaway.

Gen John Abizaid, on his first visit to Iraq since taking over at US Central Command, said Monday that he would create an Iraqi civil defense force of nearly 7,000 men to patrol with the US military. It would consist of eight battalions, each with about 850 armed Iraqi militiamen.

Commanders said the militia was an effort to lower the profile of American forces. An Iraqi militia will be a localized effort to assist local governors in running their areas. —Internet

China begins relocating airport in western China

URUMQI, 22 July — China has launched a project to relocate an airport in southern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, northwest China, local aviation officials said on Monday.

Located in Sinir Township, 17 kilometres south of Korla City, the new Korla Airport project is estimated to cost 457.4 million yuan (55.7 million US dollars) with funding from central and local governments.

The new airport was designed to meet the projected demand of the aviation sector in the Year 2010, and it will serve as a standby airport for international flights according to its long-term development programme. —MNA/Xinhua



Shiite Muslims shout anti-American slogans during a protest against the presence of US troops in Iraq at the US base near Al Kadhimiya mosque in Baghdad Monday, on 21 July, 2003. —INTERNET

New death of soldier in Iraq piles pressure on US

BAGHDAD, 22 July — A US soldier and an Iraqi interpreter were killed in an attack in Baghdad Monday, adding to an almost daily toll of casualties that is putting pressure on Washington to scale back its role in Iraq.

They died as Iraq's week-old self-rule body again failed to resolve the basic issue of who will lead the US-appointed Governing Council. With many Iraqis also keen to be rid of the occupying forces and rule themselves now that Saddam Hussein is gone, the Council seems to many to be making slow progress.

An Arab television chan-

nel aired comments by masked gunmen who claimed attacks on Americans were an Islamic holy war and not, as US officials say, the work of Saddam loyalists.

The US military said the soldier from the 1st Armored Division and the interpreter were killed when their vehicle hit an improvised mine on a Baghdad highway and

they then came under fire. Three other soldiers were wounded.

A local journalist watched as one US military vehicle blew up in broad daylight. A Reuters photographer later saw two burned out Humvee vehicles, 100 yards apart, apparently the aftermath of the fatal incident, north of the city centre.

Internet

New WHO boss pledges to work for poor

GENEVA, 22 July — A little-known South Korean doctor takes over as head of the World Health Organization (WHO) on Monday determined the UN agency can do more for the poor.

Lee Jong-wook, previously head of WHO's tuberculosis programme, succeeds Gro Harlem Brundtland after the ex-Norwegian prime minister said she would not seek a further five-year term.

"In a world marked by unacceptable health inequalities, we will emphasize those programmes that benefit the poorest and most vulnerable communities," Lee said recently.

HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, which together kill some six million people a year, had to be priorities for the one-billion-dollar-a-year agency because the burden fell heaviest on the poorest countries, particularly in Africa, he said. To reinforce the message, he has promised to increase the number of those in Third World countries being treated for AIDS to three million by 2005, 10 times the current figure.

The 58-year-old official, the first South Korean to head a UN agency, is so committed to the target that it is simply referred to as the "3-by-5" goal by his colleagues.

The ever-smiling Lee was elected in January in the closest ballot ever at the Geneva-based body, beating high-profile UNAIDS chief Peter Piot by 17 votes to 15 after several rounds. He inherits an organization basking in the success of the recent fight against SARS, the potentially fatal respiratory disease that once threatened a global pandemic.

Brundtland, who said that at 64 she was too old for another full term, had already done much to restore the prestige of the WHO after the controversies of the early 1990s. She took over in 1998 from Japanese pharmacologist Hiroshi Nakajima. —MNA/Reuters

Pakistani exports rise by 21%

ISLAMABAD, 22 July — Pakistani exports in the 2002-03 fiscal year ending on 30 June increased by 21 per cent, crossing the 10-billion-US-dollar mark and reaching 11 billion US dollars.

Meanwhile the country's imports rose by 17.8 per cent, reaching the level of 12.2 billion US dollars, according to a report on Trade Policy 2002-2004 released Sunday by the Pakistani Commerce Ministry. The trade deficit in the last fiscal year further reduced by 4 per cent to 1.15 billion US dollars, said the report. The main exports last year were textile products, rice and leather footwear and the main destinations were the United States, European Union and the Middle East. Pakistan's traditional textile sector fetched 7.17 billion US dollars or 67 per cent of the country's total exports and posted the largest increase of 24 per cent over the previous year. —MNA/Xinhua



Jong-Wook Lee, new Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), stands in front of the headquarters of the organization in Geneva, Switzerland, on 21 July, 2003. Jong-Wook Lee replaced former WHO Director-General, Norwegian Gro Harlem Brundtland on Monday for a five-year term. —XINHUA PHOTO

Four American soldiers die in Iraq over weekend

NEW YORK, 22 July—Three American soldiers were killed in combat in Iraq Saturday and Sunday, and one more died in a non-hostile incident, bringing the overall American death toll in Iraq to 229 since the start of military operations March 20. 151 of those deaths are combat-related.

One American from the First Infantry Division was killed early Saturday while on guard outside the Al-Rasheed Bank. Two soldiers from the 101st Airborne were killed and another injured early Sunday when their convoy came under small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire near the town of Tal Afar, west of Mosul.

Another American was killed Sunday near Baghdad International Airport when the vehicle he was in crashed and flipped. Two other soldiers were injured in the crash.

With the American combat death toll in Iraq surpassing the 147 killed during the 1991 Gulf War, skepticism about the Coalition's ability to bring peace to Iraq is in question. US deaths in July alone have been averaging more than one per day.

On Sunday, thousands of Shiites protested in the streets of Najaf against the American troop presence and the new Iraqi Governing Council, which is made up of 13 Shiite Muslims, five Sunni Muslims, five Kurds, one Assyrian Christian, and one Turkmen. Muqtada al-Sadr, a Shiite cleric in Najaf believed to have incited the protest, claimed that the Council was an assembly of "nonbelievers."

Speaking on Fox News Sunday, Senior Coalition Administrator Paul Bremer announced that an Iraqi defence

force would be established to assist US and coalition forces in finding and eliminating Saddam loyalists believed to be responsible for the string of insurgencies in recent weeks.

"We're starting this week to raise an Iraqi civil defence corps, which will be made up of Iraqis who will be under American military command, to help us basically with the armed part of the work we're doing," Bremer told Fox News. He added that the Coalition is looking to recruit an Iraqi army and has established a police academy looking to train 65,000 recruits over 18 months.

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

In other developments, United States Central Command announced an end to Operation Soda Mountain on Friday. The military operation captured 4,297 mortar rounds, 1,346 rocket-propelled grenades, 635 various weapons, and made 611 arrests, including 62 former regime leaders. Soda Mountain, which follows Operations Peninsula Strike, Desert Scorpion, and Sidewinder, was geared toward the continued deterrence, disruption, and defeat of enemy insurgents. — Internet

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Family mourns local soldier killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 July—A local family received the news that all families of active military personnel dread — their loved one will not be coming home, killed in the line of duty in Iraq.

Newscenter 5's Jorge Quiroga reported that the Pentagon confirmed that Townsend's Sgt Justin Garvey was killed on July 19 in a rocket attack in the Iraqi city of Tal Afar, 240 miles northwest of Baghdad.

Angie Walsh Garvey said that the second she received a message to call the police, she knew her 23-year-old son was not coming home from Iraq. She last spoke to him on the phone eight days ago. On Monday afternoon, she and Garvey's sister, Kristen, tried to console each other and called Garvey a hero.

Garvey was a 17-year-old junior in high school when he decided to join the National Guard, and in memory of his late stepfather, he enlisted in the Army right after graduation.

Internet

Earthquake jolts southwest China

KUNMING, 22 July — An earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter Scale rocked Yunnan Province in southwest China late Monday night, according to the China Seismological Bureau.

The tremor occurred in Dayao County, some 180 kilometres away from the provincial capital city of Kunming, at 23:16 Monday. It was felt in Kunming, according to local sources.

A number of buildings and residential houses in Dayao County collapsed, while no report of casualties had been received by 00:30 Tuesday, Zhi Jinli, secretary of the Dayao County Committee of the Communist Party of China, told Xinhua on phone.

Disaster relief work were immediately launched and the local authorities have dispatched rescue teams to all of Dayao's 14 townships, Zhi said. — MNA/Xinhua

Plane with US tourists hits Mount Kenya, 14 dead

MOUNT KENYA NATIONAL PARK (Kenya), 22 July — At least 14 people, including 12 US tourists, were killed when a light aircraft crashed into Africa's second-highest mountain, the snow-capped Mount Kenya, officials said on Sunday.

The plane was flying over the 17,000-foot mountain, 70 miles north of the Kenyan capital Nairobi when it crashed into one of its peaks on Saturday.

