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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Tatmadaw will systematically hand over State power to the public, the original owner
Some big nations, putting pressure and imposing variety of sanctions against the nation

Tatmadaw is not frightened whenever intimidated, will continue to shoulder its duties steadfastly

YANGON, 30 June—
 The following is a translation of guidance given by Patron of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization (Central) Chairman of the State

Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at the fourth-day session of the MWVO Conference

(2005) held at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township here this morning:
 In October 1998, the MWVO Central Organiz-

ing Committee was re-constituted with the members including representatives who were still in service in the Tatmadaw, and then so were WVOs at state/division and district level supervisory committees and township level organizing committees. The MWVO Conference was held for the first time in June 2001.

I am pleased to see that members from various parts of the nation were active and enthusiastic at the second MWVO Conference (2005).

The MWVO is to enhance its prestige and dignity to be able to catch up with war veterans organizations around the world. To be able to ensure a strong organization, (See page 8)

Senior-General Than Shwe gives guidance at fourth-day session of MWVO Conference. MNA



Excerpts from speech delivered by Senior General Than Shwe

- * The government has to make efforts to strengthen political, economic and defence sectors of the State, while striving for ensuring community peace and tranquillity, and national reconsolidation.
- * It also has to produce human resources and raising the education standard of the entire nation for the emergence of a modern developed nation.
- * MWVO members who are well-versed in military affairs and equipped with Union Spirit are to take charge of duties whatever role they may be in under the leadership of the Tatmadaw.
- * MWVO members' wives and children are to be auxiliary WVO members as they possess military vigour and are family members of Tatmadaw men.
- * Children of WVO members are admitted to be reserve members although their parents are no more.



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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 1 July, 2005

Follow the leadership of the Tatmadaw and strive for all-round development

The third-day session of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference 2005 was held at the Myanmar Convention Centre in Yangon on 29 June and delegates to the Conference held discussions and reports on the national political sector, the national defence and security sector, the economic sector, the social and welfare sector and the public welfare sector. The MWVO Central Organizing Committee made clarifications on the discussions and reports.

In their report on the national political sector, the delegates requested the government to declare FTUB and NCGUB and related groups unlawful associations as the former headed by Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai was trying to undermine the stability of the State and cause disintegration of the Union and the latter headed by fugitive Sein Win were deterring the progress of development of the entire national people of Myanmar.

In the report on the national defence and security, it was mentioned that some Western powers and non-governmental organizations had been trying to tarnish the political image of the government and harm the dignity of the people and apply constant pressure by making unfounded accusations. Although the government replied to the accusations and explained the true situations in accordance with the rules and regulations of international organizations, they turned a blind eye to the objective situations and continued to put pressure on our nation. The MWVO condemned those big nations and non-governmental organizations trying to tarnish the political image of the government by using UN and ILO as political forums.

Though Myanmar always cooperated with ILO with genuine goodwill, the 93rd ILO conference passed an unfair resolution to impose sanctions on Myanmar. ILO is always applying political pressure where only labour affairs are concerned. These are the insults not only to Myanmar but also to the international community that desire fair and just treatment. It is no wonder that the delegates to the Conference called for resignation from ILO.

Regarding Myanmar Women's Day, which falls on 3 July, the people of Myanmar refuse to accept the idea to designate Myanmar Women's Day in honour of an individual and supports the decision of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation to designate July 3 a Myanmar Women's Day.

We firmly support the proposals in the discussions at the third-day session and believe that the organization will actively take part in the national political affairs and national development endeavours with other congenial organizations, following the leadership of the Tatmadaw.

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

Finance and Revenue Minister arrives back

YANGON, 30 June— Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun arrived back here by air yesterday afternoon after attending the 6th Asia-Europe Financial Ministerial Meeting held in Tianjin, the People's Republic of China on 25 and 26 June.

They were welcomed at the airport by Minister at the Prime Minister's Office U Than Shwe, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Deputy Governor of Myanmar Central Bank U Than Nyein and departmental heads and officials. Governor of Myanmar Central Bank U

Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Director of MCB U Nay Aye and Assistant Director of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue U Min Han Soe also arrived back on the same flight. — MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 30 June— The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Pro-Rector Dr Aung Kyaw Myat of Mandalay Technological University of Advanced Science and Technology Department under the Ministry of Science and Technology as Rector of the same university on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties. — MNA



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun attending 6th Asia-Europe Financial Ministerial Meeting.— F&R

Law Officer Refresher Course concludes



Attorney-General U Aye Maung addresses concluding ceremony of Law Officer Refresher Course No 22.— MNA

YANGON, 30 June— The concluding of the Law Officer Refresher Course No 22 was held at Attorney-General's office this morning.

Attorney-General U Aye Maung gave a speech and presented first, second and third prizes to outstanding trainees.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Attorney-Generals Dr Tun Shin and U Myint Naing, officials and instructors.

MNA



Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein cordially converses with local and foreign gem merchants at Jade and Gems Special Sales 2005. (News reported)— MNA

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Children play as monsoon clouds hover in the sky, at Peepal village, in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, on 29 June, 2005. India's monsoon season begins in June and continues through September. — INTERNET



China, ASEAN set to lower tariffs

BEIJING, 29 June — China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations are scheduled to lower tariffs on traded industrial goods from **20 July**, the Chinese Ministry of Commerce said here.

The tariff reduction is the second phase in a strategy to forge a free trade area (FTA) between China and ASEAN.

In line with a bilateral agreement on commodity trade reached in November last year, tariffs have gradually been reduced for more than 7,000 industrial commodities excluding agricultural products, which are not subject to a tariff.

"The tariff reduction is to be carried out step by step," the state-run *China Daily* quoted Fan Ying, a scholar at the Foreign Affairs College as saying.

She explained negotiations are expected to be more complicated than those covering agricultural produce, a sector that has already been opened.

Some manufacturing enterprises based in ASEAN countries may be afraid that low-priced Chinese products will undermine their businesses.

"The two sides might encounter real rocks concerning services and investment," Fan said. "Most of these 11 countries are so weak in this area that few of them dare to open their domestic markets to foreign rivals," she said.

MNA/PTI

S'pore launches ComCare Fund to help lowest income group

SINGAPORE, 29 June — Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong launched a ComCare Fund here on Tuesday to help the lowest income group in the country bounce back from their difficulties.

Targeting a small but growing minority of Singaporeans who face hardship in the process of economic restructuring, the fund is expected to serve as a springboard for them to become self-reliant.

"We must prevent an underclass from forming and growing, as that would undermine and fracture our social cohesion. This is a multi-faceted problem with no quick and easy solu-

tions," Lee stressed.

Under the ComCare, funds will be allocated to initiate new programmes such as the ComCare Enterprise Fund (CEF) and the Citizens Consultative Committee ComCare Funds, as well as to enhance existing ones like the Kindergarten Financial Assistance Scheme.

With an injection of three million Singapore dollars (about 1.8 million US dollars) per year, the

CEF is set up to encourage viable social enterprises to provide the lower income with jobs. Emphasizing the important role to be played by the community in reaching out to the needy, the ComCare also has an annual budget of 10 million Singapore dollars (about six million US dollars) to support new programmes run by grass-roots and community organizations.

MNA/Xinhua

Cambodian legislature approves Mekong Sub-region electricity pact

PHNOM PENH, 29 June — Cambodia's National Assembly has approved an intergovernmental agreement on electricity commerce for the Mekong Sub-region countries, local media reported on Tuesday.

After less than two hours of debate, the electricity agreement was passed on Monday with 87 of 88 lawmakers' votes. The pact should boost Cambodia's energy purchasing power in the

coming years, *The Cambodia Daily* said.

The energy agreement has been waiting for approval from the National Assembly since 2002, according to Suy Sem, Minister of Industry, Mines and Energy.

Prime Minister Hun Sen had pushed for the pact to be passed before he leaves for China on 3 July to sign an agreement with regional leaders on trading electricity across national borders, the report said.

The agreement is designed to make buying

and selling electricity easier for Cambodia, which will be important for the country in the future, when it begins producing enough energy to export, Suy Sem was quoted by French *Cambodge Soir* as saying.

Several bilateral agreements with Thailand and Vietnam in the past have allowed Cambodia to buy electricity at the average cost of about 0.07 US dollar per megawatt, Chinese language newspaper *Jian Hua Daily* said.

