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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Mongolia

Yangon, 11 July — On the occasion of the anniversary of the National Day of Mongolia, which falls on 11 July 2005, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Nambar Enkhbayar, President of Mongolia.—MNA



MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sen inspects the main building of GTC (Bhamo).— MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

- Development of agriculture as the base and allround 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

Kachin State on right path to development

Successful implementation of Road Map depends on strength of three pillars — the State, the people and the Tatmadaw

Yangon, 10 July — The opening ceremony of the new main building of Government Technological College (Bhamo) of Technical and Vocational Education Department under the Ministry of Science and Technology took place at the college this morning, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen

Thein Sein.

Present on the occasion were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, the ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, officials of the State Peace

and Development Council office, departmental heads, members of social organizations, the principal of the college, the faculty members and local people.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party arrived at the college this morning and cordially greeted members of social organizations, national races and the students.

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The opening ceremony of the main building of GTC (Bhamo) in progress.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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For emergence of a new modern and developed nation

Since its assumption of the State responsibilities, the Tatmadaw Government has been making all-out efforts to bring about peace and stability in the nation. Afterwards, it has been implementing construction projects for national development. And it has laid down the sevenpoint Road Map and is implementing it step by step for the emergence of a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

In this regard, the State Peace and Development Council has laid down and is implementing the 12 political, economic and social objectives, upholding Our Three Main National Causes as the national policy.

The 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; and Building a new modern and developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution—are included in the 12 objectives.

If there is no stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order, tasks for national development cannot be carried out. Therefore, this has been accorded special priority.

Unprecedented progress has been made in fostering the national reconsolidation. As a result, altogether 17 national race armed groups had returned to the legal fold, and they are now striving together with the government for regional development. Nowadays, there have emerged modern towns in border areas where education, health and transport sectors are making progress.

With prevalence of peace and stability in the nation, the government is making efforts in all seriousness for economic development. In this connection, it has been taking systematic steps after laying down the economic plans, and progress has thus been made in the economic sector.

Meanwhile, economic infrastructures such as roads and bridges, dams and reservoirs, new airports, railroads and hydel power plants are being built one after another.

While exerting efforts for national development, the government has been holding the National Convention, the first step of the sevenpoint Road Map. At the convention, representatives of different delegate groups have held discussions for the emergence of an enduring State Constitution.

Despite certain hindrances and obstacles, the government is determined to strive together with the entire national people for successful realization of the seven-point Road Map and emergence of a new modern and developed nation.

We firmly believe that a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation will surely emerge through concerted efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw.



People's Desire

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

Departmental, Tamadaw vehicles checked on dry day



Dry Day Supervisory Committee Chairman Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and party check work of dry day inspection teams.- MNA

YANGON, 10 July— Chairman of the Dry Day Supervisiory Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, together with committee member leader of the supervision group Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and departmental heads this morning supervised dry day inspection teams that were checking Tamadaw and departmental vehicles at the main points of Capital Yangon.

Similarly, Dry Day Supervisiory Committee members Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi and departmental heads led by leader of the supervision group Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe performed supervision tasks in the afternoon. The dry day inspection teams checked dry day pass, driver's licence, wheel tax bill, wearing of respective uniforms and breaking of traffic rules from 7 am to 5 pm today.— MNA

Minister inspects vehicles converted into NGVs

YANGON, 10 July-Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi today inspected converting of vehicles into Natural Gas Vehicle- NGV at the Thakayta offshore oil field base of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise.

At the base, the minister heard reports presented by officials on work being carried out, and urged officials to pay attention to those who wish to convert their vehicles into NGV. The minister also said that the process is to be carried out for departmental vehicles.

Any vehicles can be changed into NGV at the base, and natural gas are available for NGV at



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi cordially converses with a driver at CNG Filling Station (013).— ENERGY

CNG filling stations in wish to change their vethe city with 165 cubic feet per 100 kvats round

hicles into NGV may dial 545739 and 095007190 the clock. Those who for further information.

Altogether 2,938 vehicles have been converted into NGVs in the whole country. —MNA

Myanmar badminton team leaves for Indonesia

Yangon, 10 July -The Myanmar Youth Badminton team left here by air for Indonesia to participate in the Asian Junior Badminton Championship 2005 to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 11 to 17 July. They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by President of Myanmar Badminton Federation U Maung Maung Swe and executives and others.

The Myanmar team comprising Manager U Robin Tin and Daw Swe Mar Oo, Men's players ThanLwin Aung, Teza

Kyaw Soe, Women's Nayza Hlaing, Khine Zar | team events. -

Aung Kyi, Coaches U , Phyo, Aye Min Htun, Sai , Lin and Hlaing Mon Kyu will take part in Men's players Htoo Htoo Ya, and Women's single and



Hu, Schroeder reaffirm Sino-German ties on sidelines of G-8 summit

GLENEAGLES (Scotland), 9 July — Chinese President Hu Jintao and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder reaffirmed good relations between the two countries in their meeting on Thursday on the sidelines of a dialogue between leaders of the Group of Eight and five developing countries.

hold similar or identical views on many international and regional issues and the two countries have cooperated well, said Hu.

The Sino-German ties, with care and support from officials of both countries, have yielded remarkable results in economic and trade cooperation. Hu said, stressing that China highly values contributions by Schroeder, who has visited China six

China and Germany | times to promote bilateral | changes in the fields of

China believes that Germany has taken a road of peaceful development since the end of World War II and that it has become an important country for maintaining world peace and stability, said the Chinese leader.

He said China is ready to work with Germany to enhance political trust, promote economic and trade cooperation and expand ex-

energy, education, culture, science and technology.

Schroeder said Germany-China ties are at their best in history with fruits in all aspects of cooperation.

He said he was impressed by Hu's proposals at the dialogue on efforts to stabilize the world oil markets and to tackle key economic issues. Germany desires better cooperation with China in the development of the world economy, especially in the tapping of environment friendly energy resources, Schroeder said.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese spend more time on Internet than TV

Веілінд, 9 July — Chinese people are now spending more time surfing the net than watching TV, according to results of a survey by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) published on Thursday.

The survey, of citizens of five Chinese cities, found that 79 per cent of interviewees use the Internet for information. and 55.1 per cent prefer to read news on the Internet. The average times spent surfing the net and watching TV were 2.73 hours and 1.29 hours, respectively. "To our surprise, only 63 per cent of the interviewees use e-mail," Guo Liang, a researcher with the CASS said.

MNA/Xinhua



A girl wearing a blind fold walks with assistance from a seeing eye dog during a dog festival in Tokyo on 9 July, 2005. —Internet

Resolution circulated proposing increase of elected UNSC members

United Nations, 9 July - A group of countries which oppose the expansion of the Security Council's permanent membership circulated on Friday a draft resolution calling an increase of 10 elected Council members with renewable two-year terms.

Italy, on behalf of "Uniting for Consensus" (UFC) Movement, circulated the draft to other UN member states and the General Assembly President, Jean Ping. The draft proposes expanding the Council's non-permanent members to 20 from the present 10, with all non-permanent members on the enlarged Council entitled for immediate re-election

The Security Council is currently composed of five permanent members - the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia - and 10 elected members with two-year terms, half of which are rotated annually.

Under the draft resolution, almost the same as a working paper put forward earlier by the UFC, Asia and Africa would each get three new non-permanent seats, Latin America would gain two, and the Eastern Europe and Western Europe would each obtain one.

The draft contains amendments to the UN Charter to reflect the enlargement of the Council's non-permanent membership, and calls upon UN member states to ratify the amendments by September 2007. The measure is widely seen as a counteract to a framework draft resolution submitted to the General Assembly on Wednesday by Japan, Germany, India and Brazil, known as G-4. - MNA/Xinhua

India to seek global collaboration in renewable sector at G-8

KOLKATA, 9 July — Leading the developing countries for mobilization of clean energy sources, India is going to the G-8 summit in Scotland this week with a slew of measures seeking to link international programmes in the renewable sector.

Prime on the country's | India and China. agenda at the G-8 summit would be looking for collaborations in the area of carbon capture, development of low cost solar photovoltaics and energy storage.

Following a workshop by energy experts of G-8 and G-5 nations at Oxford on 11 and 12 May, the country is also proposing ioint ventures in bio-energy, including biomass and biogas-based power generation, built-in environment and distributed generation, particularly in

The recommendations made at the Oxford meet on climate change and renewable energy by a five-member Indian team with experts from the states of West Bengal, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and the Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI), also highlighted the need to have international demonstration projects on

Indian delegation at the consultation and Director of the West Bengal Renewable Energy Development Authority S P Gon Choudhuri told PTI here that G-5 countries - India, China, Brazil, South Africa and Mexico had agreed to the recommendations since it meant affordable energy for the developing nations. "The Indian delega-

Spokesperson of the | tion identified four key rationales for research priorities among G-5 nations — affordable energy, cleaner environment, economic efficiency and security for energy supply," Gon Chaudhuri said.—MNA/PTI

Egyptian presidency confirms death of diplomat in Iraq

CAIRO, 9 July — The Egyptian presidency on Thursday confirmed the death of head of the Egyptian diplomatic mission in Iraq, Ambassador Ihab el-Sharif, the official MENA news agency reported. President Hosni Mubarak said late el-Sharif has lost his life to terrorism that has no religion or homeland. expressing condolence to Sharif's family.

