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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

Teachers are to deal with combined subjects which contribute to regional development and conduct research work to be able to keep abreast of development in the respective fields Special Refresher Course No 7 for university and college faculty members opens

YANGON, 4 July—The Special Refresher Course No 7 for university and college faculty members was opened at the Nawarat Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division, this morning, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, deputy ministers, mem-

bers of CSSTB, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, course instructors and university and college faculty members.

Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein in his address said that the State Peace and Development Council at present is making all-out efforts for the nation to stand tall among the world community and for perpetuation of sovereignty, facing and surmounting a series of challenges through own national strength.

This being so, it has been taking systematic measures for producing highly qualified human resources to create the national strength capable of ensuring the national development and perpetuation of sovereignty, he added.

To keep pace with changes and developments, the government is giving priority to the emergence of a large number of highly qualified human resources who will serve the interest of the State and the people and shape a brighter future of the nation, while striving for uplift of education standard of the entire nation, he noted.

In the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe at the opening of Myanmar Affairs and International Studies Course No 7 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, it has been (See page 8)



Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses Special Refresher Course for university and college faculty members.— MNA

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The actual requirement for development of the women's sector is not the scheme to topple the government and seize power. Thus, if they have the real wish to further develop the social situation of the Myanmar women and the entire people, they should see the Tatmadaw as their partner and should join hands with it for flourishing of the market economy, emergence of a constitution, and implementation of the seven-point Road Map.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards an agro-based industrialized nation

The Union of Myanmar has favourable conditions for agriculture and therefore the State Peace and Development Council has given top priority to the development of agriculture and has been taking special measures to make sure that there is not only food sufficiency for the growing population but also surplus for export.

The majority of the nation's population is rural people and their main livelihood is agriculture. And agriculture is the main pillar of the national economy. Therefore, the development of the agriculture sector will contribute a lot to the socio-economic status of rural people as well as to the national economy.

For the development of the agriculture sector, the government is providing all the necessary assistance to the farmers in order that they can increase the cultivated acreage, grow multiple and mixed crops and use quality strains, modern cultivation methods and more and more farm machinery.

The government is taking regional development measures throughout the nation in accordance with the needs of respective regions for their harmonious development. One of the development measures is for the establishment of an agro-based industrialized nation. For a change from manual farming to mechanized one, the use of machinery in the agricultural production is being encouraged. Moreover, the government is doing research in various branches of agriculture in the interests of farmers.

For the farmers to increase their per capita income and for the regional economy to improve, it is necessary for the farmers to grow 10 major crops, three new crops and one of the three perennials suitable to the respective regions. In the agriculture sector, all the necessary infrastructures are being established to increase agricultural production and efforts are being made to meet the target yields of rice, corn, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, black pulse, pigeon pea, green gram, long-staple cotton and sugarcane.

For the development of new items of crops for export, plans for coffee, tea, pepper and rubber plantations are being implemented. Therefore, we would like to call on farmers to try their utmost to meet the target yield for each crop and to be able to establish an agro-based industrialized nation by making the most of assistance rendered by the government.

Talks on Viruses of Importance in the New Millennium

YANGON, 4 July — The Department of Microbiology, University of Medicine (1), Yangon under the auspices of the Microbiology Society, Myanmar Medical Association, will give a series of talks on "Viruses of Importance in the New Millennium" on 9-7-2005

and 10-7-2005 from 9 am to 12 noon at the MMA Auditorium (A), Theinbyu Road, here.

Interested persons can register at the MMA head office or at the Department of Microbiology, University of Medicine (1), during office hours.

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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

Minister for information receives Indian Ambassador

YANGON, 4 July — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia at his office on Theinpyu Road here this evening.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, heads of the department under the ministry and the head of office.

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia. — MNA



Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint leaves Myanmar for Singapore to attend International Olympic Committee meeting there.

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Meeting on animal disease control held

YANGON, 4 July—The 8th Meeting of the National Coordinators on Japan-Thailand Technical Corporation of Animal Disease Control in Thailand and Neighboring Countries was conducted today at Sedona Hotel in Yangon.

Present on the occasion were Dr Maung Maung Nyunt, Director-General, and officials from Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Dr Masao Sasaki, JICA Project Leader, JICA Animal Disease Control Project, delegation from JICA (Thailand), JICA (Myanmar), JICA (Tokyo), Dr Ronello Abila, Regional Coordinator, OIE-RCU SEA FMD Campaign and National Coordinators from Thailand, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Vietnam and Myanmar.

At the opening session of the meeting, U Maung Maung Nyunt, Director General of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Dr Masao Sasaki from Thai-JICA and Mr Takahiro Sasaki, Rresident Representative from JICA-Myanmar gave the welcoming addresses.

In the meeting, the national coordinators and responsible persons from JICAs will discuss the issues on animal disease control and the future plan.

The meeting will last three days up to 6th July 2005.

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C-in-C (Air)'s Shield Chinlone and Sepak Takraw competitions held

YANGON, 4 July — The Chinlone and Sepak Takraw competitions of Commander-in-Chief (Air) Shield 2005 took place at Mingaladon Station this morning.

Brig-Gen Ye Chit Pe of Mingaladon Station made a speech and opened it. Among the spectators were Commander of Mingaladon Air Base Brig-Gen Zin Yaw, senior military officers and the seven teams are taking part in the 8-day competition.—MNA

Courses on wood based industrial technology open

YANGON, 4 July — A ceremony to open Moulding course No 3 and Timber Drying course No 4, sponsored by Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association was held at department of wood based industrial technology on Panglong street in Ward 36, Dagon Myothit (North) Township this morning.

General Manager (Planning) U Tin Hla of Myanmar Timber Enterprise delivered an opening speech.

The principal of the course U Kaung Yin explained the courses.

A total of 32 trainees are attending one month course.—MNA



Principal of the training school U Kaung Yin speaks at the opening of the courses on wood-base industrial technology. — UMFCCI

Top of Three Gorges Dam opened to public

WUHAN, 3 July — More than 100 former residents of the Three Gorges Dam area ascended the top of the Three Gorges Project, world's largest hydroelectric project, Friday morning, becoming the first batch of visitors to the 185-metre-high platform.

The dam on the middle reaches of the Yangtze River, China's longest river, is open to the public since Friday in the period from July to September every year, and only 1,000 visitors are allowed each day, said Chen Mengjiong, manager of the Three Gorges Tourism Development Co Ltd.

Currently, only a 100-metre long and five-metre wide area on the top of the dam is open to visitors. Chen said visitors can enjoy a grand view of floodwater discharging on the dam, as the open days fall in the flood season of the Yangtze River.

The maximum water discharging capacity of the 2,309-metre-long dam is 11,610 cubic metres per second, the world's largest.

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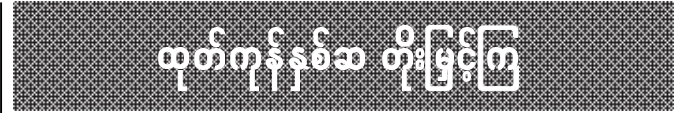
Britain reaffirms support to India on UNSC

NEW DELHI, 3 July — Britain on Friday reiterated its support for India's efforts to gain a seat on an expanded United Nations Security Council.

"Britain has been one of the strongest supporters of India's claim for the UN Security Council seat over the years. If the UN is to maintain its international legitimacy, countries like India with its size and global importance should be part of the Security Council," British High Commissioner Michael Arthur told reporters on Friday. "We have been one of the active supporters of India's UN aspirations," he said.

The so-called "G-4" countries — India, Japan, Brazil and Germany — are seeking an addition of six permanent members and four non-permanent members to an expanded UN Security Council.

Asked why Britain had been cagey about co-sponsoring the G-4 resolution, he said: "There are various complicated issues related to it. There are various sensitivities involved. This, however, should not be construed as the lack of support. We will support the G-4 resolution," he said. — MNA/Xinhua



With fireworks lighting up the stadium, Malaysian dancers perform during the Citrawarna Malaysia (Colours of Malaysia) cultural festival in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 2 July, 2005. —INTERNET

Chinese top legislature appoints new Justice Minister

BEIJING, 3 July— Wu Aiyang replaced Zhang Fusen as the Chinese Justice Minister, China's top legislature decided on Friday.

Wu, former Vice-Minister of Justice, will be the only female minister in the Chinese Cabinet after Vice-Premier Wu Yi left her post of health minister this April.

Born in east China's Shandong Province in December 1951, Wu studied as postgraduate the political and law sciences in the Party School of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee.

Wu joined the CPC in October 1970. She was appointed chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Shandong Provincial Committee and elected deputy secretary of the CPC Shandong Provincial Committee in 2002.

Wu began to assume the post of Vice-Minister of

Justice in November 2003.

"She did a lot to optimize the economic and social development environment when she held the Shandong provincial leadership," say materials about her provided by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, China's top legislature.

"She helped establish judicial offices in the central and western region and solved many major cases concerning foreign affairs when she was at the post of Vice-Minister of Justice," the materials read, "she is the appropriate person for the Minister of Justice".