MNA/Xinhua

Mid-East pessimism over Iraq chaos

LONDON, 29 June—On the first anniversary of the return of sovereignty to Iraq after the US-led invasion, papers across the Middle East reveal a resounding negative view of US policy in the country.

Several commentators believe that the insurgency has put the US military in Iraq in "deep trouble". But one Iraqi paper is optimistic that a new constitution will lead to the withdrawal of foreign troops.

A year ago, a celebration was held at the Green Zone to mark the transfer of sovereignty to Allawi's government. US President George Bush said: the reign of freedom has begun in Iraq. However, a year later the status quo is unchanged... A year from now President Bush will not have cause to celebrate unless he realises that there is no sovereignty unless it is transferred to those who deserve it: those resisting the occupation.

London-based Al-Quds Al-Arabi

The extent of the destruction which the oc-

cupation forces have inflicted on Iraq confirms one plain reality: the failure of US plans in Iraq and the collapse of US plans to reconstruct and bring about freedom there.

Jordan's Al-Dustur

The occupation forces have suffered heavy

Right now, the US is caught between two fires — the fire of withdrawing from Iraq and the fire of the Iraqi resistance.

UAE's Akhbar al-Arab

losses to the guerillas and the need for a "middle ground" solution has become inevitable so that the US forces can at least exit Iraq with dignity.

Jordan's Al-Ra'y

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UAE's Akhbar al-Arab

George W Bush's early morning speech [to US troops] will make no difference to the burden on his shoulders: he and his country are in deep trouble. The nightmare forecast by his defence secretary—that the US could be stuck in Iraq

solution to the Iraqi problem.

Libya's Al-Shams

Americans describe Bush's policy in Iraq as the policy of a lame duck... This political stumbling started with the beginning of Bush's presidency, from the time he appointed Paul Bremer as the country's chief administrator. It was Bremer who abolished the Iraqi army and police forces so that chaos prevailed.

Egypt's Al-Akhbar

Iraqi people are at another historic juncture of writing a permanent constitution for their country. Moving ahead with the political process can put an end to the foreign military presence by decision of the Iraqi government and people, rather than extremist and terrorist groups.

Iraq's Al Bayan.

Internet



A US convoy of armoured vehicles patrols the heavily fortified Green Zone in central Baghdad on 28 June, 2005. — INTERNET

War veterans still hale and hearty

Win Maung Maung

Out of Myanmar sayings referring to emotion, there are two sayings “Stress and strain makes one look older”, and “Being young at heart one looks younger”. All of one’s movements are under the control of one’s emotional conditions. Even a young person who often suffers and thinks emotional stress looks older than he really is, and even an old person who often enjoys and thinks emotional pleasure and joy looks younger than he really is.

In Myanmar’s history was King Alaung Si Thu, who was still hale and hearty at 80. The episode “Oo-paunggya-ne Myin-gya-shin” (Man with striped head-dress on horseback) of the chronicle “Maha Yazawingyi” by U Kalar featured that King Alaung Si Thu became old, but was still active, alert and light and was fully imbued with military vigour. In addition, he was always like a young man whenever he shouldered national defence duties in the interests of motherland.

In this period in Myanmar, there are many persons who are still hale and hearty like King Alaung Si Thu. They always are ready to show their arts of warfare to protect and safeguard motherland if necessary like the man with striped head-dress on horseback. They are war veterans who have retired with good reputation from the Tatmadaw. When the war veterans were organized into one, there emerged the Myanmar War Veterans Organization.

The MWVO came into being in 1948 when the nation regained independence, and since then it has been discharging its duties by doing their bit for enabling the nation to march smoothly on the correct national political path. It was reconstituted on 21 October 1998 in the time of the State Peace and Development Council with the aims — for WVOs at all levels to stand firmly with prestige and dignity, to organize all organizations into one, to participate in national political movements with might and main, and to become a strong reserve force of the Tatmadaw.

The MWVO is made up of retired servicemen who had got involved in many operations for ensuring Our Three Main National Causes — Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty.

The Organization will always be active and vigilant as it descends from able and capable Tatmadaw men who embodied their qualities and qualifications in the history of the Union of Myanmar. As the saying goes “Experience is the best teacher”, the MWVO members are indeed repositories of national politics, so the Organization has been standing firmly as a reliable force of the State and the Tatmadaw.

WVO members are the ones who love and cherish their mother country and never hesitate to perform their duties at risk to their lives and are endowed with noble traditions — good discipline, loyalty, unity, efficiency, sacrifices, never seeking personal gain, noble spirit and high

morale, quality to overcome obstacles, enduring hardship, perseverance, and always upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

They are going old, but are lending themselves with all their might to national political movements. They have held preliminary conferences (2005) wholeheartedly in the respective states and divisions. At the conferences, the five sectors — national political sector, national defence and security sector, economic sector, social and welfare sector, and public welfare services sector were discussed and approved through thorough discussions.

The war veterans already have the ability to defend the nation and organize the people and have the good management skills. They have also been endowed with Union Spirit, sacrificing spirit, and esprit de corps since they were soldiers. Of the five major tasks of the MWVO, the national political task plays a vital role.

The State Peace and Development Council is in the process of building the economic, health, education, social and transport and other infrastructures all over the country for cent-per cent progress of the whole Union formed with

14 states and divisions, improvement of the social lives of the people, narrowing the gap between one region and another and ensuring proportionate development in the entire nation.

As it has been implementing the border areas development project, the 24-development-zone project, and the five rural tasks, the

whole Union is achieving harmonious development.

We all have witnessed the emergence of major irrigation facilities, bridges across rivers and creeks, large-scale hydel power plants, water pumping stations, airports, institutions of higher learning, new railroads and motor roads and industrial zones.

Thanks to the high efficiency of the State leaders led by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, the correct national policy, topographical conditions and favourable climate of the nation, rich natural resources, abundant food supplies, the people’s education qualifications, good socio-economic system, health, fitness and morale and morality of the people, smooth transport, diplomatic skills, and the strength of the national defence force and its reserve force, the nation is achieving success after success in her development drive.

In reality, the nation is achieving the unprecedented development in the political, economic, and social sectors. Thus, a peaceful, modern, and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state is within our reach now.

The MWVO members have been taking part in the task of developing the nation and ensuring peace and stability in it to the best of their ability. Moreover, they will always be young, energetic and active in carrying out the task of building a discipline-flourishing democratic state.

(Translation: MS+TMT)

War Veteran Son, Nation’s Beloved Strength

- * Minus sovereignty, palace, city—nought
From that position, we rose again
That’s Myanmar
Not to be mired for long
The people who love the nation rose again
- In resistance, gathering strength
Sacrificing lives, for nation to be free
That’s the chronicle of the past
Our War Veterans are fully aware.
- * In Myanmar’s era after regaining
Independence
Nation in its infancy, faced the gathering storm
There was discrimination as to who’s who
And who backed who according to whims
In the eddying whirlpool, fate went wild
To prevent nation falling into abyss
It was the Tatmadaw that saved situation giving up lives
’Twas also the Tatmadaw that sacrificed lives averting other dangers
What it was like, from A to Z
Our War Veterans fully know.
- * In current era, with renewed strength
To bring peace, throughout the nation
We’re striving hard, for all-round development
And, while doing so
Destructionists left and right, disturb, wedge in
And those who yearn to feed the potion of subjugation
As well as those chafing to imbibe
Plus those who want to aid and abet
Who are the enemies far and near
Who are black and who are white
The War Veterans know full well.
- * O, from the tender up-and-coming age
To that wrinkled and ageing
While shouldering the nation’s duties
Broken hands, severed legs, eye lost
Or failing sight, but thoughts lofty and correct
Will undeterred
Our Veterans, those in our hearts
Ever outstanding in our thoughts
“Image of the Tatmadaw”
“Image of the State”
“Image of the people”
Sealed in our hearts, throughout this life
Always wanting to repay debt to the nation
Ever willing to repay significantly
Be we frail and unsteady
Even if we are able to hold a cup of water
We shall shoulder responsibilities for Myanmar’s wellbeing
That is Patriotic Veteran’s strength.

Myinmu Maung Naing Moe (Trs.)
In honour of the Myanmar War Veterans
Conference—2005.

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever
intimidated
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
* Do not be softened whenever appeased



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members of panel chairmen preside over the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference (2005). — MNA



Of the many national traitors the worst...