"All people are dead. It's a real mess. The plane exploded and it is scattered all over the area," Bongo Woodley, senior warden in the Mount Kenya region for the Kenya Wildlife Services told Reuters.

He said the South African-registered aircraft had hit the third highest point on the mountain.

Peter Wakahia, chief inspector of accidents with the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, told Reuters: "There were two South Afri-

can pilots and 12 American passengers." Police said efforts to retrieve the bodies were underway.

"Police climbers are scaling the mountain and will probably arrive there early on Monday. A helicopter sent to survey the scene has been hindered by thick cloud cover," said Albert Waweru, a senior police officer in Nyeri Town. Waweru said the plane, which had taken off from the Wilson Airport in Nairobi on Saturday afternoon, had headed for Samburu national park in northern Kenya. Officials at Wilson Airport were not available to confirm details of the flight or the nationality of the tourists. — MNA/Reuters



Iraqi mothers wait with their children to get them vaccinated against measles, diphtheria, tuberculosis hepatitis-B and polio, at a local clinic in Baghdad, Iraq, on 22 July, 2003. The Iraqi Ministry of Health in cooperation with US Agency for international Development, UNICEF and Healthcare provided vaccinations across Iraq on the occasion of 2nd Iraq National Vaccination Day. According to UNICEF and WHO, thousands of Iraqi children die each month due to lack of clean water, food and medicines. —INTERNET

US has to fall back on UN for solution to Iraq issue

BEIJING, 22 July — The United States seems to have no way but to return to the United Nations framework for a solution to the Iraq issue, a leading Chinese newspaper said on Monday.

Washington should sincerely invite the United Nations to play a leading role instead of making it merely a "super red-cross" over Iraq, if the United States wants to walk out of the dilemma it is facing in the war-torn country, an article carried by China's People's Daily said.

After all, the UN is the exclusively legitimized body in the world to form a multi-national peacekeeping force to replace the US-British allied troops in Iraq, and only a new Iraqi Government formed under the UN mandate can win support and recognition from Iraqi people and the international community, the paper said.

US President George W Bush received broad applause both in and outside his administration when he announced an end of main military actions in Iraq in May. However, US soldiers in Iraq have since been attacked almost daily, with a death toll of 151 even exceeding the total of American fatalities in combat in the 1991 Gulf War.

General John Abizaid, the new commander of the US Central Command, admitted recently that American troops in Iraq are facing "a classical guerilla-type campaign" by ousted Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's loyalists and foreign militant groups.

To ease pressure on American troops in Iraq, the US Senate lately unanimously adopted a resolution urging the Bush Administration to ask NATO to send troops to Iraq.

US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who previously spurned Germany and France as the out-dated "old Europe" which Washington cannot rely on for a war on Iraq, has openly invited the two countries to join the peacekeeping mission there.

Nevertheless, countries such as France, Germany and India have all declined the US request, citing an absence of UN authorization. French President Jacques Chirac has made it clear that a French military participation cannot be considered within the current framework. — MNA/Xinhua



Electronic technicians from the armed police stationed in Shanghai repair home appliances free of charge for the local residents at a promotion for community services held in the Jin'ansi residential area in Shanghai on 20 July, 2003. Some medical officers and electronic technicians from the armed police stationed in Shanghai joined the event to offer free services to the local residents. —XINHUA PHOTO

President's approval rating drops in poll

WASHINGTON, 22 July — The sluggish economy and the continuing daily threat to US forces in Iraq have taken a toll on President Bush's public standing, according to a USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll.

President Bush's approval rating is at its lowest point since March.

The President's approval rating fell to 59%, its lowest level since March, in the poll of 1,003 adults over the weekend.

Bush's lowest marks came on his handling of the economy: 45% approved, 51% disapproved. That weakness extended to the Republican Party, which controls Congress.

Democrats had a 17-point advantage, 53%-36%, when poll respondents were asked which party would do a better job handling the economy. In January, the GOP had a 43%-42% edge.

Bush's party held its edge on handling the threat of terrorism: Americans preferred Republican policies by 55% to 29%. The divide was narrower on the overall handling of foreign policy: Republicans were preferred 46% to 41%.

On the handling of the postwar situation in Iraq, the GOP advantage dropped since January from 24 percentage points to 15 points. Republicans were favored on that question by 51%-36%.

Bush held a 6-percentage-point advantage, 47%-41%, when those polled were asked whether they would support his reelection bid against a Democratic candidate, down from 12 points a month ago.

Democratic presidential candidates have hammered at Bush on his handling of Iraq. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said Monday that US troops are paying the price for Bush's failure to build an international coalition for postwar Iraq: "It is clear now that he didn't do that sufficiently. In that regard, the American people were let down."

Another Democratic presidential contender, Representative Richard Gephardt of Missouri, said he hears frequently during the campaign about people's economic worries.

College students can't find jobs, and older workers with high-paying manufacturing jobs are concerned their companies will move overseas, Gephardt told USA TODAY and Gannett News Service. "The economic issues are really beginning to take hold," he said.

But Republican pollster Whit Ayres said the drop in Bush's ratings was a routine "settling" of numbers that were artificially high after the Iraq war. Ayres said "59% approval is a number many presidents would die for." The weakness of Bush and the GOP on the economy is merely an expression of frustration at the pace of economic recovery, he said. "All of that can change in a heartbeat."

Internet



A US soldier from the 1st Armoured Division directs clean-up operations of the wreckage of US army Humvees in Baghdad, Iraq, on 21 July, 2003. A US soldier and his Iraqi interpreter were killed and three soldiers were injured when a roadside bomb was detonated as their convoy passed. —INTERNET

Beijing reports sharp increase in foreign trade

BEIJING, 22 July — Beijing's foreign trade increased sharply in the first half of 2003, according to the statistics from Beijing Customhouse.

The total foreign trade volume reached 32.44 billion US dollars in the first six months, up 37.2 per cent year-on-year. Exports made up 7.81 billion US dollars, up 40.9 per cent, and imports were 24.63 billion US dollars, a rise of 36.1 per cent.

Beijing's foreign trade was dominated by high-tech products. Exports of high-tech products totalled 1.43 billion US dollars, up 43 per cent year-on-year, and imports reached 2.49 billion US dollars, accounting for 49 per cent of the total, noted the Customs statistics.

Europe, Japan and the United States remained the major markets for commodities exported by the capital, and Beijing's imported commodities were mainly from Asian countries and regions, including Japan and South Korea.

Foreign-funded enterprises played a leading role in the municipality's foreign trade, recording 2.24 billion US dollars in exports and 2.83 billion US dollars in imports from January to June, up 42.7 per cent and 36.5 per cent respectively. —MNA/Xinhua

Landslides after heavy rains kill 10 in Japan

TOKYO, 22 July — Landslides set off by torrential rains on the weekend have killed at least 10 people and left a dozen others missing in southern Japan, officials said on Monday.

Hundreds of troops, police officers and firefighters resumed rescue operations at dawn on Monday, using bulldozers, cranes and shovels to try to find those unaccounted for.

Soldiers poked through knee-deep mud with shovels in search of those swept away by the landslides.

The Maritime Self-Defence Force (Navy) has sent a destroyer to the waters off Kumamoto Prefecture, some 559 miles southwest of Tokyo, to search of those who could have been washed into the ocean.

A 36-year-old woman, her three-year-old son and her mother-in-law were found dead on Monday after landslides smashed wooden houses in the city of Minamata in Kumamoto Prefecture.

A 62-year-old woman was missing after flash floods washed her car away into a river.

The Meteorological Agency said heavy rain could hit the area again later on Monday and warned of further damage.

"Our rescue operations have been hampered by heavy rain that we fear could also trigger more landslides," an official said.

Train operations remained disrupted and highways in the region were closed. —MNA/Reuters

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Majority of Japanese oppose sending troops to Iraq

TOKYO, 22 July — A majority of Japanese oppose sending troops to Iraq to help with reconstruction efforts, as public support for Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi slid, according to a survey released.

Fifty-five percent of those responding said they were against dispatching the Self-Defence Forces (SDF) to the war-torn country, compared with 43 percent in a similar poll in June, the Asahi Shimbun said.

The latest survey showed 33 percent of the respondents voiced support, down from 46 percent in the previous poll.

The daily conducted the latest survey by phone on Sunday and Monday. Valid responses came to 1,946 or 53 percent.

When asked why they oppose sending SDF personnel, 25 percent of the respondents said Iraq is still dangerous.

The survey also showed that support for Koizumi's cabinet declined to 42 percent from 47 percent in June, while the disapproval rate inched up to 36 percent from 34 percent.

Koizumi's ruling coalition reportedly agreed last week to go ahead with enactment of a controversial bill on Wednesday that would allow the government to send the SDF to Iraq.