Zhang Fusen was relieved of official duty because he has reached the retirement age.

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Workshop on long term land-use planning held in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 3 July — A workshop focusing on long term land-use planning in Nepal was held here on Saturday.

"As land is an important asset in Nepal and activities for physical development for economic resources are solely concentrated on land, the need of long-term land-use planning and its implementation based on geographical structure, quality and capacity has been realized for its multidimensional and balanced development," Prem Bahadur Maharjan, chief of the land use project, said at the workshop.

The participants also stressed the need of scientific classification of land, and integrated approach and coordination among government, non-governmental organizations as well as local authorities in implementation of land use planning.

Land use project has been prepared to determine working process, institutional structure and legal provisions of land use, Maharjan noted. Land classification has been carried out in the first phase in 22 districts of Nepal, he said.

The workshop was organized by the Nepali Government, the Ministry of Land Reform and Management and National Land Use Project.

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Oil facility damages have cost Iraq \$11b

BAGHDAD, 3 July—Iraq has lost about \$11.35 billion because of damage to oil sector infrastructure and lost revenue since petroleum exports resumed after the US-led invasion two years ago, an Iraqi oil ministry spokesman said on Sunday.

Assem Jihad told Dow Jones Newswires that there had been 300 acts of sabotage against Iraqi oil installations. He said 70 acts of sabotage took place in the first five months of 2005.

Jihad said most of the sabotage took

place in the northern oil installations preventing the country from exporting around 400,000 barrels a day from its northern oil fields to the Turkish port of Ceyhan.

Before the US-led invasion in April 2003, Baghdad used to export 800,000 barrels a day from the northern field around Kirkuk. Iraq has resumed sporadic pumping of crude from the Kirkuk fields to Ceyhan over the last six weeks.—Internet



An Iraqi soldier looks at the wreckage in the street after a parked car bomb exploded near a police station in the New Baghdad section of Baghdad, Iraq, on 2 July, 2005. —INTERNET

Egypt officials say envoy seized in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 July—Egypt's top envoy to Iraq has been captured in Baghdad just weeks after arriving in the war-torn country, Egyptian diplomats say.

Two diplomats, speaking in Cairo and Baghdad on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, said Ihab al-Sherif was captured late on Saturday in the Iraqi capital.

Al-Sherif, 51, had arrived in Baghdad on 1 June.

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry confirmed the diplomat was missing and said "contacts are underway with the Iraqi government and all other sides to clear up the truth about the disappearance of ambassador Ihab al-Sherif".

In mid-June, the Egyptian government said it would upgrade relations with Iraq to full Embassy status headed by an ambassador, but it was not immediately clear if al-Sherif currently held the full ambassador title.

The capture could undermine US-backed efforts to encourage Iraq's Arab neighbours to send high ranking diplomats to Baghdad.

The posting of more senior diplomats to Iraq is seen as a key step to restoring confidence in that country's fledgling transitional government, which is struggling to control violence.

The diplomats said other Egyptian diplomats in Baghdad are in contact with "some Iraqi dignitaries" seeking information on the capture. — Internet

One woman who does not care the interest of the people, has no wish to sacrifice her life for country will not support the endeavours to establish a discipline-flourishing democratic nation



Professor Daw Tin Tin Win of Mandalay University.
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people in cooperation with social organizations.

Daw Tin Tin Win, a professor of archaeology department of Mandalay University and leader of national races affairs of Mandalay Division women's affairs organization, said she would like to present development in Myanmar and Myanmar women's participation in various fields.

She said in 1988 people got into trouble and situations that could lead to servitude occurred. Therefore, the Tatmadaw safeguarded the country. After that, the Tatmadaw carried out the tasks for national development day

narcotic drugs activities. The 15-year drug elimination project is being undertaken beginning 1999-2000. She believes that the government will continue to fight against the anti-narcotic drugs in the interest of mankind without any foreign assistance. She invited those from the big nations who accused Myanmar of not cracking down narcotic

mining and destroying the development of Myanmar through terrorist acts. He, backed by NGOs of the west, is committing terrorist acts while travelling from one country to another. The main followers of expatriate Sein Win are Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung and Aung Moe Zaw of Democratic Party for New Society. The entire Myanmar

She spoke at length on construction of hospitals, dispensaries, specialist

drugs to come to witness the destruction of drugs in the presence of representatives of international community. The government declared its goal of emergence of a peaceful modern discipline-flourishing democratic nation and is marching towards it through seven-point road map. Those who want to seize power in a short cut way and external elements said there is no democracy in Myanmar. The big nations under the pretext of democracy are putting pressure on the government for those puppets to come to power.

(from page 16) the UN. Myanmar women attended International Women's Conference held in Beijing in the People's Republic of China. Measures are being taken for the eradication of traf-

can hinder regional development work.

Daw Than Than Nyunt continued to say that the external elements are trying to undermine the national solidarity by slandering the

Myanmar women support the government's endeavours to establish a democratic nation in conformity with its tradition, national prestige and integrity and own culture of the country. Members of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation would participate in the respective role together with the people for successful implementation of the seven-point road map.

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation founded to protect rights of women

ficking in women and children and for rehabilitation. She said now is the time when Myanmar is striving to shape a better future through the might of the people.

At the same time, based on fabricated news of expatriates and those holding negative views, the US and some allies are imposing sanctions on the country, ignoring the interests of the people. The US and some allies prohibited the textile imports from Myanmar. As a result, Myanmar had to close down its garment factories, and women became



Daw Hla Hla Aye of Pyigyitagon Township.
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Tatmadawmen who are ready to risk their lives for the sake of national defence and security. Anti-

and night. As a result, we have witnessed greater progress in every sector in the country. In educa-

hospitals in major cities besides Yangon and Mandalay, producing doctors and nurses, providing health care services and construction of roads and bridges for ensuring smooth transport. Much progress has been made in the country. But there are those who speak ill of the country. It is regrettable to hear fabricated broadcasts about the government's measures by foreign broadcasting stations like BBC, VOA and RFA. There are some accusations on control of narcotic drugs. The government effectively carried out anti-

women cannot accept the acts of expatriate Sein Win. She demanded the government that NCGUB and other related organizations be unlawful associations on the occasion of Myanmar Women's Day. She said Myanmar women support the government's endeavours to establish a democratic nation in conformity with its tradition, national prestige and integrity and own culture of the country. She also pledged that members of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation would participate in the respective role to-

together with the people for successful implementation of the seven-point road map.

Myanmar women will have to strive together with the Tatmadaw government and the people till emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation

jobless causing the economic difficulties of their families. But, without upholding its objectives to protect the interests of workers, ILO blatantly accusing Myanmar of forced labour. In accord with Myanmar traditions and customs, the people out of kindness participated in the construction of roads and bridges on a self-reliant basis. But they also accused the country of committing forced labour. And their pressure

government groups are also attempting in various ways to harm the interests of the State. Innocent people were killed due to the bomb explosions of destructive elements.

That is why, she said, under the leadership of the MWAFF, the mass of Myanmar women are to do away with all forms of dangers posed by destructive elements. All in all, she urged the entire womenfolk to serve the interests of the State and the



Daw Thanda Bonn Win of Mandalay Division OWA.
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The US and its allies invaded Iraq not for restoration of democracy but for the sake of their interest in oil. In practice, innocent Iraqi people were killed. One woman who does not care the interest of the people and has no wish to sacrifice her life for the country will not support the endeavours to establish discipline-flourishing democratic nation. She is a power maniac. NCGUB led by expatriate Sein Win is under-

together with the people for successful implementation of the seven-point road map.

Daw Hla Hla Aye of Pyigyitagon Township said Myanmar has been cooperating with the International Labour Organization since it became a UN member in May after regaining independence. Myanmar have never faced slanderous accusation from the ILO till 1988. But after 1990, (See page 5)

The entire people of Myanmar including womenfolk will have to ward off the terrorists and to always serve the national interest

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the internal anti-government political organizations, the western nations who have not a clear view on Myanmar, and armed bands active in border areas, have been filing slanderous complaints against Myanmar. The story starts with Pyi Thit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung. Legal action was taken against him for his misconduct while working as the manager of the Diplomatic

the entire women mass would like to urge the nation to leave the ILO. The one who has supported Pyi Thit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung is John Osolink Jr of Asian American Free Labour Institute. Pyi Thit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung under the guise of FTUB is committing terrorist acts in the nation. He has sent a number of terrorist bombers into the country. Because of the certain western nations'

tries had to reduce the number of workers. Over 80,000 people including over 70,000 women lost their jobs and over 400,000 families depending on their income have faced hardships. Many fell victim to human trafficking. The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was founded to protect the rights of the women according to the laws enacted by the government. Daw Thanda Phone