(from page 16)
 WO Yi Yi Soe and WO Mi Mi Maung Htwe of Yangon Division WVO acted as masters of ceremonies. The master of ceremonies announced the

ance of Senior General Than Shwe was reported separately.)

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented cash assistance to five 75-year-old and above veterans,

bers of the Panel of Patrons posed for documentary photos with COC members and State/Division delegates.

The Senior General and members of the Panel of Patrons cordially greeted the delegates.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presided over the second-session of the Conference together with COC members Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

M W V O C O C

Vice-Chairmen Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) and Maj-Gen Saw Tun presented K 100,000 each to five staff of MWVO Headquarters; K 10,000 each to over-75 2,245 veterans; K 50,000 each to 128 disabled veterans, K 30,000 each to 162 students, offspring of veterans, undergoing training at academies of Defence Services, and K 5,000 each to 77 students who passed the matriculation exam with flying colours through representatives of States and Divisions.

The Secretary-1

sought approval of the delegates for the resolutions to be adopted at MWVO Conference 2005. The MC announced that the Conference passed two resolutions, approved one matter and put five

representatives actively and eagerly discussed the presenting constructive suggestions and proposals at the conference.

Patrons of the MWVO Senior General Than Shwe and leaders of



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents cash assistance to a war veteran aged above 75. — MNA

start of the conference with the permission of the Patron of MWVO (Central).

First, Patron of MWVO (Central) Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance. (The guid-

five disabled veterans, five students attending academies of Defence Services, and five outstanding students in the 2004 matriculation examination. The first session of the fourth-day conference went into recess.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and mem-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents cash assistance to a child of a war veteran. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents cash assistance to a disabled war veteran. — MNA

matters on record.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 delivered the concluding remarks. He said:

Now the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference 2005 has successfully concluded. The conference began on 26 June 2005. During the conference, the repre-

the Tatmadaw attended the conference this morning. It is an honour for the MWVO as the Senior General gave guidance at the conference. The MWVO will have to accept the guidance as its work guideline and the different levels of the MWVO from the central (See page 6)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers concluding remarks at the MWVO Conference (2005). — MNA

Of the many national traitors...

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to the most basic level should precisely follow and implement the guidance.

The MWVO is a social organization giving priority to the national cause. The national politics—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity; and perpetuation of sovereignty — or in other words Our Three Main National Causes

peace and stability. Multi-colour insurgency broke out and the people had to live in constant fear. The administrative power of the then government was effective only in Yangon area that the world even ridiculed Myanmar and called her 'Yangon government'. With valour and sacrificing spirit, the Tatmadaw gathered all available forces to wipe out the insurgency active almost the whole country

neighboring nations were able to set up the industrial economic system and gained rapid progress. Myanmar lagged behind in every aspect and in the end an unrest occurred in the nation. Hence, the Tatmadaw had to take over the State duties in 1988. It was not its wish to grab power, but just to discharge the historic duty.

The Tatmadaw understands that it has the duty to ensure peace and stability, develop the na-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members of panel of chairmen chanting slogans at the MWVO Conference (2005). — MNA



have been the national policy, the veterans have upheld since they were soldiers. History has proved that national policy is always correct for the nation, and it is the bounden duty for all the people to realize it.

The majority of the

then. Because of the disagreements, ideological rivalry, personal differences and internal insurgency, the ruling AFPFL government could do nothing good for the nation although 14 years had passed. In those circumstances, a certain state tried

tion, and gently transfer power back into the hands of the people. To discharge these duties well, it made an open declaration to build a new nation according to the 12 objectives, while placing in the fore Our Three Main National Causes. It is a common knowledge that the national development drive cannot be launched without State stability, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order. Thus the Tatmadaw government gave priority to the fact. A total of 17 armed groups have returned to the legal fold and are joining hands with the government for devel-

opment of their regions located in the border areas. The result is that a number of major towns and a large array of infrastructures in various sector have emerged in the border areas. The national economy has been developing significantly thanks to the economic plans of the government. The nation has witnessed the increase in the per capita

income, decrease in the inflation, rise in the foreign trade value, and surplus income from exports. The government is in the process of implementing the border areas development project, the 24-development zone project and five rural development tasks for harmonious development of the whole nation. In addition, it has laid down and is

implementing the seven-point future policy programme of the State or the Road Map for transition to democracy according to the wish of the people.

The National Convention, the first step of the Road Map, is being held. The people of all works of life including the representatives of

(See page 7)

In 1974, the constitution based on single party system was ratified. But the agro-based economy of the system failed to fulfill the needs of the growing population. During the time, some neighboring nations were able to set up the industrial economic system and gained rapid progress. Myanmar lagged behind in every aspect and in the end an unrest occurred in the nation. Hence, the Tatmadaw had to take over the State duties in 1988. It was not its wish to grab power, but just to discharge the historic duty.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents gift to an outstanding child student of a MWVO member. — MNA

war veterans have passed through the parliamentary era, after regaining of the independence, and the Burma Socialist Programme Party era. Only about three months after the regaining of independence, there broke out armed insurgency in the nation due to disagreements. The national unity eroded badly and the nation had to exist without

to secede from the Union while giving priority to the federal policy. Thus, the Tatmadaw had to save the nation from falling apart in 1962.

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Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) presents cash assistance to a state/division WVO representative. — MNA



Maj-Gen Saw Tun presents cash assistance to a state/division WVO representative. — MNA

Of the many national traitors...

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townships, representatives of political parties, representatives-elect, the delegates of peasants, workers, intellectuals and intelligentsia, and State service personnel and the representatives of peace groups have been holding discussions to lay down basic principles and detailed basic principles to write a constitution. At present, the National Convention has already laid down detailed basic principles for the distribution

of the legislative power. The Convention is now in the process of holding discussions to lay down basic principles for the judicial and executive powers. The government will successfully implement the Road Map, it has already presented to the world and the nation, step by step till reaching the goal.

The government has been trying to overcome all the disturbances and obstacles with various means. Of the many

national traitors — traitors relying on aliens, traitors in the nation, the ones who are longing for the neo-colonialists, and the power craze demanding the transfer of power — the worst are the ex-military personnel who although recited the Four Oaths have no loyalty to the nation and the Tatmadaw at all. If there are many disturbances and hindrances, the democracy transition will face a delay. If all join hands with sincere goodwill for the nation and the people, the

democracy transition will successfully and swiftly reach its goal.

The Tatmadaw government will strive with zeal and perseverance till reaching the goal. It will overcome all the internal and external disturbances and destructive acts with the combined strength of the government the people and the Tatmadaw. MWVO is a body formed with war veterans who are free from wrongdoings and misdeeds. As they have already discharged duties

with endurance and valour, they dare to make sacrifices for the country at present also. The MWVO will have to join hands with other reserve forces of the nation — USDA, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the Red Cross and the Fire Brigades — that are also its congenial bodies in the nation-building tasks.

The Myanmar War Veterans Organization will have to accept the

guidance of the MWVO Patron Senior General Than Shwe. All the WVOs at different levels will have to strictly follow the guidance. The MWVO members should try to implement their five major tasks and three aims till achieving success. And with Union Spirit, they should ward off and crush the destructionists together with the government, the people and the Tatmadaw.

The conference ended with chanting of slogans.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects agricultural tasks in Pyay, meets departmental officials in Thegon



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on his inspection tour of Thegon Township People's Hospital. — MNA

YANGON, 29 June — State Peace and Development Council Member Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Bago Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Southern Command Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Bago (West) PDC Chairman Brig-Gen Hla Min, Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo of Innma Station, divi-

sion/district/township PDC members and departmental officials, arrived at Ledawgyi model plot of No 3 Cooperative Ltd of Pyay Township Agricultural Produce Trading on 28 June and viewed the cultivation of paddy strain.

After hearing the reports on cultivation and production of the cooperative Ltd, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave neces-

sary instructions.

Both summer and monsoon paddy strains can be cultivated in Ledawgyi model plot measuring 70.05 acres.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to Twinbyi village tract in Pyay Township and viewed the winnowing Sinthwelet summer paddy in 5-acre cultivation land of farmer U

Aung Myo Thant and left instructions.

On arrival at Paungdele station hospital, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party looked into the wards and operation rooms and attended to the needs.