The lower house of parliament has already passed the bill on July 4. It would be the first time since World War II that Japanese troops are approved to enter a country where deadly battles are still raging.

Although Japanese troops will limit their activities to "non-combat areas" under the bill, they will be able to use force to defend themselves or others with them if attacked and when they have no other option.

The bill paves the way for a reconnaissance mission expected by August, followed by a 1,000-strong contingent in October.

Japanese forces aim to help resettle refugees, rebuild facilities, and provide fresh water and supplies. They are banned under the proposed legislation from providing weapons, ammunition and aircraft for combat.

Last week, two Hercules C-130 planes of Japan's SDF arrived at the military airport of Marq, near Amman, carrying humanitarian aid on behalf of the World Food Programme for Iraq. — Internet

Conjoined Korean twins set for Singapore surgery

SINGAPORE, 22 July — Two weeks after a failed attempt to separate Iranian twins, four-month-old conjoined South Korean sisters will undergo surgery to separate them at the same Singapore hospital, state television said on Monday.

The operation to separate the babies joined at the lower spine could start as early as Tuesday if tests go well, Channel NewsAsia reported.

A team of 10 surgeons had been assembled for the surgery which was expected to last around 10 hours, it said. Raffles Hospital spokeswoman Liang Hwee Ting told Reuters earlier on Monday that results of tests carried out on the babies over the weekend were still pending. The parents of the Korean twins had sought the advice of experts at Raffles Hospital before it began a high-profile operation

to separate Laleh and Ladan Bijani, Iranian twins joined at the head, which ended tragically on 8 July. The 29-year-old law graduates lost a lot of blood as the 52-hour operation to separate them was coming to an end. Their deaths sparked a heated debate on the ethics of such a life-threatening operation, with some medical experts concerned about what they saw as the haste and motive behind the surgery. But the parents of the Korean twins are determined to go ahead with the surgery, the station said.

Min Seung-joon, father

of the twins, said the Singaporean medical team had given the twins a better than 85 per cent chance of survival. The twins, their parents and grandparents, had travelled to Singapore in mid-June for tests. The parents had sought the help of Dr Keith Goh after hearing of his success in disentangling the fused skulls and brains of 11-month-old Nepali sisters in 2001. "The situation with the Korean twins is definitely less complicated," a medical source involved in the Bijani twins' separation surgery told Reuters.

MNA/Reuters

Economic cooperation symposium set for Beijing

BEIJING, 22 July — The seventh symposium on economic cooperation between Beijing and Hong Kong will be held in Beijing in late October this year.

The symposium will feature the theme of complementing each other's advantages and achieving prosperity together, according to the organizers.

Officials from Hong Kong and Beijing will be invited to give key-note speeches. Workshops on tendering for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games facilities, policies for investing in Hong Kong, financial development in Beijing, tourism development in both places, cooperation in law firms, and commercial promotion activities will also be held.

A total of 285 cooperative agreements were signed in the previous six symposiums, which involved 12.982 billion US dollars in the agreement contracts. — MNA/Xinhua

Kerry says "false pride" holding Bush back in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 22 July — Democratic presidential contender John Kerry urged the Bush Administration on Monday to seek UN support in stabilizing Iraq and questioned if "false pride" was delaying the move. Kerry, a Massachusetts senator who is one of nine Democrats vying to challenge President George W Bush in 2004, told reporters the help of other nations was crucial in helping stabilize post-war Iraq.

He said "my blood boiled over" when he read in the *New York Times* on Saturday that some in the Bush Administration might consider it humiliating to go to the United Nations for help after bypassing the world body before going to war in Iraq.

"You don't make a decision about protecting your own troops and winning your objectives based on false pride," he said in a conference call with reporters. Kerry, a decorated Vietnam War veteran, said half of the names of the dead enshrined on the Vietnam

War Memorial in Washington stem "from the time that that kind of pride began to cloud the decisions in Vietnam." The Bush Administration has reacted coolly to suggestions that a new UN resolution could make it easier for nations to help Washington stabilize Iraq through troops or other means, saying existing resolutions give the UN cover to any country that wants to join the effort in Iraq. Russia and other countries have suggested a new UN resolution might make countries more disposed to help. Kerry said interna-

tional help was crucial with American deaths continuing and the costs of policing the country mounting.

"Lives are at stake," he said. "We need to internationalize this and we need to do it now, we need to do it openly and we need to do it in order to defuse the sense of occupation and protect the troops." Kerry, who supported a resolution giving Bush the authority to wage war in Iraq, has been critical of the Administration's failure to gain wider international backing for the war effort. —MNA/Reuters

Militants deny Iraq attacks linked to Saddam

ABU DHABI, 22 July — A group of unidentified Iraqi militants said in a television interview on Monday that attacks on US troops in Iraq were carried out by Islamists rather than loyalists of deposed leader Saddam Hussein.

"I swear to you in the name of God that we know about all the resistance operations that take place inside Iraq," a masked man, his face veiled in the traditional Arab head-dress, told Abu Dhabi television in an interview from Iraq.

"They are all waged in the name of God, none of them (attacks) have any relation to the former regime... All Iraqis have been harmed by the former regime," he said, standing in a group of about 10 masked men, some carrying rifles. —MNA/Reuters

Iraq Governing Council fails to pick leader

BAGHDAD, 22 July — Iraq's week-old Governing Council failed to pick a leader in five hours of talks on Monday that left unclear whether it was any nearer to taking back some responsibilities from US-led occupying forces.

There was no official word on the meeting's outcome, but a member of one party represented on the US-appointed council said members had discussed a draft "political statement". The council, seen in Washington as a first step towards a democratic government in Iraq following the war to topple Saddam Hussein, has yet to agree on its own internal structure, choose a leader or name ministers to prepare for a handover of powers from the US-led Coalition Provisional Authority.

"Today's meeting was focused mainly on the discussions of a draft of the political statement, which was prepared by a committee set up by the council," said Hoshiyar Zebari, political adviser to Masoud Barzani, leader of the Kurdistan Democratic Party

and one of the 25 council members.

He said the council had not discussed the leadership issue as it must first approve a basic structure for the body, which reflects Iraq's diverse religious and ethnic groups.

Its 25 members, who include three women, said when they first convened on 13 July that one of their first tasks was to pick a president.

Since then the Shiite and Sunni Muslims, Kurds and secular politicians on the council have wrangled over proposals for the leadership, some of which call for a rotating presidency. The council can name and dismiss ministers, approve the 2004 budget and decide economic and electoral reform policy, but final control of Iraq still rests with US civilian administrator Paul Bremer. —MNA/Reuters



A US Army soldiers look over one of two destroyed military vehicles after an explosion on a Baghdad road on 21 July, 2003. A US military vehicle was blown up on Monday in Baghdad, apparently by a rocket-propelled grenade, and at least two soldiers riding in it may have been killed, a journalist who witnessed the event said. —INTERNET

Iraqi delegation squabbles ahead of UN appearance

UNITED NATIONS, 22 July — A delegation from Iraq's new Governing Council squabbled on Monday over who could address the UN Security Council during Tuesday's progress report on Iraqi reconstruction, council diplomats said.

Ahmed Chalabi, the head of the Iraqi National Congress and a divisive figure in Baghdad who enjoys the support of the Pentagon, decided to cancel his trip to New York after learning that only one member of the delegation would be able to address the

Security Council, diplomats said. Chalabi changed his mind after it was tentatively agreed that both he and former Foreign Minister Adnan Pachachi could speak, the diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

But a spokesman for

Spanish Ambassador Inocencio Arias, the Security Council president for July, said only Pachachi would be able to speak, following UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Annan's special envoy for Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello.

"Pachachi will talk in the

name of the delegation — only one person," the spokesman said. The third member of the delegation is Akila al-Hashemi, a former diplomat who is one of three women on the Governing Council.

Since the appointment of its 25 members a little over a week ago by Paul Bremer, Iraq's US governor, the Governing Council has been unable to agree on who would lead it.

MNA/Reuters

Rice exports surge through China's Dalian Port

DALIAN, 22 July — Rice exports through the port of Dalian, in northeastern Liaoning Province, surged to 203,000 tons in the first half of the year, a 580-per-cent rise over the same period last year, according to the latest Customs figures.

The rice exported was valued at 45.68 million US dollars, up 370 per cent year on year. Premium rice accounted for 76.8 per cent of the total, or 156,000 tons. Major markets of the rice were South Korea, Japan, Libya and Puerto Rico.

The province has been the major producer of the country's premium rice due to its geographic location.

Custom analysts said the rice was competitive in both quality and price with top premium rice selling for only two yuan (24 US cents) per kilos, much lower than its major rivals from the United States and Australia.

