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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

Silver Jubilee of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee observed

YANGON, 9 July — Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung attended the ceremony to mark the Silver Jubilee of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee of the Union of Myanmar at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill this afternoon.

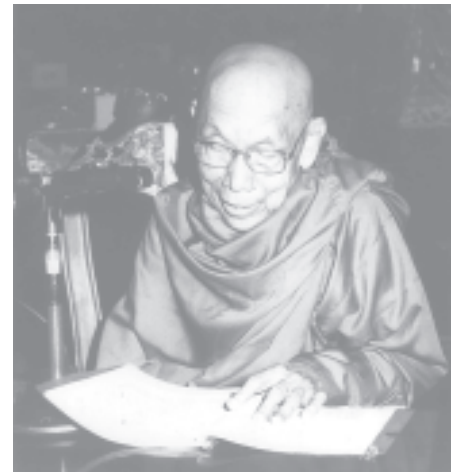
Present on the occasion were Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara and member Sayadaws, the Sayadaws who have completed the duties of first, second, third and fourth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committees, first 66 Ovadaçariya

Sayadaws who initiated to organize the Committee, Gana Dhipati Sayadaws of Sangha Ganas, Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Sayadaws, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Adviser to the ministry U Arnt Maung, officials, Sasana Nuggaha title recipient lay persons, religious associations and wellwishers.

Chairman Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara gave the Sammodaniya Ovadaçathā. Sangyoung Weluwun Monastery Presiding Nayaka Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Aggavamsa read out the Sammodaniya Katha sent by Head of Weluwun Nikaya Gana Weluwun Nikaya Ganadhipati Weluwun Monastery Sayadaw of Patheingyi Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nagavamsa. Joint-Secretary Sayadaw of SSMNC Agga Maha Pandita Dwipitaka Kovida Kalewa Tawya Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa read out the message of SSMNC.

Next, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on religious affairs.

The minister, the deputy minister, the adviser and departmental heads offered robes and alms to the Sayadaws.



Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara delivers an Ovadaçathā.— MNA

Secretary Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Nyaungdon Sayadaw Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa delivered a sermon and the congregation shared merits gained. The ceremony ended with three-time recitation of *Buddha Sasanam Çiram Titthatu*.

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The Silver Jubilee of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee in progress at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for national and regional development

The State Peace and Development Council is taking systematic steps for the local national races to be well-educated and for the emergence of healthy human resources to be able to preserve and hand down development infrastructures and potentials of the nation to posterity.

Only when local youths are educated and well-versed in all aspects will they be able to shape a bright future of the nation.

A ceremony to commission into service the new lecture hall of the Nationalities Youth Resources Development Degree College (Yangon) took place at the facility in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township on 5 July 2005 with an address by Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

The Secretary-1 in his address said that producing an adequate number of intellectuals and technocrats is of paramount importance in building a modern and developed nation; that efforts are being made for the emergence of qualified human resources in the nation and producing human resources in respective regions, for the national education promotion plan covers everyone.

In the past, there were no schools in border areas. Nowadays, there are 852 primary schools, 90 middle schools and 92 high schools in border areas. Moreover, the Education and Training Department was established in 1999 with the aim of further enhancing education of the national races in border areas.

Since then, altogether 27 youth training schools and 21 women vocational training schools were opened for the local youths to have access to education. And the Nationalities Youth Resources Development Degree College (Yangon) was opened on 15-6-2000 and the Nationalities Youth Resources Development Degree College (Mandalay) on 12-7-2000 to enable the local youths who had completed their studies at the training schools to further pursue higher education.

The emergence of these higher learning institutions has forged the nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit among the national races and enabled them to do their bit in national and regional development tasks. Those relentless efforts are significant ones exerted by the government for development of border areas and national races.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon the national race youths to try their best for national and regional development, realizing the nation's goodwill towards national races in border areas and upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

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

Home Affairs Minister receives UNICEF Resident Representative

YANGON, 9 July — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo received UNICEF Resident Representative Ms Carroll C Long and Deputy Resident Representative Ms Elke Wisch at the ministry at the corner of Industry-1 Road and Saya San Road yesterday evening.



Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Director-General of the Bureau of Special Investigation U Aung Saw Win, Deputy Director-General of the Administration Department U Maung Win, Police Chief of Staff Police Brig-Gen Win Myaing and Head of Office U Kyaw San.— MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo receives UNICEF officials.— HOME AFFAIRS

Minister receives Korean Ambassador



YANGON, 9 July— Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Sein Htwa received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr Lee Ju-Heum at his office at 10 pm.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister U Maung Aung, Director-General of the Population Department U Tin Yi and officials of the ministry. — MNA

ROK Ambassador Mr Lee Ju-Heum calls on Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Sein Htwa.— IMMIGRATION

President's Cup of MWF Sanshou Trials conclude



Member of the Panel of Patrons of MWF Daw San San awards first prize to Thinzla Soe in 52-kilo Sanshou event trials.— NLM

YANGON, 9 July — The prize presentation ceremony of Myanmar Wushu Federation President's Cup Sanshou Trials 2005 was held at Aung San gymnasium this morning. Among the spectators were Chairperson of Central Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye, President of MWF U Khin Maung Lay and officials.

The officials presented prizes to the winners.

NLM

Tree planting ceremony held at Yangon City Water Supply Project Site

YANGON, 9 July — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin attended the tree planting ceremony at Yangon City Water Supply Project (Ngamoeyik) site in Hmawby Township.

The Mayor planted toddy palm and Ngu (Casia fistula) saplings as participation in the tree planting ceremony. A total of 1,685 saplings were planted at the ceremony. In the briefing hall, the Mayor met with officials. Next, the Mayor inspected installation of pumps at the relay station, construction of the sub-power station and arrival of machinery. — MNA



Organizing Committee Chairman U Yan Win presents certificate to U Kyi Lin for cash donations of GTI old students for welfare of retired teachers at Dhamma Beikman in Bahan Saturday.— (H)

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Seventy-six year-old Huang Xiuzhen picks tea leaves on a plantation at Anshun, in China's southern Guizhou Province on 7 July, 2005. INTERNET



Siem Reap Airport reopens

PHNOM PENH, 8 July — Cambodia's Siem Reap International Airport reopened on Thursday to return to normal after a Vietnamese airplane slipped off the runway on Tuesday evening.

"The aircraft was removed from its location Wednesday night, and everything returned to normal on Thursday morning," Deputy Airport Director Mao Sopheap said, adding that "all aircraft for landing and take-off as usual".

The plane needs the technical investigation to find the reason of the

incident. Vietnam Airlines blamed the incident on very strong winds.

An Airbus 320 of Vietnam Airlines from Ho Chi Minh City slipped off the runway and its front tyres stuck in the mud as it landing in heavy rain, forcing the airport open only to smaller airplanes.

There were total of 90 passengers and eight aircraft crew aboard. No one was injured.

Siem Reap, about 300 kilometres northwest of the capital Phnom Penh, is the gateway to the world famous Angkor Wat temples which attracts many foreign visitors. —MNA/Xinhua

Nepal's tourist arrivals up by 1% in June

KATHMANDU, 8 July— Tourist arrivals finally reversed its decline, after continuous decline over the past eight months, as the number of tourists visiting Nepal rose by 1 per cent in June 2005, Nepal Tourism Board said here on Thursday.

"A total of 18,840 tourists visited Nepal by air in June of this year which is increased by 170 relative to the same month of the previous year," the semi-governmental organization said in a Press statement.

The arrival of Indian tourists increased by 5 per cent, while third country arrival was down by 5 per cent as compared to the figures of the same period of last year, the statement revealed.

Arrivals from Japan jumped by 10 per cent to 530 during the period.

Tourism experts attributed the rise to the recent marketing campaigns aimed at counter-

ing the negative publicity.

"A large number of foreign journalists and tour operators have been invited over the past months which helped to uplift Nepal's image in the international market, thereby luring more tourists," Tek Bahadur Dangi, chief executive officer of the Nepal Tourism Board said.

Tourist arrivals in the country started to decline continuously after the street protests of 1 September, 2004 in Kathmandu and major cities of Nepal following 12 Nepalis were brutally killed in Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran, Iraq restart high-level military talks after 25 years

TEHERAN, 8 July— Iran and Iraq restarted high-level military talks on Wednesday on peace and security issues in the region, for the first time after the two countries fought a war between 1980 and 1988.

Visiting Iraqi Defence Minister Saadoun al-Dulaimi praised the meeting here with his Iranian counterpart, Admiral Ali Shamkhani, as a breakthrough, the semi-official ISNA students news agency reported.

The Iraqi Minister said that till now, "we had no relations so there are many important issues to be discussed".

He said his country wants to be-

come "a pillar of peace, stability and security in the region".

The Iranian minister said the talks "were meant to heal the wounds of the past and begin a future based on fundamental relations between Iran and Iraq". Next week, a large Iraqi delegation headed by Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari will arrive in Teheran.

MNA/Xinhua

Konca exports two million colour TV sets in first half of this year

BEIJING, 8 July — Konca Group, one of China's leading TV makers, exported nearly two million sets of colour TVs in the first six months of this year, Economic Daily reported on Thursday.

The figure is almost equivalent to the group's total export volume in 2004, the report said, quoting a senior official of the group.

The official predicted that Konca's export volume this year is expected to double that of last year based on the current development trend.

Konca has exported TV sets mainly to South-east Asia, Russia and the Middle East. It plans to further expand markets to North America, Europe and Latin America.—MNA/Xinhua

Italy to start Iraq troop pullout in fall

GLENEAGLES, (Scotland) 8 July— Italy plans to begin withdrawing some of its troops from Iraq in September, Premier Silvio Berlusconi said on Friday.

