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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

## Banking services contributing much to national economic development



*Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attends the ceremony to open a new MEB branch building of Gwa Township. — MNA*

YANGON, 12 July — A new building for Gwa Township branch of the Myanmar Economic Bank was opened in the township in Thandwe District yesterday.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than unveiled the signboard of the branch.

Also present were Chairman of Ayeyawady

Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and

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## National entrepreneurs are to strive for ensuring strong economy of the nation for transition to democracy Lt-Gen Maung Bo tours Taninthayi Division

YANGON, 12 July—The inauguration of Pahtaw Dam constructed by Pyae Phyo Tun International Co Ltd and Aung Myat Phyo International Co Ltd took place at the pavilion near the facility at Pahtaw Village, Kyunsu Township, Myeik District,

Taninthayi Division, on 10 July, with an address by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Division PDC Commander of Coastal Region Com-

mand Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and wife Daw Nu Nu Swe, Commander of Taninthayi Naval Region Command Commodore Win Shein, senior military officers, local authorities, officials, social organizations

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*Newly inaugurated Pahtaw Dam at Pahtaw Village, Kyunsu Township, Myeik District, Taninthayi Division—MNA*

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Work for deeper friendship in the years to come**

The Union of Myanmar and the Lao People's Democratic Republic are neighbours as well as the members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN). The two countries have always lived in friendship throughout their long history and their leaders have often exchanged visits to further strengthen and deepen the mutual friendship.

It was on 12 July, 1955, that the Union of Myanmar and the Lao People's Democratic Republic established diplomatic ties and so the relationship between the two nations is now 50 years old. On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, Heads of State and Government and foreign ministers of the two nations exchanged messages of felicitations.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe, in his message to Mr Khamtay Siphandone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, said, "I am happy to note that our two nations have enjoyed friendly relations. I believe that the close ties of friendship between our two countries will be further strengthened in the years ahead."

In his message to Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe, Mr Khamtay Siphandone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, said, "The establishment of diplomatic relations between Laos and Myanmar constituted an important event in the history of friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries, it was also in accordance with the aspiration of the Lao and Myanmar people as well as with the tendency of the world."

Myanmar and Laos are the nations that had been living in friendship long before the establishment of diplomatic relations. This age-old friendship has been further strengthened during the last 50 years and the government and the people of Myanmar have often rendered assistance to Laos and her people as their good neighbour.

We believe that, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, friendship, good-neighbourliness and mutual trust between Myanmar and Laos will be further strengthened and the two nations will be able to work together for peace, stability and development of the region as well as of the world.



A farewell party took place for principal Daw Sein Myaing, who has retired from No 10 Basic Education Primary School in Ward 2, Bahan Township, on 12-7-2005.

Photo shows the principal donating K 35,000 provided by the education staff, to needy students in the township through the township education officer. — H

**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



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and wife receive a warm welcome from Laotian Ambassador Mr Chanthavi Bodhisane and wife at the reception to mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the Union of Myanmar and the Lao People's Democratic Republic on 12-7-2005. — MNA

**Attorney-General meets law officers of states and divisions**

YANGON, 12 July— The 27th coordination meeting of the Attorney-General and law officers of states and divisions took place at the meeting hall of the office of the Attorney-General this morning with an address by Attorney-General U Aye Maung.

Also present were Deputy Attorneys-General Dr Tun Shin and U Myint Naing, the director-general, officials and law officers of states and divisions.

Law officers pre-



Attorney-General U Aye Maung addresses the second-day session. —MNA

sented their reports to the meeting. The meeting ended with concluding speech delivered by the attorney-general.—MNA

**Myanmar swimmers to take part in world swimming contest**

YANGON, 12 July— Myanmar swimming team comprising Vice-President of Myanmar Swimming Federation U Han Tun Maung (Sein Lyan), coach U Cho Maung who is also the secretary of MSF and swimmers Yan Lin Aung and Aung Kyaw Moe left here by air for Montreal, Canada, to attend the conference of World Swimming Federation and to take part in world swimming contest which will be held from 17 to 31 July.

Yan Lin Aung will compete against world famous swimmers in 50-metre butterfly contest and open division and

Aung Kyaw Moe in 50, 800 and 1500 metre open divisions and 50 metre butterfly contest.

It is the first time for Myanmar swimmers going to take part in

world class events and attend the conference of WSF.

With the aim of winning victory in XXIII SEA Games to be held in the Philippines

Myanmar selected swimmer Moe Thu Aung has been undergoing training in Perth, Australia, five months before the games are scheduled to be held.

NLM



Myanmar swimming team at the airport before their departure for Canada. — NLM

# India expresses optimism on getting support on UN reforms

LONDON, 11 July— On the eve of formal introduction of the draft resolution of G-4 countries at the UN General Assembly, India expressed guarded optimism of getting two-thirds majority in the 191-member Assembly and the initial nod for its permanent membership in the Security Council.

"We are looking at it in a very realistic and balanced way," External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh told *PTI* in an interview on Sunday evening.

"I am also cautioning against any premature euphoria. You cannot rule out any last minute hitch and the status quo being maintained," Singh, a veteran diplomat, said.

"I am only practicing sagacious diplomacy. Diplomacy provides hope not salvation. But it will be a great pity if the UN structure put together in 1945 is not reformed in 2005 and human kind will not forgive us."

Singh said the G-4 London Declaration adopted here on Friday would

be formally introduced in the General Assembly by Brazil on Monday.

The meeting here was attended by foreign ministers of Brazil, Germany, Japan and India and also the Foreign Minister of Ghana Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, in his capacity as a member of the core group of the follow-up mechanism on the reform of the UN, established by the African Union.

Singh said the differences between G-4 and the African group would be ironed out in the next two to three days. African group wants the veto power for the new members while G-4 is in favour of postponing the veto issue till 2020.— *MNA/Xinhua*



A Chinese shop assistant waits for customers at a clothing shop in Beijing on 12 July, 2005. —INTERNET

## Indonesian President issues instruction on saving energy

JAKARTA, 12 July — President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono issued here on Sunday a presidential instruction on energy-saving measures as part of efforts to resolve the ongoing fuel shortage.

The instruction urges all government institutions to reduce the use of elevators, lighting, electrical equipment and vehicles.

The presidential instruction is expected to effect by all ministers, the Attorney General, National Police chief, Army Chief of Staff, all governors, regents and mayors. They are also urged to disseminate the information on energy-saving measures to private companies operating in their respective areas.

"The presidential instruction is one short-term solution to be implemented starting today (July 10)," presidential spokesman Andi Malarangeng announced.

The presidential instruction was issued af-

ter Susilo met with all governors at the presidential palace to discuss the fuel shortage. Besides the governors, a number of ministers also attended the meeting.

Among them were Coordinating Minister for People's Welfare Alwi Shihab, Coordinating Minister for the Economy Aburizal Bakri and Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Purnomo Yusgiantoro.

In the past week, fuel prices soared up by some 500 per cent in major provinces of the world's fourth most populous country, due to shortage of US dollars of the state-owned Pertamina company to import oil and maintain a regular 20-day reserve.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Vietnam, Columbia end talks on Vietnam's accession to WTO

HANOI, 11 July— Vietnam and Columbia have signed a joint declaration on concluding the bilateral negotiation on the former's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO), local newspaper *Vietnam News* reported on Monday.

Following the declaration inked last week during a visit to Columbia by Vietnamese Deputy Foreign Minister Vu Dung, the governments of the two countries expressed their commitment to enhancing bilateral ties in fields of mutual concern for socio-economic development, and actively participating in co-operative activities in international forums.

Dung's visit was part of his Central and South American tour, including Columbia, Mexico, Honduras and the Dominican Republic, from 27 June to

8 July. His trip was aimed to beef up bilateral diplomatic, economic and trade relations, and lobby the countries for acceleration of bilateral talks on Vietnam's WTO entry.