MNA/Xinhua



The picture taken on 13 July, 2003 shows workers fix outside decorations onto a new truck in the Liberation Truck Plant under the First Automobile Works Group (FAW) in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province. The First Automobile Works Group (FAW), the biggest auto maker of China, has sold 428,000 automobiles with a sales revenue of 55.6 billion yuan in the first half of this year, a record high in its history. —XINHUA PHOTO

Indonesia's aircraft manufacturer recalls 150 employees

JAKARTA, 22 July — The state-owned aircraft manufacturer PT Dirgantara Indonesia (Indonesia Aerospace) recalled Monday 150 employees one week after it announced a mass lay-off affecting more than 9,000 employees.

The employees were recalled to complete aircraft orders from Malaysia and Pakistan, local media reports said.

The company last Saturday announced the lay-off due to financial difficulties. Dirgantara, which

produces propeller plane CN-235s together with Spain-based CASA, reportedly shoulders some 390.24 million US dollars in debts to the government and private companies. Vice-President Hamzah Haz said the government is deeply concerned with the problem facing Dirgantara, adding that a Cabinet meeting will soon be held to discuss the problem. "The government remains to pay attention (to Dirgantara) by recalling employees who have been sent home," he told reporters here. MNA/Xinhua

Seminar on Medical Ethics on 26 July

YANGON, 22 July — Seminar on Medical Ethics for Medical Profession conducted by Myanmar Medical Council will be held at Myanma Medical Association at No 249, Theinbyu Street, Mingala Taungnyunt Township at 8.30 am on 26 July. Enthusiasts may attend the seminar. **MNA**



A low-cost house constructed in Nyaungwaing Village by Kyauktan Township Development Affairs Committee. **MNA**

Narcotic drugs seized in Monkoe, Kale

YANGON, 22 July — A combined team comprising local Tatmadawmen, members of the intelligence unit and Myanmar Police Force, acting on information, searched a Dyna bus, which left Phaunghsai, on the road in Ward 5, Monkoe, Shan State (North) on 12 July and arrested passengers Ma Mar Lu, daughter of U Mar Tu of Banhmway Village in Manyant Village-tract, Monkoe Township, Ma Khun Nan, daughter of U Htan Khao, Ma Gyo Hsay, daughter of U Gyo Naung, Ma Tein Lauk, daughter of U Zon Tin of Manhsa Village, Kyinhon Village-tract, Monkoe Township and Ma Khun Nan, daughter of U Yaw Khaw of Pankaw Village, Phaunghsai Village-tract, Monkoe Township, together with 11.2 kilos of opium.

On 13 July, the combined team, acting on information, searched the house of Daw Shant Shi Chan at Ward 1, Monkoe, and seized Daw Shant Shi Chan and Rongchun Hwa of Kholong Village, Lujian Township, Paukshan District, Yunnan Province, with 650 stimulant tablets, 201 grams of opium and 156 grams of heroin. In addition, another combined team stopped the bus with number plates Ka/326 which left Falam, at 8th Mile Check-point, Kale, on 13 July and seized Za Thwal Lal of Letpanchaung Village, Kale Township, with 33.203 grams of heroin.

Action is being taken against them under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. **MNA**

Regional development work coordinated in Thabeikkyin Township

YANGON, 22 July — Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, together with officials, met with departmental officials and authorities at Shwe Wah Win Hall in Thabeikkyin Township on 18 July morning. Officials reported on arrangements

being made for the regional development.

Next, the commander gave instructions on implementation of the projects by respective departments,

greening of the region, extended cultivation of fuel wood plantations, cooperation for regional development, and fulfilled the needs.

The commander inspected progress in construction of extended building of Thabeikkyin Township BEHS, the lake with a water storage capacity of 15,000 gallons to supply water for Seikkan Ward and the People's Hospital.

The commander went to Kyitaukpauk Village Basic Education Post-Primary School and inspected the construction of the school building. At Singu Township General Administration Department, the commander met with departmental staff and local people. Officials reported on the work being carried out sector-wise.

On 20 July, the commander watched the final match of the Commander of Central Command's Cup Football Tournament. The commander presented the championship shield to the winning team. — **MNA**



A low-cost house constructed by Kangyidaung Township Development Affairs Committee, in Daka Village. — **MNA**

Low-cost rural housing projects being implemented

YANGON, 22 July — With the aim of enabling rural people to raise their living standard, under the supervision of Development Affairs Department, various Township Development Affairs Committees, have been implementing low-cost rural housing projects in ChaungU Township in Sagaing Division, Nattalin Township in Bago Division (West), Aunglan

Township in Magway Division, Kyauktan Township, Yagon Division, Kangyidaung and Nyaungdon Townships in Ayeyawady Division. **MNA**



Daw Shant Shi Chan with seized narcotic drugs. **MNA**



Za Thwal Lal with seized heroin in Kale. — **MNA**



Five drugs dealers with seized raw opium in Mongkoe on 12 July. — **MNA**



The map showing the opium refinery near Pannaungka Village, Hsaikkhaung Village-tract, Hsihseng Township, Shan State (South). **MNA**

Opium refinery exposed in Hsihseng Township

YANGON, 22 July — A combined team comprising local Tatmadawmen, members of the intelligence unit and Myanmar Police Force, acting on information that there was an opium refinery near Pannaungka Village, Hsaikkhaung Village-tract, Hsihseng Township, Shan State (South), raided the refinery on 19 July.

The combined team encountered a guard of the refinery who opened fire on it with small arms.

The combined team seized an unidentified body with one pistol, one magazine and 13 rounds of ammunition.

After clearing the area where the body was found, the team seized an opium refinery at an estimated map reference S-016656 together with six opium-refining huts, 2.3 kilos of heroin, 90 litres of ether, 900 litres of acetic anhydride, 225 litres of hydrochloric acid, 4,725 litres of acid, 8.165 kilos of opium

residue and five items used in refining the narcotic drugs and weapons and ammunition.

Acting on information, the combined team proceeded to Naungtapan Village, and searched the house of Ma Moe Laung, 35 and arrested her together with 10.5 kilos of opium, 7.7 kilos of morphine and K 4,950,000.

Action is being taken against them under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. **MNA**



Ma Moe Laung seen with seized raw opium, morphine and cash. **MNA**



The house of Ma Moe Laung. — **MNA**

Daw Suu Kyi, the NLD Party and Our Ray of Hope — 12

Maung Yin Hmaing

(Continued from yesterday)
What are we yearning for, and what is our destiny?

Instead of criticizing and analyzing the events of the trip which true to expectations ended up in a brawl in order to say who was right and who was wrong, it would be more fitting to find the root cause of the incident.

If I have to give my frank and honest opinion concerning all that happened on the way, it cannot be denied that our group of NLD members led by Auntie Suu, from the very outset had embarked on this campaign with the sole purpose of inciting unrest in every place we visited, to destabilize the situation and destroy peace with the ultimate plan of laying blame on the government.

A review of all the activities of our group headed by Auntie Suu during the trip will show that our group, in all the places we visited, used all means to exhort and incite people to gather into large crowds and then exploiting the personal popularity of an individual person use it as an effective weapon to criticize and slander the government, discredit other organizations and vilify departmental personnel to belittle them in the eyes of the public, aggravate minor problems and thus lower morale and instigate defiance, indiscipline and irresponsibility in general. A scrutiny of Auntie Suu's speeches will obviously show that they are all of this nature, full of innuendos and sly allegations.

Moreover if we study the public demonstrations staged against our group led by Auntie Suu, we can see that they were staged in reaction to Auntie Suu's provocative and insulting speeches. For example, she had made such disparaging

remarks in her speeches in Wuntho during the trip to Sagaing Division so, by the time we arrived in Indaw and Katha a series of demonstrations to denounce the NLD, took place one after another. It was likewise on our visit to the Kachin State. She had made outright accusations and openly slanderous attacks on others by name in Lonkhin and as a result mass demonstrations against us had broken out in force at Tanai, Myitkyina and Bhamo. It was the same during the Mandalay Division tour. Auntie Suu's speeches had been so vituperative and inflammatory in Mogok that demonstrations mushroomed all along the route from Mogok to Mandalay.

There is another point I would like to make - in all the demonstrations against us by the local populace, not a single person held any weapons such as rods, swords or spears to threaten us or attack us physically.

It was our people who showed their true colours by physically attacking the demonstrators, shooting at our opponents with catapults, punching and kicking them, and beating them with rods. Then in hoarse voices, we were the first to shout, "They are resorting to violence to obstruct us." And "we are being stopped forcibly." These accusations and pronouncements against responsible officials and local authorities at different levels filled the air. Yet there were those from our group who viewed this as political profit.