Speaking at the end of the G-8 summit, Berlusconi said the withdrawal plans could change because they depend on security conditions on the ground and

denied it was linked to any terrorist threats against Italy.

"We will begin withdrawing 300 men in the month of September," said Berlusconi, who has come under increasing pressure in Italy over his support for the US-led coalition in Iraq.

He said the partial

pullout would not compromise security for the remaining Italian troops or the zone of southern Iraq under their control.

Berlusconi, a staunch ally of President Bush, sent 3,000 troops to Iraq after the ouster of Saddam Hussein. The contingent is based in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah.—Internet

China to continue offering aid to poor African countries

BEIJING, 8 July — China on Thursday said it will continue offering aid to poor African countries within its own capacity.

"As a developing country, China itself has a heavy task for development; but China has provided assistance within its own capacity to poor countries including those in Africa over past years," China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao told a regular Press conference.

"China will continue its efforts in this regard," he said.

China announced exemption of loans from some poor African countries at the first ministerial-level meeting of the China-Africa Cooperation held in Beijing in October 2000.

Within two years, China fulfilled its commitments, exempting 10.5-billion-yuan (1.27-billion-US-dollar) loans from 31 African countries.

"China hopes its efforts can

help quicken the steps of the international community to reduce or exempt the loans from poor countries," Liu said, adding that it is incumbent on developed countries to help poor countries.

Liu welcomed the move taken by the G-8 finance ministers to exempt part of loans from poor countries at June's meeting in London.

"We hope the relevant decisions could be carried out at an early date," he added.

African population accounts for 10 per cent of the world total, but its economic output accounts for less than 1 per cent.

Among the 49 most underdeveloped nations confirmed by the United Nations, 34 are from Africa.

MNA/Xinhua



A man carries a chair away from a barber shop which was destroyed by a bomb in Baghdad on 8 July, 2005.—INTERNET

Badawi calls for more investment in human resources development

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 July — Malaysia has failed to invest enough in research and development (RD), innovation activities and human resources development, Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said on Thursday.

The lack of appreciation and investment in these fields has hampered Malaysia's progress in its transition to a knowledge-based economy. Badawi was quoted as saying by the *Bernama* news agency.

Investment in knowledge management system as well as other technology-intensive tools would allow the country to create more value in disparate pieces of information and knowledge and to benefit economically from these scientific elements, Badawi said when opening the international conference on knowledge management here.

He said more attention should be paid to human resources development,

because "people are the single most important factor that will determine the success or failure of an organization".

The pursuit of education, training and capacity building must be placed at the forefront of any initiatives to promote knowledge, Badawi said.

With knowledge flows becoming increasingly complex and multi-disciplinary in Malaysia and the world as a whole, greater efforts should be made to ensure that students, employees and citizens were able to cope with this situation, Badawi said.

He urged both the government and the private sector to play their due roles in providing training for their employees.— *MNA/Xinhua*



The 17-carat diamond with 1,008-face cut glitters as it is displayed at a Tokyo hotel on 8 July, 2005. The diamond, which Diana Sun Co, Ltd. claimed to be the world's largest numbers of facets, only for displaying is valued at 1.7 billion yen (US\$15 million). —INTERNET

Exhibition of Indian painting in Russian Parliament

Moscow, 8 July — Over 50 paintings by talented women artists from India, based on the themes of renowned painter Amrita Shergil, are on display at an exhibition which opened at the Russian Parliament building here on Wednesday.

The exhibition "Amrita Shergil — Revisited" was inaugurated at the Lower House of Russian Parliament, State Duma, at a ceremony attended by Duma deputies and Indian Ambassador to Russia Kanwal Sibal.

"We have many fine galleries in Moscow, where these paintings could have been displayed, but it is a matter of special importance that it has been opened in the Parliament building," Chairman of Duma Committee on Culture, famous Russian singer Isif Kobzon, said at the inaugural ceremony.

Kobzon and other speakers at the ceremony underscored that India is Russia's "true and trusted friend" and such exhibitions further promote bilateral cultural ties.

Sibal noted that Shergil, who died in 1942 at the age of 29, is a source of inspiration to the new generations of talented Indian women painters.

MNA/PTI



An elderly Tibetan woman walks through Dharamsala. Some six percent of Asia's 3.88 billion people were aged 65 or older last year.

INTERNET

Attacks increase criticism of British government for role in Iraq war

LONDON, 8 July — George Galloway, the sharp-tongued member of Parliament who flummoxed a US Senate panel at a hearing in May on the Iraq oil-for-food scandal, went first. "We argued, as did the security services in this country, that the attacks on Afghanistan and Iraq, would increase the threat of terrorist attack in Britain," Galloway told Parliament on Thurs-

day. "Tragically, Londoners have now paid the price of the government ignoring such warnings."

Galloway, who was drummed out of Prime Minister Tony Blair's Labour party for his opposition to the Iraq war, drew sharp criticism from both sides of the aisle for his comments, with Conservatives calling him a "disgrace" and Armed Forces Minister Adam

Ingram accusing him of "dipping his poisonous tongue in a pool of blood."

But Galloway, who represents a heavily Muslim district in East London, was undeterred.

He urged the government "to remove people in this country from harm's way, as the Spanish government acted to remove its people from harm, by ending the occupation of

Iraq."

Days after the March 2004 Madrid commuter train bombings, Spanish voters turned against Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, an ally of President Bush, and elected Socialist opposition leader Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, who was running on an anti-war platform. Spain withdrew its troops from Iraq a short time later.

Internet

Hu Jintao calls for international cooperation in climate change

GLENEAGLES (Scotland), 8 July — Chinese President Hu Jintao on Thursday called on the developed and developing countries to promote cooperation through technology exchanges and funding to tackle the problem of climate change at a dialogue session here between the leaders of G-8 and those of five developing countries.

Both as an environment issue and a development issue, climate change, in the final analysis, falls in the category of development, Hu said in a speech.

Though different in perceptions and countermeasures toward the problem, different countries share a basic consensus for cooperation, dialogue and concerted efforts in meeting the challenges brought by climate change, Hu said.

The Chinese leader suggested all countries act responsibly for their peoples and the peoples around the world during their efforts to achieve development, taking into full account the tolerance of resources and the environment, balancing the development needs of the present with those of the future, and actively stepping up international cooperation against the challenges brought by climate change. As many developing countries, including China, are currently actively developing economies as this is the most urgent task for them, the energy consumption is bound to increase, Hu mentioned. However, most of the developing countries have realized the economic development pattern characterized by high energy consumption, high pollution and high emission is non-sustainable, thus needing to be corrected quickly and resolutely, Hu added.

In his speech, Hu said that to enhance the international cooperation in climate change, it is necessary first to uphold the guiding role of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol, observe such principles as "common but differentiated responsibilities" enshrined in the Convention. Hu asked the developed countries to take the lead in reducing the emission level and help developing countries to improve their capacities to deal with climate change.

Secondly, it is essential to address climate change in the context of sustainable development, change the non-sustainable way of production and consumption, improve the eco-environment by conserving resources and reducing pollution, and follow a path of development that features harmony between economic growth and protection of population, resources and the environment, Hu suggested. Thirdly, special attention must be paid to the utilization of science and technology. Result-oriented cooperation should be strengthened to expedite the advancement and dissemination of relevant technologies, energy technologies in particular, and to facilitate the mutual reinforcement of economic development and environmental protection. — *MNA/Xinhua*



LG Philips, one of the world's largest liquid crystal display (LCD) screen makers, is to raise 1.2 billion dollars in the overseas markets to expand production facilities.— INTERNET

Malaysia's IPI decreases marginally in May

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 July — Malaysia's Industrial Production Index (IPI) for May decreased marginally by 0.4 per cent to 236.10 as compared with 237.20 reported over the same period last year, the Statistics Department said on Thursday.

The decrease was due to the decline in the index of the mining sector by 8.1 per cent (from 139.0 to 127.7), the department said in a statement released here.

However, the indices of the electricity and manufacturing sectors rose by 6 per cent (from 270 to 286.3) and 0.2 per cent (from 264.4 to 264.9), respectively.

As against the index of 238.4 reported in April, the IPI for May this year declined by 0.9 per cent. The drop was due to the lower indices of the mining and the manufacturing sectors by 4.5 per cent and 0.8 per cent, respectively.

For the first five months of 2005, the IPI expanded by 3.9 per cent to 233.8 as against 225

registered for the same period of last year, the department said.

The expansion was in line with the positive change in the indices of all sectors: the electricity sector by 6.5 per cent, the manufacturing sector by 4.3 per cent and the mining sector by 0.1 per cent, the department said.

MNA/Xinhua

World Orchestra for Peace to perform in China

BEIJING, 8 July — The World Orchestra for Peace with artists from 35 top orchestras worldwide will stage a concert at Zhongshan Concert Hall here in Beijing on 2 September to mark the 60th anniversary of the victory of anti-Fascist war and also the Chinese people's war of resistance against Japan

The chief organizer, China Arts and Entertainment Group (CAEG), said here Thursday the troupe will be headed and directed by 52-year-old Russian director Valery Gergiev, who was entitled the Russian hero for revitalizing the Russian Kirov Theatre. The orchestra will make a performance tour in four big cities which were of great significance in the World War II, including Beijing, London, Berlin, and Moscow. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, attached much importance to the orchestra's performance tour, and wrote a congratulation for the troupe.

At the concert, Chinese audience will enjoy masterpieces by greatest musicians like Rossini, Debussy, Wagner. A new piece of work by Finnish composer and director Esa-Pekka Salonen will also make its world premiere in Beijing.