Mubarak said Sharif's killing was an act of terror that would not dissuade Egypt from maintaining its supportive stances of the Iraqi people. Iraq's al-Qaeda group killed Sharif on Thursday, four days after he was kidnapped by the group in Baghdad, according to a videotape posted on an Islamic web site.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi fisherman casts his net into the Shat al-Arab waters near the southern city of Basra on 9 July, 2005. -Internet

UNSG condemns killing of Egyptian diplomat in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 9 July — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan condemned the killing of the Egyptian diplomat in Iraq, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said on Thursday.

In a statement released by the spokesman, Annan said he has learned with great sadness of the brutal murder of Ihab al-Sherif, the Charge d'Affaires of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Iraq, who was kidnapped on Saturday

He expressed his deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of al-Sherif as well as to the government and people of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

The Secretary-General condemned in the strongest terms those who planned and executed this callous act, which no cause can justify. He hopes that the Iraqi authorities will do everything possible to apprehend those responsible and to bring them to justice.

Such acts perpetrated by a few will not deter the commitment and resolve of the United Nations and the international community to help the Iraqi people in their transition towards a peaceful, democratic and prosperous Iraq, Annan stressed. -MNA/Xinhua



A vendor, right, shows a pot of morning glories to visitors to the annual Morning Glory Fair in Tokyo on 7 July, 2005. —Internet

First non-governmental WWII museum established in S-W China

KUNMING, 8 July — "Our fathers came here with a spirit of cooperation and friendship; we came here, after about 60 years, with the same spirit," said Barbara McMurrrey Hyde, daughter of Major William C McMurrey, an officer of the US Army, who was killed in battles against the Japanese Army in southwest China's Yunnan Province in 1944.

Barbara made the | China and Myanmar. speech on Thursday at the opening ceremony of Heshun Museum to commemorate the joint efforts made by the Chinese soldiers and the Allied Forces in fighting against Japanese invaders at the border of China and Myanmar during the WWII.

The museum was set up at an ancient town of Heshun in Tengchong County and is the first nongovernmental museum focusing on the wars at the WWII at the border of

Tengchong, located at southwestern parts of Yunnan saw bloodiest battles from 1942 to 1944. during the war of China and the Allied Forces against the Japanese Army.

Among the collection of around 5,000 articles. about 3,000 were provided by Duan Shengkui, deputy head of Tengchong County branch of the Agricultural Bank of China.

He has spent about 20 years collecting miscellaneous relics and materials left by both sides of the war, including weapons, manuscripts, pictures, which serve as strong proofs to the Japanese invasion, and the hard struggle of the Chinese Expeditionary Force and the Allied Forces.

Duan was invited to be the curator of the museum funded by a tourist development company of Yunnan.

The museum site used to be the headquarters of the 20th Army group of the Chinese Expeditionary Force during the war. Therefore the construction of the museum resumed the old appearance of the headquarters to the best.

The opening ceremony was held on July 7, the 68th anniversary of the full scale breaking out of the Chinese Anti-Japanese War, and also the 60th anniversary of Tengchong's Guoshang Cemetery for the soldiers killed in the war from both the Chinese Army and the Allied Forces. — MNA/Xinhua

Nepal's exports dwindle in first eight months of 2004/2005

KATHMANDU, 8 July — Nepal exported goods worth about 11.264 billion Nepali rupees (160 million US dollars) in total to the third countries in the first eight months of the fiscal year 2004/05 (July 15, 2004 to July 14, 2005), which is less by about 18.5 per cent compared to the exports during the same period last year, according to the Exports Promotion Centre.

The major commodities Nepal ex- woolen and Pashmina goods and 23.7 ported to different overseas countries during the period include woolen carpets, readymade garment, hides and goat skin, tea, lentil, woolen and Pashmina goods, the Exports Promotion Centre said in a statement.

The exports in the first eight months of the fiscal year 2004/05 dwindled by 36.3 per cent on readymade garments, 10.4 per cent on hides and goat skin, 29 per cent on tea, 78.1 per cent on lentils, 36.4 per cent on towel, 2.6 per cent on

per cent in other commodities compared to the exports during the same period previous year, the statement said.

However, the exports during the period went up by 10.4 per cent on woolen carpets, 9.2 per cent on cardamom, 10.1 per cent on handicrafts, 12.3 per cent on jewellery, 3.9 per cent on Nepali paper and 159.2 per cent in woolen goods compared to the same duration previous year, the statement noted.

MNA/Xinhua



Members of the South Korean SWAT team patrol near a bullet train at the railway station in Seoul, on 8 July, 2005. South Korea has enhanced its security at airports and other major facilities after a series of deadly explosions in London, local media reported on Friday. —Internet

Indonesia to increase fuel oil production

JAKARTA, 8 July — Indonesia's Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Purnomo Yusgiantoro said here on Wednesday that the government had asked PT Pertamina, a state oil company, to produce more fuel oil to meet domestic demand.

'We have asked Pertamina to supply fuel oil in accordance with the increasing demand," Purnomo said on the sidelines of a discussion on electricity business.

Purnomo said smooth distribution of fuel oil was necessary to ensure adequate supply everywhere in the

He said that Pertamina had been asked not to retain fuel oil in its stock, especially its premium gasoline stock, and to distribute the fuel oil to consumers in accordance with demand.

Previously, Pertamina has tightened fuel oil supply in view of the upward spiral in the world oil price up to 70 US dollars per barrel.

But Purnomo also called on the public to save fuel oil. Fuel oil consumption over the past five months has increased by 10 per cent, he said, adding that if people did not economize, the consumption figure would increase further and, as consequence, the government would have to spend more money on fuel oil subsidy.

"So, let us economize fuel oil," Purnomo said.

Currently, Pertamina set a quota of producing 59.6 million kilolitres of fuel oil to meet local demand until the end of 2005. But the demand is expected to surpass the quota. — MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam hopes to gain WTO membership this year

Hanoi, 8 July- Vietnam has achieved important negotiation results with the United States and some other countries, hoping to enter the World Organization (WTO) within this year, Vietnamese Foreign Ministry spokesman Le Dung said on Thursday.

Vietnam has reached substantial results when

United States on its accession to the WTO, while the United States expressed its support for the accession during the trip to Washington by Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Van Khai last month. the spokesman said in a regular Press briefing.

"Vietnam and the United States will keep on

negotiating with the | negotiating in July," he | soon, the spokesman said, noting that only some minor issues remain before the two sides can conclude the bilateral negotiation

> With progresses made during both multilateral and bilateral negotiations, especially those with the United States, China and Japan, Vietnam will become a WTO member

stated. "We hope to join the WTO as soon as possible. The Year 2005 is the best.

Vietnam has so far wrapped up bilateral negotiations with the European Union, Cuba, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Singapore, Uruguay, South Korea and Japan.

MNA/Xinhua

China to manufacture run-flat tyres for first time

Beijing, 8 July — The Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Company announced Wednesday that it would become the first company to manufacture run-flat tyres in China, directing an 18-million-US-dollar investment in its Dalian tyre plant toward run-flat manufacturing technology.

The benefits of a run-flat tyre to consumers are obvious and related to both safety and convenience. A driver can travel 250 kilometres at 80 kilometres per hour with a totally deflated tyre, you can get to your destination with no problem and without the worry of being stranded on a highway, either busy or remote. In addition to the safety and convenience, it eliminates the need for a spare tyre and provides additional space in the vehicle for either passenger or luggage storage, as well as reducing overall weight.

Pierre Cohade, Goodyear's president of the Asia-Pacific Region said that investment and subsequent plans would be focussed on the manufacture of Goodyear RunOnFlat tyres both for original equipment and the replacement market for China and for export. RunOnFlat tyres use specially stiffened sidewalls but do not require special wheels, unlike other competitive systems.

Cohade said that he expects production to begin in 2007 and annual volume for sale in China and export to reach 200,000 units within five years. The company expects the requirements for its RunOnFlat technology to grow significantly in the coming years because of the escalating increase of business in the original equipment. Goodyear currently has more than 100 active RunOnFlat projects. — MNA/Xinhua

Sino-ASEAN Expo to become ideal platform for tariff-reduced goods

NANNING, 9 July — The second Sino-ASEAN Expo, scheduled to open in October this year, will be turned into an ideal platform for tariff reduced commodities, said an official with the secretariat of the expo.