Actually, If a question should be asked, "Who is the person most responsible in the group of NLD party members led by Auntie Suu, for maintaining peace and stability throughout the trip?" I would have to point a fin-

ger at Auntie Suu and no other. Although it was not the period for canvassing of votes, the fact our party had been given the opportunity to tour towns countrywide, with our party emblems ablaze and to give political speeches was indeed a rare opportunity for our party. If we had used this opportunity positively for our party organization and not stepped beyond the bounds, there may not have been demonstrations and opposition against us. So, if we carefully examine the fundamental issues and basic causes, there is one thing, which stands out clearly and cannot be denied. And that is, that among the people there is a large majority to whom the NLD party is totally unacceptable.

Although the government had acceded to Auntie Suu's wish for the NLD to initiate some organizational activities within certain limits in spite of the many wrongdoings and transgressions of the NLD, Auntie Suu's actions as well as those of some party members were not those of reciprocal cooperation. It was more of a test and challenge of strength.

If only Auntie Suu had given her cooperation with tact and flexibility within the defined limits...

If only she had shown some restraint in her speeches and curbed some of her actions at every place and not exceeded the limit...

And, if only she had not travelled haphazardly in the night, resting and eating at odd hours, and giving unscheduled speeches on the spur of the moment...

How much more significant our trip might have been?

A political party may tour various regions to make speeches about its policy but it cannot expect everyone to agree with it. There



Daw Suu Kyi and her follower NLD members who acted in such a way as staging demonstrations as in the 1988 anarchist period on their way from Sagaing to Monywa on 29-5-2003.



Daw Suu Kyi and her followers get rowdy in disregard of the public on their way to Monywa from Sagaing.

may be others with different views. Moreover, we made a public nuisance of ourselves with our rowdy behaviour so there was bound to be some kind of unrestrained response in certain places.

But heedless of this we insisted on travelling at night and this put us in a position where we unable to definitely tell who the culprits were when such encounters occurred. Although we tried to identify this person or that group we had no real proof

because we could not see properly in the dark. So, the question is "Isn't that our own failing?"

If we recount our trip the length and breadth of the nation, Auntie Suu showed a hint of a constructive and positive attitude only in the beginning. But starting from the journey to Mon State and Shan State, she reverted to her past habitual attitudes and practice of calling attention to the government's weaknesses and emphasizing the root causes together with

facial expressions to match the slander and scoffed at almost everything.

Her remarks became worse trip after trip followed by outright attacks and calculated provocation. With regard to her regular meetings with top government officials, she claimed that it was only a confidence building measure that could not be termed political dialogue and that there was still the need for such political dialogue.

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The undisciplined convoy of Daw Suu Kyi passes through the entrance gate of Monywa on 29-5-2003.



Local people watching the undisciplined convoy of Daw Suu Kyi which has entered Monywa.

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

Do not be softened whenever appeased

Daw Suu Kyi...

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The government had been releasing persons detained for their subversive activities in violation of the laws of the country. Nevertheless, she stepped up her demands by insisting that all detainees be unconditionally released. And despite the fact that political parties had been granted permission to

commence activities and start organizational campaigns, here she was, demanding freedom in their activities and organizational campaigns.

Concerning the economic sanctions imposed on Myanmar, she also told the members of the diplomatic circle and news agencies that the NLD would never

Commander inspects...

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Afterwards, the commander inspected completion of the school building of BEPS No 9 to be upgraded to the BEMS in U Tun Oh Ward and the site chosen for the annex of the school. The commander also inspected learning of students and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the commander saw over the site primarily chosen for building Khanaungto Creek Bridge and gave necessary instructions to officials.

On arrival at Sasana New Padetha Monastery in Hsamaduwa Ward, the commander offered provisions to Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gantama and supplicated on regional development matters. — MNA

Commander attends ...

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The commander also presented gifts to trainees of nurses training school and education college who rendered assistance in the tournament.

On 15 July, the commander attended collective tree planting ceremony for greening of Myitkyina Airport and its environs. Director of Kachin State Forest Department U Win Naing spoke on the occasion.

The commander and party planted altogether 2,506 trees including teak, Pyinkadoc, Mezali, Swedaw and Seinban. — MNA

change its attitude till dialogues were set in motion. It can be assumed from all this that it was clearly Auntie Suu's scheme for political gain without changing her stance towards the government's concessions.

Many in our party who can realistically and objectively appraise Auntie Suu's actions understand very well that what she is



Deputy Minister U Soe Nyunt addresses third coordinatin meeting of the Committee for Organizing Myanmar Traditional Musical Instruments Exhibition. — MNA

Traditional Musical Instruments Exhibition to be held

YANGON, 22 July — The third coordination meeting of Myanmar Traditional Musical Instruments Exhibition Organizing Committee was held this morning at the meeting hall of National

Museum of the Department of Cultural Institute.

Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt, gave a speech. Responsible officials attended it.

At the meeting, those

present discussed matters relating to the exhibition.

Myanmar Traditional Musical Instruments Exhibition will be held in August for two weeks.

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Internet courses to be opened

YANGON, 22 July — To ensure development of IT science, Myanmar Computer Federation will sponsor courses on introduction to Internet at Myanmar-Japan e-Learning Centre of

MICT Park In Hline Township with the use of Internet.

The first two-week course will start on 28 July, and the second two-week course on 11 August.

Those wishing to attend the courses are to contact Myanmar Computer Federation, MICT Park. Dial 707503 or 652238 for further information.

MNA

Calls mount in EU for broader UN mandate in Iraq

BRUSSELS, 22 July — Calls mounted in the European Union on Monday for a Security Council resolution to give the United Nations broader powers in Iraq to provide legitimacy for political reconstruction and peacekeeping.

The pressure came as US occupation forces suffered more casualties in Baghdad, adding to an al-

most daily death toll that has prompted the United States to seek greater international involvement in the postwar stabilization of the country.

French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin, whose country led diplomatic opposition to the US-led invasion of Iraq, said at an EU foreign ministers' meeting that a new resolution should give the United

Nations overall responsibility in the country.

Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini, who chaired the EU meeting, said several other ministers had suggested that closer European involvement in Iraqi reconstruction might require a new UN resolution, but there were no fixed positions.

MNA/Reuters



Daw Suu Kyi and her follower NLD members act the way revellers of Thingyan festival do on entering Budalin on 30-5-2003.

doing is to try to take advantage over the government, in collusion with some foreign powers. What-ever, we have all reached the present state of affairs while forlornly hoping that there would be a change for the better at some and under some circumstances.

It is true that based on the speeches and acts of Auntie Suu, terrorist insurgent groups taking refuge at the border, and expatriate gangs opposing the government in various foreign countries, have been recruiting ex-convicts and dissidents likely to oppose the government, to perpetrate terrorist bombs attacks inside the country with the intention of causing internal unrest and discrediting the nation.

The bomb explosions in front of the US Embassy and inside the dustbin on Bo Sun Pet Street in Yangon, the blowing up of an electrical cable tower near Taw-kywe-inn in Kyauktaga Township, the detonation of a time bomb in a cinema in Phyu, and

the bomb blasts in Tachilek serve as proof that these terrorist acts are part of a well planned and synchronized conspiracy.

It would not be wrong to assume that the policy Auntie Suu has been pursuing since the end of the 1988 unrest is just to take control of the NLD party single-handed and to grab power through her doctrine of heroism. This is because although she has repeatedly and continuously made demands for democracy and has acted in its name she has never once approached anywhere near "a peaceful transition." She has also been voicing the words "national reconciliation" just for outward show.

As for us, we sacrificed our careers and any advances we could have made in life out of personal admiration and respect for one person and we rallied ourselves with strong commitment and absolute organizational spirit to serve the nation and the people.

We were hoping that

one day our leaders would discard their personal, factional and ideological prejudices and bigotry, relinquish their personal grudges and excessive pride and join hands in opening up a new path towards the realization of a new vision. But just when we had begun to see a ray of hope, it has been dashed to the ground with a tragic incident, caused by the lack of insight and good judgment of our party.

We are now faced with a situation where we can only but cry as in the sad old song, "What are we yearning for and what is our destiny?" Sometimes a thought comes wandering into my mind — Is it because some person or persons who do not want reconciliation between the government and the NLD, are intentionally making attempts to disrupt the process?" and "Has Auntie Suu been unwittingly deceived into following them?"

Concluded
(Translation: TMT)

Kyaukse Cement Plant to help develop and modernize the nation

Aung (Sethmu)

At the meeting of Special Projects Implementation Committee for 2002-2003 fiscal year, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe said that the special projects are being implemented with added momentum, and they will contribute much to national development and development of the State's economy. Other ministries are to pro-

Ayeyawady Division, the advanced 50-ton Paper Mill and the 60-ton CTMP Paper Mill and other factories and mills under construction.