According to CAEG, the orchestra was founded in 1995 to mark the 50th founding anniversary of the United Nations. Over the past 10 years, the orchestra has participated in many important artistic festivals and celebrations marking historic events.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam's auto sales up in first six months

HANOI, 8 July — Vietnam sold a total of 16,128 vehicles in the first half of this year, posting a year-on-year rise of 26.1 per cent, the Vietnam Automobile Manufacturers Association (VAMA) told Xinhua on Thursday.

The automakers recorded combined sales of 2,633 buses and trucks in the first six months, up 25.5 per cent, the VAMA said.

The rise of sales was partly attributed to the frequent launch of new car models and promotion campaigns of 11 automobile joint ventures. Besides, they were fuelled by stronger purchasing power of trucks and buses, since Vietnam earlier ordered its agencies and businesses to replace over 20,000 outdated vehicles with new ones by early February.

The country has licensed two automobile projects this year including a 60 million US dollar project with annual capacity of 10,000 units of Honda Vietnam, and a 70-million-US-dollar project with annual capacity of 15,000 trucks and buses of a Malaysia-Vietnam joint venture. — MNA/Xinhua

Singapore enhances security after London blast

SINGAPORE, 8 July — Singapore has taken the necessary precautionary measures to safeguard its security after a series of blasts occurred in London on Thursday.

A statement by the Ministry of Home Affairs said that security has been enhanced at the checkpoints and public transport operators have been advised to step up their security measures.

The deployment of

police patrols has also been increased across the country, including at subway stations, bus terminals as well as the venue of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session, according to the statement.

The ministry stressed

that there is no specific threat against Singapore, and urged the public to remain vigilant but "not to be unnecessarily alarmed".

Also on Thursday, IOC spokeswoman Giselle Davies said here that the Committee

believed the explosions in London were not related to its victory in the bid to host the 2012 Games on Wednesday.

The IOC said that it has full confidence in London to secure the 2012 Games.

MNA/Xinhua

894 private entrepreneurs join CPC in 2004

BEIJING, 8 July — The year 2004 saw more than 2.41 million Chinese joining the Communist Party of China (CPC) in 2004, including 894 private entrepreneurs, a senior CPC official said here on Thursday.

Li Jingtian, deputy head of the CPC Central Committee's Organization Department, said at a Press conference that the Communist Party of China is not only the vanguard of the Chinese working class, but the vanguard of the whole Chinese nation and all

Chinese people.

The CPC party member team is mainly comprised by workers, farmers, intellectuals, servicemen and women, and governmental officials.

The CPC also welcome advanced private entrepreneurs to join the

CPC, so as to extend and consolidate the CPC's foundation among the people, Li said.

In 2004, 17.38 million Chinese applied to join the CPC, 1.357 million or 8.5 per cent more than the figure of the previous year.

MNA/Xinhua

SIA to raise fuel surcharge

SINGAPORE, 8 July — Singapore Airlines (SIA) will increase its fuel surcharge on all passenger tickets from July 20, according to a Channel NewsAsia report on Thursday night.

The report quoted SIA as saying that the increase will help relieve growing operating costs due to the persistently high jet fuel price which has gone up to some 70 US dollars per barrel from 48 US dollars per barrel a year ago. SIA will add two US dollars to the present fuel surcharge of 10 US dollars for flights between Singapore and cities in Southeast Asian countries, while that for all other flights will be raised to 45 US dollars, up 50 per cent over the current amount.

SilkAir, SIA's regional wing, will also raise its fuel surcharge to 45 US dollars for flights between Singapore and China, as well as between Singapore and India, and 12 US dollars will be applied to all other flights.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers stand next to a damaged Humvee after a roadside bombing in Baghdad on 7 July, 2005. A roadside bomb attack targeting a US military convoy in eastern Baghdad on Thursday wounded two US soldiers, the US military said. — INTERNET

Bago Division WAO protests against various groundless accusations of internal and external destructive elements



Chairperson Daw Khin Maw Maw of Bago Division WAO speaking at the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day in Bago.— MNA

(from page 16)
 Certain neo-colonialists are resorting to all possible ways and means to get under their thumb the nation enjoying all-

der areas for prevention of violence against women and rehabilitation of victims.

But, ABSDF and FTUB led by fugitive

posed by certain big nations, the government is making a good headway through implementation of pragmatic projects in making efforts to ensure

women of Bago Division took a solemn vow to make sustained efforts so that the nation will never fall to alien domination and subjugation again,

tor-wise development for enabling the Union of Myanmar to keep abreast of the global nations. Over 27 million women represent 50.3 per cent of the population of the nation. The Government is making systematic arrangements for Myanmar women to have the opportunity to take part in the deserving role in building

MWAF has been holding educational talks. The federation together with the Ministry of Home Affairs held the National Seminar on Trafficking in Persons in May 2003, and the former organized together with the Ministry of Sports to hold the National Seminar on Women's Sports in October.

At present, some big

Mass of women of Bago Division will continue to participate in the tasks for regional and national development



Bago Division WAO member Daw Khin Thuzar. MNA

stability, peace and development of the nation.

She pledged that the women mass of Bago Division will continue to participate in the tasks for regional and national development, to preserve fine traditions, and to safeguard and raise the social life of women. She said she denounces all

With regard to preventive measures against human trafficking endangering the life of women, MWAF has been holding educational talks. The federation together with the Ministry of Home Affairs held the National Seminar on Trafficking in Persons in May 2003, and the former organized together with the Ministry of Sports to hold the National Seminar on Women's Sports in October.

Entire women and the people strongly condemn the traitors

round development that has justified the endeavours the Tatmadaw Government has been making unremittingly. Myanmar women will never accept the situation that diverts the nation from its goals.

She exhorted the mass of Myanmar women to put into reality the motto "Strive in concert for development of women" laid down by the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.

Division WAO member Daw Khin Thuzar said that Myanmar does not witness much violence against women and trafficking in persons if compared with other nations. The MWAF is taking all possible measures in bor-

Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai are committing destructive and terrorist acts audaciously with the instigation and spur of their foreign masters to the detriment of national development. On behalf of the mass of Myanmar women, she called for declaration of such evil groups unlawful associations.

She said the Division WAO protests against various groundless accusations of internal and external destructive elements. Myanmar women have enjoyed equal rights and opportunity in discharging nation-building tasks side by side with men in the nation.

Despite pressure and economic sanctions against the nation im-

unfair pressures and acts, and urged some big nations and destructive elements to take a positive approach to the affairs of the nation but not to attempt to undermine national solidarity. She said

and to serve the interests of the nation and the people in concert with congenial organizations.

Member of Bago Division WAO Daw Pa Pa Win said that the Government is striving for sec-

a modern and developed nation.

Bago Division WAO formed with 84,764 members at one division-level, two district-level, 14 township-level and 836 village-level organizations is actively taking part in the development of the women's sector. MWAF donated cash and kind to storm-hit victims recently. Likewise, officials of the federation comforted patients from the bomb blasts occurred in Yangon because of distractive acts and provided cash and medicines for them.

With regard to preventive measures against human trafficking endangering the life of women,

countries are putting pressure and imposing economic sanctions against Myanmar under the pretext of regarding human rights, national races' rights, child rights and women's.

However, it is obvious that these one-sided accusations are designated to benefit a handful of persons.

That is why the entire Myanmar women denounce and oppose the instigation of destructionists. Under the leadership of MWAF, the mass of Myanmar women will participate with might and main in development tasks of the nation and (See page 7)



Bago Division WAO member Daw Pa Pa Win. MNA

Some big nations and ILO begrudge the progress of the country and impose sanctions on it

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 implementation of the State's policies such as Our Three Main National Causes, 12 Objectives and the 4-point people desire. Similarly, Bago Division WAO with Union Spirit will take part

building tasks for emergence of a peaceful modern developed nation in the respective role. In doing so, it is necessary for Myanmar women to possess qualifications and accept concept and belief. Myanmar Women's Af-

preneurs Association, USDA and Myanmar Red Cross Society.

She said WAOs were formed at different levels in the whole country and tasks are being undertaken in accord with the objectives laid down.

At present, some big countries are putting pressure and imposing economic sanctions on Myanmar under the pretext of human rights, national races' rights, child rights and women's rights. However, it is obvious that these one-sided accusations are designed to benefit a handful of persons. That is why the entire Myanmar women denounce and oppose the internal and external instigation of destructionists.



Members of the Panel of Patrons seen at the ceremony to Myanmar Women's Day in Bago.— MNA

ILO ignores Myanmar's efforts to eradicate forced labour



Bago Division WAO members Daw Khin Mar Lar Maung makes speech at the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day. MNA



Bago Division WAO members Daw Moe Moe Khaing and Daw Htoo Mi Mi Win act as MCs.— MNA



An official presents prize to an outstanding woman in Bago.— MNA

in successfully realizing the seven-point Road Map for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Member of Bago Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Malar Maung said Bago Division WAO is participating in the nation-

al Federation has given priority to the progress of nationalities. She said Myanmar woman intellectual and intelligentsia are discharging their duties in MAAF, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Women Chapter of Myanmar Medical Association, Myanmar Women entre-

Achievements have been made in various parts of the country due to the government's efforts in conformity with the customs of Myanmar. Some big nations and ILO begrudged the progress of

the country and imposed sanctions on it. As a result, the people lost their jobs and suffered losses. Moreover, she said, ILO ignored the efforts for eradication of forced labour. Therefore, she demanded that Myanmar should withdraw from ILO.