Vietnam has so far wrapped up bilateral negotiations with six Latin American countries, namely Cuba, Chile, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Columbia. Meanwhile, significant progress has been made in negotiations with Mexico, Honduras and El Salvador, the report said.— *MNA/Xinhua*

## Two western Pa Marines killed in Iraq

PITTSBURGH, 11 July—Two Marines from western Pennsylvania were killed during fighting in an guerilla stronghold in Iraq, military officials said Monday.

Staff Sgt Joseph P Goodrich, 32, of Allegheny, and Lance Cpl Ryan J Kovacicek, 22, of Washington, were killed by "indirect fire" in Hit on Sunday. Hit is on the Euphrates River in western Iraq.

Family members were told Kovacicek and Goodrich were killed while taking cover behind a building, according to Kovacicek's brother-in-law, Ron Salvatti.

Kovacicek enlisted to defend his country, Salvatti said. He arrived in Iraq in March and was expected to return home in October.

A listed phone number for Goodrich could not immediately be located Monday. The two Marines were assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 3rd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, based in Moundsville, W Va.— *Internet*

## Earthquake jolts Palu, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 11 July — A strong earthquake hit Palu in Indonesian Central Sulawesi Province at 7:55 am on Sunday, making hundreds of thousands of people panic.

The local people felt the tremor and run out of their homes, *Antara* news agency reported. The quake also caused black-out, said the report.

The meteorological Institute said it has not known where is the epicentre of the quake and how much is the quake measured on the Richter Scale. But the Hong Kong Observatory said earlier an earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter Scale rocked sea waters near Sulawesi Island of Indonesian at 8:05 am Hong Kong Time (0005 GMT) Sunday. The epicentre was initially determined to be 0.8 South Latitude, 119.3 East Longitude, about 70km west of Palu.

*MNA/Xinhua*



A woman sets up a mannequin at a fashion boutique in Beijing, China, on 12 July, 2005.

INTERNET

## Saudis warned against travelling to Iraq

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA, 11 July—A senior Saudi cleric Monday discouraged Saudi youth from travelling to Iraq, warning that Iraqi informers could turn them in to US forces.

Sheik Abdullah Motlaq, the head of the powerful Highest Committee of Ulemas, said that Iraqi bedouins were receiving money from US forces in return for information about infiltrators from Saudi Arabia and other neighbouring countries.

He said he had been asked by Iraqi ulemas, or religious leaders, to ban Saudi youth from going to Iraq because they harm the Iraqis more than they help them. "Besides, they are being betrayed and given away," Motlaq added.

He said Saudi youth were wasting their life and future in Iraq.

*Internet*



A giant turbine generator to be installed in the Three Gorges power plant is transported through the downtown street of Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan Province on 10 July, 2005. The turbine produced by Dongfang Electrical Machinery Co Ltd weighs 416 tons. Picutre taken on 10 July, 2005.—INTERNET

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## PM says New Zealand's nuclear ban stays

WELLINGTON, 11 July — New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark has promised that New Zealand's nuclear ban is here to stay.

She made the commitment at Sunday night's Auckland commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the bombing of the *Rainbow Warrior* ship.

Two decades ago, bombs were allegedly planted by French agents in response to Greenpeace's protests against the French nuclear testing programme in the Pacific, sinking the *Rainbow Warrior* and killing photographer Fernando Pereira.

Clark said the nuclear issue is just as relevant now as it was 20 years ago when Greenpeace was protesting against nuclear testing in the Pacific.

She said the possible combination of nuclear power generation and terrorism make the ban on nuclear powered ships in New Zealand's harbours even more relevant.

Clark said New Zealand Government is prepared to talk to the United States about the nuclear free policy but it will have to be within the framework of current legislation. — MNA/Xinhua

## Expert says China's stance on G-4 draft not against India but Japan

BEIJING, 11 July — China's stand against the G-4 draft resolution, which seeks to increase the number of permanent seats in the UN Security Council, should not be construed by India as an "unfriendly" move but one against Japan, experts have said.

"China will not be an obstacle in India's bid to be a permanent member of the UN Security Council and this stance has been conveyed to the Indian leadership," Professor Ma Jiali with China Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR), a major think-tank for the Chinese Government, said.

Ma, an eminent South Asian affairs expert, told PTI here that Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, during his visit to India in April, had conveyed Beijing's stance on India's UNSC membership to the top Indian leadership.

At the same time, China could not support the G-4 draft resolution since it would mean backing Japan's quest to become a UNSC member.

"India is an important strategic partner to China. China will support India's membership in the UN Security Council," Ma said, hoping that New Delhi could find some other way to enter the UNSC sans Japan.

"We will not do anything that would directly or indirectly support Japan's bid to the UNSC since Tokyo has not sincerely repented on its war-time crimes in China and other Asian countries," Ma said.

The G-4 countries, comprising India, Brazil, Germany and Japan, tabled their draft resolution last week which calls for an increase of six permanent members on the UN Security Council.

MNA/PTI

## China reports rising HIV in women

BEIJING, 11 July — Annual reports on the number of HIV/AIDS infected patients in China show that the male to female ratio has altered dramatically from 5:1 in the 1990s to the current 2:1, even 1:1 in some areas, according to Monday's *China Daily*.

"Let us empower women and fight against HIV/AIDS." This is the call going out from the Chinese Government today, the World Population Day. And given the alarming shift in the ratio of male to female infections in the last decade, the government is hoping to use the day to highlight the disturbing trend.

"The number of women infected with HIV/AIDS is climbing," Wei Jian'an, executive Deputy Director of the Traditional Chinese Medicine Centre for AIDS Prevention and Treatment, was quoted as saying. In China, most women have been infected in two main ways through illegal blood sales and sexual transmission.

"However, most of the recent infections in women have been sexually transmitted. Some of them belong to the high-risk group of prostitutes, while others are just ordinary housewives or career women, infected by their husbands," said Wei.

Currently, most of those females infected are of child-bearing age. If the epidemic among this group does not receive timely prevention and control, more babies will be infected, resulting in another new problem, said a document released by the Ministry of Health, the National Population and Family Planning Commission and the All-China Women's Federation.

In Shenzhen, a southern coastal city playing a leading role in HIV/AIDS prevention and control in China, 10 pregnant women were diagnosed with the virus in the first half of 2005, said the paper.

MNA/Xinhua

## Flyover in Malaysia collapses, injuring ten workers

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 July — Ten Bangladeshi and Indonesian workers were injured when a flyover collapsed in Shah Alam, about 25 kilometres southwest of Kuala Lumpur, the *Bernama* news agency reported Sunday.

The accident happened at about 1:40 pm local time (0540 GMT) on the Meru expressway when eight segmental girders of a flyover under construction collapsed during installation.

The girders, forming a 10-metre stretch, fell down to the New Klang Valley Expressway (NKVE) below, bringing down the workers with it and damaging a passing car on the NKVE.

Seven of the 10 workers were seriously injured, and all of them have been sent to hospital.

MNA/Xinhua

## 2005 World Children's Choir Festival opens in HK

HONG KONG, 11 July — 2005 World Children's Choir Festival opened in Hong Kong on Sunday evening bringing together 30 top children's choirs from more than 10 countries and regions.

At the opening ceremony, Leon Shiu-wai Tong, Chairman of the Festival Organizing Committee, said, "The Festival is more than just a prestigious cultural event. It reaffirms the value and public interest in children's choirs".

He added that the festival played an important role in international artistic exchange with choirs from different

nations presenting their unique cultural characteristics on the stage.

The festival would last five days with concerts and workshops. Starting tonight, there would be four evening Festival concerts: Grand Opening Concert, the Asian Night Concert, the Grand Song Bridge Gala Concert and the Closing Concert. — MNA/Xinhua

## Eleven Iraq soldiers killed as diplomats promised more protection

BAQUBA, 11 July — Iraq gunmen killed 11 soldiers as Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari promised more protection for diplomats after the abduction and murder of Egypt's head of mission.