Cement is an important item among construction materials. It plays a key role in construction as well as in building the nation into a modern and developed one. The Ministry of Industry-1, Myanmar Economic Cooperation, the Ministry of Military Affairs, Union of Myanmar Economic Hold-

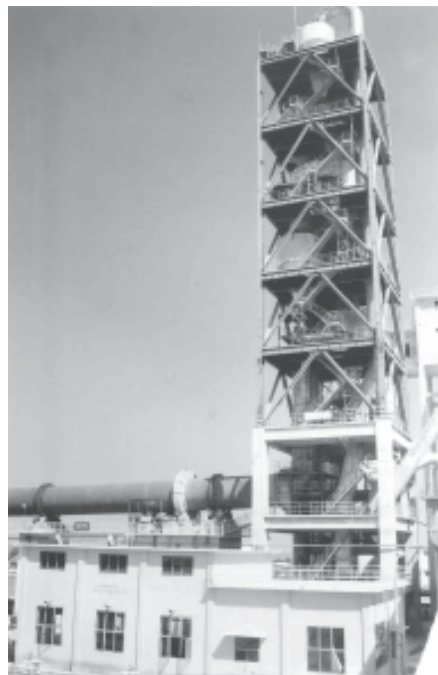
pected to produce about 1.936 million tons of cement in 2002. Of them, the three cement factories under Myanmar Ceramics Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 could produce 0.58 million tons of cement.

Of the three cement factories, Kyaukse Cement Factory is a project factory of the State. The factory is situated one mile west of Thandaungmyat limestone hill which is 6 miles east of Kyaukse, Mandalay Divi-

tory was built in 2000 in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. The aims of the factory is to develop and modernize Kyaukse region, to meet the cement demand in the nation and to sufficiently produce import-substitute cement. Trial-run of the factory was conducted in December 2002. The factory was commissioned into service on 27 January 2003. The machinery parts of the factory are imported from the People's Republic of China. Under the terms of the agreement, they cost K 106 million, equivalent to US\$ 16.5 million. The factory with dry process includes five-stage heating system. The factory's product meets English standard BS 12/1989 and it produces 0.12 million tons of clinker cement a year.

Major raw materials for the factory are limestone, earth, laterite. The limestone for the factory is mined from Thandaungmyat limestone hill near the factory. According to the experts, the hill's limestone deposit is about 70 million tons. The limestone demand of the factory is about 650 tons per day, and so the deposit can be tapped and exploited for about 300 years.

The raw materials are tested to ensure quality before the production process.



Five-stage heating system of Kyaukse Cement Factory.

Content ratio of CaO , Al_2O_3 , Fe_2O_3 , SiO_2 is constantly tested before mixing the raw materials. The factory produces quality cement since quality control test is made in every stage of production process.

The production system of Kyaukse Cement Factory is dry process. This be-

ing the case, altogether 24 staff have been sent to China for further studies. Together with Chinese technicians, Myanmar engineers and veteran cement experts jointly constructed the factory. Now, a cement factory has emerged in Kyaukse Region grandly.

(Translation: TS)



The Kyaukse Cement Factory.

vide necessary assistance to the ministry engaging in implementing the special projects to accomplish the tasks in time and for ensuring cost-effective, minimizing loss and wastage. The special projects have now been implemented one after another. The future projects need to be implemented speedily and systematically through better ways and means, he stressed.

At the second day's session of the meeting, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung reported on progress of Yamethin Dyeing and Printing Factory Project, Kyaukse Vest Factory Project and No 3 Paper Mill (Paleik) Project, work is under way to implement the 200-ton Pulp Factory Project in Thabaung Township,

ings Ltd are producing cement proportionately to meet the demand of cement in construction of roads, bridges, buildings, dams and reservoirs across the country. All the cement factories were ex-

sion. The area of the factory compound is 643.25 acres, and the area of the Tank with a capacity of 200,000 gallons near Thindwe Canal is 1.37 acres.

Kyaukse Cement Fac-



Thandaungmyat limestone hill, source of about 70 million tons of limestone.



Newly-built Kyaukse Cement Factory.

Minister attends training courses of MAPT

YANGON, 22 July — Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone delivered an address at the closing ceremony of training courses conducted by Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading at its meeting hall at the corner of Bogyoke Aung San Street and Pansodan Street this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General of Directorate of Trade U Nyunt Aye, Director-General of Border Trade Department U Nay Win, Managing Director of MAPT U Min Hla Aung, general managers, directors, guests and trainees.

At first, the minister made an address on the occasion and presented first, second and third prizes to the outstanding trainees. On behalf of the trainees, a trainee expressed thanks. — MNA

Paper reading session on "What is Tourism" held

YANGON, 22 July — With the assistance of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Union of Myanmar Travel Association (UMTA) held a paper reading session on "What is Tourism" at Hotel Nikko Royal Lake this morning.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt, departmental officials, the UMTA chairman and executives, officials of Union of Myanmar Hoteliers' Association and guests.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu made an opening speech and Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt delivered an address.

Next, resource persons submitted their papers, and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu gave a concluding remark.

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Implementation of projects for equitable development of regions in the country

The development of a nation must be judged on progress made in public interest. Hence, for national development, serious attention is paid to completion of the special projects in time.

The special projects cover a wide range of projects including dams, sluice gates, river water pumping stations, industries, bridges, institutions of higher learning and general hospitals, that are needed for the nation. Implementation of the special projects lead to development of all sectors of the State including economic, education, health and transport sectors and raising the living standard of the people.

Development of economic, social, education and health sectors of a region depends on easy access to it. Hence, it is accepted by all that better transportation leads to development.

Nowadays, the Government has been giving priority to ensuring better transportation of all the regions in the Union including far-flung areas. New railroads and motor roads are built all over the country. At the same time, existing ones are upgraded and renovated with the prodigal use of funds and machine power.

The photo (right) shows progress of the approach railroad to Ponnya Hill Mountain seen at Phyetmyaung Valley.



Implementation of border area development projects are gaining momentum.

The Government is building a network of roads and bridges throughout the nation including border areas.

The photo (left) shows the Shweli Bridge near Namkham Township, Shan State (North).



The main aim of border area development programme is development of national races in border areas, and is to enable them to earn a proper living after eradicating poppy cultivation. The above photos left and right show Laukkai Drug Elimination Museum, a symbol of efforts to fight against narcotic drugs, and the view of developing Laukkai respectively.



Transport infrastructures—roads, bridges, ports and airports—are being constructed with added momentum to bridge the gap between one region and another in all parts of the nation.

The photo (left) shows the Mandalay International Airport in TadaU Township in Mandalay Division equipped with modern facilities.

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“One country, two systems” proven successful in Hong Kong

BEIJING, 22 July — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here Monday that facts have proven that the practice of “one country, two systems” has been successful in Hong Kong, and has won international acclaim.

Wen made the remarks during talks with visiting British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who arrived in Beijing Sunday evening for a three-day official visit to China.

He said he hoped that concerned countries will do more to support Hong Kong's stability and development.

He recalled that in the past more than six years, the Chinese Government has, strictly in accordance with the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, completely implemented the principles of “one country, two systems”, “Hong Kong people governing Hong Kong”, and high-degree autonomy.

In these years, Wen said, Hong Kong was hit by the Asian financial crisis, the global economic slowdown and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). However, Hong Kong scored economic stability and development, and Hong Kong people's legal rights and freedom were fully guaranteed. He stressed that a stable and prosperous Hong Kong is not only in the interest of all Chinese people including Hong Kong compatriots, but also conducive to foreign interests in Hong Kong.

Blair said the implementation of the principle of “one country, two systems” in Hong Kong in the past six years has yielded very good results, which he called “gratifying”.

He said that during the implementation of the principle, which was a new concept, it was highly possible for serious problems to emerge. However, such problems did not occur.

Blair pointed out that the British side appreciates the Chinese side's treatment of Hong Kong's recent issues and hopes to find a way to maintain Hong Kong's stability.

Britain will make its own efforts to this end, added Blair.

MNA/Xinhua

“Zaizai” becomes oldest tiglon in history

CHANGSHA, 22 July — The 117-day-old “Zaizai”, a tiger-lion crossbreed, has become the oldest “tiglon” in history by breaking the survival record of 113 days.

Born on March 27, 2003, Zaizai is now living in the Changsha World Window, a wildlife park in central China's Hunan Province. At 8.5 kilograms in weight and 80 centimetres in length, he has grown into a strong and healthy cub. Feeders said that although he faces some calcium deficiency, he now has a good appetite and eats nearly two kilograms of meat and eggs everyday.

Due to genetic deficiency, crossbred animals such as Zaizai have a relatively short life expectancy. The previous survival record had been set by “Huahua”, who lived in east China's Fujian Province.

Zaizai is much more like a lion than a tiger, but the black and white streaks on his legs show his tiger characteristics.