She said the entire women and the people

strongly condemned the traitors and urged them to hand down the nationalistic fervour of patriotic Myanmar women of the successive eras.

Next, officials presented prizes to winners of essay contest in commemoration of Myanmar Women's Day and outstanding women.

MNA



Those present chanting slogans at the ceremony to commemorate Myanmar Women's Day in Bago.— MNA

SPDC Member Lt-Gen Ye Myint looks into regional development in Bhamo

YANGON, 9 July — Member of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Kachin State Peace and Development Council Chairman Nothern Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, senior military officers and departmental officials, arrived at Tarli diversion weir built on Tarli Creek near Tarli Village in Momauk Township on 6 July morning.

At the briefing hall, after hearing the reports on the damage of Tarli diversion weir due to heavy rains on 29 June, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions for building the new Tarli diversion weir. On completion of the new diversion weir, enough water will be irrigated for 3,000 acres.



Lt-Gen Ye Myint meets with officers, other ranks and family members of Bhamo Station at Teingya MINGAUNG Hall in Bhamo.—MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to Myothit Myo Station Hospital and inspected operation theatre, X-ray room, wards and delivery room and worksite to build the out-patient department and left instructions. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party

looked into the construction of two-storey school building in Myothit Myo BEHS and fulfilled the requirements for early completion.

On arrival at Bhamo Airport, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard the report on extension of the runway of the airport and in-

structed the officials to strive for early completion.

Later, at the women's vocational training school of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard the report by the officials and

inspected the dresses tailored by the trainees. In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party oversaw the development of Bhamo.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with officers, Tatmadawmen and families of Myothit Station in local battalion and gave

instructions on the regional development and welfare tasks.

Similarly, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with officers, Tatmadawmen and families in Bhamo Station and gave necessary instructions. Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint cordially greeted those present.—MNA

Measures for self-sufficiency of food & extended cultivation of perennial crops in Taninthayi Division inspected

YANGON, 9 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence together with officials of the State Peace and Development Council office and departments left here by air

Commander Brig-Gen Hon Ngaing, senior military officers and departmental officials.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and officials inspected Palm Oil Applied Research Depart-

ing oil palm to the cultivators in 2004-2005 by the department and Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave necessary instructions on research and development tasks of oil

Altogether 31,719 acres of land have also been reclaimed there. Lt-Gen Maung Bo together with the Commander and officials proceeded to Shwedu rubber cultivation station in Sandawut village-tract of Myeik. Officials concerned re-

Taninthayi Division is endowed with natural conditions suitable for cultivation of rubber. He called for efforts to boost rubber production.

In Taninthayi Division, 108,336 acres were put under rubber in 2004-2005 fiscal. In the

cultivated with rubber. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected rubber plantations along Myeik-Taninthayi road. Later he attended the prize-distribution ceremony of summer paddy cultivators at Mayin-ngai village in Myeik Township. Demonstration on monsoon paddy transplanting skill and utilization of fertilizers were also staged there. Officials concerned reported on work progress and Lt-Gen Maung Bo fulfilled the requirements. In Taninthayi Division, altogether 450,000 acres were targeted to be put under monsoon paddy. So far, 259,052 acres have been reclaimed and 193,7 acres are being cultivated with monsoon paddy.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party then left by car for Myeik.



Lt-Gen Maung Bo delivers an address at monsoon paddy transplanting ceremony in Myeik Township.—MNA

for Myeik in Taninthayi Division on 7 July afternoon.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party were welcomed at Myeik Airport by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Deputy

ment (Shwedu) of Myanma Perennial Enterprise under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation yesterday morning.

At the briefing hall, Head of Department U Kyi Soe explained the history of the department, tasks being undertaken by the research sections, giving lectures on grow-

palm. He also looked into the research tasks being carried out by the department and planted an oil palm sapling in front of the department. Of the 67,620 acres targeted to be put under oil crops in Taninthayi Division in fiscal 2005-2006, altogether 10,256 acres have been put under cultiva-

ported the work progress and Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave necessary instructions. He observed that

year 2005-2006, it is targeted to put 9,700 acres under rubber and so far 4,035 acres have been

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While national unity is being consolidated, internal and external destructive elements are resorting to various ways to drive a wedge among national brethren



Shan State (North) WAO Chairperson Daw Khin Mya Mya speaking at the ceremony to commemorate Myanmar Women's Day at the city hall in Lashio.— MNA

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cultivation and rehabilitation as a national duty. Projects are being implemented for the emergence of region-wise opium free zones, and as a result, 88 percent of opium cultivation has been reduced so far. She continued that members of Shan State (North) WAO are participating in the campaigns against drug elimination in coop-

campaigns they have learned that the accusations of the West were totally wrong. She added the MWF in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs saved some young women who were misled by unscrupulous persons and consoled and gave educative talks to them before repatriating them to their parents.

She said there was

acts of harassment. In particular, the Tatmadaw members follow and maintain rules and regulations and disciplines laid down by the State.

That is why, she said, the mass of women are urged to prevent all destructive acts and to take part in the nation-building tasks and national defence. They are also needed to discharge their duties in accord with the objectives of the State and work programmes of the MWF by upholding Our Three Main National Causes. It is important for the members to be always imbued with Union Spirit. She said the mass of Myanmar women are to play a part in the success-

zations opened counseling centres at three districts. And, talks were held 64 times on prevention against human trafficking,

attended by 1,584 women. Furthermore, the organizations in cooperation with departments concerned rescued six young

women, victims of human trafficking and sent them back to their homes. In addition, the cultural courses for girls were



An official presents prize to an outstanding girl.—

MNA

eration with local authorities, national race groups, NGOs and the public. After gaining first-hand knowledge through the

no case of molestation of women. Traditionally, Myanmar are polite and as most are Buddhists, they usually hate such



Members of the Panel of Chairpersons preside over the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day.— MNA

The mass of women are urged to prevent all destructive acts and to take part in the nation-building tasks and national defence. They are also needed to discharge their duties in accord with the objectives of the State and work programmes of the MWF by upholding the three main national causes. It is important for the members to be always imbued with Union Spirit. The mass of Myanmar women are to play a part in the successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map.

opened for 20 times and talks on vitalization of patriotic spirit, nationalist spirit and Union Spirit for 15 times.

Similarly, the Working Group of Improving and Living Conditions of Women opened the vocational training courses and sought jobs for course graduates. It is obvious that MWF is ensuring development of women in Shan State (North) while the Government is carrying out similar development tasks in all areas in the region.

It is noted that food, clothing and shelter needs of the people constitute one of the basic requirements to march to discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Individual development enhances national development. That is why all the Myanmar women are to make collective efforts for individual as well as national development.

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An official presents prize to an outstanding girl.—MNA

ful implementation of the seven-point Road Map.

Member of Momeik Township WAO of Kyaukme District Daw Khaing Aye Chan explained duties and functions of the Working Group of Prevention of Violence against Women and Rehabilitation in brief. She continued to say that Shan State (North) WAO at different levels are carrying out the tasks on prevention of violence against women and its related laws for 56 times attended by 3,472 women. The organi-



Lashio Township WAO members Daw Nan Shwe Aye and Daw Win Nanda Tun acts as MCs.— MNA

All should be aware of the danger of internal and external destructive elements while Myanmar women are serving the greater interests of the nation and the people



Momeik Township WAO Member Daw Khaing Aye Chan. MNA

countries imposed economic sanctions on Myanmar, so about 160 garment factories in Yangon Division were closed down, and workers were laid off from 40 other factories. Therefore, over 80,000 workers including over 70,000 women workers lost their jobs. Some jobless women fell into victims of human trafficking. That is why the mass of Myanmar women denounce and oppose destructive acts of Pyithit

she would like to present the measures undertaken by social and cultural group and nationalities affairs group of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation. Women's organizations in Shan State (North) are participating in the implementation of the tasks of the federation. She said social and cultural group is organizing the women to take part in efforts for successful implementation of social objectives in cooperation with

the elderly persons, K 1.02 million for needy, K 1.13 million for uniform and K 1.16 million for stationery. For forging national solidarity and Union spirit, national races such as Shan, Kachin, Palaung, Was, Lishaw, Kokang and Bamar collectively made performance at the 32 talks on traditions of national races. The number of schools, teachers and students increased in comparison with that in the past. Opportunity to pur-

menting the work programmes laid down by the MWAF including study of legislation, consultation and environmental conservation.

Shan State (North) is bordering with neighbouring nations, and there has prevailed peace and stability due to the endeavours of the government and the national people. She said Myanmar is marching towards a peaceful, modern and developed

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All should be aware of the danger of internal and external destructive elements while Myanmar women are serving the greater interests of the nation and the people. The expatriate terrorist group led by Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung is committing destructive acts to harm stability of the State, slowdown the State economy and cause loss of lives and property of the people. Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung was son of NLD CEC member U Nyunt Wai. Action was taken against him for loss of jewellery at Gems Shop of Myanmar Gems Corporation in August 1988. He absconded to the other country in 1989. Maung Maung who formed FTUB committed destructive acts for several times by providing

mitted to International Labour Organization, terrorist Maung Maung was allowed to speak as a representative of ICFTU at ILO Conference. So, ILO breached its own rules. At the conference, Maung Maung, disregarding the objective conditions in the country, complained that about 2,000-3,000 persons were forced to work in harvesting and road construction. It can be said that fugitive Maung Maung forgot Myanmar tradition and he got mad.