Zheng Junjian, deputy secretary-general with the secretariat of the Sino-ASEAN Expo, said the expo would also serve as a platform for growing cooperation in technologies and bilateral service trade between China and countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

"Both the 'early harvest' plan and the Trade in Goods Agreement, which will take effect on 20 July, will enormously lower trade barriers between China and ASEAN," said Zheng. In compliance with the Trade in Goods Agreement of a Framework Agreement for Overall Economic Cooperation

ASEAN countries signed last November, approximately 7,000 categories of goods will be given tariff cuts as of 20 July.

By 2010, China and six old ASEAN member nations, including Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines. Singapore and Thailand, will impose zero tariffs on most normal products, while China and the other four new ASEAN members of Cambodia, the Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam will do the same until 2015 when free trade between China and ASEAN nations will be made pos-

"Early harvest", now practised among China and ASEAN, indicates that if ners agree to a certain kind of tariff reducing product out of many other products, a tariff-reducing agreement on the product could be implemented first. The mode has been widely accepted in the international community and is followed by quite a number of countries.

China has already signed a zero-tariff agreement on fruits with Thailand and the agreement has been implemented since last year.

China now mainly imports from ASEAN countries electronics, crude, liquefied petroleum gas, vegetable oil, and export electronic and machinery products, textiles and garments, between China and the two cooperative part- processed oil and cereals

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Professor Li Xinguang

with the China Society of

International Economic

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the implementation of the

massive tariff-reducing

plan between China and

ASEAN would mean a his-

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with an annual trade po-

tential of 1.2 trillion US

MNA/Xinhua

dollars

Hanoi, 9 July — The largest forest of Chinese Incense Cedar species in Southeast Asia has been found in one of the world heritage sites in Vietnam, according to Vietnam News Agency on Friday.

S-E Asia's biggest Cedar forest

The forest, which covers thousands of hectares of limestone 650-700 metres above the sea level in the national park of Phong Nha Ke Bang in central Quang Binh Province, is home to many 400-year-old Chinese Incense Cedar trees with 25 metres in height and one metre in diameter

The trees, scientifically named Calocedrus Macrolepis, have been considered on the verge of extinction worldwide

Covering more than 85,000 hectares, the world heritage site Phong Nha Ke Bang has 36 plant species and 89 animal species listed in the Vietnam Red Book as endangered or protected. — MNA/Xinhua



A zoo official holds a seven-day old Stump-Tailed macaque at the state zoological park in Gauhati, India, on 9 July, 2005. The macaque lost his mother two days ago. Stump-Tailed is one of the rare species of macaque in the world. — Internet

24 killed in Venezuela by heavy rains

Iran-India-Pakistan gas pipeline project could start by next April

ISLAMABAD, 9 July - Iran Friday said the work on the multi-billion-dollar Iran-India-Pakistan gas pipeline project could begin as early as next April.

with his Pakistan counterpart after which the two countries signed an MoU on Thursday, visiting Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zangeneh told reporters here that all the paperwork by the three parties were expected to be completed early next year and the project could take off by next April.

Zangeneh and Pakistan's Petroleum Minister Amanullah Khan Jadoon signed an MoU which would provide comprehensive data sheet about price, quality and quantity of gas that could be transmitted through the proposed pipeline.

"The two countries agreed to continue nego-

After two days talks | tiations in terms of point | details released to the of delivery, volume, price and transit fee," the MoU said. "The MoU also lays down the time table for the meetings at three levels — ministers, deputy ministers and experts," the

media here said.

"I am hopeful that by the end of next April we will sign a final document," Zangeneh said at a ioint news conference with Jadoon.-MNA/PTI

Int'l Arts Carnival opens in HK

Hong Kong, 9 July — The annual spectacular summer festival, International Arts Carnival, opened at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre on Friday.

At a reception before the ceremony, Director of Leisure and Cultural Services Anissa Wong presented prizes to the winners of the International Arts Carnival Graphic Design Competition.

The overall winner was primary five student Fok Ken-long who was also the primary school section winner, while form six student Joanna Tse Chung-yan won the secondary school section. The competition attracted 1,765 entries this year.

This year's International Arts Carnival, which runs until 21 August, will feature more than 500 events. MNA/Xinhua

CARACAS, 9 July - Heavy rains in | recent days in Venezuela left 24 dead, 578 injured and many missing, said Thursday Civil Protection (PC) director Colonel Antonio Rivero.

During a Press conference, the official said the downpour, which has not let up since Monday, has affected 7,978 families and 7,859 houses, 116 of which were destroyed.

Four people were swept away by the torrents of the overflowing Sanare River in Portuguesa State, and the bodies of three have been found. One is that of an

eight-year-old girl, the other a ten-yearold girl, and the third a 52-year-old. The fourth one, a 36-year-old individual, remains missing.

Rivero said officials are searching for another person missing in the central state of Carabobo after being dragged away by a ravine stream in the Antonio Jose de Sucre neighbourhood of Montalban Municipality.

The official added that another round of preventive action against tropical storms and hurricanes will be carried out by Friday. - MNA/Xinhua

Iraq guerillas attack key infrastructure

BAGHDAD, 9 July — Iraq guerillas fired mortars at Baghdad's main oil refinery in a renewed assault on key infrastructure as Egyptian diplomats prepared to leave following the murder of Cairo's kidnapped top envoy.

A huge fire broke out at the Dura oil refinery on the outskirts of the capital after it was hit late Friday by two mortar rounds, oil ministry spokesman Assem Jihad said.

Some 150 firefighters battled the blaze for more than two hours before putting it out. Three people suffered minor burns, Jihad said.

"It appears to be a mortar that hit one of the pipelines attached to one of the reservoirs," Oil Minister Ibrahim Bahr al-Ulum, who visited the plant after the attack told AFP

"It is all under control now. The reservoir is damaged a bit but the refinery will be operating at capacity again."

The Dura refinery, which can handle about 100,000 barrels a day, supplies Baghdad with most of its petrol and it fuels a key power plant.

"Dura is the backbone for fulfilling Baghdad's energy needs. There have been several attempts to stop the refinery," the minister said, recalling an attack five days earlier on a key feeder pipeline.

The capital's water supply has also come under mounting attack. On Thursday, insurgents bombed a key main, leaving half the city without water at the height of summer in the third such attack in as many weeks. -Internet



US military arrive outside the Egyptian Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, during security checks on 8 July, 2005-Internet

are to be aware of distructionists and ward off them

(from page 16) Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races chaired by the Head of State is speeding up development tasks in border areas, 24 development regions and rural areas of the nation. In doing so, Myanmar women are to participate in nationbuilding tasks in respective sectors

The Government has laid down and is implementing the sevenpoint Road Map for emergence of a disciplineflourishing democratic nation. The National Convention resumed and it has achieved success to some extent.

Expatriates, distructionists, remnant terrorists and national traiobjectives of MWAF, observe Our Three Main National Causes, take part in implementing the seven-point Road Map in the respective sectors, preserve the national prestige and integrity, revitalize the Union Spirit and oppose internal and external distructionists.

Secretary Rakhine State WAO Associate Professor Daw Mi Mi Sein of the Zoology Department of Sittway said while women of many countries in the world are demanding equal rights as men. Myanmar women have been enjoying rights on equal terms with men in many sectors. Myanmar became a member of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of DisHowever, she said, some countries, expatriates and lackeys of colonialists are trying to designate the Myanmar Women's Day in honour of the birthday of a women who is a puppet of some western nations. She said that woman is resorting to various ways to put the nation under subjugation, to break up the Tatmadaw and to cause economic difficulties for all people of the country. This means she is trying to harm the interests of the entire womenfolk. She said it is the best way to designate the third July as Myanmar Women's Day, and Rakhine national women are to fully support the already-designated day. The mass of တေအမျိုးသစီးများနေ့

Members of Panel of Chairpersons seen at the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day in Sittway.- MNA

ment of women's sector and on prevention against trafficking in persons in cooperation with UN agencies. The country is also cooperating with regional countries in the pre-

Assistant Teacher of Rakhine State Women's Affairs Organization said that MWAF is actively participating in implementing the tasks for the development of Myanmar women in accordance with its obiectives which were laid down in the interests of

the State.

Seventeen armed groups have exchanged arms for peace and have been carrying out the development tasks in cooperation with the government. Neo-colonialists and their cohorts made the groundless accusation of human right abuses, forced labour, narcotic drug and human trafficking against Myanmar.

Foreign

Swe Swe Than, a Senior , rorism in Myanmar. The government should announce that NCGUB, ABSDF and its related organizations as unlawful associations, she urged.