At the township hall of Thegon, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with district PDC members, departmental officials, social

organizations and townsenders, and heard the reports on the facts about the education, health, social affairs, economy, agriculture and livestock breeding of the township.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than delivered an address. Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than greeted those present.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than proceeded to

Thegon Township People's Hospital and inspected wards, operation rooms and X-ray room of the hospital and gave necessary instructions.

On arrival at Paungde Township local battalion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with officers, Tatmadawmen and families and left instructions.

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Myanmar beat Canada 5-1 in friendly match

YANGON, 30 June — Myanmar beat Canada 5-1 in the women's soccer

friendly that took place at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) this after-

noon. Among the spectators were Minister for Sports

Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism

Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, members of Olympic Committee and football

fans.

President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw, leader of AIA Canadian women's team Mr Scott Travasos and coach Ms Eion Oidri Scoll cordially greeted the players. The two teams exchanged souvenirs and posed for a group photo.

In the match, Myanmar Women team beat Canada AIA Women team.

The second friendly match is to be played on 2 July afternoon. MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint watches Myanmar-Canada women's friendly football match.

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it needs to possess firm conviction, esprit de corps, unity inside and outside the organization, and correct leadership.

All the members have possessed correct conviction and conceptions as the Four Oaths is firmly rooted in their minds — loyalty to the State and the people, loyalty to the Fallen Comrades, conscientiously obeying the orders and responsibilities given by their superiors, and sacrificing their lives for their country, people and Tatmadaw.

Looking back on the nation's history, it has faced several times the situations in which the nation was on the verge of collapse due to lack of



Senior General Than Shwe, members of the panel of patrons and COC members of MWVO pose for documentary photo.— MNA

word "racialism" at any time. Now, members are living in various regions across the nation together

sible for flourishing of correct conviction, conceptions and Union Spirit.

zational tasks for further unity based on esprit de corps inside and outside the Organization.

care, loving-kindness and attachment. The MWVO members have retired from the

of Tatmadaw men with pride. Hence, retired Tatmadaw members are to be one with the Tatmadaw, and to stand firmly as a reserve national defence force of the Tatmadaw, while taking refuge in the Tatmadaw.

That was why the MWVO Central Organizing Committee was reconstituted with those still in service in the Tatmadaw.

Now, the Central Organizing Committee is contacting and looking after not only MWVO members but also disabled members.

It is also conducting vocational training courses and local and oversea job opportunities for the children of both the members and disabled members for enabling them to repay gratitude to their parents. It reflects that the (See page 9)



Senior General Than Shwe, members of the panel of patrons and COC members of MWVO pose for documentary photo together with delegates from States and Divisions.— MNA

national solidarity. If the Union breaks up, then the nation will lose its sovereignty, and the State, the heritage of ancestors, will meet its end. So, flourishing of Union Spirit plays indispensable role in the national political sector. The members are to adhere to Our Three Main National Causes with patriotic fervour under the correct leadership of the Tatmadaw whatever period it is.

The members of various national races had unitedly shouldered duties with esprit de corps when they were in service in the Tatmadaw. Due to the esprit de corps with which all want to live through thick and thin, Tatmadaw members even have never thought of the

with local national races in unity and harmony, so all members are respon-

MWVO members are urged to place emphasis on acceleration of organi-

Now, the Tatmadaw is looking after retired servicemen with great

Tatmadaw due to various reasons, but are longing for previous livelihood



Senior General Than Shwe, members of the panel of patrons and COC members of MWVO pose for documentary photo together with delegates from States and Divisions.— MNA

Senior General Than Shwe attends dinner hosted to State and Division delegates of MWVO Conference

YANGON, 30 June — Patron of Myanmar War Veterans Organization (Central) Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe attended the dinner hosted to State and Division delegates who attended the

MWVO Conference 2005, at Zeyathiri Beikman Hall on Konmyinthathis evening.

Also present at the dinner were members of the Panel of Patrons of MWVO (Central) Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of De-

fence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister General Soe Win, Chairman of MWVO Central Organizing Committee Secretary-1 of the State

Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of SPDC, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command, ministers, the Attorney-General, the Au-

ditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon Mayor, vice-chairmen and members of MWVO COC, the Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, officials, members of social organizations, delegates from

States and Divisions and guests.

At 7 pm, Senior General Than Shwe arrived at Zeyathiri Beikman. The Senior General was welcomed by Vice-Senior General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister General Soe Win, Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, vice-chairmen and members of MWVO COC and delegates. Next, the Senior General cordially greeted the delegates and representatives of social organizations. Afterwards, the State and Division delegates and guests were served with dinner.

Before the dinner, Myanma Athan modern music troupe entertained those present. During the dinner, artistes of Fine Arts Department presented variety songs to the audience. After the dinner, artistes of Fine Arts Department presented dances to the delegates at Thabin Hall.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe attends the dinner hosted to the delegates to MWVO Conference 2005. — MNA

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Tatmadaw has been constantly looking after the members. So, all the retired members are to uphold the leadership of the Tatmadaw with loyalty for ever.

As is known to the members that the Tatmadaw has to unavoidably take State's duties in addition to national defence duties. The task for building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation is very huge and it is to be implemented step by step.

The government has to make efforts to strengthen political, economic and defence sectors of the State, while striving for ensuring community



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peace and tranquillity, and national reconsolidation. It also has to produce human resources and raising

the education standard of the entire nation for the emergence of a modern and developed nation. Sim-

ultaneously, it is taking measures for raising per capita income, living standard, and health and fitness standard of the entire national people.

In the process, it is making efforts to ensure equitable development of all parts of the nation. MWVO members are taking part in the five rural development tasks in respective regions.

The Tatmadaw will systematically hand over State power to the public,

the original owner. So, it has been implementing the State's seven-point Road Map.

However, some big nations, that are anxious to get the nation under their thumb, are putting pressure and imposing a variety of sanctions against the nation under various pretexts. The Tatmadaw is not frightened whenever intimidated, and will continue to shoulder its duties steadfastly for shaping a brighter future

of the nation in line with the objectives. So, the members who are well-versed in military affairs and equipped with Union Spirit are to take charge of duties whatever role they may be in under the leadership of the Tatmadaw.

Furthermore, MWVO members' wives and children are to be auxiliary WVO members as they possess military vigour and are family members

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The government has to make efforts to strengthen political, economic and defence sectors of the State, while striving for ensuring community peace and tranquillity, and national reconsolidation. It also has to produce human resources and raising the education standard of the entire nation for the emergence of a modern and developed nation. Simultaneously, it is taking measures for raising per capita income, living standard, and health and fitness standard of the entire national people.

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of Tatmadawmen. Now, children of WVO members are admitted to be reserve members although their parents are no more. The MWVO is looking after the members' family members, and in return, they become reserve members of the Organization.

Now, the MWVO consists of over 3,800 officers and over 80,000 other ranks and over 50,000 reserve members. It is found that the five sectors have been making progress in a bid to enable the MWVO to stand with abilities and capabilities and prestige.

Up to now, in national political sector, the Central Organizing Committee has conducted six kinds of courses on national political and organizational tasks for more than 300 times in the respective regions. It has taken organizational measures and undergone training for national defence and security. In relation to the economy, the Organization owns 26 businesses worth over K 9.6 billion. It is providing state/division WVO Supervisory Committees with loans. With regard to the social and welfare sector, it has spent over K 500 million on aged members, disabled members, assistance for outstanding children students and assistance for children students.

As regards the public welfare sector, it has shown its exemplary performances in implementing the five rural development tasks. All in all, the progress of the Organization is encouraging.

The Organization has possessed organizational capability, correct conviction and conceptions, and



Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets representatives from states and divisions. — MNA

solidarity. In conclusion, MWVO members are urged to maintain already achieved development momentum and to ensure quantitative and qualitative progress; to stand firmly with correct attitude in the interests of

the nation and the people; to shoulder tasks with a sense of duty in diverse sectors; and to stand ready for national defence duties, the bounden duty of all citizens. — MNA

MWVO Conference passes two resolutions, approves one matter and places five matters on record

YANGON, 30 June — Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference 2005 held at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road here from 26 to date passed two resolutions, approved one matter and placed five matters on record.

One of the two resolutions was to accept and regard the guidance given by Patron of MWVO (Central) Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at the fourth-day session of the Conference on 30 June 2005 as working guidelines, and another one was to lay down five future tasks of the WVOs at different levels included in the MWVOCOC report submitted to the Conference on 27 June. These future tasks are as follows:-

- To keep patriotism alive and dynamic and strengthen Union Spirit by upholding Our Three Main National Causes;
- To join hands with the people to implement the Seven-Point Road Map of the State for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation until

it meets with success;

- MWVO to participate in State defence and security duties under the leadership of the Tatmadaw;
- To give priority to welfare services of war veterans and reserve members; and
- To cooperate with congenial organizations in undertaking five rural development tasks.