Nine of the troops were killed in a dawn raid Monday on a checkpoint outside Khaled north of Baghdad in which six soldiers and three civilians were also wounded, police said.

The gunmen opened fire on the troops and then detonated a truck bomb when reinforcements arrived. The explosives were hidden amidst a cargo of melons.

The town has seen repeated unrest by Sunni Arab insurgents. On 15 June, a suicide bomber dressed in army uniform blew himself up at an army camp in Khaled, killing 23 people and wounding 29.

Internet



An Iraqi police inspects the site where a suicide bomber detonated his booby-trapped car outside Kirkuk's municipal offices, in northern Iraq, on 10 July, 2005. — INTERNET

## Indian PM says reform helped reduce corruption

LONDON, 10 July— Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Friday said economic reforms have helped reduce corruption and peak Customs tariffs would be brought down at par with neighbouring countries in three to five years as another step in this regard.

Seeking to address one of main issues raised by Left parties which provide crucial outside support to his government, Singh said the government would soon launch National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme to ensure 100 days of employment to each member of every rural family.

To a query on corruption, Singh told reporters here that with ushering in of the liberalization process since 1991, the scope for corruption has been reduced to a large extent.

Tax reforms and the dismantling of licences for imports and have largely helped towards this, he said.

"In the next 3-5 years, government will bring down tariff levels at par with neighbouring countries which in effect will reduce the scope of corruption," said the Prime Minister.

On the back of 6.9 per cent economic growth in 2004-05, the Prime Minister said all indications pointed

to achieving seven per cent growth this year and government was committed to making it inclusive by developing infrastructure and necessary safety net for the poor.

"We are confident of achieving a 7 -per-cent growth this year as all indications point to that. But we want to make it all inclusive by developing infrastructure, particularly in backward districts and states," Singh told reporters here.

"We have also taken concrete measures to ensure that the benefits reach the downtrodden," the Prime Minister said after unveiling a plaque commemorating 75 years of "India House" here which houses the Indian High Commission to Britain.

Singh said stress would be laid on improving primary education and rural healthcare and "we are also taking steps to remove regional disparity".

MNA/PTI

## Pillion riding banned in Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 10 July — Due to security reasons, the Nepali Government issued an order banning pillion riding on motorcycles in Kathmandu with effect from Saturday.

The decision comes following reports of increased acts of terrorism by pillion riders across the country in the past few weeks, a Press release issued by the Minister of Home Affairs said.

Various district administrations have already brought the ban on pillion riding into force in the wake of the increasing violence and terrorism in the country. The security forces have been ordered to remain vigil round the clock to avert any untoward incidents, said the Press release.

It has further requested motorcycle owners and riders to cooperate with the authorities in maintaining law and order by avoiding pillion rides.

MNA/Xinhua

## China's mentally retarded kids to enjoy vacation at beach

BEIJING, 10 July — More than 1,000 Chinese mentally-retarded children will enjoy blue sky, clean air, and bright sunshine together this summer, plus soft beach and sea sight — all will be luxurious gifts beyond their expectation.

A special summer camp for the group of children will open this Sunday at Nandaihe, a seaside resort in north China's Hebei Province. More than 1,000 mentally retarded children and their parents were invited, and they will be divided into 15 groups, with the first group departing on July 8 for Nandaihe.

"I want to have a look of the sea and play with other kids," Ding Ding, a mentally retarded boy told Xinhua.

Mountain climbing, swimming, and museum visiting have offered most children a colourful summer vacation, but not for mentally retarded kids in China.

Wang Lijuan, organizer of the special summer camp and President of China's first private training school for mentally retarded adults, was confident that the four-day summer camp will offer the kids an unforgettable vacation.

Li Huiling, an education expert on mentally retarded children, said that there are 60 million handicapped people in China, accounting for 5 per cent of the country's total population; and 12 million mentally retarded people, 55 per cent of whom are under 18 years.

MNA/Xinhua



Cambodian workers clean soya beans at a soy milk factory in Phnom Penh recently. — INTERNET

## Huge fire at Iraq refinery put out after mortar attack

BAGHDAD, 10 July—A huge fire broke out at the Dura oil refinery outside Baghdad on Friday after it was hit by a mortar shell, security sources said.

The interior ministry said later the fire had been put out and no one was hurt.

'There are no victims,' a ministry official said after having contacted hospitals in the city.—Internet



An elephant sprinkles water on its companion to cool it off at Xiangjiang Wildlife World in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, on 10 July, 2005. Various measures have been taken to help animals here to combat heat wave plaguing the city during past days.—INTERNET

## HK Govt records surplus in 2004-2005 fiscal year

HONG KONG, 10 July — A 21.4-billion-HK-dollar (2.74-billion-US-dollar) surplus has been recorded in the Hong Kong Government coffers for the 2004-05 fiscal year that ended on 31 March, the government said here on Friday.

This was largely a result of additional receipts from land premiums, salaries tax and stamp duty, a government official explained.

The surplus was 9.4 billion HK dollars above the revised estimate of 12 billion HK dollars announced in the 2005-06 Budget. Expenditure was 7.5 billion HK dollars lower than forecast.

The final results for the 2004-05 financial year were the same as the provisional results published on April 27. Revenue amounted to 263.6 billion HK dollars (33.79 billion US dollars) while expenditure reached 242.2 billion HK dollars (31.05 billion US dollars).

The revenue took into account the

six-billion-HK-dollar Toll Revenue Bond issued in May, and the 20 billion HK dollars in government bonds and notes issued last July.

Discounting proceeds from bond issuance, there was a deficit of four billion HK dollars.

Fiscal reserves stood at 296 billion HK dollars as of March 31 (37.95 billion US dollars), 20.7 billion HK dollars more than the year earlier.

The rise was due to the surplus of 21.4 billion HK dollars, offset partly by a provision of 700 million HK dollars for the diminution in market value of investments with the Exchange Fund from January to March.

MNA/Xinhua

## Taleban claims to have killed US commando

KABUL, 10 July — Taleban guerillas in Afghanistan said on Saturday they had killed an American commando they had been holding hostage since last week, but the US military said it had no information about this and that searching for the missing soldier is continuing.

"Taleban have slaughtered the arrested American at 11:00 am (0630 GMT) in Kunar's Shegal area," the Pakistan-based Afghan Islamic Press quoted Taleban spokesman Mullah Abdul Latif Hakimi as saying.

AIP quoted Hakimi as saying the killing followed a decision by the Taleban's council of religious leaders.— MNA/Xinhua

## Seven drug traffickers sentenced to death in E China

NANJING, 10 July — Seven drug traffickers were sentenced to death and another to death with reprieve by Wuxi Municipal Intermediate People's Court in east China's Jiangsu Province on Friday.

This is the largest drug trafficking case cracked in the province, according to police.

The eight-member ring trafficked about 20 kilos of drugs in three cities, Chongqing, Shanghai and Wuxi, and controlled about 60 per cent of the drugs circulating in Wuxi.

Forty-year-old Lian Yongming, head of the ring, started trafficking drugs in 1995, and had been imprisoned for about two years. Most of the ring members have criminal records. Police cracked the ring after one year and eight months of investigation.

MNA/Xinhua

## Singh hints at Cabinet reshuffle

**ONBOARD SPECIAL AIRCRAFT, 10 July— Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday night indicated the possibility of a Cabinet reshuffle in the near future but was non-committal if it would happen before his visit to the United States next weekend.**

"There is always a possibility," Singh told accompanying reporters while returning from a three-day visit to Britain. He was asked whether there was possibility of a Cabinet reshuffle in the near future. Asked if the reshuffle would take place before his visit to the US, he said "I cannot say that."

Regarding the protest of the Left parties against the India-US framework defence agreement, Singh

said Left parties could see the documents which had nothing that affects national interest. "The two countries have agreed on cooperation, it meant India and the US are willing to work together. It does not mean we are surrendering our sovereignty," he said.