> The government has been taking preventive measures against human trafficking in cooperation with UN agencies and NGOs. Severe actions were taken against the traffickers in Myanmar. Therefore, it is a false accuasation that the government has turned a blind eye to human trafficking problems in Myanmar, she said.

The mass Myanmar women has the main duty to safeguard the cultural heritage and characters for the country. The neo-colonialists, destructive elements and insur-

The government has been taking preventive measures against human trafficking in cooperation with UN agencies and NGOs



Rakhine State WAO Secretary Daw Mi Mi Sein. °MNA

tors are constantly carrying out misconduct in line with the directives of western blocs to harm Our Three Main National Causes and stability and to grab power of the State through various ways and means. Therefore, all are to be aware of distructionists and ward off them.

In conclusion, she urged all to gear up the

crimination Against Women- CEDAW in 1997. Therefore, to show respect for the resolutions of CEDAW Convention, the country formed Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs on 3 July 1996, and the date was set as Myanmar Women's Day. It was designated not in favour of an individual person but to respect the implementation of seven | mass of Myanmar women.

Some countries, expatriates and lackeys of colonialists are trying to designate the Myanmar Women's Day in honour of the birthday of a women who is a puppet of some western nations. That woman is resorting to various ways to put the nation under subjugation.

Myanmar women is not only large in number but also high in their efficiency. There have emerged famous women throughout the history of Myanmar.

She went on to say that Myanmar had to shut down garment factories and other factories and laid off some women be-

vention of human trafficking. The Union of Myanmar where over 100 national races have been living in unity and amity attaches importance to national solidarity. That was why the State laid down the three main national causes, the twelve objectives and the seven-point Road Map.

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cause of pressure and sanctions of some western countries. As a result some young women went astray and fell to victims of human traffickers

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broadcast news fabricated by Shan Women's Action Network (SWAN) and Women's League of Burma organized by expatriates

In 2002, these two organizations based in neighbouring country accused Myanmar Army's soldiers of committing rape numbering 175. However, in the investigations. we found that there were only three rape cases.

Expatriate Sein Win of NCGUB, Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai and some westerners committed the acts of terrorism recently Myanmar.

Moreover, ABSDF headed by Than Ge also committed the acts of tergents are resorting to all possible means and ways to harm the interest of the State and the people. Therefore, it is an important duty of the people to ward off the destructive acts, she said.

Leader of the cultural group (branch) of Myebon Township WAO SAT Daw Khin Thein said the MWAF founded to represent over 27 million of Myanmar women is striving to improve the lives of women in cooperation with NGOs.

Despite the pressures of some western countries, the Tatmadaw Government has been striving for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and

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Cultural Sub-Working Group Leader Daw Khin Thein of Mye bon Township WAO. MNA

it since the times of ancient Myanmar kings. She said the main aim of the colonialists was to undermine the national solidarity and to cultivate poppy extensively in the country to prolong their colonialism. Even in the post-independence period, local national people had to carry out poppy cultivation to earn their living and support alien opium merchants. But the government on

24% in 2003 and 24% in 2004. It is found that poppy cultivation was opium production to 81% compared to the cash in aid to nine per-

reduced to 13% in 2002, important role in fabricating news about Myanmar by using the ILO as a political forum. reduced to 88 % and He was also a expatriate and terrorist who gave

ciation. Daw Khin Thein said the State is striving its utmost for the development of the nation under the leadership of the Head of State. All the sectors of Rakhine State

More than 80,000 workers including women became out of job. Unable to assess the genuine situation of Myanmar, the ILO believed in the fabricated news of terrorist expatriate and put lop-sided pressures on the country. That is why Myanmar should leave the organiza-

(from page 6) developed disciplineflourishing democratic nation. As a result, significant progress has been made across the country.

However, without understanding the traditions of Myanmar nationals, the ILO is taking action against Myanmar by accusing the country of practising forced labour. In addition, Myanmar had to close down about 160 textile factories due to economic sanctions of the US government. More than 80,000 workers including women became out of job. Unable to assess the genuine af-



The Myanmar Women's Day being observed in Sittway. — MNA

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showed that poppy cultivation in Myanmar was

data of 1996. Narcotic drugs were destroyed 19 times and it amounts to US\$ 14,661 million. In spite of the effort, some big nations are still accusing Myanmar of a producer of narcotic drugs. So, the MWAF totally opposed the accusations. What's more, Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai of FTUB played the most

Yatkha to plant bombs in the country in 2003. She said she wanted the FTUB to be announced unlawful association. Runway Sein Win of NCGUB, who is not wanting to see the development of the country, is also committing destructive acts, and his group also deserves to be announced unlawful asso-

sons including Naing | have significantly improved. So, all the members of the association are to keep that development momentum. Later, the chairperson of Rakhine State WAO presented prizes to winners of Myanmar Women's Day commemorative essay contests. The ceremony ended with the chanting of slogans.



Participants chanting slogans at the end of Myanmar Women's Day commemorative ceremony in Sittway.— MNA



MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveils bronze plaque of the main building of Government Technological College (Bhamo).

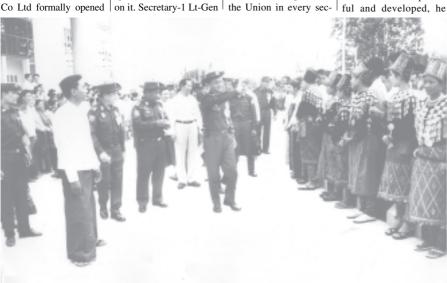
Kachin State on right path...

(from page 1) Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and Chairman U Kyaw Win of Shwe Thanlwin

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveiled the bronze plaque and the secretary-1, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander and the ministers sprinkled scented water ing college. It is a ceremony that faculty members and students are to implement the task with essence. The government is making efforts for development of

ment has laid emphasis on equal development in states and divisions, narrowing the gap in one region after another. Only when there is equal development in states and divisions, will the whole Union be peaceful and developed, he opment projects- and is | implementing them in the respective regions. Therefore, development regions

available in every major region - not Yangon and Mandalay only. Nine degree colleges and techni-



MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets local people and students at the opening ceremony of the main building of Government Technological College (Bhamo). — MNA

the new main building.

The secretary-1, the commander and party together with national races, members of social organization and the students posed for a documentary photo.

speech. He said it was a significant occasion to open Government Technological College in Bhamo. It is the duty of faculty members and students to become a lead-

Thein Sein made a | tor with greater momentum. It is building infrastructures in political, economic, health and transport sectors in order to transform one system after another smoothly. In doing so, the govern-

He said the government has laid down three development projects such as 24 development region project, rural development programme and border region devel-



MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein sprinkles scented water on the bronze plaque of the main building of Government Technological College (Bhamo). — MNA

have emerged in states and divisions and there are universities and colleges that can produce human resources. In other words, higher education is

cal institutes were established in Myitkyina, Bhamo and Mohnyin regions in Kachin State, he said.

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MEC Chairman Secretary-I Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the ceremony to inaugurate the main building of Government Technological College (Bhamo). — MNA

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In the past, there were only 32 universities and colleges. Now the number of universities and colleges has increased up to 156. Nearly 800,000 students are learning higher education. In basic education sector, more primary, middle and high schools were opened. The already-opened universities and colleges would produce educated persons and brilliant intellectuals and intelligentsia needed in building a modern and developed nation. Universities and colleges are responsible for not only producing educated people but also building the nation, he said.

The people must have high qualifications and only when there are sufficient brilliant human resources will the nation-building tasks be successful. In other words, it is important for the country to possess both natural resources and human resources, he added

In this connection, he quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as saying that arrangements are to be made for producing intellectuals and intelligentsia in the respective regions for national development. Highly-qualified persons are able to bring about prosperity of the people. The Head of State spoke of the need for all nationals to possess high education, thoughts and capabilities in every sector of the nation.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Tatmadaw government is making endeavours for producing human resources and for fulfilling social needs such as to be able to work in peace and healthy living, creating economic opportunities and ensuring



MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for documentary photo together with local people and students in front of GTC (Bhamo). — MNA

charge and efforts of local people. Beginning from the State, the people and the Tatmadaw. the last five years there is sufficient rice and edible oil. Considerable progress has also been made in education, health and transport sectors. It is obvious that Kachin State is on the right path to development. Similarly, other states and divisions have developed. In accord with the slogan-Strength of the nation lies within such achievements have been made due to

It is important to ward off the destructive elements who fabricated news and drive a wedge between the State and people.

While nurturing the outstanding engineers, Bhamo Techological College is to preserve the national prestige and integrity. The Secretary-1 urged to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation with Union

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Commander Mai-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and Shwe Thanlwin Co Ltd Chairman U Kyaw Win formally open the main building of GTC (Bhamo).— MNA

smooth transportation, he said.