All the Myanmar nationals have been living in the country since time immemorial through thick and thin. They participate in welfare tasks of the society of their own accord. It is a Myanmar fine tradition. Maung Maung's complaint went totally against Myanmar tradition, religious belief and

The number of schools, teachers and students increased in comparison with that in the past



Lashio Township WAO Member Daw Yeah Leh Yun. MNA

Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung and his accomplices. Furthermore, on behalf of the entire Myanmar women, she asked the Government to

related departments and organizations.

She said Women's organization in Shan State (North) presented prizes to one woman writer, five

sue higher education is available everywhere after opening of degree colleges and computer college and technological college.

She said the government hand in hand with the Tatmadaw and the people is making endeavours for development of the country. At the same time, external destructive elements and internal elements are undermining the progress. ABSDF terrorist group led by Than Ge, formed in the border region in November 1988, is attempting to destroy properties of the people. It committed destructive acts continuously.

This is why she demanded that ABSDF be declared as an unlawful association. She said the entire women pledged to cooperate with the government for national development.

Daw Thanda Zaw, member of Tangyang Township WAO in Lashio District said Shan State (North) WAO is imple-

discipline-flourishing democratic nation in accord with the political, economic and social objectives by upholding 'Our Three Main National Causes'. In doing so the seven-point road map has been adopted and the National Convention is in progress. The government is implementing projects for improving socio-economy of the people and developing human resources to achieve genuine democracy. That is why, she said, the country is now on its way to a peaceful, modern and developed one.

Despite the State's efforts for the development of the nation, some western nations, organizations and persons holding negative views are trying to undermine these efforts. It is regrettable to see that the ILO is among those. This organization should be a prestigious one under the umbrella of the United Nations Organization.

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All insurgent groups including the NCGUB are to be announced unlawful associations



Tangyang Township WAO Member Daw Thanda Zaw. MNA

announce FTUB and other related terrorist organizations unlawful associations.

In conclusion, she said that members of Shan State WAO will observe and implement the plans for development of women adopted by MWAF and participate in their respective sectors to carry out successful implementation of the future tasks and development plans laid down by the Government.

Next, member of Lashio Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Yeah Leh Yun said

athletes, ten outstanding girls who passed the matriculation examination. It also provided medicine to

Due to instigation of Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung, some big countries imposed economic sanctions on Myanmar, so about 160 garment factories in Yangon Division were closed down, and workers were laid off from 40 other factories. Therefore, over 80,000 workers including over 70,000 women workers lost their jobs. Some jobless women fell into victims of human trafficking. That is why the mass of Myanmar women denounce and oppose destructive acts of Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung and his accomplices. The Government is asked to announce FTUB and other related terrorist organizations unlawful associations.

monetary assistance and explosive equipment to the terrorists. Though the firm evidences were sub-

culture. Due to instigation of Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung, some big

MIDB holds 10th annual meeting



Chairman of Myanma Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin speaking at the 10th annual meeting of Myanma Industrial Development Bank.—MNA

YANGON, 9 July — The 10th annual meeting of Myanma Industrial Development Bank took place at the bank this morning, attended by Chairman of Board of Directors of MIDB Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Vice-Chairman Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thauang, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, members of the board of directors, officials and others.

Maj-Gen Saw Lwin made a speech on the occasion. Managing Director U Thein Aung of MIDB

submitted the annual reports of 2004-2005.

Later, the meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Maj-Gen Saw Lwin.

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General Secretary of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry U Sein Win Hlaing delivered a speech at the opening of UMFCCI Level 1 course No 23 at its office on 9 July. Three-month course is being attended by 63 trainees.—MNA

Trees planted for Bago Mountain Range greening

YANGON, 9 July — Planting trees for Bago Mountain Range greening took place on both sides of the road in Zigon Township, Thayawady District this morning.

Officials of Thayawady District Peace and Development Council and social organizations attended the ceremony. At the ceremony, altogether 1,500 trees were planted collectively. — MNA

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Regarding the issues of Myanmar, the ILO is putting pressure on the country and supporting expatriate Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung who is always fabricating news on affairs of Myanmar. She said although Myanmar has long been a member of the ILO, it did not make a single good thing for the country. And it is always finding fault with Myanmar. So, Myanmar women cannot accept such acts.

Moreover, expatriate Sein Win-led NCGUB, not wanting to see the development of Myanmar, is committing destructive acts. Eight so-called Pyithu Hluttaw representatives including Sein Win were announced fugitives on 30 December 1990 after they had been charged with slandering the country. They, after joining terrorist insurgents, formed the DFB illegally. With the announcement of a paralled government, they are committing destructive acts against Myanmar people.

She said expatriate Sein Win went to a country from 11 to 16 March 1997 and held a meeting on imposing economic sanction on Myanmar with his partners in exile. Besides, Thein Ngwe and Thomas (a) Gon Aung played an important part in helping Sein Win who drew plans to commit destructive acts in the country. Their first act was that they sent a parcel bomb to go off in the nation.

That is why Myanmar women totally denounced their acts. She said on behalf of the entire mass of Myanmar women, she would like to present that all insurgent groups including the NCGUB are to be announced unlawful associations. All in all, she said women are urged to work in accord with the four-point people's desire in cooperation with all national people. Later, Daw Po Po Kyi presented K 420,000 to the groups which performed their skill demonstrations. Then, the ceremony ended with the chanting of slogans. — MNA

Sri Lankan Catering wins prestigious global aviation award

COLOMBO, 9 July — Sri Lankan Catering Limited won a prestigious global award in the Food and Beverage category at the Mercury Awards, the aviation industry competition conducted by the International Flight Catering Association (IFCAs), the Daily News reported on Friday.

The management and staff of SriLankan Catering, the inflight catering arm of SriLankan Airlines Group, were delighted at winning this Mercury Award, CEO of SriLankan Catering Dilip Nijhawan was quoted as saying.

SriLankan Catering's winning entry was a unique savory sandwich gateau, a delicious, appetizing, wholesome and nutritious sandwich that is designed to be a meal in itself.

The savory sandwich gateau including the baking of the bread was made in Frankfurt and presented to the jury for tasting immediately thereafter, he said.

The competition

was held in Frankfurt, Germany, and the award was presented at the IFCAs conference in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The annual Mercury Awards with participation of all types of airline catering suppliers compete in five categories — On-board Service, Food and Beverage, Equipment, Skills Development, and Systems and Process Development.

With the rapid growth of airline traffic through Colombo in recent years, SriLankan Catering's flight kitchen has continuously expanded its activities and presently produces an average of 10,500 meals per day.

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Ceremony to offer Waso robes of Education Ministry held

YANGON, 9 July — The 17th Waso robes offering ceremony of the Ministry of Education was held at Dhammayon of the ministry on Tawya Street in Bahan Township, attended by Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt and Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min.

Also present on the occasion were the president of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science, the directors-general of the departments under the ministry, the chairman of Myanmar Board of Examinations, the rectors of the universities, deputy directors-general, directors and officials, heads of township education department, headmasters, teachers and education staff.

The congregation received a sermon from Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Raththa Guru Dawei Sayadaw Bhaddanta Acinna Bhivamsa.

Next, deputy ministers and those present offered Waso robes and provisions to the members of Sangha. Afterwards, the wellwishers shared the merits gained.

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Staff families of Commerce Ministry offer Waso robes

YANGON, 9 July — The 8th Waso robes offering ceremony of the families of the Ministry of Commerce and Directorate of Trade under the Ministry of Commerce was held at Ariyamaandaing Monastery in Mayangon Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun and directors-general of the departments, the managing-director, directors and guests.

The congregation received five precepts from Ariyamaandaing Monastery Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Silacara. Next, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun and departmental heads offered Waso robes and provisions to the members of Sangha.

Afterwards, the deputy minister donated K 100,000 for constructing three-story Thadamawadi Monastery. Later, Ariyamaandaing Monastery presiding Sayadaw delivered a sermon and the wellwishers shared the merits gained.

After the ceremony, the deputy minister and departmental heads offered "dawn Soon" to members of Sangha.

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Bahan Township Education Officer Daw Kyu Kyu presents prize to Ma Hsu Hlaing Pwint, the third prize winner of all-round development outstanding student in the township at the PTA meeting of No 10 Basic Education Primary School in Bahan Township.

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Thailand explores alternative energy sources

BANGKOK, 8 July — Thailand is seeking for alternative energy sources and plans to utilize alternative energy over the next five years, the official Thai News Agency reported on Thursday.

"Given the current world price hikes, the government is seeking for alternative energy sources to secure Thailand's energy supply and sustain domestic demand", said Deputy Foreign Minister Preecha Laohapongchana, who is on a visit to Germany this week to study the country's advanced technology in research and development and utilization of alternative energy.

It is time to reduce our reliance on fossil-based fuel and turn to other sources, including

solar cells, bio-energy and even wind-based power, he was quoted as saying.

As a result of the soaring global oil price, which has exceeded 60 US dollars a barrel on major international markets, PTT Public Company Limited (PTT) of Thailand further raised retail fuel prices of all categories by 0.40 baht per litre on Thursday morning.

Meanwhile, Energy Minister Viset Choopiban conceded that the ministry was considering al-

lowing local diesel prices to fully float within this month in an attempt to ease the total fuel consumption.

As diesel flotation helped ease local oil consumption and reduce fuel imports, a full flotation of local diesel prices is preferred instead of the gradual flotation until the end of this year, he said.

Total gasoline consumption in Thailand has declined by 12 per cent recently since fuel prices began to be floated.

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Tropical storm in Gulf of Mexico jolts oil markets

WASHINGTON, 8 July — A tropical storm in the Gulf of Mexico hampered production at several US refineries, intensifying concerns about the industry's ability to process enough petroleum to meet rising demand and pushing oil and gasoline prices to records.