His father, a Bengal tiger named Qiqi and his mother, an African lioness called Mary, are also both living in the Changsha World Window. —MNA/Xinhua

Lake monsters sighted in N-E China

CHANGCHUN, 22 July — Unidentified animals as mysterious as Scotland's Loch Ness monster were reportedly sighted in Tianchi Lake earlier this month in northeast China's Jilin Province.

During a period of about 50 minutes, witnesses saw the animals five times. Sometimes 20 appeared at one time and sometimes there was only one or two of them.

Zhang Lufeng, deputy director of the provincial forestry department, was visiting the lake on July 11 with seven other people when they spotted something unusual moving on the surface of the water.

But because they were too far away, they could only see white or black spots, according to Zhang. They took some photos but the spots were blurred because of the distance.

More than 10 other people have also alleged that they saw the animals this month. —MNA/Xinhua

Italian scientists say eating pizza cuts cancer risk

ROME, 22 July—Gorging pizza could help reduce the risk of certain forms of cancer — Italian scientists say.

In a twist to the accepted medical wisdom that food you really enjoy tends to be bad for you, researchers at a Milan pharmacology centre found that eating one or more pizzas a week dramatically reduced the incidence of some types of cancer.

A study of 8,000 Italians found that regular pizza-eaters were 59 per cent less likely to contract cancer of the oesophagus, while the risk of developing cancer of the colon fell by 26 per cent.

“We knew that tomato sauce was protective against certain tumours, but we certainly didn't expect that pizza as a whole would provide such strong protection,” researcher Silvano Gallus told Sunday's *La Repubblica* newspaper.

MNA/Reuters



An undated nocturnal view of Valparaíso from the Cordillera hill in the port city of Valparaíso, 85 miles northwest of the capital Santiago. Known for its colourful wooden buildings, hills and outdoor elevators, Valparaíso was declared a 'World Heritage Site' by UNESCO in Paris on 2 July, 2003. In granting the status, the United Nations Education, Sciences and Cultural Organization recognized arguments by the Chilean government and independent organizations that Valparaíso is unique for its geography and immigrant history, which lead to the city's unusual architecture and layout. — INTERNET

Cambodia kicks out foreign share scam suspects

PHNOM PENH, 22 July— A gang of 20 foreigners accused of running a hi-tech international telecoms and investment “boiler room” scam out of Cambodia were expelled from the country over the weekend, police said on Monday.

The group of 14 Britons, two Americans, an Australian, a New Zealander, a Thai and a Filipino, were rounded up last week in a military police swoop on an office block in the heart of Phnom Penh, capital of the southeast Asian nation.

Investigators said they had found stacks of computers and hi-tech hardware, including a 100,000 US dollars broadband Internet server they said had been used to build an illegal international telephone gateway.

Using this, the alleged conmen were cold-calling unsuspecting people across the globe virtually for free to try to get them to put their money in risky or non-existent investments, police said.

Legal experts said Cambodia probably lacked the relevant financial or telecoms laws to launch a full prosecution of the gang.

The Telecoms Ministry, however, said it had been cheated of 27,278 US dollars in international call charges and insisted on repayment. “They have paid the bill and all of them left on Saturday,” said Chhay Sinarith, deputy chief of police in Phnom Penh. — MNA/Reuters

China's rural education achieves great development

CHANGCHUN, 22 July — Schooling for people aged 15 and older in rural China has climbed from 4.7 years to 6.85 years, marking a noticeable leap in the country's efforts to reduce rural illiteracy.

By the end of 2001, over 91 per cent of Chinese had received officially required Nine-year Compulsive Education which includes six years of primary education and three years of junior high schooling, according to statistics released by the Ministry of Education.

In rural areas, over 13 million students have graduated from technical secondary schools during the past five years, some 12.7 million illiterates have learned to read and 460 million rural workers have been trained on short-term projects.

State Councillor Chen Zhili attributed the progress to the country's ongoing rural taxation reform, which required county governments to increase their financial input on the education cause.

MNA/Xinhua

China develops degradable food box, plastic sheet

NANJING, 22 July — Chinese experts have developed a food box and plastic sheet that could turn into water and carbon dioxide “in a short period of time” after being buried underground. A scientist with the Nanjing-based Huanlu Co., who gave his surname as Zhang, said the products are produced using corn, starch and six varieties of plant fibres.

Zhang said the buried food box and plastic sheet will be “consumed” by microbes in the soil, and thus converted into water and carbon dioxide.

A government department in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, has allocated 300,000 yuan (nearly 40,000 US dollars) for commercialization of the products. It normally takes hundreds of years for a traditional plastic food box and plastic sheet to degrade completely. —MNA/Xinhua

Eight arrested in Philippines for possession of banned chemicals

MANILA, 22 July — Police said Sunday that they arrested eight men for illegal possession of ammonium nitrate which can be used to make dynamite.

About 220 sacks of ammonium nitrate, primarily used as a fertilizer, were found in two trucks in San Juan Town in Batangas Province south of Manila, the ABS-CBN television quoted police as saying. The eight men were arrested after they failed to produce documents authorizing them to transport the chemicals, the police said. After last October's bomb attacks that killed more than 200 people on Indonesia's resort island of Bali, the Philippine Government banned the importation of ammonium nitrate, which was said to be used in the Bali bombings. —MNA/Xinhua

Taxation on high-income earners urged in China

BEIJING, 22 July—The State Administration of Taxation (SAT) issued a notice over the weekend calling on taxation authorities of all levels in China to intensify the collection and management of personal income taxes, especially those of high-income earners.

The SAT urged major efforts to be made this year in levying taxes on high-income employees in the fields of finance, insurance, securities, electric power, telecommunications, petroleum, petrochemical, tobacco, civil aviation, railway, real estate, urban water and gas supply and publishing houses, as well as employees of foreign-invested enterprises, high-tech enterprises, intermediate agencies, private and cooperative enterprises, and athletic clubs.

MNA/Xinhua

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**23-7-2003*(Wednesday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greetings
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06 Road to Mungun
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Fried
Fermented Prawn"
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Myanma Sea Food
9:25 Kayin Dance
9:30 **National News**
9:35 Kan-peik -Ti Border
Town in Kachin State
9:40 Song "Rice Flowing
Like a Canal"
9:45 **National News**
9:50 Butterfly Garden In
Yangon
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and
See Myanmar"

**23-7-2003*(Wednesday)
Regular Programmes for
Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
15:36 Road to Mungun
15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Fried
Fermented Prawn"
15:45 **National News**
15:50 Myanma Sea Food
15:55 Kayin Dance
16:00 **National News**
16:05 Kan-peik-Ti Border
Town in Kachin State
16:10 Song "Rice Flowering
Like a Canal"
16:15 **National News**
16:20 Butterfly Garden In
Yangon
16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights
"Mingalabar"
16:30 **National News**
16:35 Ayeyawady Bridge
(Magway)
16:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Carrot Pudding"

- 16:45** **National News**
16:50 Myanmar Traditional
Gold Leaf Works
16:55 Kontala Aingnan
17:00 **National News**
17:05 The Floating Gardens
of Inlay Lake
17:10 Songs on Screen "The
Art Winning Post"
17:15 **National News**
17:20 The Thrones of
Myanmar Sovereigns
17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights
"Come and See
Myanmar"

**Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
19:36 Intricate Art of
Silversmith
19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Hot and sour
Fresh water prawn
soup"
19:45 **National News**
19:50 Golden Mandalay
Hill
19:55 The Solo Dance
20:00 **National News**
20:05 Myanmar Modern
Song "To a Silvery
Seagull"
20:10 The Ancient City
Thirikhittaya
20:15 **National News**
20:20 Myanma Broom
20:25 Song on Screen
"Love Appeal"
20:30 **National News**
20:35 Myanma Jaggery
20:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Cucumber Salad"
20:45 **National News**
20:50 Production of A De-
licious Seafood
20:55 Kachin Dance
20:58 Mungun Bell
21:00 **National News**
21:05 Mogok (or) The Ruby
Land of Myanmar
21:10 Song On Screen "The
Brightly Shining
Moon"
21:15 **National News**
21:20 Rope Painting
21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
21:30 Road to Mungun
21:40 **Headline News**
21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Fried Fer-
mented Prawn"
21:45 **National News**
21:50 Myanma Sea Food

- 21:55 Kayin Dance
22:00 **National News**
22:05 Kan-peik-Ti Border
Town in Kachin State
22:10 Song "Rice Flowing
Like a Canal"
22:15 **National News**
22:20 Butterfly Garden In
Yangon
22:25 Song On Screen
"Through My Eyes"
22:30 **National News**
22:35 Ayeyawady Bridge
(Magway)
22:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Carrot Pudding"
22:45 **National News**
22:50 Myanma Traditional
Gold Leaf Works
22:55 Kontala Aingnan
23:00 **National News**
23:05 The Floating Gardens
of Inlay Lake
23:10 Songs on Screen
"The Art Winning
Post"
23:15 **National News**
23:20 The Thrones of
Myanmar Sovereigns
23:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and
See Myanmar"