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Young women singing a song in honour of the Myanmar Women's Day. — MNA

oured for its endeavours to serve the national interest while some global powers are applying pressures on Myanmar and traitors are trying to harm the national interest. The

ing to bar Myanmar from taking over the chairman seat of the ASEAN. The ABSDF has launched the armed struggle against the nation since 1988. As it has no military might,

ern powers are presenting a number of awards to the woman who is their minion. But the woman has never used a large amount of dollars she received for her many



Young women and girls being honoured at the Myanmar Women's Day commemorative ceremony. — MNA



Stores in Yangon. He absconded to the other country in 1989. Pyi Thit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung has played a leading role in blowing up bombs in the nation for many times. Action should be taken against him as a terrorist bomber. The ILO has permitted a criminal like Pyi Thit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung to attend its conferences and meetings. Representatives of the organizations of Myanmar that really serve the nation's interest are not allowed to attend or speak at the ILO meetings. In this regard, I, on behalf of

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Win of Mandalay Division said that the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation is hon-

powers are trying to interfere in the affairs of the ASEAN and Myanmar. The powers are even try-

it is launching terrorist acts against the innocent people of Myanmar. Its members blew off a bomb at Maha Pasana Cave where pilgrims were paying obeisance to the Buddha's Tooth Relics. Five people were killed and 17 were wounded. It then continued to commit terrorist acts against the innocent people of Myanmar. The entire people of Myanmar including womenfolk will have to ward off the terrorists and to always serve the national interest. Some west-

awards in the interest of the Myanmar people. She just bought land, houses and other property for her cohorts. Democracy in Myanmar is not for an individual person to grab power. Myanmar women will have to strive together with the Tatmadaw government and the people till emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

The mass rally concluded later in the morning with chanting of slogans.

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Women athletes being honoured at the ceremony. — MNA



Young women and girls being honoured at the Myanmar Women's Day commemorative ceremony. — MNA



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Master of ceremonies announcing the agenda. — MNA

Myanmar women have to be united in efforts to develop nation, enhance their role

External and internal destructive elements and media accused the government of oppressing national races

Entire women opposed to onesided accusations

Shan State Women's Affairs Organization marks Myanmar Women's Day

YANGON, 4 July—A ceremony to mark the Myanmar Women's Day sponsored by Shan State Women's Affairs Committee was held in Taunggyi on 3 July, attended by Organizer for Shan State of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Thazin Nwe, chairperson of Shan State Women Affairs Or-

ganization Daw Mya Mya Lwin, members of the District and Township Women Affairs Organization, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Associations and the Union Solidarity and Development Associations, Red Cross, auxiliary fire brigades and others.

Chairperson Daw Mya Mya Lwin presided over the ceremony while member of the Working Group for Preventing Violence against Women Daw Khin Thanda Oo acted as master of ceremonies.

Chairperson of Shan State Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mya Mya Lwin delivered a speech. She said out of over 54 million population of Myanmar, over 27 million are women. There are over two million people in Shan State and over 990,000 are women. Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation representing over 27 million women came into being and is the main organization of the mass of Myanmar women. The government formed Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs on 3 July 1996. Beginning 1998, the third July was designated as Myanmar Women's Day which does not represent a single person but the entire Myanmar women. On 20 December 2003,

MWAF was formed with the seven lofty objectives. These objectives aim at promoting the lives of Myanmar women and enjoying more opportunities.

She said it is necessary for Myanmar women to be united in efforts to develop the nation and to enhance the role of Myanmar women sector. MWAF leading the women's affairs organizations at different levels is implementing the tasks.

The strength of women plays a major role in building a modern developed nation. According to the customs of the country, both women and men have equal rights. Now there are many opportunities for young Myanmar women to become good housewives or mothers and to serve the duties of the State. She spoke of the need for them to cherish traditional culture and not to think highly of foreign countries.

According to the original character and customs, Myanmar nationals are pious and usually carry out community welfare services for public interest. Ignoring the value of the east and the west, some big nations of the west and international organizations said there was forced labour in Myanmar and accused her of



Chairman of Shan State Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mya Mya Lwin delivers a speech.
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Students of Taunggyi Education College present a song in honours of Myanmar Women's Day.—MNA

violating human rights and imposed economic sanctions on Myanmar. As a result, some young Myanmar women became jobless. It is the duty of Myanmar women to refute the pressure of ILO and some big nations.

She spoke on atrocities of SSA Ywat Sit in Kengtawng region. External and internal destructive elements and media accused the government of oppressing national races. The entire women do not accept their acts and oppose them.

Significant progress has been made in transport, irrigation facilities and rural development tasks with the cooperation of the people under the leadership of the Tatmadaw government.

She called for active participation in successful implementation of the future tasks of MWAF including combating human trafficking and in efforts for emergence of a peaceful modern developed nation.

Daw Myat Mon Thaw, representative of Taunggyi Township Women's Affairs Organization, gave a speech at the celebration of Myanmar Women's Day. She said in accord with its objectives, the MWAF is carrying out the tasks for promoting
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MWAF is carrying out the tasks for promoting women's rights and enhancing the economy, health and education sectors of the State Endeavouring for prevention of violence against women and eradication of trafficking in women and children, and rehabilitation Entire mass of Myanmar women totally oppose the acts of the American foundation



Daw Nan Phyo Thida Win, a representative of Loilem Township Organization for Women's Affairs.
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press, and Punish Trafficking in persons, especially Women and Children, supplementing UN Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime- CTOC in March 2004 and is drafting a bill in accord with the rules and regulations of the agreement. She said Shan State Women's Affairs Organization organized talks on prevention of violence against women and human trafficking in Taunggyi and

try to their parents. And those committed the crime had faced legal action, she added. In addition, two young women who got into trouble in Bangkok, Thailand, were received by the Social Welfare Department via Tachilek and handed over to their parents. A Parahita Women Yeiktha was opened in Taunggyi Township and domestic science training courses have been opened one after another.

with the support of some international organizations.

She said some big powers are putting pressures on the Tatmadaw government with the intention of installation of a puppet government and using ILO as a political forum to interfere in the affairs of Myanmar. At the previous ILO Conference, Maung Maung complained to the ILO that the government forced more than 2000 or 3000 Myanmar people to participate in the harvesting of paddy and construction of roads. Due to his fabricated news, the country had to shut down 160 garment factories and downsize 40 other factories. Over 80,000 persons including 70,000 women became jobless, and the livelihood of more than 400,000 families was affected. That was why, some women fell to victim of human traffickers. In this situation, women's affairs organizations gave assistance to needy school age children to attend school.

Daw Myat Mon Thaw said on behalf of the mass of women, she

wanted the FTUB to be announced unlawful organization. In addition, it is high time for Myanmar to resign its membership from ILO that is contrary to its objectives.

Daw Nang Phyo Thida Win of Loilem Township said that there is no discrimination between men and women in Myanmar. She then elaborated on the government's endeavours for development of the multi-sectors of the nation. Myanmar had no problem with the ILO till 1988. But in 1991, the Tatmadaw government has to solve the accusation of forced labour. Some powers took action against Myanmar and imposed economic sanctions on her. As they stopped direct investments in Myanmar, many Myanmar women lost their jobs.

She said light industries and production operated by Myanmar women were in decline due to the economic sanctions. On behalf of women in Shan State, she said Myanmar should resign its membership from ILO. She demanded

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women's rights and enhancing the economy, health and education sectors of the State. At the same time, it is endeavouring for prevention of violence against women and eradication of trafficking in women and children, and rehabilitation. The federation gave education talks on women's affairs to the public.

She said regarding the human trafficking, the



Daw Myat Mon Thaw, a representative of Taunggyi Township Organization for Women's Affairs.
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However, A foundation of the US ignored the State's efforts to protect the life of Myanmar national women and selected Shan Women's Action Network (SWAN) and Women's League of Burma based in foreign countries to present international women's right award for 2005. These two organizations are nothing, and there was no organization like the SWAN in Shan State. That is why, the mass of Myanmar women totally opposed the acts of the American foundation. Again, expatriate Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung led FTUB is committing destructive acts

FTUB, NCGUB & ABSDF be declared unlawful association

MWAF in cooperation with ministries concerned and international NGOs is implementing the projects for the prevention against traffick-

ing in persons and opening reception camps to accept those who reenter the country. Besides, Myanmar signed the Protocol to Prevent, Sup-

opened consoling courses. Kunhein Township WAO handed over four young women who were cured to work illegally in the other coun-



Daw Nan Hla Myint, a representative of Lankhio Township Organization for Women's Affairs.
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that NCGUB led by expatriate Sein Win, ABSDF led by Than Ge be declared as unlawful associations for their destructive acts.

Daw Nang Hla Myint of Langkhio Township said that the MWAF has conducted a number of courses including vocational courses, health courses, and education courses for women and girls. Some of the nations (See page 9)

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highlighted that "human resources play a leading role in building a peaceful modern and developed nation. Only healthy and qualified human resources can build and protect the State and the people". "Peace and stability, strong economy of the State and development of human resources are a fundamental need for the emergence of a democratic community and for practice of democracy" he stressed.