The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday that Cindy, the third named storm of the hurricane season, grew to near-hurricane strength before making landfall late Tuesday.

About 13 per cent of the Gulf of Mexico's oil output and 7.5 per cent of its natural-gas output was interrupted as a result of evacuations, the Interior Department's Minerals Management Service was

quoted as saying.

While the disruptions were not extensive, and adequate supplies of gasoline and diesel remain available, the production troubles added to concerns that this year's storm season in the Gulf could be damaging, the Journal said.

Damage from Hurricane Ivan in 2004 curtailed oil and natural gas production in the region, con-

tributing to a surge in oil prices.

The Journal said oil markets are currently watching Hurricane Dennis, which may enter the Gulf of Mexico this weekend. Meanwhile, the energy industry has worked to restore outages caused by tropical storm Cindy.

Crude oil settled at 61.28 US dollars per barrel on the New York Mer-

cantile Exchange Wednesday, up 1.69 dollars. Adjusted for inflation, the close was the highest since 30 August, 1983. Year to date, crude is up 41 per cent.

Meanwhile, gasoline futures gained 10.81 cents, to 1.79 dollars a gallon, another NYMEX record. Year to date, unleaded gasoline is up 64 per cent, according to the Journal.

MNA/Xinhua

2005 Miss Tourism Tanzania to be held in Arusha

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 8 July — Tanzania's tourism mecca — Arusha — is to host the 2005 Miss Tourism Tanzania before the East African country plays host to the Miss Tourism World pageantry later in the year.

It will be the first time for Tanzania to host the tourism-orientated beauty contest outside its largest coastal city of Dar-es-Salaam.

The Miss Tourism Tanzania is scheduled to be held in the last week of August while the Miss Tourism World will be held in November with the exact dates to be announced later, according to organizers of these events.

MNA/Xinhua

Rural tax reform reduce farmer's burden in Hunan Province

CHANGSHA, 8 July — The overall tax reform in central China's Hunan Province reduced 5.58 billion yuan (about 675 million US dollars) burden for the farmers during the past six years.

Every farmer benefitted a 108-yuan (about 13-US-dollar) reduction, said the governor Zhou Bohua at the provincial rural tax and fee reform conference on Thursday.

The official said Hunan started its reform on rural tax and few systems in 1990 in an effort to standardize the tax burdens on farmers and eliminate the

growing administrative and arbitrary fees.

Since 2004, the province began to exempt the farmers from the agricultural taxes, which intensified the reform, said Zhou. He said the tax reform standardized the rural distribution system and boosted the comprehensive reforms in the countryside.

MNA/Xinhua

One killed, 90 houses damaged in Mexico whirl wind

MEXICO CITY, 8 July — A whirlwind hit the city of Monterrey in the northern state of Nuevo Leon, leaving one dead, another injured and 90 houses damaged on Wednesday.

The strong winds and heavy rains mainly affected the region of Benito Juarez, some 30 kilometres from downtown Monterrey.

A 50-year-old woman in the region was drowned in an overflowing stream during the storm.

Another person was injured and 90 houses in the Los Naranjos neighbourhood were damaged by flood and heavy winds.

MNA/Xinhua

IMF decides to postpone loan for Turkey

ANKARA, 8 July — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) announced on Thursday to postpone a key meeting to approve the latest installment of 10 billion US dollars for Turkey because of Parliament's failure to pass social security reforms.

Anne Krueger, the first deputy director of the IMF, said in a statement that the first programme review by the Executive Board needed to be postponed.

Turkey's economic and financial performance remains strong, the statement said, adding that Parliament's recent approval of the banking law is a major achievement.

"However, the pension reform law could not be approved before Parliament recessed for the summer and the IMF management decided that consideration of the first programme review by the Executive Board needed to be postponed."

The IMF approved in May a three-year loan aimed at helping Turkey, a US ally in the war on terrorism and a candidate for membership in the European Union, build its

economy after it collapsed in 2001.

The IMF had made 837.5 million dollars of the loan available immediately, with the balance to be distributed in 11 installments, recommending Turkey to pass banking and social security reforms ahead of the next installment.

The IMF's executive board was to meet later this month to approve the release of the installment.

MNA/Xinhua



A model poses next to a Proton Savvy, 1.2-liter hatchback, on display at a showroom after its official launch by former Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 8 June, 2005. — INTERNET

Drive safely

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UNESCO to review 42 new World Heritage sites in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 8 July—The World Heritage Committee (WHC) overlooking conservation of global heritage sites will convene its annual meeting next week in Durban, South Africa, to review 42 proposed sites for inscription on the prestigious World Heritage List.

Extensions for nine sites that have already been inscribed will also be proposed during the 29th session of the WHC under the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), according to the organization's official website.

The proposed sites include 28 cultural sites, 10 natural sites and 4 mixed sites presented by 44 countries, including Albania, China and the host country South Africa.

Four countries, namely Bahrain, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Gabon and

Moldova, could for the first time see one of their sites join the list, said the committee. The Durban meeting is the first WHC session held in the sub-Saharan Africa since 1972, when the UNESCO approved a convention concerning the protection of the world cultural and natural heritage.

The convention's 178-member countries elect 21 representatives to form the WHC, which designates sites around the world with outstanding cultural values or unique natural beauty and inscribes them on the World Heritage List.

With only 64 cultural sites, 33 natural and 3 mixed sites inscribed, Africa is still "under-represented on the list," the committee said.

Meanwhile, 17 natural and cultural sites in Africa have been put on the List of World Heritage in Danger, almost half of the world's total.

The committee said 35 sites currently on the List of World Heritage in Danger face serious threat either from chemical or mining, pollution, pillaging, war, poorly managed tourism or poaching.

The WHC will organ-

ize a special event, called Partners for Africa, during the meeting from July 10 to focus on Africa's heritage and the action taken by UNESCO partners to safeguard it.

Credibility of the list, conservation of the sites, capacity-building and raising awareness among the public and youth are among topics discussed.

To date, the 1972 convention protects 788 sites "of outstanding universal value" located in 134-member countries and includes 611 cultural sites, 154 natural and 23 mixed sites.—MNA/Xinhua



Cast members of 'We Will Rock You', a musical featuring QUEEN's music, pose for a photo while calling for donations while wearing in Kimonos (Traditional Japanese dresses) in Tokyo on 7 July, 2005. — INTERNET

China's top legislator stresses scientific

socioeconomic development

JINAN, 8 July—China's top legislator Wu Bangguo has urged people in the eastern province of Shandong to follow the scientific approach to a well coordinated economic and social development.

During his inspection tour of the developed province between 1 and 7 July, Wu called on the people to pay more attention to the structure, quality and efficiency of economic growth, the coordinated economic and social development, and the harmony between man and nature.

Priority must be given to scientific and technological innovation, energy conservation, and the settlement of deep-rooted

problems to narrow the gap between east and west China and between cities and the countryside, said Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, China's top legislature.

He also stressed special attention to the needy people so that all the people could enjoy the fruit of the country's reform and development and strive for common affluence.

MNA/Xinhua

Study shows Mars a complex, evolving planet

LOS ANGELES, 8 July—Mars is a complex planet with an ancient volcanic past, but it is more complex and active than previously believed, scientists reported on Wednesday.

The researchers led by Philip Christensen, principal investigator for the thermal emission programme on Mars, said detailed examination of the Red Planet's surface minerals with thermal emission data has yielded surprising results in certain localized areas. Their paper is released online by the journal Nature on Wednesday.

While current Mars rover missions have largely proved that in the distant past Mars may have had a lake or two, several different orbital mapping missions have found a basalt-rich planet that is the product of an ancient volcanic history.

Geologically, Mars seems like a simple planet in the large scale, but then there are local windows showing far more complexity, the researchers said.

"From what we have seen to date, you might imagine going to Mars and seeing nothing but basalt," said Christensen, a professor at Arizona State University.

"The evidence has always shown that the planet was active early, made some big volcanoes and then shut down and that was that. But when we looked more carefully we saw that there are these other places. When you look at the geology in the right spots, there is as much diversity in the rocks as you see on Earth."

Analyzing thermal emission mapping data of Mars at the 100-metre scale, the researchers found that localized marsian deposits show a distribution of igneous mineral types rivaling the range of minerals found on Earth, from primitive volcanic rocks

like olivine-rich basalts to highly processed silica-rich rocks like granites.

The diversity of igneous minerals is important because it implies that the surface rocks have continued to be processed and reconstituted multiple times over an extended period of time.

On Earth, such mineral evolution generally occurs as primitive volcanic rocks get folded back into the planet's crust, remelted and refined as faster melting components like silica separate out of the original material, a process known as mineral fractionation.

Mars, unlike Earth, does not have moving plates recycling the planet's crust. However, scientists found that Mars has evolved and may still be evolving beneath the surface. — MNA/Xinhua

Remote-controlled mine derails cargo train in E Turkey

ANKARA, 8 July—A cargo train was derailed in a remote-controlled mine explosion in eastern Turkey on Thursday, semi-official Anatolia news agency reported. Erzurum Governor Celalettin Guvenc said that the remote-controlled mine went off while the train was en route from Erzican Province to Erzurum Province, overturning seven carriages of the train, but no casualties were reported. Earlier in the day, another remote-controlled mine, which was planted by members of the outlawed Kurdish Workers Party (PKK), exploded on the route of military vehicles in Olukbasi Demircik Tepe District of southern city of Osmaniye. No casualties were reported. The PKK was blamed for attacking a train with a remote-controlled bomb in Turkey's eastern province of Bingol on Saturday, which left six people dead.