The one matter approved by the conference was the report of MWVO submitted to the conference on 27 June.

The five matters placed on record were the guidelines given by MWVO COC Chairman Lt-Gen Thein Sein on 27 June, the directives given by MWVO COC Vice-Chairman Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) at the coordination meeting on 26 June, the activities which were carried out by State/Division WVOs in a year and which were submitted to the conference on 29 June, the findings of the group discussions on the national political sector, the State defence and security sector, the economic sector, the social affairs and

welfare sector and the community welfare sector on 29 June, and the activities of social organizations and the Union Solidarity and Development Association hailing the MWVO Conference 2005 on 30 June.—MNA

TWO RESOLUTIONS

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FUTURE TASKS

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Central Organizing Committee Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein announces approval of resolutions to be passed by the MWVO Conference (2005). — MNA

Resource persons read papers to mark Myanmar Women's Day



President of MWF Daw Than Than Nwe speaking at the paper-reading session to mark Myanmar Women's Day.— MNA

YANGON, 30 June — Hailing Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2005, paper reading session to mark Myanmar Women's Day was held at International Business Centre on Pyay Road this morning with an address by President of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation Daw Than Than Nwe. Present on the occasion were President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Khin Win, members of Panel of Pa-

trons of MWF, the Vice-President of MWF, heads of departments of MWF, the intellectuals and intelligentsia and others. At the first session, Dr Ma Tin Win presided over the session and extended greetings. The education professionals from various universities and institutes read out a wide range of papers, replied to queries raised by those present and the session went into recess.

Dr Daw Khin Ohn Thant presided over the session and extended greetings. Lecturer Dr Chaw Chaw Sein and Lecturer Daw Mi Mi Myint Shein submitted the papers. After the first session, the school girls from Sangyoung Township No 2 BEHS entertained those present with the songs. In second session, Saw Mon Nyin presided over the session. Lecturer Daw Than Than Yin, Additional Director Daw

Thein Thein Nyunt, Director Daw Nanda Hmoon and Dr Ma Tin Win read out the papers. The school girls also entertained those present with the songs and the paper reading session ended. A total of 9 papers were submitted today session.— MNA

Lecturer Dr Aye Aye Cho.— MNA

Lecturer Dr Chaw Chaw Sein.— MNA



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Lecturer Dr Chaw Chaw Sein.— MNA



Lecturer Daw Zin Zin Naing.— MNA



Lecturer Dr Myint Myint San.— MNA



Lecturer Daw Than Than Yin.— MNA



Director Daw Nanda Hmoon.— MNA

Talks to mark Myanmar Women's Day held

YANGON, 30 June — Hailing Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July, talks on MWD organized by Yangon Division Women Affairs Organization, was held at the meeting hall of North Okkalapa Township Peace and Development Council Office yesterday morning, attended by members of Yangon East District Women's Affairs Organization, township and ward women's affairs.

Secretary of Yangon East District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Moe Thu extended greetings and township WAO organizers gave a talk on MWD and presenting the membership applications took place at Myoma BEMS on the same day. Likewise, talks on MWD was held at No 1 BEHS, Insein Township, Yangon North District at 9 am on the same day. — MNA


Educative talks on women's health given

YANGON, 30 June — Organized by Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, the educative talks on women's health took place at Summit Park View Hotel on Ahlon Road this morning. Chairperson of MWEA Daw Nu Nu Yi extended greetings. Next, Chair-

man of Frontier International (M) Sdn Bhd Dr SJ Jong gave a talk on women's health-hormonal imbalance and anti-ageing and Dr Khin Thiri on summary of the topic and antioxidant-in healthier ageing. Later, the officials answered the queries raised by those present. — MNA



Dr SJ Jong gives lecture on women's health-hormonal imbalance and anti-ageing.— MWEA



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India's 1st commercial biodiesel plant coming up in Andhra

HYDERABAD, 29 June—India's first commercial biodiesel plant to produce fuel from seeds of plants such as Pongamia and Jatropha, is coming up in South India's Andhra Pradesh State.

The plant is being set up in Nalgonda District of Andhra Pradesh by the Southern Online Bio Technologies Ltd (SBT) that is spearheading a movement to popularise cultivation of the Pongamia and Jatropha seeds that help produce biodiesel.

"Apart from educating farmers about the economic viability of pongamia and jatropha cultivation, we are also preparing a list of farmers who are interested in cultivating these plants to offer them guidance and help," city-based SBT managing director N Satish Kumar told PTI.

The plant work is in progress and we will start production by January next year, Satish said add-

ing the capacity of the plant will be 10,000 tons per year.

Twenty million rupees blanket grant SBT got from German Government will be used entirely for farmers. With the aid of International Crop Research Institute for Semi Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), farmers will be offered tips for profitable cultivation, Satish said. The company had earlier signed a MoU with ICRISAT.

According to government estimates, Andhra Pradesh has a potential for 15,000 tons of Pongamia seeds. According to a study conducted by SBT, this can go up to 20,000 tons. So far, SBT could sign up 600 acres for pongamia cultivation. "Within next six months,

we can get 10,000 acres signed," Satish added.

"Currently, the company is offering a price of five rupees per kilos. We don't have any bar on quantity. We are ready to take any quantity down to 5-10 kilos," he added.

The company has recently secured SEBI's approval for a rights-cum-public issue of 171 million rupees, out of which 32.6 million rupees will be raised through rights issue, 138.4 rupees crore through Public issue and 40 million rupees reserved for FIs/NRIs.

"We are planning to open the issue in August. Post-public issue, the total investment for the plant will be 228 million rupees," Satish said.

MNA/PTI



Computer forensic expertise needs to bust cybercrimes

KOLKATA, 29 June—As cybercrimes make headlines, computer forensic experts say Indian investigating agencies need to be a step ahead of the criminals in putting together sophisticated tools to discover evidence.

Billions of rupees are stolen each year by criminals with credit card crimes topping the list as the digital revolution in India brings to fore newer frauds, says Samir Datt, Director of Computer Forensics and Investigations in Pune-based software firm Visionindia.

"Computer forensics is an emerging field that could help victims of computer crimes discover evidence. It has wide applications in investigation and analysis techniques to acquire potential legal evidence", says Datt whose firm helps police forces of many Indian states in bust-

ing cybercrimes and employs software used by the FBI as well as police departments of countries like the US and Germany.

Alongside credit card crimes, the number of cases of insurance and medical fraud, money laundering, espionage and intelligence gathering were also on the rise, he said.

"There has been a dramatic increase in the number of cases where women are harassed on e-mail by jilted lovers or maniacs", Datt says.

M L Sharma, government examiner of questioned documents, at the Central Forensic Science

Laboratory (CFSL) here says the number of people forging signatures or computer documents has seen a phenomenal rise in recent times.

"We receive loads of forged and manipulated documents from investigating agencies across the country. The volumes have been increasing every year", he says.

Senior officer of West Bengal's Police Academy Gourav Dutt says the police is ill-equipped to handle cybercrimes as technology had made things a lot simpler for criminals to avoid the net laid down by sleuths. —MNA/PTI



Henny van Andel-Schipper is seen on her 115th birthday in Hoogeveen, the Netherlands, on 29 June, 2005. Van Andel-Schipper has been the oldest person alive in the world since 29 May, 2004. — INTERNET

Tanzania to build, renovate 944 kilometres of new roads

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 29 June—Tanzania is set to spend 2.4 billion shillings (2.16 million US dollars) on building and upgrading six roads in the country.

The planned road projects combine to cover 944 kilometres in all and incorporate into the government's road extension programme are all located in areas with high economic potentials.

The Tanzania National Roads Agency has signed six local firms to design the roads and prepare in seven to 12 months the tenders for construction contractors.

"Road infrastructure is essential for socio-economic development, especially for a country like Tanzania where roads carry over 80 per cent of passenger traffic and over 70 per cent of internal freight," said Frederick Addo-Abedi, chief executive officer of the Tanzania National Roads Agency.

Tanzania has planned to pave 10,400 kilometres

of the country's trunk road network with hard surfaces of either tarmac or cement by the year 2021.