Asked about the US opposition to the proposed Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline, the Prime Minister said "we are not a client

of the United States."

Asked if the European Union wants a trade off industrial tariff in WTO negotiations for concessions to developing countries on the issue of farm subsidies, the Prime Minister said "it is too early to say anything now. There are differences with the US and the EU on the elimination of farm subsidies. But, we are hopeful of building a consensus."

MNA/PTI



A Delhi Metro Rail train passes by as a hut is seen submerged in the River Yamuna in New Delhi, India, on 10 July, 2005. — INTERNET

## Indian Premier meets Jacques Chirac

**GLENEAGLES, (Scotland), 10 July — India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who found tacit support from the US and Britain on the need to eliminate farm subsidies, had a meeting with French President Jacques Chirac at a time when France is dragging its feet on the issue in the WTO.**

Singh, who was here on Thursday to participate in the G-8 outreach meeting with the G-5 developing countries comprising India, Brazil, China, Mexico and South Africa, had a half-an-hour meeting with Chirac. The details were not immediately known. Singh also had a meeting with G-4 countries comprising India, Japan, Brazil and Germany which are pressing for reform of the world body and expansion of the UNSC.

Singh's meeting with Chirac was crucial as it comes at a time when there is increasing pressure on France to eliminate export subsidies.

MNA/PTI

## Pakistan to set up modern border terminals for trade

**ISLAMABAD, 10 July — The Pakistani Government has decided to establish four modern border terminals (MBTs) at Wagah, Taftan, Torkhum and Chaman to facilitate further land route trade with India, Iran, Afghanistan and possibly Central Asian states under trade agreements.**

The task for establishing the border terminals on these four land routes has been given to the National Logistics Cell (NLC), *Daily Times* reported on Saturday.

The need for establishing modern border terminals was felt to facilitate the land route trade that is expected to grow fast due to the preferential trade agreements and other trade agreements. The agreements include the operational bilateral Preferential Trade Agreement with Iran, the South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA) that is going to be operational from 1 January, 2006, and a possible preferential trade agreement between Pakistan and Afghanistan. All these require modern terminal facilities for vehicles carrying commercial cargoes while coming or leaving Pakistan, said the paper.

The MBT at Wagah will facilitate the land route

trade between Pakistan and India and further to other member countries of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation when the SAFTA agreement will be operational. The MBT at Taftan will facilitate the land route trade between Pakistan and Iran and further to other neighbouring countries when it is completed in near future.

The Torkhum MBT will facilitate land route trade between Pakistan and central Asian states as the trade between Pakistan and Afghanistan crossed the mark of one billion US dollars in the July-May period of the last fiscal 2004-05 that ended on 30 June.

The MBT to be established at Chaman will facilitate land route trade under the Afghan Transit Trade Agreement as well as the trade between Pakistan and Afghanistan through land route. — MNA/Xinhua

## Six Bangladeshis arrested at Kutch border

**AHMEDABAD, 10 July — Six Bangladeshis, travelling without proper documents, were arrested at a village near the Indo-Pakistani border in Kutch District of Gujarat in West India, police said here on Saturday.**

The six were arrested on Friday from Nara Village after they were found travelling without passports and visas, police said. All residents of Dhaka, they had entered India through the porous Indo-Bangladesh border without valid documents, police said adding, preliminary interrogation of the accused revealed that they had first travelled to Ajmer and then came to Kutch.

However, nothing suspicious has been recovered from them and it is yet to be ascertained if the six were planning to cross over to Pakistan, police added.

MNA/PTI

## 10,000 citizens take part in long walk in Beijing

**BEIJING, 10 July — More than 10,000 citizens of Beijing on Saturday took part in a long walk, part of the Beijing Olympic Cultural Festival.**

The participants, aged between seven to 70, walked five kilometers in about two hours. "Long walk is good for my health. I have been doing the practice for years. I hope that I can live to watch the 2008 Olympics," said Li Dong, a 67-year-old retired worker.

The Beijing Olympic Cultural Festival is held annually from 2002 through 2008 to promote the Olympic Movement and mark the city's successful bid for the 2008 Games. This year's Olympic Cultural Festival, which started on 23 June and will run through 16 July, features various activities including concerts, photo exhibition, film festival, dance performances and forum.

The Chinese capital was awarded the right to host the 2008 Olympics in July 2001. — MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese worker collects dead fish in a reservoir in Urumchi, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 10 July, 2005. Much water in this reservoir has been used for agricultural irrigation as local authorities fight against the severe drought. — INTERNET

## China, Nigeria sign oil supply pact

**ABUJA, 10 July — PetroChina International and the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) here on Friday signed an oil supply pact, with the latter selling 30,000 barrels of crude a day to the former.**

Si Bingjun, managing director of PetroChina, and Edmund Daukoru, special adviser to Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo on Energy and Oil Matters, signed the contract on behalf of their respective sides. The contract is for a period of one year and is also at the prevailing cost of crude at the international market.

Si said China and Nigeria should continue to have cooperation given the healthy trade and stable development among the two countries.

He said China has submitted bids for two oil blocks in the 2005 licensing opening in August.

According to him, China is considering building a hydro-station in Mambilla and has already expressed interest to take over the Kaduna Refinery and Petrochemicals as core

investors in the event of privatization.

The contact which is renewable after one year will fetch the NNPC about 800 million US dollars.

According to the Nigerian presidential adviser, Nigeria will continue to offer China opportunity to meet its high demand of energy.

He said President Obasanjo has approved four oil blocks to China aimed at assisting it to secure more crude to meet the needs of its expanding economy.

Recent years have witnessed fast growth of foreign trade and economic cooperation between China and the West African country. In 2004, the bilateral trade between the two countries stood at more than two billion US dollars. — MNA/Xinhua

# The Hand That Rocks the Cradle Rules the World

*Tin Nwe Aye*

I was thinking of writing something to honour the Myanmar Women's Day, 3rd July 2005 when I came to read Ma Ma Win's (Dr Ma Tin Win's,) article in the New Light of Myanmar, both in Myanmar and English, on 19-6-2005.

There is a saying: "Mother's benevolence as a benefactor supersedes the height of Mount Meru Women have been looked (down) upon as weak, downhearted and deplorable creatures. But, in truth, they are stronger, more wholehearted and worthy of admiration.

All along the Myanmar history, since the days of our Omniscient Buddha, passing through various times and reigns of rulers, up to this day, we Myanmarers have been born, brought up and our knowledge or intellect broadened at the hands of our mothers.

As, is accepted, women may be less literate than their counterparts or men, to speak out plainly, they have a deeper feeling for and much more understanding of life around them, that is, family, community or nationwide.

Though men are leaders of families, communities and at national status, women are the ones on whom they have to lean back, draw their strength from and help them make decisions that ensure success. Since days gone by, mothers have been more desired by their offspring than fathers. Understanding women never antagonize or argue with their spouses over issues big or small.

Human beings formed in their mothers' wombs, and when born survived on their mothers' milk, rocked to sleep in the cradles rocked by their respective mothers' hands.

A son may grow up simple and ordinary, or he may grow up to be the ruler of the land he was born in. Whatever the case, the mother is his chief adviser, sole confidant and personal asserter. She guides him, helps him to acquire correct conduct and avoid unpleasant outcomes.

Whether a woman is a mother, wife, offspring or sibling, she is always at the ready to assist her male counterpart in whatever situations he is facing.

Women today who are now more efficient and have experience in all walks of life are more valuable in today's world. Women are not just plain housewives, chained to the kitchen and household chores. We, the women of today, are doing our best to develop the natural resources, make an ad-

vance in fields of studies and those of business. We are now recognized by members of our once (said to be) Stronger Sex as equals in intelligence and initiatives.