**23-7-2003*(Wednesday) &
24-7-2003 (Thursday)
Evening & Morning
Transmission
(23:30 - 01:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
23:36 Road to Mungun
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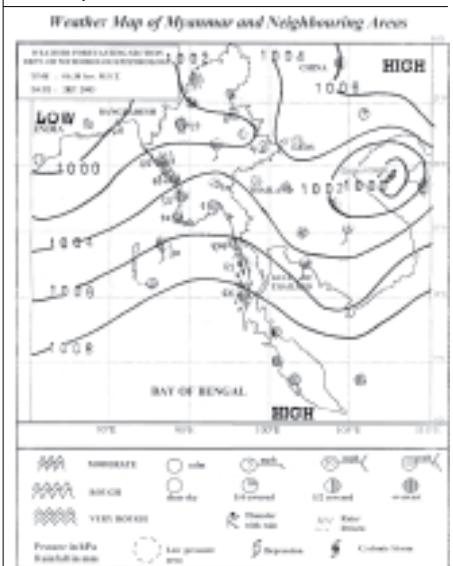
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01:15 **National News**
01:20 The Thrones of
Myanmar Sover-
eigns
01:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and
See Myanmar"

24-7-2003*(Thursday)
**Morning Transmission
(03:30 - 07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
03:36 Intricate Art of
Silversmith
03:40 **Headline News**
03:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Hot and sour
fresh water prawn
soup"
03:45 **National News**
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WEATHER
Tuesday, 22 July, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Bago Division, Kachin, Shan and Kayin States and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Taninthayi Division and isolated heavyfalls in lower Sagaing Division, Rakhine and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (9.65) inches, Mawlaik (3.74) inches, Myeik (3.58) inches, Sittwe (3.54) inches and Mawlamyine (2.96) inches.

Maximum temperature on 21-7-2003 was 31.5°C (89°F). Minimum temperature on 22-7-2003 was 22.0°C (72°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 22-7-2003 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 21-7-2003 was (3.1) hours approx. Rainfall on 22-7-2003 was 1 mm at Yangon Airport, 1 mm at Kaba-Aye and nil at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 1129 mm (44.45 inches) at Yangon Airport, 1287 mm (50.67) inches at Kaba-Aye and 1262 mm (49.68) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 17 mph from Southwest at (14:55) hours MST on 21-7-2003.

Bay inference: Moonsoon is moderate in the Bay of Bengal. **Significant Features:** According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, Yesterday's Severe Tropical Storm "KONI" over South China Sea has downgraded into a Tropical Storm and centered about (180) miles East of Hanoi, Vietnam. It is forecast to move west wards and cross Vietnam coast near Hanoi next (24) hours commencing this morning. **Forecast valid until evening of 23-7-2003:** 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 isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%). **State of the sea:** Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along in the Deltaic Gulf of Mottama Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface windspeed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Increase of rain in Central Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-7-2003:** One or two rain or rainshowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-7-2003:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Earthquake Report

(Issued at 09:30 hrs MST on Today)

An earthquake of moderate intensity (5.9) Richter Scale with its epicentre about (688) miles Northeast of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (21) hrs, (51) min. (52) sec MST on 21th July 2003.



View today:

Wednesday, July 23

7:00 am

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7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. မြို့ပြမြေကြွယ်ဝကျေးဇူးအက

8:10 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

7. Musical programme

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Learning English The Easy and happy Way For Children and Beginners

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Practice In Reading

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

4:55 pm

5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသင်တန်းစာရ ဝန်ကြီးသံကြားသင်တန်းစာရ နတ်ယုန်း (ရတနာအလှူကြွ)

5:10 pm

6. Classical song

5:25 pm

7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာကား

5:40 pm

8. Song of national races

5:50 pm

9. မိုင်းဆန်းသစ်ကောဇွန်းမြင့် နိဗ္ဗာန်ဝေရာဋ်

6:00 pm

10. Musical programme

6:10 pm

11. ရွယ်နုလင်းအသိအမှတ်

6:20 pm

12. Discovery

6:30pm

13. Evening News

7:00 pm

14. Weather Report

7:05 pm

15. မြန်မာ့လက်ဖျော့ပညာ စံတည်လုပ်ငန်း (ရယ်ငြိမ်းစု)

7:15 pm

16. Musical programme

7:30 pm

15. ဝါဆိုမြင်းပွဲတော်

8:00 pm

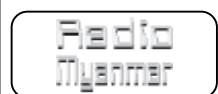
18. News

19. International news

20. Weather report

21. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းဆွဲ "သော့" (အပိုင်း-၁)

22. The next day's programme


Wednesday, July 23
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
8.35 am Music
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music
8.50 am National news/Slogan
9.00 am Music
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music
9.15 am News/Slogan
9.20 am Lunch time music - Come in to My Life
- Emila
- Heal me .. Ronan Keating
2.00 pm Close
9.00 pm Variations on a tune:
- Up Town girl
9.15 pm Article/Music
9.25 pm Music at your request
- Why do you think you are .. Spice girls
- Moon Light Shadow
- Missing Heart
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm Portfolio for easy listening

Commander attends collective tree planting ceremony for greening of Myitkyina Airport

YANGON, 22 July— The final match of the Northern Command Commander's Championship Trophy Football Tournament was held at People's Sports ground in Myitkyina on 14 July.

Present were Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Com-

mander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife, Commander of Myitkyina Air Base Brig-Gen Bo Kyi, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, senior military officers, Secretary of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Lt-

Col Myint Thein, departmental officials, officers of regiments and battalions and families of Tatmadawmen and sports fans.

The commander and the deputy commander presented prizes to the winning teams.

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Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspects Packaging Factory of Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries.—INDUSTRY-1

Minister inspects factories in Yangon Division

YANGON, 22 July — Computer application course No (3/2003) conducted by the Ministry of Industry-1 opened this morning.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung made an opening address. A total of 100 trainees are attending the 8-week course.

Next, the minister went

to Thread Factory No 28 of Myanma Textile Industries in Yankin Township and inspected production process.

He next proceeded to garment factory No 4 in Mayangon Township and gave instructions on the needs.

Similarly, he also inspected installation of machines and production of

materials at the packaging factory of Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries in Yankin Township.

He gave instructions on completion of extension of the factory and installation of new machines and urged officials concerned to produce more quality tissue paper.

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Minister for Foreign Affairs sends felicitations to his counterpart of Egypt

YANGON, 23 July — On the occasion of the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt, which falls on 23 July 2003, U Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Ahmed Maher El Sayed, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt.— MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects completion of new school building in U Tun Oh Ward, Seikkyi-Khanaungto Township.— YANGON COMMAND

Commander inspects development tasks in Seikkyi-Khanaungto

YANGON, 22 July — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, accompanied by Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Kyaw Tint and members, departmental officials, this afternoon went to Seikkyi-Khanaungto Township, Yangon South District, and inspected regional development tasks.

At 1.30 pm, the commander and party arrived at Seikkyi-Khanaungto Township where they were welcomed by Chairman of Yangon South District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Sein Hlaing and officials.

At the meeting hall, the commander met township level departmental officials, social organizations and townsenders.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development

Council U Tint Naing reported on regional development tasks and agricultural matters. Lt-Col Sein Hlaing gave a supplementary report.

Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint reported on arrangements being made for upgrading the township hospital and Division Engineer of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications U Saw Mu Dae Lu on communication tasks and installation of public phones.

Speaking on the occasion, the commander said that development tasks are being carried out with a view to narrowing development gap between Seikkyi-Khanaungto and wards of Yangon City; plans are under way to implement education, health and transport sectors and availability of drinking water; it is necessary to implement development tasks laid down by Secretary-1 of the State

Peace and Development Council General Khin Nyunt in his inspection tour there; departments concerned, social organizations and local people are to effectively use the outcome of the development tasks and to harmoniously join hands with local people in their respective regions. Next, the commander and party proceeded to Basic Education Primary School No 11 in Seikkyi-Khanaungto and inspected learning of schoolchildren, the site chosen for construction of the four-apartment building for the BEMS and heard reports of officials.

The commander saw over progress of 7,920 feet long and 12 feet wide laterite circular road being built by Yangon City Development Committee and gave necessary instructions to officials. The commander also inspected Baho Road in Seikkyi-Khanaungto.

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Maubin Technological College that will produce highly-qualified human resources:

Now is a technological age in which science and technology dominate all development sectors. Therefore, establishment of national forces capable of bringing about the development of the people and the nation is a very important national requirement. Opening of Maubin Technological College will contribute much towards producing highly-qualified human resources in the nation. The college was opened on 28 June 2003 in Maubin.