According to projections by the Tanzanian Ministry of Works, the East African country is expected to pave some 7,700 kilometres of trunk roads with hard surfaces by the end of 2006.

Road construction in Tanzania, a tropical country just south of the equa-

tor, has been hampered by scorching sunshine, excessive rainfalls, and etching salty moist winds from the Indian Ocean.

The local firms are therefore charged with designing roads with long service life, resistance to oil chemicals, endurance of weather, strength increase with use, and better resilience to heavy axle loads.

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Developing nations need UNSC representation to achieve goals

UNITED NATIONS, 29 June—Emphasizing that the United Nations must be given a "pivotal role" in setting the global development agenda, India has said developing nations should be given a representation in the UNSC which would help them realize their political and economic agenda.

India's Minister of State for External affairs E Ahamed, who addressed the UN General Assembly's special session on 'Financing For Development' on Monday, also asked the industrialized countries to demolish their trade barriers with developing states and increase official Development Assistance which would enable them achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

He also called for a major reform in the agriculture trade sector, including reduction and elimination of subsidies by developed nations, so as to make

it an "engine of growth and poverty reduction" in the developing countries.

Ahamed's remarks assume significance in the context of statistics released by the United Nations which show that last year, total ODA was 78.6 billion US dollars and subsidies given by the rich countries to their farmers and agricultural business amounted to a whopping 378 billion US dollars "more than four times their aid disbursement".

To ensure effective realization of political and economic agenda of the developing world, he stressed the need for ex-

pansion of the 15-member Security Council, "currently the strongest body of the United Nations," by giving representation to the developing nations.

India, along with Japan, Germany and Brazil, is a strong contender for a permanent seat in the Council.

Stressing that a "pivotal role" be given to the UN in setting the global development agenda including in relations to trade, external debt, money and finance and technology, Ahamed said the world body has to provide political guidance to its specialized agencies as

also World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization.

Disagreeing with Secretary-General Kofi Annan's recommendation for establishing an executive committee of Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to facilitate cooperation with multilateral institution dealing with finance and trade, he pointed out that the United Nations has to play a "predominant role" in setting the direction and delineating and guiding the international macro-economic agenda.

MNA/PTI

Germany's consumer confidence drops

BERLIN, 29 June—Germany's consumer confidence fell for the third consecutive month, a survey said on Tuesday.

The fall resulted from high unemployment, record high oil price, and the political uncertainty created by a planned early election, according to the Nuremberg-based GfK market research group.

The group forecast the index of consumer confidence to 3.5 points in July down from 4.5 points in June based on a survey of about 2,000 people in the country.

"As summer 2005

started, consumers were still unable to see any real sign of recovery in the economy so far," the group said in its Press release.

The political development in Germany has helped to reinforce the pessimistic mood among business leaders and investors.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder is looking to hold a federal election in mid-September, one year earlier than scheduled.

MNA/Xinhua

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NASA's "Deep Impact" observes major comet outburst

LOS ANGELES, 29 June — A massive but short-time ice or other particle outburst from comet Tempel 1 was witnessed by the Deep Impact spacecraft, the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) reported on Tuesday.

The outburst was detected as a dramatic brightening of the comet on 22 June, just days before the spacecraft was to launch a probe to bombard Tempel 1, according to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL).

It was the second of two such events observed in the past two weeks. A smaller outburst was seen on 14 June by Deep Impact, the Hubble Space Telescope and by ground based observers.

"This most recent outburst was six times larger than the one observed on 14 June, but the ejected material dissipated almost entirely within about a

half day", said Michael A'Hearn, principal investigator for the Deep Impact mission.

He noted that data from the spectrometer aboard the spacecraft showed that during the June 22 outburst the amount of water vapor in the coma doubled, while the amount of other gases, including carbon dioxide, increased even more.

"Outbursts such as this may be a very common phenomenon on many comets, but they are rarely observed in sufficient detail to understand them because it is normally so difficult to obtain enough time on telescopes to dis-

cover such phenomena", A'Hearn said in a JPL statement. "We likely would have missed this exciting event, except that we are now getting almost continuous coverage of the comet with the spacecraft's imaging and spectroscopy instruments".

Observing such activity twice in two weeks suggests outbursts are fairly common and significant part of the processing that occur on comets as they heat up when approaching the sun, scientists said.

Comet Tempel 1 is near perihelion, or the point in its orbit at which it is closest to the sun.

Deep Impact consists

of a sub-compact-car-sized flyby spacecraft and an impactor probe about the size of a washing machine.

The dual spacecraft carries three imaging instruments, two on the flyby spacecraft and one on the impactor. A spectrometer on the flyby spacecraft uses the same telescope as the flyby's high-resolution imager.

The final prelude to impact will begin early on 3 July, 24 hours before the 1:52 am EDT on 4 July (20:52 GMT 3 July) impact, when the flyby spacecraft releases the impactor into the path of the comet.

MNA/Xinhua

Egypt uncovers 3,200-year-old sarcophagus

CAIRO, 29 June — A sarcophagus of more than 3,200 years old has been discovered by a mission of Cairo University's Faculty of Archaeology in Saqqara, southwest of Cairo, the official MENA news agency reported Tuesday.

Egyptian Minister of Culture Farouq Hosni said the big sarcophagus dating back to the reign of King Ramses II (1279-1213 BC) was made of rosy granite, bearing hieroglyphic signs and different titles of the deceased.

He added the sarcophagus belonged to an overseer of stables during the reign of Ramses II.

Zahi Hawass, secretary general of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, said the mission found the sarcophagus inside a tomb unearthed in the 1980s.

Ramses II was given the throne at 20 and ruled for 67 years, which made him the second longest ruling Pharaoh in ancient Egypt.

Ramses II is famous for his love of architecture as he erected more monuments and temples than any other Pharaoh, one of them Abu Simbel Temple in southern Egypt. —

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NASA handout of an artist's impression of the Deep Impact flyby spacecraft (upper left) that will record photos and data after the Impactor crashes onto the surface of Comet Tempel 1 on 4 July. —INTERNET

Southern Chile in state of emergency amid heavy downpour

SANTIAGO, 29 June — Chilean President Ricardo Lagos declared a state of emergency on Tuesday in the country's south hit by torrential rains since the weekend.

Lagos, who rushed to the worst-hit Concepcion zone for inspection, was given a full report on the situation by Governor Jaime Toha, who decreed a red alert on Monday, according to the National Emergency Office of the Interior Ministry (ONEMI).

The downpour has caused five deaths and affected over 4,800 people in the southern part of the country, particularly in the 8th Region.

In Concepcion, the precipitation reached 162.4 millimetres within 24 hours, the highest in

the last 30 years.

Torrential rains led to landslides in La Polvora hill, crashing three houses and killing their occupants, said ONEMI, which forecast a letup in the bad weather on Tuesday afternoon.

MNA/Xinhua

Hyderabad-Dubai flight lands after bird hit

HYDERABAD, 29 June — A Dubai-bound Emirates Airbus A330 flight, with 177 passengers on board, returned here, in the capital city of South India's Andhra Pradesh State on Tuesday following a suspected bird hit.

The pilot of the Emirates flight (EK 527) decided to return 20 minutes after take-off due to a technical snag, airport sources said.

On landing, it was noticed that two blades of an engine were slightly damaged and it was be-

ing attended to by the technical staff, sources said adding the flight would be departing later in the day. — MNA/PTI

Breakdown in Pakistan's internet, mobile phone services

ISLAMABAD, 29 June — Pakistan was cut off from the rest of the world on Tuesday with its Internet and cellphone links severed by a fault in a main submarine cable off Karachi coast.

A submarine cable linking Pakistan with the international telecom networks appeared to have been snapped about 50 kilometres off Karachi and efforts were to locate it and repair it, officials of the Pakistan Telecommunication Company Ltd (PTCL) said.

Besides internet links, IDD and mobile lines were also disrupted.

Thousands of people were affected by the breakdown in the fibre-optic link beneath the Arabian Sea 35 kilometres south of Karachi

which was detected on Monday, they said.

The systems are still down and it would take two weeks to repair, officials said, adding the complex repair work may require a complete shut down which may cause disruption in India, UAE, Djibouti and Oman which are also linked by the damaged cable.

A consortium of 92 countries owns the cable and had asked operating agent Singtel of Singapore to fix the fault, they said.