MNA/Xinhua



Workers prepare a car for a wall display for Indonesia's auto show in Jakarta on 7 July, 2005. The Indonesia Auto Expo will be held from Friday for 10 days and is expected to attract 150 participants from 25 manufacturers, with total transactions during the auto show estimated to reach about 1 trillion Indonesian Rupiahs (\$104 million).

INTERNET

Chinese fans of Brad Pitt flare up to watch "Mr & Mrs Smith"

BEIJING, 8 July—As Hollywood action flick "Mr & Mrs Smith" to debut in many cities in China on Friday, huge interests attached to the two stars' off-screen romance have flared up domestic movie goers.

"Audiences could detect whether the rumours are true or not through their performance," said Liu Jianzhong, chairman of the board of Huaxia Film Company, the movie's Chinese distributor.

Liu seems happy to let Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's rumour goes as

China has a large amount of Pitt's fans.

"I am overwhelmed by Pitt, and I heard that Pitt's divorce with Jennifer Aniston may derive from this film, so I come and watch," Zhang Weiyan, who attended the film premiere launched in a Beijing cinema Wednesday,

told Xinhua.

Though Pitt and Jolie who play husband-and-wife assassins in the movie denied their off-screen intimacy, suspicion is still accelerating.

Reports said that the movie topped the box office list by raking in 50.3 million US dollars in its

opening weekend since it was screened in the United States on 10 June.

Huaxia Film Company estimated that the film could earn at least 50 million yuan (six million US dollars) in domestic market, entering into the top three imported films so far this year.—MNA/Xinhua

S P O R T S

Liverpool keep Gerrard, Carragher until 2009

LONDON, 9 July— European champions Liverpool have inked contract extensions to keep England's Steven Gerrard and Jamie Carragher until 2009, the Premier club said on Friday.

"It's a massive weight off my mind," said captain Gerrard who was on the verge of leaving the club for Chelsea last week. "Over the last twelve months there has been a lot of speculation about my future and it hasn't helped my football."

Last week, contractual talks broke down and Premier League champions Chelsea made an offer, reported at 32

million pounds (56 million dollars), for the midfield dynamo, which Liverpool rejected.

Real Madrid were also reported to be interested in the 25-year-old midfielder who is a key member of Sven-Goran Eriksson's England team.

Gerrard scored one goal and made another against AC Milan when Liverpool rallied from 3-0 down to reach 3-3 and a penalty shootout victory after extra time in the Champions League final in Istanbul six weeks ago.

"I feel ready to move into the prime years of my career. I'm only 25 and I think over the next few years you'll see me playing my best football and I hope to lead this club to more success and more silverware," said Gerrard.

Liverpool chief executive Rick Parry said in midweek that Gerrard's new deal could make him one of English soccer's highest-paid players, earning an estimated 100,000 pounds (175, 500 dollars) a week.

The 27-year-old Carragher, also a Liverpoolian, has also spent all of his career at Liverpool.

"This is the best club in the world with the best fans, so I'm very proud to be a Liverpool player for the next four years and hopefully even longer," Carragher said.

MNA/Xinhua



Denmark's Peter Gade Christensen returns the shuttlecock during a quarter final match at the Malaysian Open 2005 badminton tournament in Kuala Lumpur, on 8 July, 2005. Peter Gade Christensen beat Malaysian Muhammad Hafiz Hashim 15-5, 12-15, 15-5.—INTERNET

"ABU" orders three Nigerian boxers to defend titles

LAGOS, 9 July— The African Boxing Union (ABU) has ordered three Nigerian boxers to defend their championship titles on or before 31 July or lose them.

The boxers are Fatai Onikeke (welterweight), Segun Ajose (super lightweight) and Friday Felix (bantamweight).

In a statement issued in Lagos today, Lawrence Olisa, assistant secretary-general of the Nigerian Boxing Board of Control, said the decision on the mandatory title defences was taken at the just concluded ABU convention in Kampala, Uganda.

The statement also said the affected boxers had been briefed on the decision and preparations had begun to stage title defence fights soon.

MNA/Xinhua



Sweden's Stefan Holm clears the bar during the men's high jump at the Golden League athletics meet in Rome, on 8 July, 2005.—INTERNET

French Anney to bid for 2014 Winter Olympics

PARIS, 9 July—Two days after Paris lost to London in its bid to host the 2012 Summer Olympics, French city Anney has announced it will bid for the 2014 Winter Games.

Sofia (Bulgaria), Pyeongchang (South Korea), Salzburg (Austria), and Tbilisi (Georgia) have so far made known their bids. Candidate cities have until July 20 to make their bids.

"The formidable public support for the Paris bid demonstrated the French love for the Olympics and we intend to pick up the Olympic flame," said Anney mayor Bernard Bosson.

France last held the Winter Games in 1992 at Albertville. Turin is staging the 2006 Winter Olympics and Vancouver the 2010 Games. — MNA/Xinhua

Hnatiuk, Bowden lead in Illinois

WASHINGTON, 9 July— Canada's Glen Hnatiuk and American Craig Bowden were setting the early pace on six-under-par 65 midway through the first round of the John Deere Classic in Silvis, Illinois on Thursday.

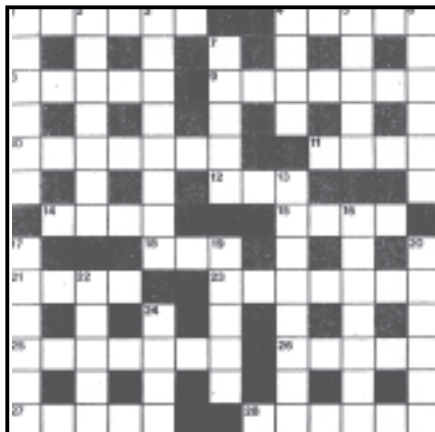
The 15-year-old American Michelle Wie, who was playing in her third US PGA Tour event and first outside her home state of Hawaii, carded a

one-under 70 at the Deere Run Country Club.

Hnatiuk enjoyed a flawless start to the four million-US-dollar tournament while Bowden mixed eight birdies with two bogeys.

Americans Garrett Willis, Duffy Waldorf, Steve Lowery, Glen Day, Wes Short Jr and Paul Claxton were one shot back on 66.—MNA/Xinhua

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Parent's mother
- 4 English country (abbr.)
- 8 Cook in oven
- 9 Scheme
- 10 Ageing man
- 11 Venerable historian
- 12 Wriggling fish
- 14 Release
- 15 Curved gateway
- 18 Gist
- 21 Motor car
- 23 Dishevelled
- 25 Narrating
- 26 Exploratory space craft
- 27 Catarrh
- 28 Attractive

DOWN

- 1 Medusa
- 2 Arabian Nights hero
- 3 System of symbols
- 4 Rare gas
- 5 Subject
- 6 Long seat
- 7 Steeple top
- 13 Delphinium
- 16 Vegetable manure
- 17 Minister
- 19 Horse vehicle
- 20 Coldly inflexible
- 22 Veil silk
- 24 Business-house

Ferguson says Dong has chance to become real Man United player

BEIJING, 9 July— Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson on Friday spoke high of Chinese player Dong Fangzhuo and said that he will have a chance to squeeze into first team of the Red Devils.

Ferguson told Chinese reporters in a telephone interview that his Chinese signing needs to improve himself in every respects of his skills before playing competitive English football in a Manchester United shirt.

"Just like every other players, there are always areas

that Dong needs to improve himself technically and also discipline, tactical. It's no difference from anyone else. He gets a good chance," said Ferguson two weeks before the eight-time English Premier League champions' make their tour to China.

But Ferguson said it is up to Dong himself to get a place and there is no specific timeline for the club to bring him from Belgian club Royal Antwerp, which he was loaned to after joining Ferguson's club.

Ferguson said the 20-year-old Dong will play with the Manchester United players during the China tour.

"He is coming to the tour with us. I will find time to speak to him," Ferguson said.

He was full of praise for Dong's ability and said Dong is going to improve. —MNA/Xinhua



Athletes clear hurdles during the women's 100m hurdles race at the Golden League athletics meet in Rome, on 8 July, 2005.—INTERNET

Crespo returning to Chelsea

LONDON, 8 July — Argentine striker Hernan Crespo will play with Chelsea again after staying with AC Milan on loan last season.

"We're delighted Hernan is coming back," Chelsea chief executive Peter Kenyon told the club's web site on Wednesday.

"He had a great season on loan at Milan and showed what a good player he is. He is very happy to be coming back to Stamford Bridge and I know he will be welcomed by everyone."

Chelsea began pre-season training on Wednesday but Crespo's return will be delayed until Monday because the Serie A season finished later.

The 30-year-old, who played for Parma, Lazio and Inter Milan before joining Chelsea in 2003, scored 18 goals last season for AC Milan.—MNA/Xinhua



Vietnam fosters rubber production

HANOI, 9 July — Recent measures on developing Vietnam's rubber industry by 2010 focus on encouraging economic sectors to make more products out of natural latex or rubber wood with lower production costs, instead of mainly exporting rubber materials.

According to Vietnam's Trade Ministry on Friday, the country is expected to slash import taxes on materials and accessories such as chemicals and synthetic rubber used in production of rubber goods to 1-5 per cent, and offer preferential treatment to domestic and foreign investment in industrial rubber products in the coming time. To facilitate rubber investment, Vietnam plans to ask industrial parks, especially those in the southeastern region, to set aside land for investors to build rubber processing plants in concentrated areas, so that the country will have "rubber cities" in the coming years.