As science and technology today is undergoing a great change, developing nations like the Union of Myanmar have been experiencing the adverse impact of globalization, while witnessing the opportunities of national and economic development.

As it is known to all that some big nations and their lackeys in collusion with internal destructive elements are resorting to various means to ostracize Myanmar and impose sanctions on her.

At such a time like this, it is necessary for Myanmar to nurture and produce new generation youths in line with the requirements of the State.

Meanwhile, the government has laid down and is implementing the national education promo-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets the trainees.—MNA

tion plans for new generation youths to be able to face a series of challenges through the might of advanced science and technology.

In the process, the Secretary-1 called on the teachers to deal with combined subjects which contribute to national devel-

opment and conduct research work to be able to keep abreast of development in the respective fields.

The university and college faculty members are to constantly make efforts for the emergence of an education system capable of

overcoming changes and ensuring developments and of serving the interests of the State and the people.

Ensuring of the nation's future on the correct national path depends mainly on the intellectual and thinking power of its people. Only when the people possess such qualifica-

tions, will they be able to overcome a wide array of disturbances, deceptions and to protect and safeguard the Union, and will the motherland be able to stand tall as a sovereign nation in the world.

With the support and encouragement of the people, all are to make constant efforts to reach the national goal, which calls for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing nation.

To be able to keep the national interest on the right path, the national people are needed to be imbued with high level of education and knowledge. Only then, will they be able to safeguard the Union and ensure perpetuation of sovereignty, surmounting various kinds of hindrances and instigation. At the same time, the nation will be able to stand tall among the interna-

tional community as an independent and sovereign nation, he said.

The Secretary-1 assured that the government will be able to successfully implement the seven-point Road Map, the process of transition to democracy, through cooperation and support of the entire national people.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 called upon the trainees to try their utmost in discharging the duties of the education sector, realizing that the national education promotion plans are indispensable for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing nation.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 greeted the trainees.

The four-week course is being attended by 839 teachers from universities and colleges.

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Minister inspects Mandalay match factory

YANGON, 4 July— Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected the storage of the paper used in production of matches, spare parts of machinery, production of matchsticks at Match Factory of Myanma Paper and Chemical Industry in Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay yesterday morning.

The minister viewed purified drinking water and soft drink cans at Mandalay soft drink and ice

factory. Next, the minister looked into the production of purified drinking water and storage of it.

At Mandalay General Hospital, the minister, secretariat member of Union Solitary and Development Association, donated offerings to Badhanta Panñasami of Masoeyin Monastery of Maha Aungmyay Township at the hospital and asked after his the Sayadaw's health.— MNA



Industry-1 Minister U Aung Thaung inspects production of matchstick. — MNA

Nike footballs donated to YCDC football club

YANGON, 4 July — Athlete In Action (Canada) donated footballs to YCDC football club at Yangon City Hall this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Joint-Secretary of YCDC U Tin Soe and members, the Resident Representative of AIA (Canada) and officials and coaches and players of YCDC club.

U Thet Aung Nyunt, Resident Representative of AIA (Canada) presented 20 footballs made by Nike to the Mayor.

The mayor expressed thanks for the donation and U Anung Thet Nyunt explained the purpose of donation.—City News

Myanmar women have to be united in efforts to develop nation,...

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and groups are using ILO as a podium to launch slanderous attacks on Myanmar. The ILO has been listening to the slanderous accusations of fugitive Pyi Thit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung of FTUB. Pyi Thit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung has sent terrorist bombers into the nation many times. In 2005, the ILO permitted Pyi Thit Nyunt

Wai (a) Maung Maung to attend its conference as a representative of ICFTU. Thus the MWF makes demand to brand the FTUB as an unlawful association. NCGUB has also been eroding the political, economic and social development of the Myanmar people. Thus, she, on behalf of the MWF, makes a demand to announce the NCGUB as an unlawful associa-



Member of Panel of Chairpersons seen at the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day in Taunggyi.— MNA



Officials present prizes to outstanding ones on the occasion to mark Myanmar Women's Day in Taunggyi. —MNA



tion. Similarly, ABSDF is also committing terrorist acts to destroy the lives and property of the Myanmar people. The ABSDF should be branded as an unlawful organization too.

Officials presented gifts to women for their outstanding performances in various fields. The meeting concluded with chanting of slogans later in the morning.

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Myanmar Women of Noble Stature

- * Can be soft as wax, tough as iron
This old adage, hasn't changed
These are Myanmar Women's capabilities.
- * Gentle as the lineage calls for
Staid, more than diamonds, gold, rubies
Are valued at, much more in excess
With impeccable beauty of character
Comportment as pliant
As wax for example
Of good lineage, our women.
- * When their time comes, they aren't timid
With strength of roots, they join in
Goes into history as "given virtue".
- * Patriot Women, Myanmar Women Patriots
Act as their blood commands, distinctively
With courageous solidarity, support local-made
Destroyed the tortoise-shell comb in use
Anti-colonialist tradition, as blood tells
Combined strength of Myanmar Women
Hailed befittingly
Chronicled as Myanmar Women's Day.

U Aung Mon (M.A.) (Trs.)

(In honour of Myanmar Women's Day on 3 July.)

Member of Panel of Chairpersons chanting slogan at the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day held in Taunggyi. —MNA

Those present at the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day held in Taunggyi chanting slogan. —MNA



Jade and Gems Special Sales continue

YANGON, 4 July—Patron of the Central Committee for Organizing Myanmar Gems Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint viewed the sale of jade through competitive bidding at the Jade and Gems Special Sales for 2005 that continued for the second day at the Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this afternoon.

The minister was welcomed there by Chairman of the Central Committee Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein, Secretary Man-



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint views the sale of Jade lots at Myanmar Gem Mart. — MNA

ing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe and members. The

minister left there after viewing the sale of jade lots and greeting the gem

merchants. Altogether 329 jade lots were sold through tender system

and competitive bidding today. The sale of jade lots through tender sys-

tem and competitive bidding continue tomorrow. MNA

Fashion show extended

YANGON, 4 July — By popular demand, the show of Myanmar Women's costumes of successive periods, sponsored by Yangon Division Organization for Women's Affairs, will be staged at National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street on 6 July evening.

The show will present the costumes of successive eras— Pyu, Bagan, Inwa, Kongbong, Amarapura, Yadanabon, Pre-war, Post-war, the independence period and the present.

The artistes will also take part in the show.

Tickets are available from the Theatre and the offices of Township Organization for Women's Affairs at K 4000, 3000, 2000 beginning tomorrow.—MNA

Seminar on Narrowing the Development Gap: Strategizing the Challenges held

YANGON, 4 July — The Seminar on Narrowing the Development Gap: Strategizing the Challenges was held at the Hotel Grand Plaza Parkroyal here today.

The Seminar was organized by ASEAN-Myanmar and Hanns Seidel Foundation. Delegations from the CLMV countries (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Viet Nam) led by Directors-General and Head of the IAI Unit of ASEAN Secretariat participated in the Seminar.

The participants attending the Seminar

shared experiences of the implementation of IAI Work Plan in four priority areas, reviewed progress of IAI Work Plan and Co-operative Mechanism, discussed ways to streamline the implementation as well as to enhance participation of Dialogue Partners in the IAI Work Plan, and brainstorm on the Mid-Term Review Study Report.

ASEAN has introduced the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) programme in 2003 to narrow the development gap among ASEAN countries. The IAI focuses on four

areas, namely infrastructure, Human Resource Development (HRD), Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Regional Economic Integration.

The AIA Work Plan will reach its half-way point in July 2005 and there will be Mid-Term Review of the IAI Work Plan.

The objective of the Mid-Term Review Study is to provide insights into how the current mechanism can be strengthened in order to expedite the speedy implementation of the IAI projects.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint cordially converses with the gem merchants. MNA

Landslide occurs in Monghsu

YANGON, 4 July — A landslide occurred in Lwesaung Htout, Monghsu gem land in Monghsu Township, Shan State (South) at 3.25 pm on 3 July due to the torrential rains. Some people were killed and buildings destroyed by the landslide.

Emergency relief work were carried out by Tatmadawmen, members of Myanmar Police Force, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, members of Myanmar Red Cross and Fire Brigades, officials and local people.

Tactical Operations Commander of Local Station and officials from the Ministry of Mines also participated in the work. — MNA

China, Russia call for establishment of new security framework

Moscow, 2 July — Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin signed here on Friday a joint statement, calling for a new security framework and the promotion of regional integration.

The joint statement calls on the international community to establish a new security framework on the basis of mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality and cooperation.

The framework should have the universally recognized norms of international relations as its political foundation, and mutually beneficial cooperation and common prosperity as its economic foundation, says the joint statement.

The establishment of this framework should be based on the equal security rights of all nations while dialogue, consultation and negotiation on an equal footing should be the means for settling conflicts and maintaining peace, the joint statement says.

China and Russia support efforts to maintain global strategic stability, and the multilateral process of establishing legal systems on arms control, disarmament and non-prolifera-

tion, it says. The two sides will work together to put the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty into effect as soon as possible and to push for the universality and effectiveness of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (INT), the Biological Weapons Convention and the Convention on the Banning of Chemical Weapons (CWC).