As teachers, especially, we manage to help our surrogate offspring to become good, wise and upright representatives of the oncoming generation. We seem to be able to reach closer to them than our brother-teachers and we hope to carry on doing so till the end of time.

Incidents come to be recalled as I put my thoughts down on paper.

One very young student, an orphan boy, lived with his widowed grandmother, not much well-to-do. He was so downhearted that he thought it would be better to leave school and earn a living, so that he could repay his gratitude to his benefactor-grandmother. His teacher came to know of these thoughts in time and discussed the matter with his grandmother. She agreed with his teacher that he could

**We, mothers of today are at the same time, daughters or daughters-in-law as well as job-holders working hard at the service of our Motherland and also caring for our children, parents or parents-in-law, not forgetting the well-being of our "Better-halves" simultaneously.**

repay her much more after he continued his studies and found better ways of earning a living. The boy reconciled to their advice and grew up a man with a high education and looked after his aged-grandmother.

There was also another boy, a high school student, whose mother was very poor in health and whose father was very strict with him. He became so unhappy that he decided to run away from home with some of his school-friends. Fortunately, he confided in his class-teacher what he was about to do. The teacher pacified her pupil, reminding him that his mother would feel most unhappy not to see him at home. Furthermore, he told her that he intended to give his friends either his watch or his gold chain to use on their escapade. The teacher had to explain that these were not things purchased with his own money and so belonged to his parents and

he had no right to dispose of them as he liked. She confiscated both the watch and the gold chain. She sent for his father who was blazing with anger when he was told about the episode. The teacher had to soothe his temper by saying that his son was not too far gone as he had the presence of mind to take his teacher into his confidence. The father finally agreed to be less strict and promised to see to his needs.

There were more such cases of misappreciation and misunderstanding but their mother-teacher or teacher-mother intervened with worthy advice and cooperation of the elder generation at home brought about happy results which could be stated as "All's well that ends well".

We, mothers of today are at the same time, daughters or daughters-in-law as well as job-holders working hard at the service of our Motherland and also caring for our children, parents or parents-in-law, not forgetting the wellbeing of our "Better-halves" simultaneously. We women need good health, strong willpower and stout stamina. We are more patient and outgoing with our goodwill and affection towards all those we come into contact with. We realize our difficulties in our every-day life-situations and remember, at the same time, our spouses are also facing the same difficulties. We try to control our temper, disguise our displeasure and see to their needs.

In so doing, good deeds overcome, bad ones and we find our own difficulties disappear as we appease our spouses and manage to bring smiles to their pouted lips.

So also, the generation gap between grandparents and their grandchildren, between mothers (-in-law) and daughters (-in-law) have arisen but usually brought to rest.

It is the same between friends and colleagues. The remedy is the same. What comes to boil, cools down in time. We must remember to be humble when dealing with others, but righteously, we may take pride: "We, women are worthy beings who have come into existence to make our world a more happy, healthy and honourable one to live in.

The saying, "The Hand that Rocks the Cradle Rules the World" is indeed the insignia of us "Women" it makes me feel worthy to be born a woman, and proud to be sharing the benefits of Myanmar Women's Day, 3rd July 2005.

## Minister for Agriculture inspects jute mill, factories

YANGON, 12 July —Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected Jute Mill in Okkyin in Hline Township on 9 July.

Officials reported on yearly production of gunny bags, ropes and carpets and capacity of the machines.

The minister gave instructions on boosting production and high quality products.

Managing Director of Myanmar Jute Enterprise U Ye Phone Myint and officials explained the production process.

The minister went to Carpet Factory in Dawbon Township and told of-

ficials to manufacture carpets with popular design.

The minister proceeded to the farm of No 5 Farm Equipment Factory and observed the use of Leya-16 power tiller.

Director-General of Agricultural Mechanization Department U Win Maw reported on work done with the use of power tillers and demonstration and sale.

The minister then inspected the materials used in river water pumping project at the maintenance and supply section of Water Resources Utilization Department in Ywathagy.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin cordially converse with locals of Ward 10, South Okkalapa, where DHF control work is being launched Tuesday. — YCDC

## Banking services contributing much...

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Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, officials of social organizations, and others.

Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun formally opened the branch.

Speaking on the occasion, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint said that placing Our Three Main National Causes in the fore, the government has been implementing the 24-de-



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspect the new MEB branch building in Gwa. — MNA

velopment zone project to narrow the gap between one region and another according to the 12 political, economic and social objectives. It has been giving priority to the border areas development project. Banking services are contributing much to the development of national economy.

Thus, the government has been rendering assistance for the development of the banking services. Based on the capital expenditure of the State, the government has been opening new buildings of the MEB. The opening of the new building will help facilitate banking services and ensure security for fi-

nanacial matters. As the economic, trade and production sectors have witnessed progress, smooth running of the banking services will serve the interest of the entire nation.

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun said that the government has been playing a leading role in uniting the

national races of the entire country and further improving their living standard. It has been developing and maintaining the transport infrastructures for progress of the whole Union. It is also extending the infrastructures of other sectors for peace, stability and development of the entire

national people. The government has been opening MEB branches at necessary places for development of the economy of all regions. MEB staff should strive to win the trust of the locals. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected the building.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo meets local authorities, departmental personnel and entrepreneurs of Taninthayi Division. — MNA



Taung of the company handed the document to No 1 Basic Education Department through an official. U Maung Sit also presented stationery to the students through the principal.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo delivered a speech, saying that the government is implementing various projects for equitable progress of all regions of the nation including border areas and rural regions.

Thanks to the education promotion programme, the enrolment rate of school age children has reached 97 per cent. It is (See page 9)

## National entrepreneurs are to strive...

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and local people, numbering more than 2,500.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo in his speech said that the government is building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing democracy. Respective states and divisions are also making efforts under the leadership of the government for their development.

Taninthayi Division is rich in natural resources, so the State, the people and the Tatmadaw are to be united for national and regional progress.

The government has been putting into motion the projects for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the nation including Taninthayi Division. It is also giving encouragement and providing assistance for the people to emerge national entrepreneurs with investments and technological know-how. It has created many opportunities for

national entrepreneurs to be able to engage in commodity production.

The government regards as its comrades the national entrepreneurs who are striving with a sense of duty for national economic development for the emergence of a modern developed nation.

It will also fulfil their requirements by providing permission in accord with the laws and procedures.

He said that the national entrepreneurs,

skilled in business with investments are to strive for building strong economy of the nation for transition to democracy.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo formally unveiled the stone plaque of the dam. Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Managing Director U Aung Lwin and Director U Hla Than opened the facility constructed at a cost of over K 300 million contributed by the company.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected the

earth dam, whose water storage capacity is some 70 million gallons.

They visited the fish powder factory of Pyae Phyo Tun Co Ltd, and the crab breeding farm in the village.

Afterwards, they attended the handing over of the new school building to the Basic Education Primary School in Aungmingalar Ward in Myeik later this morning. Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and wellwisher Director U Maung Sit of ASK Andaman Ltd, and the principal formally

opened the building.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected the building. General Manager U L Labin

## CEC member of USDA gives lecture on national policy

YANGON, 12 July— Central Executive Committee member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein this afternoon gave lecture on national policy and the seven-point Road Map at the basic organizing course No-23 conducted by Insein Township USDA of Yangon North District.

The course was attended by 75 USDA members. On the occasion, CEC member U Thein Sein accepted K 30,000 donated by the chairman of Insein Township Peace and Development Council and K 20,000 by Township Police Commander.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and wellwisher U Maung Sit and Principal Daw Aye Myint formally open the building. — MNA





## Pauk Bridge (Yepya) No 2 inaugurated

YANGON, 12 July — Pauk Bridge (Yepya) No 2 across Yaw Creek at Mile Post 24/5 on Pakokku-Pauk-Htilin-Gangaw Road in Pauk Township, Pakokku District, Magway Division was opened yesterday morning. The bridge was constructed by Special Group-13 of Bridge Construction Project, Public Works under the Ministry of Construction.