"This is a highly so-

phisticated operation and only specialized companies can undertake such a delicate task under the sea," PTCL chief engineer Shahid Ahmed was quoted by AFP as saying.

He said Singtel has appointed E-Marine, a UAE company to fix the fault. They had dispatched a ship which may take 18 to 24 hours to reach the site, he added.

This is the second breakdown to affect the country in six months.

MNA/PTI

"Cassini" reveals lake-like feature on Saturn moon Titan

LOS ANGELES, 29 June — A dark, marking feature observed recently on Saturn's moon Titan by the Cassini spacecraft may be a hydrocarbon lake, scientists working with US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) reported on Tuesday.

The feature lies in Titan's cloudiest region, which is presumably the most likely site of recent methane rainfall.

This, coupled with the shore-like smoothness of the feature's perimeter, makes it hard for scientists to resist speculation about what might be filling the lake, if it indeed is one.

"I'd say this is definitely the best candidate we've seen so far for a liquid hydrocarbon lake on Titan," said Alfred

McEwen, Cassini imaging team member and a professor at the University of Arizona, Tucson.

The suspected lake area measures 234 kilometres long by 73 kilometres wide, about the size of Lake Ontario on the US Canadian border, according to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL).

This feature is unique that its perimeter is intriguingly reminiscent of the shorelines of lakes

on Earth that are smoothed by water erosion and deposition, indicating that some of the storms in this region are strong enough to make methane rain that reaches Titan's surface.

Given Titan's cold temperatures, it could take a long time for any liquid methane collecting on the surface to evaporate, scientists said. Therefore, it might not be surprising for a methane-filled lake to persist.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Chelsea striker Kezman signs for Atletico Madrid

MADRID, 30 June — Chelsea striker Mateja Kezman has signed a three-year contract with Atletico Madrid, the Spanish club said on Wednesday.

The Serbia & Montenegro international, who struggled to earn a regular first-team spot at Chelsea, has moved in a deal reported to be worth nine million euros (10.85 million US dollars).

"I am pleased to come to a club that was once bigger

than Chelsea and I hope that, in the future, they will eventually become bigger than them again," Kezman told a news conference.

"I was happy at Chelsea, it was a big experience for me. It was a pity I didn't get to play much but that's why I decided to

move," he added.

Kezman, 26, recorded only four goals in his one season at Chelsea, but proved himself a prolific goalscorer in his four years with Dutch side PSV Eindhoven, where he found the net 105 times in 123 games. —MNA/Xinhua

Robinho wants to play for Real Madrid

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 June — Brazilian striker Robinho told Brazilian media Wednesday that he will talk to Santos President Marcelo Teixeira to facilitate his transfer to Spain's Real Madrid.

"The moment has come to leave Santos," said Robson de Souza "Robinho" in an interview in Germany for Brazilian Rede Globo television station after the 4-1 win of Brazil at the Confederations Cup final against Argentina.

"I'll go back to Brazil and talk with Santos president. I expect he understands me," said the 21-year-old. "I wish to play in Real Madrid."

"It is the best club for a Brazilian to play with, where you can find the best players of the world; I know coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo and his work. Also, I am thinking on the security of my family."

Robinho's mother was kidnapped for 41 days between November and December last year.

Luxemburgo led Santos last season to the title of the Brazilian championship, the second in the club's history.

Real Madrid and Santos failed to reach an agreement about the transferring fee for the striker, as the Brazilian club wants 50 million dollars and Real offers half of that amount.

Real is not the only European club who are seeking for Robinho. England's Arsenal and Italy's Juventus are also interested. — MNA/Xinhua



Sweden's Thomas Johansson waves to the crowd after defeating Argentina's David Nalbandian during their men's singles quarter-final match at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, on 29 June, 2005. Johansson won the game 7-6 6-2 6-2.

INTERNET

Germany finish third at Confederations Cup

LEIPZIG, 30 June — Hosts Germany finished third in the FIFA Confederations Cup after a thrilling 4-3 win over Mexico after extra time here on Wednesday.

The German team played with ten men after the sending off of striker Mike Hanke, but captain Michael Ballack sent a beautiful free-kick home to secure the 4-3 win for the hosts.

Germany coach Jurgen Klinsmann made four changes to the line-up of the semifinals. Three were expected: Oliver

Kahn took over from Jens Lehmann, Andreas Hinkel replaced injured Arne Friedrich, and Bastian Schweinsteiger returned from suspension for Fabian Ernst. The surprise choice saw youngster Mike Hanke replace regular striker Kevin Kuranyi.

Mexico started strongly with Fonseca's shot went

narrowly wide two minutes into the match. At the 10th minute, Jared Borgetti's effort was blocked by Kahn.

The host team gradually found their form and picked up tempo after 20 minutes. Being set up by a Schweinsteiger back-heel cross, Podolski fired home a powerful left-footer at the 37th minute.

Mexico immediately fought back with an equalizer at the 40th minute thanks to an angled ball from Zinha. But Germany again surged ahead one minute later when Bayern Munich midfielder Schweinsteiger slotted home from close range.

Hanke was sent off after a dangerous tackle on Carlos Salcido and Mexico took the chance to level the score at 2-2 through a powerful header from Borgetti four minutes later.

The German played with tremendous resolve despite the one-man disadvantage. Defender Robert Huth forced home the loose ball following a Schweinsteiger corner to put Germany 3-2 ahead at the 79th minute.

MNA/Xinhua



UEFA to stage out-of-competition drug tests in Champions League

GENEVA, 30 June — European soccer governing body UEFA announced Wednesday that for the first time they will instigate out-of-competition drug tests on players involved in next season's Champions League.

There will also be test for erythropoietin (EPO), a blood-doping agent.

The move means any player can be tested at any time as well as the regular random post-match testing. The announcement will affect 960 players from 32 clubs and "we have always taken a tough stance against any form of cheating in football, especially doping or the use of any substances that are banned according to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)," said UEFA Chief Executive Lars-Christer Olsson.

MNA/Xinhua

Osasuna midfielder Garcia to join Real

MADRID, 30 June — Uruguayan midfielder Pablo Garcia is set to leave Spanish club Osasuna and to sign with Real Madrid, said Wednesday the sources from the former Primera Liga champion.

Garcia, coming out as the first signing of Real during the summer transferring windows, is expected to be followed by his compatriot and Argentina's River Plate full-back Carlos Diogo.

Real will spend about four million euros on Garcia, while two million euros more on Diogo, according to the sources.

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Brazil's Lucio, left, challenges Argentina's Luciano Figueroa during the final of the Confederations Cup between Argentina and Brazil in Frankfurt, Germany. Brazil won 4-1. —INTERNET

Italian soccer forward Zola retires

ROME, 30 June — Italian soccer forward Gianfranco Zola retired on Wednesday after a glittering career in the English Premier League and Serie A.

"I think this is the right thing to do," local agencies quoted 38-year-old Zola as saying on Wednesday. "Some time has passed since the end of the (Serie A) championship but I needed to reflect a bit."

His career spanned 21 years and included spells at Napoli, Parma, Chelsea and Cagliari. He won 35 international caps. — MNA/Xinhua

Eto'o extends contract with Barcelona

MADRID, 30 June — Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o has signed a contract extension with Barcelona until 2010, the Primera Liga champions said on Wednesday.

"The most important thing for me now is to win the Champions League," Eto'o told a news conference.

The 24-year-old, who scored 24 goals last season, turned down an offer to join English champions Chelsea earlier this month. Eto'o becomes the third first-team player to sign a contract extension at the Nou Camp since May, along with Portugal midfielder Deco and Spain midfielder Xavi—MNA/Xinhua

1,377 gem merchants arrive



Gem merchants at home and abroad check jade displayed at the special sales. — MNA

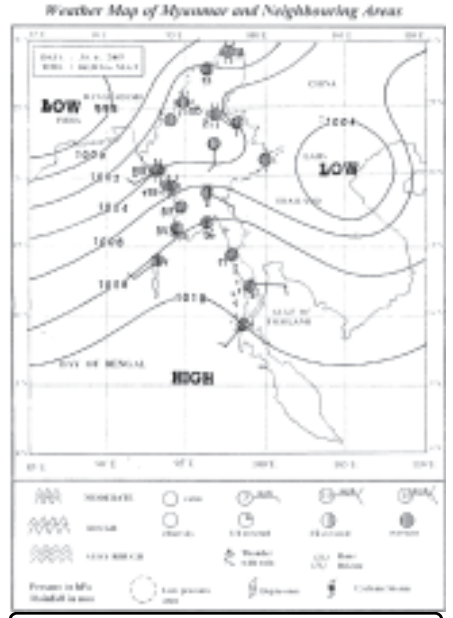
YANGON, 30 June — A total of 761 gem merchants of 285 companies from seven countries and 616 merchants of 253 local companies, totalling 1,377 arrived at Jade and Gems Special Sales 2005 being held at Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, today.