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Minnesota soldier injured by bomb in Iraq

OLIVA, 3 July — A Minnesota National Guard soldier from Bird Island has contacted his family to let them know he was injured in a bomb explosion in Baghdad.

Spc George Ebbers, 24, told his family he lost part of his left foot in Monday's explosion. He is now recovering in a military hospital in Germany, his mother said Friday.

He had two surgeries on his foot in Baghdad and a third in Germany, said his mother Sue Ebbers.

He will be able to walk again, she said.

Ebbers is with Company A of the 151st Field Artillery Unit based in Oliva and has been in the Guard for seven years. He was sent to Iraq in November.

He told his family just two hours after the attack that he had just left an Iraqi police station and was approaching his Humvee when the bomb exploded, injuring him and a civilian.

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IN HONOUR OF MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY (3RD JULY)

Basic work programme promising development of Myanmar women's sector

Kyaw Myint Naing



Nowadays, the Tatmadaw Government, in its efforts to introduce democracy in Myanmar, has been taking all necessary measures for proper evolution of market-oriented economic system and emergence of a new enduring State Constitution as the foundation for democracy.

Certain anti-government associations under various names inside and outside the nation, clinging on to the misconception that democracy can be introduced in the nation only through confrontation, are making various groundless accusations against the government such as oppression of democracy activists, violation of human rights, forced conscription of minors, and committing sexual violence against national races women. They are doing so to mislead other countries to put pressure on the government to hand over State power to NLD. At the same time, certain big nations are perpetrating instigation in the name of democracy by imposing economic sanctions against the nation to make it and its people get into trouble and to take the people to the streets like 1988 unrest to help NLD come into power.

And they are helping the NLD leader win widespread popularity by repeatedly exalting her as a democracy icon of Myanmar.

Some proposed to designate her birthday as Myanmar women's day in a wrong way to glorify her. I do not want to make comments on the situations because it is natural phenomenon of cause and effect that one will win adoration and respects of others if both the former and the latter have same views, characteristics and conceptions. And I have no rights to do so according to the moral code of conduct. However, the good and the bad, and the truth and untruth are in pairs in the world, and I think I have to write this article because as a member of the public I feel I have an obligation to help the people distinguish between the good and the bad, and the truth and untruth.

A physician administers appropriate medicines to his patient only after he has diagnosed the patient thoroughly and found out the cause of the suffering.

In relation to the drive for promotion of the women's role, it is needed to know the actual situation of women's social life and ways and means to overcome it. Only when one compares the basic principles and conceptions of Tatmadaw Government with those of internal and external anti-government elements in today's transition to democracy in Myanmar, will one come to realize that who is really promoting the role of Myanmar women.

Today, the mass of women in the world have to carry out three obligations — the natural onus, social duty, and household chores.

Natural onus means the responsibilities women have to reproduce for existence and propagation of human beings. So, 16 additional diseases are peculiar to women that could occur because of their extra reproductive organs. As regards social duty, women and men are equally responsible for bringing up their children. However, women have to take some extra duties such as breast-feeding, feeding their babies, sanitation tasks, sending the children to school and bringing them home, and preparing meals for them. A Myanmar saying says that after a woman has brought up her child, the amount of the latter's excrement that has gone into her stomach little by little is as big as a chicken egg.

Concerning household duty, women have to do household chores daily such as preparing meals for the whole family, do washing, keeping the house and the compound clean, and (in rural areas) pounding paddy for rice, fetching water, and searching vegetables in the neighbourhood. In poor families, housewives pay priority to children and their husbands in sharing meals.

It is required to effectively reduce the gap between the rich and the poor and to ensure economic development of every family for women to reduce such undesirable burdens. The less a nation develops, the more unemployment there is and the less money people can earn. And the greater gap between the rich and the poor it is, the less a family can earn. By contrast, the more the market-oriented economic system flourishes in a nation, the more it can create jobs and the less unemployment there is. The more the market-oriented economic system develops, the more a nation can use modern machinery, and the more it can create job opportunities. Then, it will be followed by the development in political, cultural, and judiciary sectors.

For instance, in the agricultural sector, in the periods of ploughing fields with the use of cattle only, a woman could not earn as much money as a man because the former was not capable of doing agricultural work like a man. But, in the periods of ploughing fields with the use of tractors, both men and women are able to plough fields, and both can enjoy equal job opportunities and wages.

The actual requirement for development of the women's sector is not the scheme to topple the government and seize power. Thus, if they have the real wish to further develop the social situation of the Myanmar women and the entire people, they should see the Tatmadaw as their partner and should join hands with it for flourishing of the market economy, emergence of a constitution, and implementation of the seven-point Road Map.

To create equal jobs for everyone depends much on proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system. According to the system, priority is given to commodity production. And it needs to produce goods on a wider scale to make greater profit, so producers always compete with one another in producing goods, and they have to always seek better ways and means to expand the scope of production. Extended production of goods creates jobs, and then women and men have equal rights to grab jobs. Due to extended commodity production, more jobs are created and both men and women can enjoy more job opportunities on equal terms. Accordingly, the increase in the income will ensure families to take enough nutritious food, thereby, they will become fit and healthy and will be free from common diseases.

And when there are good job opportunities for both men and women, parents may send their children to day-care centres and pre-primary schools to reduce their social burden of catering their own offspring.

People will run restaurants and other services near the factories, and the couples working at the factories will be able to dine at restaurants or let laundry services do the job of washing their cloths. Moreover the use of more machines will reduce the volume of women's household chores. Women will be free from poverty that makes them vulnerable to deception and human trafficking. Laws alone cannot bring development to the women's sector. Similarly, neither a person winning short public admiration nor a divine can make the sector enjoy progress. Only the flourishing market economy can do the job.

After saving the nation and the people from the anarchism in 1988, the Tatmadaw government abolished the centralized economic system and single party administrative system and paved the way for flourishing of

market economy and emergence of multi-party system.

The government has laid down and is implementing the 12 political, economic and social objectives. It has been developing all the sectors, with agriculture as the base, for sustainable flourishing of the market economy. Thanks to the endeavours, the economy of farmers, representing 70 per cent of the nation's population, has been developing, and the development has helped increase local consumer demand, followed by the rise in the production and trade sectors. The result is the mushrooming of new and modern houses and buildings in large and small towns and villages. Moreover, both the urban and rural areas are enjoying prosperity and improvement in living standards.

The towns and villages themselves stand witness to the fact, I have presented in the above para. The nation has been enjoying peace and stability to the degree she never had achieved since 1948.

The scheme of the woman, whom the west group favours and who enjoys publicity because of her late father, and her NLD party is to install democracy and to grab power through short cut. In so doing, she and her party have been lopsidedly slandering the Tatmadaw government as a military junta and calling for economic sanctions on Myanmar to cause a civil commotion that they think will make way for them to grab power easily.

What will happen to the nation if they can materialize their scheme? Can she and her party free the nation from economic downturn within 10 or 15 years? No way. The 1988 unrest has already shown us where such a scheme will lead us.

We have already drawn lessons from the global and internal events that women and children are more vulnerable to death and sufferings than men are when an unrest or commotion breaks out.

When US and some western nations prohibited their importers from buying garments made in Myanmar, 160 garment factories had to close down and over 70,000 women became jobless. Who knows how many of them have fallen victim to the human traffickers?

The scheme of the NLD and cohorts to grab power after toppling the Tatmadaw government with economic sanctions for their so-called democracy cause will surely push the people unto abject poverty. So, it is crystal clear whether the scheme will free women from poverty and sufferings or put them deeper into misery.

Mostly, women fall victim to human trafficking due to poverty, lack of knowledge, backwardness; and they were unable to differentiate between right and wrong as they were too anxious to get large sum of money.

Thus, isn't the NLD's scheme to drag the people deeper into abject poverty a policy pushing women fall victim to human trafficking?


Only the Tatmadaw government that is making pragmatic efforts for sustainable development of the market economy and emergence of a democracy system and the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and other congenial organizations represent as real strength for development of Myanmar women's sector. On the other hand, the scheme of the woman of NLD to grab power through short cut after encouraging foreign countries to impose economic sanctions on Myanmar for recurrence of an unrest is to make Myanmar women face a terrible situation.

The actual requirement for development of the women's sector is not the scheme to topple the government and seize power. Thus, if they have the real wish to further develop the social situation of the Myanmar women and the entire people, they should see the Tatmadaw as their partner and should join hands with it for flourishing of the market economy, emergence of a constitution, and implementation of the seven-point Road Map.

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China approves treaties on criminal judicial assistance

BEIJING, 3 July—The 16th meeting of the 10th National People's Congress of China approved treaties on criminal judicial assistance between China and Brazil and Latvia, respectively, as well as an extradition treaty between China and the Philippines on Friday.