This is why unprecedented progress and achievements have been made in the nation. In Kachin State armed insurgency has ended and there is peace, understanding, sympathy and cooperation among the national races.

The entire Kachin State now enjoys fruitful results of peace and stability.

Economic situations have improved due to correct policy of the government, supervision of those in

the harmonious efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw.

Despite the political pressure, economic sanction and accusations, the government has been making efforts for the development of the State with patriotic spirit and the nation enjoys the fruitful results.

Now, seven-point road map is being implemented to transform the State into discipline-flourishing democratic State. The successful implementation of the Road Map depends on the strength of the three pillars

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Spirit and patriotism.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe made a speech. He said that the State has opened the government technological college in Bhamo District and provided it with necessary new buildings under human resources development programme. As a result, students in Bhamo District and Katha District will be able to pursue higher education within their

There are a degree college and a computer college in Bhamo in addition to a government technological college.

The higher learning institutions were established one after another with the aim of enhancing the education sector and ensuring human resources develop-

There emerged degree colleges, technological colleges, computer colleges and 200-bed general hospitals in the 24 development zones for development of education, health, economic sectors in the region.

The higher learning institutions as well as basic education schools in Bhamo region will contribute much to development of human resources in the region.

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Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe speaking at the opening ceremony of the main building of GTC (Bhamo). - MNA

Mass of women to make efforts in the interests of the State and Myanmar women and to safeguard national character under MWA



Bago Division (West) WAO Chairperson Daw Win Win Mar addresses the Myanmar Women's Day ceremony at Khittaya Hall in Pyay. —MNA

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Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance that the mass of women are to cooperate with the govern $ment in implementation \, of \,$ political, economic and social infrastructures and

the people are making efforts for the development of the State, internal and external destructive elements are attempting to perpetrate instability and disintegration of the State.

In conclusion, she urged the mass of women to oppose minions of to make efforts in the intion, Myanmar Women's Federation, Sports Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association and the Women Chapter of Myanmar Medical Association have emerged. She said Myanmar is combat-

Child Welfare Associa-, a result, 80,000 workers mostly women lost their jobs and suffered losses. She said it is necessary for young women to preserve their own culture and customs. She urged the women mass to participate in implementation of ing human trafficking af- the tasks for success of

dynamic propagation of mutual understanding, national consolidation, customs and traditional culture among them. The national races are to live peacefully and unitedly in their mother land with the Union Spirit in accordance with the guidance given by the Head of State and to preserve the significant characteristic that there is no racial prejudice in the country. Colonialists instigated among the feudal lords and occupied Myanmar in late 19th century because they had known that Myanmar was rich in mineral

ing serious attention to

and national races led by the Head of State is gearing up development works of national races. Patriotic spirit and national consolidation have been built in accordance with the guidance given by the Head of State. As it is known to all, expartriates Sao Hkam Hpa and accomplices illegally announced Independent Shan State to secede from the Union on Internet on 18th April 2005. In connection with the acts, the government took actions against them legally while Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation absolutely opposed their acts. So, the basic principple "not to secede from the Union" should be prescribed. Some big countries accused Myanmar of having forced

Myanmar is combating human trafficking after forming various committees



Daw Nan Khin Nyunt Nwe of Bago Division (West) WAO. MNA

colonialists who attempt to mislead Myanmar women.

Myanmar Women's Affiars Federation was founded on 20 December in 2003 with the aim of improving the living condition of the mass of Myanmar women. It comprises 17 women's affairs organizations.

Now. MWAF is carrying out the tasks to achieve the seven objectives of the federation. MWAF is also making efforts for the improvement of social quality of women in cooperation with members of USDA, Red Cross Society, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and social organizations. At a time when the government and terests of the State and Myanmar women and to safeguard the national character under MWAF.

Next, leader of working group for protection and nurturing of women of Bago Division (West) Women's Affairs Organization Daw Nan Khin Nyunt Nwe said Myanmar women enjoy rights on equal terms with men in the course of Myanmar history in accord with the prescribed laws and customs.

She said those who do not understand the noble traditions of Myanmar accuse them of lacking equal rights as men. Women organizations such as Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and

ter forming various committees. Over 400 cases were exposed from 2002 to 2004 and over 2,000 young women were saved, danger of human trafficking was explained to over 700,000 people and 1,700 were sent back to their respective homes. Taking advantage of their honesty and lack of knowledge, human traffickers persuade young girls to work abroad.

Over 160 factories especially garment factories were closed down due to the trade sanctions of the US against Myanmar. As

seven-point Road Map.

Leader of Bago Division (West) Women's Affairs Organization Work Committee for Social and Culture and National Races Affairs Daw Khin Swe Oo made a speech on the occasion. In her speech she said all the national races residing in Myanmar are pay-

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It is time to review on participation of Myanmar in ILO



Daw Khin Swe Oo of BagoDivision (West) WAO. MNA

pendence due to rebuilding of national consolidation to ensure the establishment of the independent sovereign state. So, the govenment laid down the national policy for perpetuation of sovereignty of the state as long as the world exists. National armed groups have entered into the legal fold after realizing the goodwill of the State. The central committee for progress of border areas

labour in the nation. Participation of local people in construction of road. digging drains and sanitation work is Myanmar's custom or value, ILO made accusation against Myanmar to the effect that there is forced labour in the nation. Myanmar joined ILO on 18th May 1948. Forced labour section No 29 came into force on 4th March 1955. From that time onward, there was

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(from page 10) no problem between Myanmar and ILO. Regarding the forced labour case, Ministry of Home Affairs issued an order No 1/99 on prohibation of forced labour. In 2000, ILO released a resolution on Myanmar. That was why, the workers including public suffered disadvantages owing to the economic sanctions but these did not harm the government. A total of 160 garment factories in Myanmar were closed down and the workers were laid off from

the government laid down ongoing seven-point Road Map to build a peaceful, modern developed democratic nation. On behalf of the entire mass of Myanmar women, she urged all Myanmar women to actively participate in realization of the national goal.

Improving of Living Conditions of Women, Working Group Leader Daw Yin Kyway of Bago Division(West)WAO said that MWAF is striving with might and main for improving the living standard of

gence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

While the government and all the people are striving for sector-wise development of the country, some big countries has imposed economic sanctions on Myanmar applying various ways and means. Their pressures and sanctions caused Myanmar women workers lose jobs. Those countries discredit Myanmar through their accusations that there was



Members of Panel of Chairpersons seen at the Myanmar Women's Day commemorative ceremony in Pyay.- MNA

It is necessary destructionists that are harmful to peace and stability of the State



Leader of Improving of Living Standard of Women Daw Yin Kyway of Bago Division (West) WAO. MNA

40 ones. Over 80,000 workers including 70,000 women lost their jobs. But, ILO turned a blind eve to the loss suffered by Myanmar. Thus, it is time to review on participation of Myanmar in ILO. Myanmar women and men equally share in fundamental rights and duties included in Myanmar customs law.

For the time being,

women and participating in development of the State. Nowadays, Myanmar women enjoy rights on equal terms with men, and they are performing duties of the State shoulder to shoulder with men.

The Government is placing emphasis on development of the rural regions in accord with the five rural development tasks that is the basic need for emer-

slowdown in the State economy, rising unemployment and lack of action against human trafficking. The mass of Myanmar women cannot accept and thus oppose such lopsided accusations of the big countries. While striving for improvement of living standard of women in unity, the entire Myanmar women will ward off destruction-

It is necessary to be aware of acts of destructionists that are harmful to peace and stability of the State and living standard of the people. NCGUB led by expatriate Sein Win has constantly carried out agitative work for the imposing of economic sanctions on Myanmar. He attempted to assassinate State leaders. Due to the atrocities of distructionists including expatriate Sein Win's NCGUB and other related

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While living in the nation through thick and thin, members of MWAF are to carry out the tasks to improve the living standard of the women relying on the united strength of the entire Myanmar women and join hands with the Government to ward off internal and external destruc-

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An official presents prize to an outstanding student.- MNA



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Greece invests heavily in vocational training

ATHENS, 9 July Greek Education Minister Marietta Giannakou said on Friday that the government is investing heavily in vocational training in cooperation with all social partners.

During a seminar dedicated to European trends in vocational training and hosted by the Organization for Vocational Training (OEEK), the minister stressed that, OEEK, with a network of 100 public, vocational training schools (IEK) is up to speed on issues regarding the implementation of the Lisbon Agenda guidelines.

She also referred to the possibility of creating a cross-border educational system, whereby academic and vocational training would be acknowledged in all 25 EU member states.

"Transparency in studies and the ability to transfer educational credits to all (EU) countries, is a big deal," she said.