The bridge opening ceremony was attended by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe, local authorities, depart-



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Col Phone Maw Shwe formally opens Pauk Bridge (Yepya).

### CONSTRUCTION

mental officials, members of social organizations and others.

Addressing the opening of the bridge, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun said transport infrastructure plays an important role in efforts for the development of a nation. In accord with guidance

of the Head of State, the Ministry of Construction is striving for the improvement of the transport sector of the nation. And as a result, a great number of bridges of various sizes have been built all over the country, contributing towards the smooth and secure

transport. He said Pauk Bridge (Yepya) No 2 is the 184th of over 180-foot bridges constructed after 1988. It is the 13th bridge in Magway Division. The bridge is situated at Yaw Creek in Yepya Village, 34 miles from Pakokku. The 1610 feet long bridge was con-

structed and it was divided into two parts, one is 260-foot wooden part and the other, 660-foot bailey bridge. The wooden part of the bridge will be built into concrete one later.

The minister said the motorway of the bridge is 10 feet and 10 inches and a half wide and it can withstand 20 tons of loads. The construction of the bridge started on 15 January this year and it took only six months. Due to the emergence of the bridge and with Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw) No 1 that will be opened very soon, the distance between Yepya and Ohndaw-Pauk will be shorter than the past. He added that the bridge links Ayeyawady Division, Magway Division, Sagaing Division and the southern part of Chin State. All in all, the min-

ister said all the national people are to take part in the building of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation by making use of basic infrastructures built by the State, and to maintain the bridges and roads in the nation. Next, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye delivered a speech.

Afterwards, Daw Win Yi, on behalf of the local people, expressed thanks for the construction of the bridge.

At the auspicious time, the commander, the minister and Col Phone Maw Shwe formally opened the bridge. Then they posed for a documentary photo together with those present. Later, the commander, the minister and party walked along the bridge and inspected it. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye delivers an opening address at inauguration ceremony of Pauk Bridge (Yepya). — CONSTRUCTION

## National entrepreneurs are to strive for ensuring...

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also constructing educational institutions across the nation for development of human resources.

Primary schools play a fundamental role in the drive for facing the challenges of the knowledge age.

He called on the teachers to make increased endeavours in nurturing their students for further production of reliable human resources.

The building was built with K 38 million contributed by ASK Andaman Ltd.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo held a meeting with local authorities, service personnel and entrepreneurs and elaborated on measures for regional development. Division

level officials reported on work progress and future programmes sector-wise; and local authorities, on steps for local food security district-wise, growing of perennial crops, oil palm, and rubber, extended planting of pepper, and targets for this fiscal year.

Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint gave an account of measures for local food sufficiency, land reclamation, the ongoing project for meeting the targets of growing of 500,000 acres of oil palm and 200,000 acres of rubber, plan for establishment of Myeik satellite town, exploration of minerals and production of marine products, the division's contribution towards the nation's GDP, increase in

per capita income of local people, and transport sector.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that the government is taking measures for ensuring community peace and prevalence of law and order, while trying to raise the transport, education, health and economic sectors for the development of basic infrastructures.

The government has created fine opportunities for enabling national entrepreneurs to take part in constructing good economic foundations of the nation. It has established 19 industrial zones.

Taninthayi Division, made up of over 800 islands, can export marine products more than any other states and divisions. The region has

good prospects for all-round development. He urged the officials to put into reality the target set by the Head of State for the region to become a reliable division.

He also called on officials concerned to make combined efforts to ensure cent per cent food sufficiency of the region, meeting the targetted acreage of oil palm and rubber, speedy implementation of the housing project in line with the laws, and community peace.

Yesterday morning, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Maj-Gen Ohn Myint visited the Maha Siddhijaya (Shwedagon Pagoda replica) Pagoda in Myeik, and inspected religious buildings in the precinct.

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### U Tin Win presents his credentials to German President

YANGON, 13 July—U Tin Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Federal Republic of Germany, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Horst Kohler, President of the Federal Republic of Germany on 24 June, 2005, in Berlin. —MNA

### U Than Tun presents his credentials to Italian President

YANGON, 13 July—U Than Tun, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Italy, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, President of the Republic of Italy on 28 June, 2005, in Rome.

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MWAF Chairperson Daw Than Than Nwe and trainees of organizing course(basic) No 1/2005 pose for a documentary photo.—MNA

## MWAF to launch organizational task till...

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consolidate the membership strength to increase the number of core members; to launch the organizational task till the entire women have come to understand that the MWAF is a body working for their progress; and to have cooperation and coordination among the organizers of the headquarters, state/division, districts, and townships. In accord with the motto — From numbers to quality — the MWAF will have to nurture its members to become the core of the members of the Federation. The organizational courses (basic level) have been conducted to increase the core of members of the Federation. The course will lecture four main subjects — the women's affairs subject, organizational subject, the administrative and management subject and general subject. Officials of the six departments and six working groups of the Federation will

give lectures on the women's affairs subject. The instructors will teach the trainees the ways to become a good organizer through practical and theoretical lectures. The trainees will also have the opportunity to study the lectures given by the officials of the related departments and partnership organizations to be skilled in the administrative and management affairs. The general subject covers a wide range of sectors from State policies to national defence and patriotism vitalization. The course will be beneficial to the trainees to a certain degree. Multiplier courses will be opened in the respective states and divisions. Trainees who have completed the course will have to render assistance for conducting multiplier courses in their regions.

Fifty-one presidents, secretaries and executives of state/division organizations for women affairs are attending the five-day course. — MNA

## Lao-Myanmar Friendship

- \* 'Tis not only on the lips of two nation's Leaders  
'Tis the language of friendship based on the heart  
Reciprocal regard that is genuine  
There's peace
- \* We take pride for our friends' visit  
While here you enjoy full hospitality  
Host's treatment always brims over  
Our friends know.
- \* Leaders hold talks in full unanimity of views  
There is no problem whatsoever to be solved  
That's for sure.
- \* We share the same kind of Sasana  
With loving-kindness, for the citizens to revere  
Full of generosity a statue was donated  
That you are aware
- \* Likewise for the Sasana to flourish, per petuate  
For true essence of Theravada, we hold same value  
You encourage obeisance of it in Myanmar
- \* Goodwill visit was but three days  
But both sides shared goodwill and regard  
With understanding and good-neighbourliness  
There no problem whatsoever but pure peace.

Maung Chit Aye (A place on the Mekong) (Trs)  
(Dedicated to the goodwill visit of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe to the Lao People's Democratic Republic from May 5-7-2003.)

## In spite of obstacles and hindrances, the government would lay down practical projects and implement them for peace and stability, solidarity and development of the country and its people

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Chin national women bravely fought the British forces who stepped in the Chin hill region. Similarly, Myanmar national race women hand in hand with the men took part in the year 1300 ME uprising and also in the independence struggle. Women heroines and writers emerged in successive eras. At present too, Myanmar women intellectuals and technocrats are taking charge duties for the country. Myanmar women are actively participating in the tasks of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Asso-

ciation, Union Solidarity and Development Association and Myanmar Red Cross Society. As a gesture of hailing Myanmar patriotic women, 3rd July was designated as Myanmar Women's Day. Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was formed on 20th December 2003.

## Chin State WAO is making efforts for improvement of living conditions of women and for nation-building tasks

ciation, Union Solidarity and Development Association and Myanmar Red Cross Society. As a gesture of hailing Myanmar patriotic women, 3rd July was designated as Myanmar Women's Day. Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was formed on 20th December 2003.

MWAF is making nation building endeavours. MWAF is taking part not only in building a peaceful, modern developed democratic nation but also in the interests of the entire mass of Myanmar women. VOA, BBC and RFA highlighted Daw Suu Kyi's birthday early June.