The treaty on criminal judicial assistance between China and Brazil was signed by Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing in Beijing on 24 May, 2004, and the similar treaty between China and Latvia was signed by Vice-Foreign Minister Dai Bingguo in Beijing on 15 April, 2004.

The extradition treaty was signed by then Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan in Beijing on 30 October, 2001.

According to China's law, a treaty concerning foreign affairs signed by the government does not take effect until it secures the approval of the National People's Congress or its Standing Committee.

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Arroyo welcomes Italian support debt-conversion programme

MANILA, 3 July—Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said on Saturday that the Italian Government would support the Philippines' appeal for large scale debt-conversion programme to help the world's debt-ridden nations realize the United Nations millennium development goal of halving poverty by the 2015.

MNA/Xinhua

Nepal Airlines corporation needs to add more planes

KATHMANDU, 3 July—The Royal Nepal Airlines Corporation (RNAC), the national flag carrier of Nepal, needs to add more aircraft to its fleet, an official of RNAC said here on Saturday.

RNAC had 19 planes, 110 pilots and 2,500 employees in 1990, but currently it has only five planes, including two international *Boeings*, 60 pilots and 1,593 staffs.

"The few aircraft that RNAC have is not enough for it's sustenance in the long run, we need more aircraft to the smooth running of the airline's schedule flights," Mohan Khanal, managing director of RNAC, told reporters. "Otherwise the corporation will fail to complete in the market," he added.

RNAC hopes to purchase an aircraft in the Nepal's upcoming fiscal year (16 July, 2005-15 July 2006).

Expressing concern over the RNAC's deteriorating condition, Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Buddhi Raj Bajracharya said the government was committed to taking necessary steps to strengthen RNAC.

MNA/Xinhua

Arroyo Govt vows to continue economic reforms

MANILA, 3 July — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on Saturday denied she was planning a Cabinet revamp in order to make concessions to the opposition pushing for her resignation.

"Last night, I met my Cabinet and we all renewed our determination to stay on course on our key economic and social reform programmes," she said. The Philippine Supreme Court Friday ordered a suspension of a new value-added tax law signed by Arroyo as one cornerstone law to implement economic reforms.

Meanwhile, Press

Secretary Ignacio Bunye also denied there would be a Cabinet reshuffle or replacements.

He said Cabinet members only discussed how to mitigate the impact of the rising oil prices in the world market during their meeting Friday night.

Bunye also dismissed speculations that there was a "loyalty check" because Cabinet members' trust and confidence in President Arroyo the same after she admitted last week that she did talk to an election commission official during last year's presidential election.

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Encephalitis outbreak under control among children in Gansu Province

LANZHOU, 3 July—The encephalitis outbreak among children in Tianshui, a city in northwest China's Gansu Province, is under control and 77 of all the 83 hospitalized children have been discharged, health officials said Saturday.

The other six children are also recuperating well and will be allowed to go home soon, said Wang Xiaoming, vice-director of the Gansu Provincial Health Department.

Wang's department held a Press conference on Friday afternoon to brief

the media on the latest development of the outbreak and results of health authorities' investigation.

After a joint investigation with health experts from Beijing, the provincial disease control and prevention centre was able to confirm the outbreak was neither epidemic encephalitis nor Encephalitis B, but a form of viral encephalitis.

"The expert panel foresaw no damage to the children's neural system as their cases were all very slight," said Wang.

MNA/Xinhua

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Berlin concert attracts over 100,000

BERLIN, 3 June — Berlin's Live 8 concert, part of the global musical event meant to aid poorest countries, has attracted more than 100,000 spectators in downtown Berlin, organizers said on Saturday.

With the city's main east-west axis closed off as the concert venue, people, young or old, packed the Street of June 17th next to the historic Brandenburg Gate through to the Victory Column in Berlin's central Tiergarten Park.

After the German popular Die Toten Hosen band opened the concert at 2:00 pm, 20 music acts would be played in the six-hour event as part of the series of concerts to raise awareness about global poverty, especially in Africa.

The well-known acting groups included Chris de Burgh, A-ha, Crosby Stills & Nash, Roxy Music and German favourites such as Wir sind Helden, Silbermond and Herbert Groenemeyer.

German super-model Claudia Schiffer also took part in the event.

The concert was part of 10 being held around the

world aimed at highlighting poverty before the annual Group of Eight (G-8) summit of industrial nations, to be held in Scotland on 6-8 July.

"This isn't a rock concert. It's a demonstration," Campino, the singer from the group, yelled to a jubilant audience.

Germans and visitors from around the world came waving banners with the German band's logo as well as British and Argentinian flags.

They and other performers, who each had just about 10 or 15 minutes of stage time, were part of a global concert series on Saturday which took in 10 cities and four continents, which will be also staged in London, Paris, Rome, Philadelphia, Barrie in Canada, Johannesburg and Moscow, Tokyo and Cornwall in England.

MNA/Xinhua

Beatles classic to kick off Live 8 in London

LONDON, 3 July — Rock star Paul McCartney and U2 frontman Bono are set to kick off the Live 8 concert in London on Saturday, the ever largest musical event in British history which is expected to last for 8 hours and call for "making poverty history" in Africa.

Proceedings of the London concert which is to be held in Hyde Park at the centre of the city will be open before more than 200,000 fans with a rendition of the Beatles classic "Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band", organizers said.

Live 8, an expanded version of the Live Aid sensation 20 years ago, will take in 10 cities and four continents, starting in Tokyo in the east and ending in North America in the west.

Playlist for the concert starting at 1300 GMT on Saturday will include more than 20 big names such as Paul McCartney/Bono, U2, Coldplay, Elton John, REM, Ms Dynamite and Keane.

Organizer Bob Geldof said that unlike 1985, when an estimated 1.5 billion television viewers tuned in to watch Live Aid and donated over 100 million US dollars for Ethiopia's famine victims, now they have the Internet and mobile phones to help them reach an even bigger audience.

Live 8 also steps up the pressure on the G-8 leaders ahead of their summit in Gleneagles, Scotland, next week with a warning that failure to secure a "historic breakthrough" at the meeting would be betrayal of the world's poor.

Geldof called in an open letter published on *The Independent* newspaper to the leaders of the G-8 to do more to help "end the unjust absurdity of extreme poverty that is killing 50,000 people every day in the 21st Century".

"Just as people demanded an end to slavery, demanded women's suffrage, demanded the end of apartheid — we now call for an end to the unjust absurdity of extreme poverty," Geldof said.

MNA/Xinhua

Zanzibar seizes 40,000 tons of illicit cloves

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 3 July — The Zanzibar Government has impounded 40,462 tons of illicit cloves between 2 August of 2004 and March of this year, local media reported on Saturday.

The seizure was valued at 76.4 million Tanzanian shillings (68, 830 US dollars), according to official figures disclosed by Zanzibar Trade Minister Mussa Ame Silima. The minister said that the cloves were to be exported illegally from Zanzibar to elsewhere but were seized at various points.

Zanzibar, a part of the United Republic of Tanzania, is pleading neighbouring countries to stop buying illicit cloves and to confiscate if possible illegal imports of cloves.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese worker sets up stationary bicycles in preparation for the closing ceremony of a fitness fair in Beijing, China, on 4 July, 2005.

INTERNET

Zanzibar to rehabilitate Malindi Port again

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 3 July — Zanzibar has got a European Union (EU) aid grant to rehabilitate and expand its Malindi port to improve passenger and cargo transport.

The EU grant is 43.4 billion Tanzanian shillings (39 million US dollars), according to reports reaching here on Saturday.

Gray Mgonja, Tanzanian principal secretary for the Finance Ministry, said after the signing ceremony of the grant offering agreement in Zanzi-

bar that the rehabilitation and expansion are expected to complete within 18 months before December 2006.

The rehabilitation and expansion will assist the Indian Ocean archipelago to develop its transport-dependent economy steadier and faster.

Zanzibar is the world's major exporter of cloves, accounting for some 80 per cent of the world's export total. The isles rely

on air and sea transport for exporting and importing goods as well as people.

Julian Raphael, Zanzibar principal secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, said at the signing ceremony that the rehabilitation and expansion create new hope to enhancing and promoting economy, trade and employment in Zanzibar.

This is the second at-

tempt to rehabilitate the aging port situated on the western coast of Zanzibar's main island of Unguja.

The previous attempt proved a failure only a few years after the rehabilitated port had been handed back to use.

Ferry takers have to wait for an average of 30 minutes for their boats to dock onto or depart from the port.

MNA/Xinhua

Former Daewoo founder indicted of accounting, loan fraud

SEOUL, 3 July — South Korean prosecutors on Friday indicted Daewoo Group founder Kim Woo-choong on charges of accounting and loan fraud and foreign currency smuggling, South Korean *Yonhap* news agency quoted the Supreme Prosecutors' Office (SPO) as reporting.

The 69-year-old Kim was indicted on charges of ordering his group executives to inflate the assets of four Daewoo companies by 40.3 billion US dollars between 1997 and 1998, illegally borrowing 9.6 billion US dollars through using the doctoring of accounting books and fake letters of credit, and smuggling about 3.2 billion US dollars abroad between 1997 and 1999.