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UNSG hails G-8's promise to boost aid for Africa

UNITED NATIONS, 9 July—UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan welcomed on Friday the agreement by the leaders of the world's industrial powers in Scotland on a package doubling overall aid to Africa to 50 billion $\bar{\text{U}}\text{S}$ dollars a year by 2010, but said it was "only a beginning".

by a UN spokesman in New York, Annan expressed disappointment that the G-8 leaders did not commit themselves to a "clear, unambiguous date for ending export subsidies"

"This G-8 was being closely watched by people everywhere. The leaders carried the hopes of people around the world who wanted progress towards reducing poverty in Africa, and today they got it," he said.

"I hope Gleneagles will be remembered as the beginning of something very big, perhaps even the beginning of the end of mass poverty.'

The statement congratulated British Prime summit for agreeing on the deal, which comprises both aid and debt relief and aims to ensure that African countries have a means to tackle the obstacles holding back progress towards halving poverty by 2015 and the other Millennium Development

"This is very good news," Annan said, welcoming recent progress on debt relief, with final agreement coming in Gleneagles on an earlier decision taken by the G-7 finance ministers to wipe out the debt of 18 of the most indebted countries, and an innovative Paris Club debt solution for Nigeria.

"Further, in the G-8 Minster Tony Blair and | meeting with African | he added.—MNA/Xinhua

In a statement issued | the other leaders at the | leaders, the latter reaffirmed their commitment to good governance, democracy and the fight against corruption," he said.

> "I had hoped that G-8 leaders might also have committed themselves to a clear, unambiguous date for ending export subsidies. They will have another opportunity to do so in December, at the World Trade Organization (WTO) meeting in Hong Kong," he said.

> "But this is the beginning, not the end, for the people and the leaders who made today's success possible. We got here through the exercise of political will. That must not be allowed to disperse if we are to keep on track for 2015,"

Cypriot Govt, Hermes sign agreement to build new airports

NICOSIA, 9 July-The Cyprus Government signed on Friday a multimillion-euro deal with Hermes Consortium Airports to develop and run two airports on the island.

The build-operatetransfer (BOT) projects for the Larnaca and Paphos airports were signed by Minister of Communications and Works Haris Thrasou and Nicos Shacolas, on behalf of the Cyprus Trading Corporation Ltd under Hermes Consortium Air-

The two airports will be run for a period of 25 years before the transfer.

Speaking after the signing ceremony. Thrasou said the agreement is considered "the biggest construction contract ever signed by the Cyprus Re-

It provides for the construction of two airports at a total cost of around 500 million euros (about 600 million US dollars) and their management with a total income for the republic of 2 billion euros (about 2.4 billion dollars), he said.

The new Larnaca Airport will be ready in around 4 years and construction at Paphos will take three years.

According to Thrasou, the first phase of the new Larnaca Airport will serve 7.5 million passengers yearly and the investor is obliged to follow with the second phase of the expansion to serve 9 million passengers yearly, whereas the new Paphos Airport will be able to serve 2.7 million customers yearly.

MNA/Xinhua

Nepal launches **CDMA** telephone service

KATHMANDU, 9 July-Nepal Telecom (NT), the state-run telecommunications operator, launched CDMA based basic telephone or "C-phone" service in the capital of Kathmandu Valley on Friday. "This will not only facilitate people to obtain telephone lines on-demand at any time, but will also allow the laptop users to browse Internet and send and receive facsimile massages at any place without use of telephone wires," said Managing Director of NT, Sugat Ratna Kansakar.

MNA/Xinhua

Greece plans to extend shopping hours

ATHENS, 9 July—Greek Government on Friday sent a bill to Parliament that extends shopping hours in a move to revitalize the commerce sector for businesses and consumers and to facilitate the tourism industry as well.

Under the terms of the | stores except supermarkets | brand-name items. bill, shop opening hours are 0900 to 2100 on weekdays and 0900 to 2000 on Saturday, extending closing times all the year round.

Local authorities may lengthen shopping hours by one hour daily, but not reduce them; and local trade groups retain the right to ordain early closure.

Nowadays, closing times for commercial

varied, and smaller enterprises were penalized for remaining open until 2100 hours on weekdays or bevond mid-afternoon on Saturday.

The legislation also regulates the operation of street markets and streetsellers, and sets penalties for fraud in retailing, including the destruction of smuggled goods and fake

Deputy Development Minister Yiannis Papathanasiou said the final form of the bill emerged after wide-ranging consultations with trade groups and local authorities.

"This is one of the greatest structural changes advanced by the government," Papathanasiou told reporters.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia to boost fishing on high seas

Moscow, 9 July—Russia will increase fishing on the high seas in the next couple of years to meet domestic demand, fishery authorities said on Friday.

Russia caught up to 80 per cent of the fish on the high seas before the breakup of the Soviet Union, but the current rate makes slightly more than 10 per cent of former amounts, Stanislav Ilyasov, head of the Federal Fishery Agency, told the ITAR-TASS news agency.

More than half of the domestic needs for fish in Russia are met with foreign deliveries and Russians cannot afford the medically required norm — an annual 23 kilos of fish per capita, Ilyasov said, adding on average a Russian eats no more than 11 kils of fish a

"We should drastically increase the amount of domestic fish products on the market. We think we can reach the medically required norm of fish consumption within two or three years," he said.

The official said a na-

tional conference and a forum on development of the high seas are scheduled for later in the year, which will gather experts from some 30 countries and are expected to put forward a high seas development programme.

MNA/Xinhua

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G-8 leaders promise \$50b aid to poor countries

GLENEAGLES (Scotland), 9 July — The leaders of the Group of Eight (G-8) industrialized nations on Friday agreed in this Scottish resort to increase aid to developing countries by around 50 billion US dollars per year by 2010, of which about 25 billion US dollars a year to help lift Africa out of poverty.

our African partners had a common interest in building on that progress to create a strong, peaceful and prosperous Africa," said the leaders in a joint statement issued after a twoday summit here.

The statement came after leaders of the G-8, a group of most industrialized countries compromising Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States, held a dialogue with seven African leaders from Algeria.

Senegal, South Africa and

The G-8 leaders endorsed a plan to cancel all of the debts owed to international institutions by 18 heavily indebted poor countries, most of them in Africa. The leaders set out a comprehensive plan to support Africa's progress and agreed to provide extra resources for Africa's peacekeeping forces and boost investment in the sectors of health and education

"We know this is only

take this spirit forward to the UN Millennium Review Summit in New York and ensure a successful conclusion to the Doha Development Agenda," said the leaders.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who hosts the annual meeting of the G-8 leaders, has been pushing his counterparts to endorse a proposal to double aid to Africa

The G-8 leaders agreed to strengthen the African Partners Forum and establish a Joint Action Plan to

'We agreed that we and | Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, | the beginning. We must | ensure the implementation of the measures.

> However, some nongovernmental organizations criticized the summit for its failure to delivery justice for Africa, claiming the deal announced will not tackle poverty effectively.

> "The deal that has been announced falls way short of our demands. We have some aid, but not enough, some debt relief but not enough and virtually nothing on trade," said Caroline Sande Mukulira from ActionAid's Southern African programme.

> "Once again Africa's people have been shortchanged," she added.

MNA/Xinhua



A visitor carrying a compact camera takes a stroll among colourful hydrangea flowers in the compound of Hase Temple in Kamakura, west of Tokyo, on 8 July, 2005. Some 2,300 stocks of hydrangea bloom as the symbol of the rainy season in Japan.—Internet

US raises terror alert for mass transit following London blast

Washington, 9 July — US Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff announced on Thursday to raise the terror alert level from yellow to orange. indicting high risk of terrorist attacks, for mass transit in the wake of the explosions in London.

"In light of today's attacks in London, the US Government is raising the threat level from code vellow or elevated to code orange, high, targeted only to the mass transit portion of the transportation sector," Chertoff said at a news conference.

"This includes regional and inner-city passenger rail, subways and metropolitan bus systems," he

said. "We are also asking for increased vigilance throughout the transportation sector.

Chertoff said there was no specific credible evidence pointing toward an attack in the United States. He stressed that Americans need not to avoid using subways and bus systems, saying there has been "a general elevated level of preparedness all across the country" since 11 September, 2001 attacks.

The increased alert level came hours after four blasts rocked the London subway and tore open a packed double-decker bus during the morning rush hour, killing about 40.

US President George W Bush, now in Scotland to attend the G-8 summit meetings, expressed condolences to the victims following the deadly blasts and vowed not to vield to terrorists.

MNA/Xinhua

G-8 holds back on way to tackle climate change

GLENEAGLES (Scotland), 9 July — Leaders of the Group of Eight (G-8), concluding their three-day summit in Gleneagles, central Scotland on Friday, seemed to hold back on the way to tackle climate change as their declaration lacks certain targets or timetable for carbon reduction.