The gem merchants checked jade and gems lots displayed at the mart from 9 am to 5 pm.

The merchants from abroad were 666 mer-

chants of 245 companies of the People's Republic of China, one merchant of one company of Italy, six merchants of three companies from Japan, four merchants of three companies of Singapore, 79 merchants of 29 companies from Thailand, three merchants of three companies of Sri Lanka and two merchants of one company from India.

Gems lots will be sold through tender and competitive bidding systems on 1 and 2 July. — MNA



WEATHER

Thursday, 30 June, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division and rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Maungtau (10.51) inches, Kyauktaw (5.51) inches, Kyauckpyu (4.80) inches, Yangon (Central) (2.92) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.79) inches and Sittway (2.56) inches.

Maximum temperature on 29-6-2005 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 30-6-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 30-6-2005 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 29-6-2005 was (2.1) hours approx. Rainfalls on 30-6-2005 were (2.79) inches at Mingaladon, (2.20) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.92) inches at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (29.33) inches at Mingaladon, (25.39) inches at Kaba-Aye and (25.08) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (13) mph from South at (13:55) hours MST on 29-6-2005.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in North and Central Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 1-7-2005: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is 80%.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally strong monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-7-2005: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-7-2005: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.

UMFCCI President meets JODC representatives

YANGON, 29 June— President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and Vice-Presidents U Win Aung and U Zaw Min Win met Former Resident Representative Mr Kunihiko Shinoda of JODC in Bangkok, Thailand and his successor Mr Izuru Koba Yashi at the federation on 28 June.

They cordially discussed the matters related to providing the assistance for giving lectures



President of UMFCCI U Win Myint receives Former Resident Representative Mr Kunihiko Shinoda of JODC.

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by UMFCCI education working committee which is designated as JODC, and future plans. Centre of Excellence by MNA

အပင်အဟာရအပြည့်အဝရရှိရန် ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာကို အကျိုးရှိရှိ အသုံးပြုရေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

၁။ ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာသည် စနစ်တကျ အသုံးမပြုပါက ပါဝင်သည့် အပင်အဟာရ နိုက်ထရိုဂျင် ဓာတ် (၆၀) မှ (၈၀) ရာခိုင်နှုန်းအထိ လျော့နည်းသွားပါသည်။ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုကြောင့် စပါးတစ်စက်လျှင် ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာ (နှစ်) အိတ်သုံးပါက (၅) ပုံ (၁) ပုံသာ အပင်မှ ရရှိနိုင်ပါသည်။

၂။ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုသည် (၁) အမိုးနိုက်ယပ်အိုင်ယွန်း (NH₄⁺) အဖြစ် စီးဆင်းနေသည့် ပါသွားသည်။ (၂) အမိုးနိုက်ယပ်ဓာတ်ငွေ့ (NH₃) အဖြစ် လေထဲတွင် အငွေ့ပျံ့ဆုံးသွားသည်။ (၃) နိုက်ထရိုဂျင်ဓာတ် (N₂) အဖြစ် လေထဲသို့ အငွေ့ပျံ့သည်။ အပူချိန်နိမ့်သော နံနက်ပိုင်းတွင် စပါးခင်းများ မြေချဉ်ဇာတ် (pH₁) ဝန်းကျင်တွင်ရှိသော်လည်း နေ့လယ်ပိုင်းအပူချိန်မြင့်တက်လာပါက မြေအချဉ်ဇာတ်မှာ (pH₁) ထိ ရှိလာပြီး အမိုးနိုက်ယပ်ဓာတ်ငွေ့ (NH₃) အဖြစ် ပြောင်းလဲကာ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုများစေသည်။

၃။ သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာ အကျိုးရှိရှိ အသုံးပြုနိုင်ရန်အတွက် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း စနစ်တကျ သုံးစွဲရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

(က) စပါးပင်သက်တမ်း တစ်လျှောက်လုံးအတွက် တစ်စက်လျှင် ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာတစ်အိတ်နှင့် သဘာဝမြေဩဇာ (နွားချေး/မြေချေး/အမှိုက်ချေး/ဘိုကာရီ) သုံးအိတ် သုံးစွဲပါ။

(ခ) သုံးစွဲမည့် ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာနှင့် သဘာဝမြေဩဇာကို တစ်ကြိမ်တည်းမသုံးစွဲဘဲ စပါးပင်မှ နိုက်ထရိုဂျင်ဓာတ် လိုအပ်ချိန်များဖြစ်သည့် ကောက်ပင်လှန်ချိန်၊ ပင်ပွားအများဆုံး ထွက်ချိန်၊ မှိုကပ်ချိန် (သို့မဟုတ်) ရောင်စဉ်ကတ်ကို သုံး၍ အပင်လိုအပ်ချိန်တွင် ထည့်သွင်းပါ။

(ဂ) တစ်ကြိမ်လျှင် ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာ တစ်အိတ်၏ သုံးပုံတစ်ပုံကို သဘာဝမြေဩဇာ တစ်အိတ်နှင့် သမအောင်ရောပါ။ ရောစပ်ရာတွင် အစိုဓာတ်များ မများလွန်းစေဘဲ သင့်တင့်သော အစိုဓာတ်သာရှိအောင် ဂရုပြု၍ အပေါ်မှ ပလပ်စတစ် ဝန်နီအိတ်၊ ဖျာစသည်တို့ဖြင့် လှူစွာ ဖုံးအုပ်၍ တစ်ညနေပိထားပါ။

(ဃ) မိုးအုပ်ပါက နေ့လယ်ပိုင်းတွင် မြေဩဇာအရောကို ကြပ်ပတ်နိုင်သော်လည်း နေပူပြင်းပါက နံနက်ပိုင်း (၇) နာရီမှ (၉) နာရီအတွင်းနှင့် ညနေ (၃) နာရီနောက်ပိုင်းမှ ကြပ်ပတ်ပါ။

(င) မြေဩဇာအရောကို စပါးခင်းတွင် ကြပ်ပတ်ထည့်ပြီးတိုင်း တမန်းပြင်အောက်သို့ ရောက်ရှိရန် မြေဖြင့် နှင်းမြှုပ်၍ သော်လည်းကောင်း၊ စပါးခင်းတစ်ခုခုရှိ ကိုရယူအသုံးပြု၍ သော်လည်းကောင်း တမန်း အောက်ရောက်အောင် ဆောင်ရွက်ပေးခြင်းဖြင့် ပိုမိုထိရောက်နိုင်ပါသည်။

လယ်ယာစိုက်ပျိုးရေးနှင့် ဆည်မြောင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets delegates from States and Divisions who attended MWVO Conference 2005.— MNA

Of the many national traitors the worst are ex-military personnel who have no loyalty to nation, Tatmadaw at all although they have recited the Four Oaths

MWVO is a body formed with war veterans who are free from wrongdoings and misdeeds

YANGON, 30 June — Patron of Myanmar War Veterans Organization (Central) Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance at the fourth-day session of MWVO Conference 2005 at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township this morning.

Also present on the occasion were members of the Panel of Patrons of MWVO (Central) Vice-

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and De-

velopment Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister General Soe Win, Chairman of MWVO Central Organizing Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council

Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of SPDC, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Com-

mand, ministers, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon Mayor, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, vice-chairmen and members of

MWVOCOC, departmental heads, presidents and representatives of USDA, MWAF, MWJA, MRCS, Myanmar Auxiliary Fire Brigade and UMFCCI and delegates from the States and Divisions. (See page 5)



The fourth-day session of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference 2005 in progress at Myanmar Convention Centre.— MNA

INSIDE

The war veterans already have the ability to defend the nation and organize the people and have the good management skills. They have also been endowed with Union Spirit, sacrificing spirit, and esprit de corps since they were soldiers. Of the five major tasks of the MWVO, the national political task plays a vital role.

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