In addition, he was accused of trading 15.7 billion US dollars in foreign currency abroad without permission from the authorities, said *Yonhap*. —MNA/Xinhua

South Korean auto makers saw their sales rise 17.3 per cent in the first half of the year compared with the same period of last year, boosted by strong exports, according to the companies on Friday.

Hyundai Motor Co, Kia Motors Corp and three

other domestic car producers sold a combined 2.51 million cars domestically and overseas from January to June, reported South Korean *Yonhap* news agency.

Their combined exports rose 17.3 per cent to 1.98 million during the six-month period, while

domestic sales fell 2.5 per cent to 0.53 million.

Of the local producers, only Ssangyong Motor Co suffered a decrease in exports, dropping 11.9 per cent, while all other manufacturers enjoyed increases in the double digits.

MNA/Xinhua

10 kilos of heroin recovered in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 3 July — A Pakistani anti-narcotics force recovered some seven kilos of heroin Saturday in Dera Ismail Khan in the North-West Frontier Province (NWFP), according to the *Associated Press of Pakistan*.

Acting on a tip-off, an anti-narcotics force stopped a suspected Karachi-bound bus from Peshawar, capital of NWFP. During the search, seven kilos of heroin was recovered from the secret cavities of the vehicle. Both the driver and the smuggler and owner of the bus were arrested.

On investigation, they said they had been engaged in narcotic business for the past many years and were transporting the narcotics to a gang in the southern port city of Karachi. —MNA/Xinhua

S Korean auto makers sales up 17.3% in first half

SPORTS

China win three titles in Singapore Open badminton tourney

SINGAPORE, 4 July—The 29-member Chinese badminton team won three titles in the Singapore Open badminton tournament, which ended here on Sunday night following a 7-day fierce competition among players from a number of countries and regions across the world.

World number two Zhang Ning, winner of last year's Singapore Open badminton tournament, regained the Women's Singles title after defeating her fellow Chinese Zhou Mi 11-5, 11-7.

In the Women's Doubles competition, China's Zhang Dan/Zhang Yawen won against compatriots Gao Ling and Huang Sui by 15-13, 15-10.

In the Mixed Doubles competition, Zhang Jun/Gao Ling beat Sudket Prapakamol/Saralee Thungthongkam of Thailand 10-15, 15-7 and 15-5.

In the Men's Singles competition,

China's Chen Hong was defeated by Indonesia's Taufik Hidayat, who won the title by 15-9 and 15-3.

The Men's Doubles was the only final not to feature any Chinese players. Sigit Bugiarto and Candra Wijaya of Indonesia defeated Denmark's Mathias Boe and Carsten Mogensen by 8-15, 15-8 and 15-7.

Last year, the Chinese team only won the Women's Singles and Women's Doubles titles in the Singapore Open badminton tournament.

MNA/Xinhua

Leslie leads sparks over Mercury

WASHINGTON, 4 July—Lisa Leslie scored 22 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and dished out a career-high nine assists to lead the Los Angeles Sparks to an 86-63 win over the Mercury at home court in the Saturday's WNBA game.

Chamique Holdclaw, the league's leading scorer, added 19 points. Tamika Whitmore had 16 points as the Sparks (9-6) shot 55.4 per cent for their sixth victory in eight games.

Kamila Vodichkova scored 16 points for the Mercury (3-11), which has lost five consecutive games and six of seven.

In Houston, Sheryl Swoopes scored 16 points when the Houston Comets over the slumping Charlotte Sting 75-65.

After losing a season-high four straight, the Comets have won four, including two against San Antonio and one against the defending WNBA champion Seattle.

Dominique Canty had 14 points on 6-of-9 shooting, Janeth Arcain added 12

and Michelle Snow had 11 for Houston (8-5). Swoopes, selected to the All-Star team, made 6-of-11 shots and had five assists.

Tangela Smith scored 19 points and Alison Feaster added 17, the only players in double figures for the last-place Sting (2-12).

In San Antonio, Marie Ferdinand scored 17 points for San Antonio, which used a 24-2 run in the final seven minutes for a 69-57 over the New York Liberty.

Ferdinand scored 11 second-half points for the Silver Stars (5-12), winners of two straight.

Becky Hammon had 21 points and Elena Baranova had 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Liberty (5-7), losers of three straight. —MNA/Xinhua

Zabriskie wins stage 1 at Tour de France

PARIS, 4 July—David Zabriskie won one of the fastest individual time trials in Tour de France history at an average speed of 54.680kph in the opening stage on Saturday.

The American narrowly beat his former boss and six-time race winner Lance Armstrong by just two seconds at the 19km time trial from Fromentine to Noirmoutier-en-l'Île.

"I didn't think I could beat Armstrong today," said Zabriskie, who is taking part in his first Tour.

Zabriskie, who left Armstrong's team this season to join Danish outfit

CSC, was not really surprised by the victory as the 26-year-old specialist had won one of the main time trials in the last Giro d'Italia in Firenze.

In Saturday's time trial on Tour de France, the two Americans left the rest of the field far behind with an almost fastest speed.

In 1994, Briton Chris Boardman won the Tour prologue at 55.152kph, but over a much shorter distance of 7.2km around Lille.

But Zabriskie beat the fastest average speed for a time trial over a comparable length set by compatriot and three-time Tour winner Greg LeMond in 1989. LeMond rode the 24.5km of the Tour's final stage between Versailles and Paris at 54.54kph.

MNA/Xinhua



Six-time Tour de France winner and leader of the Discovery Channel cycling team, Lance Armstrong of Austin, Texas, wearing the best sprinter's green jersey, right, and overall leader David Zabriskie of the US, talk as they wait at the start line prior to the second stage of the Tour de France cycling race, between Challans and Les Essarts, western France, on 3 July, 2005.—INTERNET

Federer beats Roddick to clinch third straight Wimbledon crown

LONDON, 4 July—Rodger Federer etched his name in the Wimbledon history book of greats on Sunday when he relentlessly destroyed Andy Roddick 6-3, 7-6 (2), 6-4 in the final to become the only third player ever winning three men's titles in a row.



Roger Federer of Switzerland, kisses the winners' trophy after defeating Andy Roddick 6-2, 7-6 (2), 6-4 in the Mens' Singles Final on Centre Court at Wimbledon on 3 July, 2005.—INTERNET

The talented 24-year-old Swiss fired a service winner to claim his third straight crown, thus joining Pete Sampras and Bjorn Borg who are previous winners of three (or more) Wimbledons in succession in modern tennis.

Federer thought he played too well and gave Roddick no chance to claw back in the match.

"It's hard for him because I really played a fantastic match — one of my best in my life. Again, the biggest, most important moment in a Grand Slam final, and I would consider this even bigger than the US Open final I played, so this is my best match maybe I've ever played," he said. It may take some time for the euphoria to sink in, according to Federer who cried after the win.

"It seemed like I was playing flawlessly. Everything was working. In a way, I think this one will actually take me longer to realize. I remember during the match and during the rain delay, and then when I came back, I never really felt like I'm actually playing. It's like I'm not living this correctly.

"I don't know, it's a very strange feeling I have. It's probably going to take me days, months, weeks, years, I don't know, to realize this one."

Roddick vowed to take a stronger mindset onto the court before the match, but he soon found it was just far from enough to shoving the impeccable Federer juggernaut off track after the match was swung into action under a overcast weather.

"There's not much you can do. I'm not going to sit around and sulk and cry. I did everything I could. I tried playing different ways. I tried, you know, going to his forehand and coming in. He passed me. I tried to go to his backhand and coming in. He passed me. (I) tried stay-

ing back. He figured out a way to pass me, even though I was at the baseline," the disillusioned American said.

"I was just trying to tell myself to compete. There's only so much you can do. I'm out there giving my all. That's all you can do. That's the only mindset you can have. Regardless of what he's doing, you just kind of have to keep yourself going and try not to get discouraged.

"I have loads of respect for him, as a person as well. I told him, I've told him before, 'I'd love to hate you, but you are really nice,'" Roddick joked.

Federer, playing with ease, composure and elegance, dished out some unbelievable shots to leave Roddick helpless and despondent, breaking the 22-year-old American in the sixth and ninth game respectively to take the first set 6-3. Roddick saw a sign of survival in the second set when he broke Federer in the third game and hold his own to go up 3-1. But Federer broke back in the sixth game and pull the score even at 3-3.

Roddick rued the lost chance to win a set back. "I was in it with a chance, for sure. I had chances today. But you know, a lot of the times when you have the chances, you don't convert. A lot of times today, I had chances, I played with the point I wanted to, got the wrong side of it, which is a new thing for me," he said.

Roddick then had to save two break points in the 12th game to pull the set into tie-breaker which Federer triumphed 7-2. Roddick lost his temper and threw his racket in wrath when he netted a forehand to give Federer a 5-2 lead in the tie-breaker.