They understood that | "climate change is a serious and long-term challenge that has the potential to affect every part of the globe"

In the text, the leaders acknowledged that increased need and use of energy from fossil fuel, and other human activities, contribute in large part to global warming.

They reached consen-

to reduce greenhouse gas emission.

"While uncertainty remain in our understanding of climate science, we know enough to act now to put ourselves on a path to slow and, as the science justifies, stop and then reverse the growth of greenhouse gas," said the declaration.

But the statement only

sus to take urgent action | mentioned the Kyoto Protocol once which obligates the developed countries to cut greenhouse five gas emission 5.7 per cent less than the level of 1990 by 2012

The UN pact was signed by seven G-8 countries except the United States who opposed it for economic reasons.

At a Press conference after the summit. British Prime Minister Tony Blair said "we are not going to negotiate certain targets. We will never ensure the US to adopt the Kyoto Protocol"

He put climate change, along with Africa, the two main issues for the summit agenda.

Environmentalists blamed his failure to get the United States lined up with other seven countries on Kyoto Protocol.

"Tony Blair has not succeeded in bringing the US back to the table. Instead it (the statement) highlights the divisions between President (Bush) and the rest of the world on tackling climate change," said a statement released from Greenpeace on Friday.-MNA/Xinhua

Bush fails to help prevent attack on commuters

New York, 9 July — New York senator Hillary Clinton on Friday criticized the Bush Administration for failing to deliver needed rail and subway security to deter a London-style attack on commuters.

Clinton, who is pushing for more federal dollars for high-tech terror prevention, said the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has been slow to distribute most of the 150 million dollars given by Congress for rail and transit protection.

"I'm absolutely outraged by the failure of the administration to release the funding that Congress approved last year," said Clinton. "I just don't understand what the holdup is." Clinton and eight other

Democratic senators sent a letter to DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff Friday urging him to distribute the unused money quickly.

The agency has looked at high-tech ways to improve transit security but has not instituted anything since testing a system last year. The United States has earmarked about 300 million dollars for rail security since 11 September terror attacks in 2001.

Senator Clinton argued that New York and other metropolitan areas should use more of the security cameras prevalent throughout London. Investigators piecing together clues from Thursday's bombing are reviewing many tapes from those cameras to try to identify the culprits.

MNA/Xinhua

NY commuters undeterred by London terror attacks

New York, 9 July —Undeterred by the terror attacks in London, New York commuters boarded trains, subways and buses as they got on with business as usual on Friday.

Security remains tight throughout the | choice but to get on with their lives, city, with law enforcement officials ramping up the police presence around

City officials said resources have been e-directed to secure mass transit, roadways, waterways and air space.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said earlier that while police cannot be in every train car, they are doing everything they can to prevent a similar attack in the city, noting they do it on an unannounced,

He said all these are aimed at keeping somebody who is doing reconnaissance, or planning to do something "untoward,

Many commuters said they have no

while police are continuing to remind people if they see something suspicious to call 911.

Drivers are seeing tighter security as well at all bridges and tunnels. Trucks were banned on the Williamsburg Bridge, and officials have also set up security checkpoints in lower Manhat-

The New York Police Department (NYPD) harbour units and Coast Guard boats are escorting Staten Island ferry boats with more patrols posted at both of its terminals. Also, heavily-armed Hercules teams have been deployed and helicopters are patrolling the skies.

MNA/Xinhua



The pack of riders cycles through a village during the 231km (143 miles) eighth stage of the 92nd Tour de France cycling race between Pforzheim (Germany) and Gerardmer (France), on 9 July, 2005.—Internet

Tour de France riders tackle first mountain climb

BERLIN, 10 July— Tour de France riders will round off a week on the flat by heading for the foothills of the Vosges mountains in Saturday's 231.5-kilometre eighth stage.

Starting out in the German town of Pforzheim, the 185 riders left in the peloton will tackle their first secondcategory climb, the Col de la Schlucht, which looms only 15 kilometres from the finish in the French ski resort of Gerardmer

As a warm-up, they will also face four tricky third-category climbs in the first 50 kilometres of the Tour's longest

The terrain looks ideal for Kazakh rider Alexander Vinokourov, currently third overall and who relishes hilly stages rather than the high mountains.

But six-times Tour champion Lance Armstrong, who leads the Kazkah by 62 seconds, is not too worried.

"I don't really know these stages I don't know the climbs, only what I read about them," said the American.

MNA/Xinhua

Bianchi denies he arrives in Spain as authoritarian coach

BUENOS AIRES, 9 July -- Argentine Carlos Bianchi, the new coach of Spanish club Atletico Madrid on Friday, denied he is authoritarian with his players according to a sector of the Press in Spain.

Bianchi in remarks released by Argentine news agency DyN and said he does not like "spying" on rival teams either, but admitted he could do it in matches of particular importance.

"I prefer that my team know what they have to do on the pitch better than spying on rivals," said the coach who had a successful career in Argentine clubs Velez Sarsfield and Boca Juniors.

When he took the charge of Atletico Madrid, a sector of the Spanish media

"I don't like dictatorships," said | emphasized a certain fame of Bianchi in the sense he could be hard-handed in coaching. In reference to the first impressions about the Spanish club which had a bad season last year, Bianchi said "it is a young group eager to work and that is what matters"

> "I believe in working. I always say, hadn't I been a great professional, perhaps I would not have played, as I had to work everyday. Not many players could play without working," said he.

MNA/Xinhua

Mexican defender Galindo has illegal substance without knowing

MEXICO CITY, 9 July-Mexican defender Aaron Galindo, who was banned by the Mexican Soccer Federation from professional activity for one year after testing positive in anti-doping controls, said Friday he ingested an illegal substance without knowing.

Galindo told the Mexican television that he is a healthy and traditional young man, and that "one week prior to leaving for Germany (for Confederations Cup) I told the doctor about the substance I was given; I did not have any ill intention and I don't need those things to move on".

The Cruz Azul fullback was suspended along with teammate Salvador Carmona for the same rea-

a long career as player and that he will recover.

Nonetheless, the oneyear suspension will prevent him from taking part in the World Cup, unless the Mexican Soccer Federation reduces his suspension.

Mexican Soccer Federation President Alberto

He also said he still has | de la Tore said to the local Press that he could not understand how Galindo called himself a healthy young man if he resorted to doping. On the other hand, Cruz Azul has kept its position to support Galindo and Carmona, and has requested the revision of the decision.

MNA/Xinhua

South Africa stun Mexico 2-1 in Gold Cup opener

WASHINGTON, 10 July-South Africa started their campaign in the CONCACAF Gold Cup with a 2-1 victory over defending champions Mexico here on Friday. Goals from Philip Evans in the 27th minute and Elrio van Heerden in the 40th lifted South Africa, one of two special invitees to the 12-nation North and Central America and Caribbean regional soccer tournament.

Francisco Rodriguez pulled one back in the 82nd for Mexico, who have won a total of four Gold Cup titles.

South Africa claimed their first victory over Mexico in three encounters. Mexico beat the South Africans 4-0 in a friendly in Los Angeles in October of 1993 and 4-2 in a USA Cup match in Dallas, Texas, in June of 2000.—MNA/Xinhua

Answers to yesterday's **Crossword Puzzle**

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Campbell named European Tour Golfer of the Month for June

LONDON, 10 July-New Zealand's US Open winner Michael Campbell has been named the European Tour Golfer of the Month for June after his memorable win at Pinehurst

'Obviously I am very delighted to receive this award," said the 36-year-old Campbell who became just the 10th non-American to lift the US Open title.

"I've been on a rocket ride for the last few weeks and every so often I get flashbacks to what happened at Pinehurst.

Campbell will return to St. Andrews next week hoping to add the British Open to his American crown. MNA/Xinhua

officially joins Man United

LONDON, 9 July - South Korean international Park Ji-Sung officially joined Manchester United on Friday after signing on a four-year contract.

S Korean midfielder Park

The 24-year-old midfielder, signed for four million pounds (seven million US dollars) from Dutch side PSV Eindhoven, arrived at United's Carrington training headquarters and met his new teammates.

Park then trained with United for the first time since securing his work permit to allow him to join the Old Trafford outfit.

"This is just the beginning. I feel somewhat burdened as well, but I'm leaving Holland with the confidence that I can do a great job. It will be OK as long as I try my best," Park told the Manchester Evening News.

"It's always important to greet each teammate. I want to get to know them as soon as possible so I can assimilate into the club quicker." —MNA/Xinhua

Barcelona to play Yokohama F-Marinos in Japan

Madrid, 9 July-Barcelona has definitely completed its summer timetable of matches with a game versus Japan's Yokohama F-Marinos, its rival last 12 June.