It will intensify technical worker training regarding production of industrial goods such as tyres and

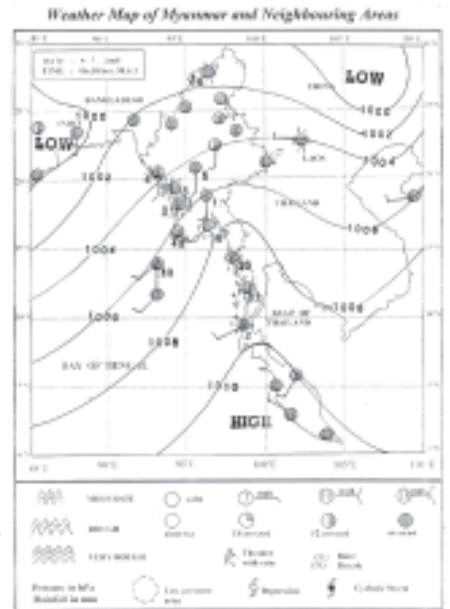
matress, and woodwork made from rubber trees.

To boost trade, Vietnam will establish rubber trading centres, helping buyers and sellers conduct direct deals via auctions, and increase its rubber tree acreage to 700,000 hectares with dried latex output of some 520,000 tons in 2010 from current 500,000 hectares. Vietnam exported 176,000 tons of rubber worth 210 million US dollars in the first half of this year, down 0.5 per cent in volume but up 1.9 per cent in value against the same period of last year.

Because of thinner domestic supplies, partly caused by prolonged droughts, Vietnamese enterprises fail to meet increasing demand from their major customers from China, the United States and South Korea, according to the Vietnam Rubber Association.

Vietnam is expected to ship abroad 400,000 tons of rubber valued at 600 million dollars this year, the association said, noting that the country exported 495,000 tons of the product worth 579 million dollars to 46 countries and regions, mainly China, South Korea and Germany, last year.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Saturday, 9 July, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State and Lower Sagaing Division, rain has been isolated in Shan, Chin and Kayah States, Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Magway Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavy-fall in Mon State, isolated heavyfall in Rakhine and Kayin States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thaton (5.35) inches, Hpa-an (3.58) inches, Theinzayat (3.54) inches, Thandwe (3.19) inches, Hmawbi (2.99) inches and Bago (2.48) inches.

Maximum temperature on 8-7-2005 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 9-7-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 9-7-2005 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 8-7-2005 was (0.4) hour approx. Rainfalls on 9-7-2005 were (1.45) inches at Mingaladon, (1.22) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.85) inches at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (36.65) inches at Mingaladon, (33.82) inches at Kaba-Aye and (38.07) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (21:10) hours MST on 8-7-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 10-7-2005: Rain will be isolated in Kachin, Chin and Kayah States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Temporary squalls with rough seas are likely off and along Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of decrease of rain in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-7-2005: Some rain. Degree of certainty is 100%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-7-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

OBITUARY Daw Pyone Set (Alice) Age 89

Daw Pyone Set, daughter of (Tharay Si Thu Dr U Set) and Daw Shin, beloved wife of Capt Khin Maung Nyunt, Myanma Navy (Retd), mother of Dr Nyunt Nyunt - U Maung Maung Thet, U Soe Thinn-Daw Oo Oo Khin, Ginnelte, Daw Thinn Thinn Nyunt-U Win Aung Tin, grandmother of (7), great grandmother of (2), passed away at 9:00 pm on Friday 8-7-2005 at the New Yangon General Hospital. Cremation will take place at Yay Way Cemetery at 11:00 am on Sunday 10-7-2005.



Sunday, 10 July
Movie on today:

7:00 am

1. ကော့ရှင်းဂျင်းဂျင်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာဟော နာယကအဖွဲ့ အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပေး အဘိဓမ္မ ဗဟာရရှုထူး၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မစောတိက၊ တီပိတကစရ၊ ဓမ္မဘူတဂါရုံ၊ ဆရာတော်ဘုရား ဝိစိတ္တသုခရာတော်သံဃာ ပရိတ် တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ပြာမဂ်လာ

8:10 am

6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

7. ကျောက်ကြီးပေါက်တံတား

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Say it in English

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:15 am

2. Musical Programme

11:30 am

3. Roundup of the week's international news

11:40 am

4. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "စရာစုံစရာနှင့် မိစ္ဆာရွှင်းခါး" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)

12:20 pm

5. မြန်မာနိုင်ငံစံနှုန်းအတိုင်းအညွှန် ညီလာခံ (၂၀၀၅) (အပိုင်း-၃)

12:40 pm

6. Myanmar Video Feature: "ရိုးတော့ရိုးတယ် ရူးတယ်" သာညို၊ နိုင်ငံခြားကြည့်ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်စောမျိုး

2:30 pm

7. ကျေးပင်အိမ် ရေလျှော့တံတံ

2:45 pm

8. International news

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. အမေသင်တန်းသို့လေ့လာရေး ရုရှ်ပြည်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရက်စွဲအား သတ္တဇာအထူးပြု) (ရက်စွဲအား)

5:00 pm

5. Song of national races

5:15 pm

6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:30 pm

7. Musical programme

5:45 pm

8. Sing and Enjoy

6:30 pm

9. Evening news

7:00 pm

10. Weather report

7:05 pm

11. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ခွန်း-ချစ်သိတစ်ရာတစ်လ" (အပိုင်း-၃၈)

7:35 pm

12. Agricultural Source Myanmar's Development

7:45 pm

13. (၂၃) ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အာကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစား အဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြားပြိုင်ဆိုင်ပွဲများ (ပြန်ကျော်ခြင်း)

8:00 pm

14. News

8:15 pm

15. International news

8:30 pm

16. Weather report

8:45 pm

17. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်သံသရာ" (အပိုင်း-၅၇)

8:55 pm

18. The next day's programme



Sunday, 10 July
Tune in today:

8:30 am

- Brief news

8:35 am

- Music: Happy

8:40 am

- Perspectives

8:45 am

- Music: Paradise

8:55 am

- National news/Slogan

9:05 am

- Music: Come on everybody

9:10 am

- International news

9:15 am

- Cultural Images of Myanmar -Myanmar Marionette

1:30 pm

- News/Slogan

1:40 pm

- Story for Children

1:50 pm

- Songs for Children

9:00 pm

- Weekly news review

9:10 pm

- Music

9:15 pm

- Article

9:25 pm

- Music -To love you more -Only you

9:45 pm

- News/Slogan

10:00 pm

- PEL

It is incumbent upon the mass of women to inherit anti-colonialist spirit and Union Spirit from their female ancestors Myanmar women will never accept the situation that diverts the nation from its goals

YANGON, 9 July— The celebration of Myanmar Women’s Day, organized by Bago Division Organization for Women’s Affairs, took place at the sports ground in Bago, Bago Division, on 3 July morning.

It was attended by patrons, the chairperson and members of Division WAO, members of division, district, township and ward WAOs, social organizations, town-selders and outstanding women, numbering over 1,500. Division WAO Chairperson Daw Khin Maw Maw presided over the ceremony together with executives Daw Aye Aye Min, Daw Swe Swe Than, Daw Khin May Aung and Daw Khin Lay Mu. Division OWA member Daw Moe Moe



The ceremony in commemoration of Myanmar Women’s Day in progress in Bago.— MNA

Khaing acted as MC and member Daw Htoo Me Me Win as co-MC.

The meeting chairperson delivered a speech. She said that now is not

the present period Myanmar women have stood shoulder to shoulder with their male counterparts in protecting and safeguarding the nation

and the people and preserving the Sasana, since yore.

Throughout the nation’s history, various women associations have

handed down fine traditions — being equipped with nationalistic fervour, valuing independence and preserving the lineage.

Thus, it is incum-

bent upon the mass of women to inherit anti-colonialist spirit and Union Spirit from their female ancestors.

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With national race armed groups having exchanged arms for peace unconditionally and peace and stability prevailing in Shan state, all regions are now easily accessible Shan State (North) commemorates Myanmar Women’s Day

YANGON, 9 July — Myanmar Women’s Day, organized by Shan State (North) Women’s Affairs Organization was observed at the city hall in Lashio on 3 July morning. Present on the occasion were Daw Khin Nyunt Myaing, organizer of Shan State (North), members of district and township organizations for women’s affairs in the state, women representatives of departments and social organizations and outstanding girl students.

Shan State (North) WAO Chairperson Daw Khin Mya Mya presided over the ceremony together with members Daw Nan Khin Latt, Daw Nan Kham Yin, Daw Gya Maing and Daw Khin Yi. Daw Nan Shwe Aye acted as MC and Daw Win Nanda Tun as co-

MC.

First, those in attendance saluted the State Flag and sang a song in honour of Myanmar Women’s Day. Next, Daw Khin Mya Mya gave a speech, saying Myanmar Women’s Affair Federation was founded with the aim of improving the living condition of the mass of Myanmar women. Shan State Organization for Women’s Affairs is carrying out its tasks in accord with the policies laid down by the federation. In Shan State (North) various national races live, and out of 2.07 million of its population, the number of women is 1.04 million. Owing to the combined efforts of the public including women, the Tatmadaw and the government, Myanmar’s political, economic and social

sectors have significantly improved. In addition, with the national race armed groups having exchanged arms for peace unconditionally and peace and stability prevailing in the state, all the regions are now easily accessible. She said at a time when national unity is being consolidated, internal and external destructive elements are resorting to various ways to drive a wedge among national brethren. Particularly, they are fabricating news to the effect that there are production of narcotic drugs, human trafficking and violence against women in Shan State.

It has been known to all that Myanmar is implementing drug elimination tasks, poppy-substitute crops (See page 9)



Participants chanting slogans in conclusion of the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women’s Day in city hall of Lashio.— MNA