Her birthday parties were held in the US and some European countries on 19 June. Those present at the birthday parties called for political and trade sanctions on Myanmar and designated 19th July as Myanmar

Women's Day. Out of the country's population of 54 million over 27 million are women. So, an individual woman's birthday should not be designated as Myanmar Women's Day. It does not represent the entire mass of Myanmar women. The woman lived abroad for over thirty years and got married with an English man. That tarnished national prestige and integrity. She arrived back in Myanmar to look after her ailing mother when there was growing unrest in 1988.

The west bloc and BCP exhorted the woman to push her onto the political stage. From that time onward, she constantly created situation to cause political and economic chaos in the country. The woman

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and accomplices together with west bloc are hatching plot to break up the State and national consolidation, to incite unrest of farmers, workers and service personnel and to cause religious conflict in the country. The woman and accomplices constantly attempted to delay all-round development of the State and interfered in internal affairs.

During her meeting with national race organizations in 1995 July, she incited the national races to make various demands with intent to cause disintegration of the Union. NLD delegates attended the National Convention starting from 9 January 1993. With the order of the woman, these delegates walked out of the National Convention on 19 November 1995. The woman and NLD members continuously tried to get the nation and the people into trouble.

These treacherous acts should be stopped. The political parties usually solve political problems

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# Equipped with nationalistic fervour, Myanmar women are to preserve national prestige and integrity

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MWAF opposed designation of the woman's birthday as Myanmar Women's Day.

Moreover, it is protecting women's rights in accordance with the prescribed laws. The entire mass of Myanmar women should actively participate in realization of the objectives of the State and seven-point Road Map under the

led and some were referred to those concerned.

She spoke on combating narcotic drugs in cooperation with regional authorities, consoling women facing social problems, creating jobs that earn more money for women and conducting vocational courses.

The Ministry of Home Affairs is making arrangements for enact-

As a result, about 160 garment factories were closed down and workers were laid off.

She said in spite of obstacles and hindrances, the government would lay down practical projects and implement them for peace and stability, solidarity and development of the country and its people. Chin State WAO pledged to participate in the nation-build-

sector in Chin State, Chin State WAO has organized talks on reproductive and infectious diseases for pregnant women and infants and has been providing health care services to elders and needy women.

Moreover, with the aims of safeguarding national character, Chin State WAO organized Myanmar traditional mode of dress contests and Chin traditional mode of dress contests as well as group dances during the water festival. Women mass were united under the leadership of MWAF, she said.

Foreign news media aired that the US and some western countries designated 19 June, the birthday of the woman of the National League for Democracy (NLD), as Myanmar Women's Day.

They have no right to designate Myanmar Women's Day and they interfered in internal affairs of Myanmar in so doing. Myanmar women themselves have the right to do so. Myanmar

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Chin State WAO marks Myanmar Women's Day in Haka.—MNA

leadership of MWAF.

Next, member of Chin State Women's Affairs Organization Daw Til Lin Pal said she would report on protecting women and nurturing them and promoting their living conditions. Talks on law on prevention of violence against women and educational courses were held and consoling centres were established. In Chin State there are very few cases on violence against women and there is no human trafficking and no cultivation of poppy.

Concerning some complaints over violence against women, some were settled, some are in the process of being set-

ing the law on control of human trafficking.

She went on to say that one-sided actions were taken against Myanmar by ILO. In 1930, Article 29 on forced labour was prescribed and came into force on 4 March 1955. ILO made accusations on forced labour after the Tatmadaw government had taken up State duties. An inquiry commission carried out measures on forced labour ignoring the constructive cooperation of Myanmar. ILO put pressure on her giving various excuses. Based on the resolution of ILO, the US government imposed economic sanctions on Myanmar.

ing tasks, she concluded.

Afterwards, Daw Man Dain, Member of



Chin national damsels singing in chorus the song entitled "Efficiency of Myanmar Women" to open the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day.—MNA

Chin State Women's Affairs Organization, said that regarding the health

women make up half of the population of Myanmar. However, it is obvious that some big countries turned a blind eye to the desire and integrity of Myanmar women.

Chin State WAO is making efforts for improvement of living conditions of women and for nation-building tasks.

While MWAF is taking measures to protect women, the Ministry of Home Affairs has been drafting a bill to address human trafficking. It will be promulgated in the near future.

MWAF, a non-governmental organization, is now making endeavors for improvement of living conditions of mass of Myanmar women joining hands with other NGOs. MWAF is implementing the tasks to realize its objectives aimed at promoting national interests, she said.

Next, member of Chin State OWA Daw Shal Kyein made a speech. She said that according to Myanmar traditions and customs, Myanmar women enjoy

family affairs. In the course of Myanmar history, there emerged noted Myanmar women with patriotism and women who took part in anti-colonialist struggle along with men. They did so not to be popular but to ensure perpetuation of sovereignty and preserve culture and traditions.

The present day's Myanmar women are intellectuals and intelligentia and they engaged in management tasks to the best of their abilities, while striving for safeguarding Myanmar culture and lineage.

In Myanmar society the prestige of women represents loving-kindness of mother, compassion and love. They have the rights to participate in the family affairs and to ensure development of own life.

They are endowed with religious teachings and ethics. It is a fine tradition of women in which they pay respects to men. Since their younger days, Myanmar women were brought up under the influence of religious teachings and have been civilized.

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An outstanding woman being presented a gift.—MNA



Daw Ngun Pang and Daw Dawt Hle Par.—MNA

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22 killed in coal mine gas blast in northwest China
URUMQI, 11 July — Twenty-two miners were confirmed dead and 60 others remained missing in a coal mine gas blast taking place in the wee hours of Monday in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

The deaths included three dead miners whose bodies were lifted to the ground by rescue workers, said an official in charge of the rescue operation.
The explosion happened around 2:30 a.m. in Shenlong County Mine of Fukang County when 87 miners were working beneath the shaft, said local sources.
Rescue workers successfully rescued five miners.— MNA/Xinhua

Italy eyes setting up new ministry to deal with emergency
ROME, 11 July— The London blasts left Italian politicians debating whether special measures are needed, including setting up a new ministry to deal with the emergency, Italian media reported on Sunday.
Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi said on Saturday that the government had not yet decided on possible additional measures but he did not rule out the idea.

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Police say 49 killed, 25 missing in London explosions
LONDON, 11 July— The latest figures released recently by British police authorities show that 49 people were killed in Thursday's explosions in London while 25 others remain missing.

Information that keeps running on London's TV programmes shows that nearly 100 are still in hospital with 22 of them in critical condition.
Earlier reports said that the bombings resulted in 50 deaths.
The police also said that there were four explosions across central London on Thursday, not seven as police had initially believed. Three of the explosions struck the underground system, while another ripped through a double-decker bus in which at least 13 people were believed to have died.
The police, who has launched a massive manhunt for bombers in London and throughout the world, said the perpetrators were still "at large".
MNA/Xinhua

Britain commemorates end of WWII
LONDON, 11 July— Britain marks its national commemoration day Sunday to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the end of the World War II, with thousands of people gathering turned out to say their "Thank You" to those who have served and fallen in the war.

The Queen started with the Queen Elizabeth II laying a bouquet of flowers at a memorial in the forecourt of the Westminster Abbey to all innocent people who have laid their lives in wars.

The Queen was then joined by Prime Minister Tony Blair, and heads of the opposition parties as well as hundreds of war veterans for a memorial service at the Westminster Abbey.

Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, told the congregation that the service was a "fitting response" to the terrorists bombings in London on Thursday which claimed dozens of lives.

Following the service, the Queen attended a veterans' lunch at Buckingham Palace.

A Parade of Standards took place in the Mall in central London and a two-minute of silence observed to remember those giving their lives to the country.