This will be the second time this year, where it went at the end of the season. In this occasion, the Spanish club will be able to take all its stars, unlike a month ago, when Samuel Eto'o and Ronaldo de Assi Ronaldinho and others could not go due to their participation with their national teams.

In spite of that, at Nissan Stadium before 65,000 fans, the Yokohama F-Marinos-Barcelona game ended with a | and Shanghai. 3-3 draw.

Barcelona will also play a Barcelona goes to Japan match in Macao, as part of its Asian tour

> The Iberian team considered two options to travel to Asia, China being one of them according to a source of the club had the sponsoring of a Barcelona uniform by the government of China, in regards to which nothing has been said as of late, been concluded. then the Asian tour would have taken place in the Asian country, with matches at Beijing

MNA/Xinhua



Elena Dementieva, of Russia, returns a shot during her semifinal match against Mashona Washington, of the US, at the Fed Cup tennis tournament in Moscow's Olympic Indoor Stadium, on 9 July, 2005.—Internet

It is important to ward off...

(from page 9)

Myitkyina Technological College and Bhamo Technological College have already produced 1,483 technicians and engineers. At present, a basic infrastructure has been set up in form and essence for producing highly qualified human resources in Kachin State. The government did so with the aim of bringing about harmonious development in all parts of the nation.

Under the education promotion plan, educa-

General Course on Intellectual Property Rights DL-101 concludes

YANGON, 10 July - Organized by Education Working Group of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, completion certificate-distribution ceremony of General Course on Intellectual Property Rights DL-101 sponsored by WIPO took place at the UMFCCI on Bo Sun Pet Street in Pabedan Township this afternoon.

Secretary of the UMFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing delivered a concluding speech. Next, U Sein Win Hlaing and officials presented completion certificates to the trainees who passed the course through the Internet.—MNA



U Sein Win Hlaing presents concluding certificate to a trainee.—UMFCCI

tion promotion programmes and education work programmes have been laid down and are being implemented for the youths in the region to have access to formal education, especially higher education.

The realization of objectives of the education sector depends on efficiency of universities and colleges the length and breadth of the nation.

In conclusion, the commander called on the people and students to pursue their education in peace of mind and serve the national interest, realizing the nation's goodwill towards them.

Next, Principal Dr Okka reported on construction of the new building, courses being conducted, learning of the students and academic and administrative matters. To mark the opening of the new building, Managing Director of Shwethanlwin Co Ltd U Moe Kyaw Thu presented K 5 million.

The principal accepted the donation.

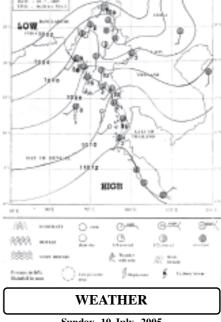
Afterwards, a student expressed thanks for the opening of the new building and the ceremony ended.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 and party and members inspected computer room, language lab, library and classrooms at the main building.—MNA

Daw Nu Nu Shwe Vice-chairperson Saddhamaransi Vipassana Centre (Yangon) Age (77)

Daw Nu Nu Shwe, wife of (Colonel Thura Tin Maung (Air), No 26 (A)/52, Taynuyin Avenue, 71/, miles, Yangon, mother of Dr Khin Maung Lwin (CHEB/DHP)-Daw Lè Lè Tin @ Pauline, U Thura Kyaw Zwa-Daw Khin Thandar (BEHS(1) Yankin), U Kyin Thaung (7 Stores Clinic)-Daw Wai Wai Tin, U Tin Maung Oo-Daw Thwe Thwe Tin, Daw Thet Thet Tin (Central Hotel), grandmother of Nyi Lwin Aung-Thidar Hlaing (Focus Energy Company), Winnie (Dusit Inya Lake Hotel). Su Sandhi and Win Le Phyu (Oriental Art Gallery) and May Khine Sint (IBTC), and great grandmother of Ingyin Thi, passed away at 5.15 am, 10-7-05, and will be cremated at Yayway Cemetery at 3 pm on 12-7-05.

Bereaved Family



Weather Map of Myonmar and Neighbouring Areas

Sunday, 10 July, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin and Kayah States and Mandalay Division, scattered in Shan and Kayin States, Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (5.91) inches, Thandwe (3.03) inches, Maungtaw (1.38) inches, Kyauktaw (1.34) inches.

Maximum temperature on 9-7-2005 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 10-7-2005 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 10-7-2005 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 9-7-2005 was nil. Rainfalls on 10-7-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (36.65 inches) at Mingaladon, (33.90 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (38.15 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (17:50) hours MST on 9-7-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 11-7-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Chin and Shan States, Mandalay and upper Sagaing Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. 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: Generally strong monsoon.

Forecast for Vangon and neighbouring area for 11-7-2005: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-7-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Monday, 11 July View on today: 7:00 am

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2. To be healthy exercise 7:30 am

3. Morning news 7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song 7:50 am

5. Song of national races 8:00 am

6. Cute little dancers

8:10 am 7. အာရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am 8. သင်ပုန်း 8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Grammar Made Easy 4:00 pm

1. Martial song 4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Practice in Reading 4:45 pm

4. Musical programme 5:00 pm

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6. Dance variety 5:25 pm

7. လက်ဆင်ကမ်းပေး ဂီတတေး 5:30 pm

8. Musical programme 5:45 pm

9. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ တေးသံများ 5:55 pm

10. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

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13. Evening news 7:00 pm

14. Weather report 7:05 pm

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18. Industrial achievement 8:00 pm

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20. International news

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23. The next day's programme

Monday, 11 July Tune in today:

8.30 am Brief news Music: Touch by touch (Joy) 8.40 am Perspectives 8.45 am Music: Radio (The Corrs) 8.50 am National news Slogan 9.00 am Music: Susana (The Art Co) 9.05 am International news Music: Harlem 9.10 am Hustle (Shampoo) 1.30 pm News/Slogan 1.40 pm Lunch time music -Sailing ...(Tracy Huang) Say goodbye (Madonnre) -Give me peace on earth (Modern

Talking) 9.00 pm Indian Trumpish labour

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Government has laid down and is implementing the seven-point Road Map for emergence of discipline-flourishing democratic nation Rakhine State WAO marks Myanmar Women's Day in Sittway



Rakhine State WAO Chairperson Daw Kyi Kyi Wai speaking at the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day in Sittway.— MNA

YANGON, 10 July - The Ceremony to commemorate the Myanmar Women's Day organized by Rakhine State Women's Affairs Organization was held at U Ottama Hall in Sittway on 3 July morning.

It was attended by Rakhine State Regional Organizer Daw Nu Mra Zan and Secretary of Cultural Sub-Working Group Daw Su Su Myat, Chairperson of Rakhine State WAO Daw Kyi Kyi Wai and members, USDA members, trainees of Nurses Training School, members of Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigade, departmental persons, teachers, students, and local people totalling over 1,000.

Chairperson of Rakhine State WAO Daw Kyi Kyi Wai presided over the ceremony together with members of the Panel of Chairpersons.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairperson Daw Kyi Kyi Wai said that the Government has designated the Myanmar Women's Day for enabling Myanmar women to enhance their role in the society. The Myanmar Women's Day is to honour the entire Myanmar women, but not for individual.

On 3 July 1996 Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs was established. Afterwards, the 3rd July was designated as Myanmar Women's Day. In 20 December 2003, the committee was reorganized as Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation with the lofty objectives. Now, the federation represents over 27 million Myanmar women.

Nowadays, the Government has laid down 12 objectives upholding Our Three Main National

Causes. All-out efforts are being made for enabling the Union of Myanmar to keep abreast of the other nations, enhancing living standard of the people and emerging a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The Central (See page 6)

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If there is no stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order, tasks for national development cannot be carried out. Therefore, this has been accorded special priority.

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Yangon, 10 July The celebration of Myanmar Women's Day organized by Bago Division (West) Women's Affairs Organization was

the town hall in Pyay.

It was attended by Daw Marlar Thein of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, an organ-

(West), Daw Htoo Htoo Aung of MWAF, chairpersons and members of Bago division/district/ township WAOs, mem-

and Development Association, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, members of Red Cross Society, Aux-

held on 3 July morning at | izer of Bago Division | bers of Union Solidarity | iliary Fire Brigade, War | Veterans Organization, and nurses totalling about

> Chairperson of Bago Division (West)

Women's Affairs Organization Daw Win Win Mar presided over the ceremony together with Daw Tin Ohn Myint, Daw Wai Wai, Daw Tin Mar Kyu and Daw Than Than Win. Daw Ni Ni Soe, member of division WAO acted as MC and Daw Thein Thein Soe as co-MC.

First, members of division WAO sang a song in honour of Myanmar Women's Day. Next, Daw Win Win Mar gave a women make up over half Throughout the history. Myanmar women have stood shoulder to shoulder with men in protect-