An expected drizzle halted the play immediately after the second set to give the distraught Roddick a timely breather for reflection on his game. It cleared up about half an hour later, and Roddick still could not find ways to cope with Federer's ruthless strokes and got broken in the seventh game when he missed to meet an accurate backhand crosscourt from Federer. And the break proved to be fatal as he just could not break back.

Despite the loss, Roddick still found his consecutive second appearance in the final was something to be proud of.

"I overcame a lot of, you know, kind of mental things out there this year with getting through some matches. You know, I proved something to myself this year. I feel like for the most part of the tournament I stepped up when I needed to. So I'll look back with good memories, for sure." —MNA/Xinhua

Figo refuses to talk about future at Real

MADRID, 4 July—Portuguese midfielder Luis Figo on Saturday refused to talk about his future with Real Madrid but emphasized that he had one year remaining on his contract with the club.

Figo organized a fund-raising match at Faro in the name of his foundation, before which Figo met Florentino Perez at Hotel Vila Sol Spa & Golf Resort to bring some calm after the Portuguese international had been rumoured to have tension with the coach of Real over the past weeks.

"Perez just came to support the match and I thank him and some of my

teammates who take part in it," Figo said. "For my future, all I will say is that there remains one more year in my contract with Real Madrid," he added.

Among the players taking part in the fund-raising match at Faro are Ronaldo, Cristiano Ronaldo, Fran, Alfonso, Nano, Valdo, Geremi, Defoe and Borja.

MNA/Xinhua

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African FMs discuss continent's peace, security

TRIPOLI, 4 July — African Union (AU) foreign ministers continued their executive council meeting in Libya's resort city of Sirte on Saturday, mainly discussing peace and security issues on the continent. Diplomatic sources said that the ministers spent part of the day discussing the continent's peace and security, including the situation in Darfur as well as issues of Togo, Ivory Coast, Somalia, Burundi and Congo.

The ministers began their meeting on Friday to prepare a summit session of AU heads of state on Monday and Tuesday. They must finalize all issues raised prior to the fifth AU summit on Saturday.

No more details about the foreign ministerial meeting were disclosed, but Said Djinnit, AU Commissioner for Peace and Security, told reporters in Sirte on Saturday that the recent fighting in eastern Sudan between rebel forces and government troops is a cause for concern.

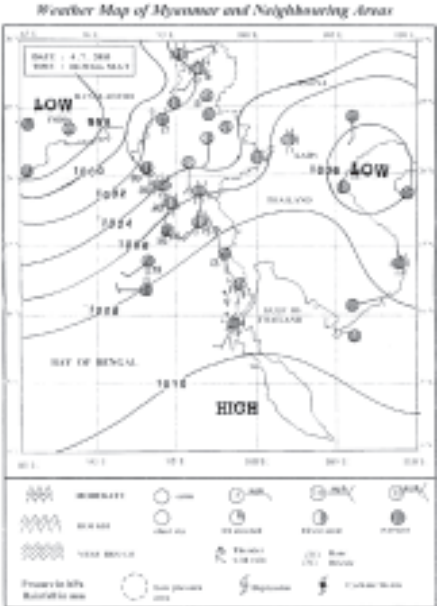
"It's a matter of concern, obviously" and the

AU was not expecting "incidents to spread across Sudan", he said.

The senior AU official noted that the AU expeditionary force for the troubled Darfur region in western Sudan was on track, which should be deployed before the end of September.

The AU has planned to increase its troop numbers in Darfur to over 6,000 from about 2,700 currently. Meanwhile, the ministers also discussed possible candidates for permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council at a closed session on Saturday, but still did not reach a common position. "Egypt and Burkina Faso want, for example, the criteria for nomination to be established," while Libya and some other countries want the principle of two seats for Africa to be accepted first, so the Africans can themselves decide on their representatives, disclosed a participant who asked not to be identified.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Monday, 4 July, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Division and rain has been isolated in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittway (2.91) inches, Myaungmya (2.85) inches, Kyauktaw (2.72) inches, Thandwe (2.05) inches, Kyaukpuyu and Hpa-an (1.85) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 3-7-2005 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 4-7-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 4-7-2005 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 3-7-2005 was (6.3) hours approx. Rainfalls on 4-7-2005 were (0.27) inch at Mingaladon, (0.20) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.47) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (32.28 inches) at Mingaladon, (28.86 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (28.46 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 3-7-2005.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 5-7-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, Upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Decrease of rain are likely in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-7-2005: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-7-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Tuesday, 5 July View on today:

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara
- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. မဟာဝံသ ဖြတ်ဖျဉ်း (ပထမပိုင်း)
- 8:10 am
5. Nice and sweet song
- 8:20 am
6. ကဗျာနိဂ္ဂယုဉ်
- 8:30 am
7. International news
- 8:45 am
8. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song

- 4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. English For Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
5. အစားသစ်တရားသို့လှည့်ရေး ဂုဏ်ပြုသံကြားသင်စနိုးစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သရုပ်ဖော်) (သရုပ်)
- 5:15 pm
6. Dance of national races
- 5:25 pm
7. မိမိတို့၏ ဘေးအန္တရာယ်
- 5:35 pm
8. Sing and enjoy
- 6:10 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားကားတွန်းစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ရယ်ချင်ဆော့ပြေး ပုဂ္ဂိုလ်တို့၏ ကလေး" (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 6:30 pm
10. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
11. Weather report

- 7:05 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ရွေးချိမ်းရေးရုံးရန်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:35 pm
13. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ ရရှိပြီး အခွင့်အရေးများဆိုင်ရာ ဥပဒေနှင့် နည်းဥပဒေများ
- 7:45 pm
14. (၂၃)ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင် အာရှအဖွဲ့အစည်းအတွက် ပြိုင်ဆိုင်ကြိုးစား လေ့စဉ် အားကစား
- 8:00 pm
15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ဟောမာန်ဆောင်း၏ ချစ်သံစဉ်" (အပိုင်း- ၃)
- 19. မင်းကွန်းအရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးစီဣန္ဒာသရားဘိဝံသ၏ အရုပ် ဆယ်ချက်နားမေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများဖြင့်တရားတော်
- 20. The next day's programme



Tuesday, 5 July Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: Bom, Bom, Bom Perspectives
- 8.40 am Music: Tito LI
- 8.45 am National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: All I have to do is dream
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music: You're my babe
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music -Colors of the wind -Go to distance -Shooting star - Kiss the girl
- 9.00 pm English speaking course level III Unit (4)
- 9.15 pm Article/Music
- 9.25 pm Weekly sports reel
- 9.35 pm Music for your listening pleasure -Moonlight shadow
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

Myanmar women participating in national development

Mass of Myanmar women are to do away with all forms of dangers posed by destructive elements

Mandalay Division commemorates Myanmar Women's Day



Members of the panel of chairpersons seen at the meeting to commemorate Myanmar Women's Day. — MNA

YANGON, 4 July — Myanmar Women's Day was commemorated at the National Theatre in Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay Division, yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were member of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organizer of Mandalay Division Daw Myint Myint Wai, intellectuals and intelligentsia of the discipline department of MWAFF, Mathematics Department Professor Daw Nu Nu of Dagon University, members of the panel of patrons of Mandalay Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Moe Thida, Daw Nan Aye Mya, women members of social organizations, outstanding women and their parents and guests totaling 1,463.

Mandalay Division WAO Chairperson Daw Than Than Nyunt presided over the ceremony together with members Daw

Moe Thida, Daw Khin Mya Nyunt, Daw Aye Aye Kyaing and Daw Swe Thazin.

Chanayethazan Township WAO member Daw Kay Khine Soe acted as MC and Daw Sanda Min as co-MC. First, 20 young women members of Mandalay Division WAO sang a song in honour of the Myanmar Women's Day.

Presiding Chairman Daw Than Than

Nyunt delivered a speech. She said Myanmar Women's Day was designated not in favour of a person but to represent the mass of Myanmar women. July 3 was the day when Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs was formed. Of a population of over 54 million in Myanmar over 27 million are women. So, the role of women is very important to build a peaceful, modern and developed

nation, she said.

In history, Myanmar women could discharge their duties very well in the political, administrative and judicial sectors. They were also known for preserving national prestige and integrity. Similarly, there emerged famous women literati and heroines. Side by side with men, women fought against colonialists with unyielding spirit. She said in the

international community, women are demanding equal rights with men in the affairs of marriage, divorce and inheritance due to the discrimination of race, colour and class.

However, Myanmar women have enjoyed equal rights with men. And they have the right to participate in all sectors to serve the interest of the State. It is obvious that women have shown their high efficiency discharging duties as members of the MWAFF, Myanmar Maternal and Child Wel-

fare Association, Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, Women Chapter of Myanmar Medical Association, Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Red Cross Society, and Myanmar Nurses Association. They are taking part in the development projects of the State, she added. They participated in the women's affairs activities of

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Chairperson Daw Than Than Nyunt speaks at the meeting to commemorate Myanmar Women's Day. — MNA