In her address to the nation, the Queen hailed the "unremitting hardship and sacrifice" made by those who have served for the country during the six years of the Second World War, adding the national commemoration day is "an act of honour" shown to the veterans and their families.— MNA/Xinhua

CANCELLATION OF ENGAGEMENT
I, Maung Aung Lwin (a) Alfred Aung Lwin and Swe Swe Min were officially engaged on 29th December 2004 at TRADER HOTEL.
Now Ma Swe Swe Min was married with somebody on 18th June 2005. So, I hereby announce the cancellation of my engagement to her. Make further Inquiries.
Aung Lwin (a) Alfred Aung Lwin

20th anniversary of "Rainbow Warrior" sinking commemorated
PARIS, 11 July— Some 500 Greenpeace supporters commemorated Sunday in Paris the 20th anniversary of the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior ship in New Zealand.
The demonstrators coming from about 15 countries sat or knelt in silence on the esplanade of the Trocadero, across the River Seine from the Eiffel Tower. They were wearing in rainbow colours to form the symbol and mark the event.
"We want to send a message of hope and an appeal for peace," said Yannick Jadot, head of French Greenpeace.
He called on "international leaders immediately to stop wasting astronomical sums on developing their atomic bombs" and devote "their resources to an action programme to promote peace, combat climate change, preserve forests and save the oceans".
A ship's bell tolled twice, at the time when the boat exploded on July 10, 1985, rocking Auckland's Waitemata Harbour and killing photographer Fernando Pereira.
MNA/Xinhua

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China's total number of registered trademarks reaches 2.37m
BEIJING, 11 July— China's accumulated number of registered trademarks had reached 2.37 million by the end of this June, according to the latest statistics released Monday. In 1983, China's annual trademark applications for registration was less than 20,000 and among which only 1,687 were foreign applications. By 2004, the number of annual applications had reached 588,000, and China has been on the top of the world for three consecutive years.
Out of the annual applications, 60,000 were foreign trademarks, and the United States, Japan and Germany ranked first, second and third in the number of trademark applications, with 13,343, 11,945 and 5,961 applications respectively, said Li Dongsheng, deputy director of the State Administration of Industry and Commerce, at a Press conference here Monday.
MNA/Xinhua

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**Bush declares disaster areas in three southern states**

WASHINGTON, 11 July — US President George W Bush on Sunday declared parts of Florida, Alabama and Mississippi disaster areas in the wake of the landfall of Hurricane Dennis on the three southern states.

The announcement enables the three states to receive various assistance from the federal government, including grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programmes to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Meanwhile, US authorities have ordered direct assistance to four counties in Alabama and Florida.

Currently, Hurricane Dennis is quickly racing through parts of Florida and Alabama after it landed on the US Gulf Coast with ferocious winds and pounding waves earlier Sunday.

However, after its landfall, the hurricane weakened from an originally powerful Category 4 hurricane on the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale to Category 3. It is expected to further degrade as it moves inland.

Despite the hurricane knocking down power

lines in some areas and forced authorities to ask some 1.2 million inhabitants to evacuate, so far there has been no report of deaths.

Officials said the weakening Hurricane Dennis will only cause limited damage compared to September's Hurricane Ivan, which also came ashore on Florida and killed 25 people, causing 14 billion US dollars in damage.

"I am pleased that the winds died a bit," said Florida Governor Jeb

Bush, brother of the US President.

Rescue operation has been prepared in affected areas.

In Florida, some 2,600 National Guard troops, 700 policemen and other relief workers were getting ready while oil companies have pulled 2,100 workers off oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico.

Before its landfall on the United States, Hurricane Dennis hit Cuba and Haiti and claimed over 20 lives there.

MNA/Xinhua

**Hurricane Dennis kills one in Jamaica, thousands trapped**

HAVANA, 11 July — Hurricane Dennis has left one dead in Jamaica as floods forced thousands from their homes, reports from Montego Bay and Jamaica said on Sunday.

The body of the 35-year-old victim was retrieved from the Negro River early Sunday, three days after the man was flushed away in floods. Thousands were still trapped as many communities were still flooded three days after the hurricane's passage. Authorities have set up emergency shelters where hundreds of people are accommodated.

The powerful hurricane moved toward US coastal areas Saturday following the deadly run over Haiti and Cuba on Thursday. At least 10 were killed in Cuba and five in Haiti, according to officials in those countries. On Sunday, US President George W. Bush declared parts of Florida, Alabama and Mississippi disaster areas in the wake of the landfall of Hurricane Dennis. — MNA/Xinhua

**Bomb scare shuts down subway stations in Los Angeles**

LOS ANGELES, 11 July — With public transit systems on heightened terrorist alert following the London subway bombings, authorities in the US city of Los Angeles took no chances recently when a suspicious object was found at a subway station.

The object, a cooler with wires sticking out of it, was found by a police officer on patrol about 1:20 pm local time at the Metro Red Line station in Hollywood, said Los Angeles County sheriff's Lieutenant John Baylis.

Police officers, firefighters and a bomb squad were called, while two subway stations were evacuated and nearby streets closed.

"We had about 120 to 150 people down there at the time because a train had just come in," Bill Heard of the Metropoli-

tan Transportation Authority told a local TV station. "We got everybody up to the surface in good order." After the cooler was spotted by a deputy, it took well over an hour for the bomb squad to arrive at the subway station, Baylis said, adding that the bomb squad was held up by traffic.

Once the specialists were on scene, it took about 20 minutes for them to X-ray the cooler and determine it was empty, he said. The stations and streets were reopened later about 3:30 pm.

MNA/Xinhua



Debris washed ashore by Hurricane Dennis lines the Bob Sikes Bridge in Penscola Beach, Fla, on 10 July, 2005.—INTERNET

**UNESCO classifies 35 Bangladeshi temples**

DHAKA, 11 July — UNESCO has classified some temples of Bangladesh carry multi-cultural heritage and richness of previous architectural designs of Bangladesh.

A recent publication of UNESCO Bangladesh has identified 35 such temples built in different parts of the country in the past few centuries where Indo-Islamic and European influences are evident, local daily *The Independent* reported on Sunday.

The UNESCO publication titled *Selected Hindu temples in Bangladesh* said the temples and monuments have a common present, that of neglect, lack of preservation.

The publication introduced the readers to their native architectural brilliance and cultural heritage as well as the world to multi-cultural heritage of Bangladesh.

Authored by Nazly Chowdhury and illustrated by brilliant photographs by

Babu Ahmed, the publication also gives a brief description on history of the temples.

Kodla Math in southwestern Bangladesh's Bagerhat District, Mathurapur Deul in central Bangladesh's Faridpur District and Jagannath Mandir in western Pabna District are some of those temples built in 16th century with intricate terracotta and unique designs.

Sonarang Mandir in central Munsiganj District, Shashana Mandir in Central Gazipur District, Shiv Mandir in west Jhenaidah District and Kali Mandir in Faridpur represent the European influences in the culture of this region.

MNA/Xinhua

**Export of Indian "IT" to exceed \$50b by 2009**

NEW DELHI, 12 July — The growth rate of exports from India's IT and IT-enabled services (ITES) is expected to jump from the present 30 per cent to about 45 per cent by 2008-09 with the value exceeding 50 billion US dollars, a new Indian industry study states.

"India will soon be poised to capture a 6-per-cent share of the global market in services and IT software by 2008-09 as against its present share of 3 per cent," according to the study "India's Cutting Edge in Services" conducted by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).

India's software and services

exports reached 17.2 billion US dollars during 2004-05 with an annual growth rate of over 30 per cent.

Releasing the study Sunday, ASSOCHAM President Mahendra K. Sanghi said indications are that in the "next few years, the annual growth rate of IT and ITES services will be over 45 per cent".

MNA/Xinhua

**World population reaches 6.477 billion**

BEIJING, 11 July — The world population hit five billion on 11 July, 1987. In order to raise the public awareness about population issues and take actions, the United Nations decided to make 11 July "World Population Day" in 1990 and required countries to hold activities to observe the day.

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has started to define a theme for every year's "World Population Day" since 1996. This year marks the 16th World Population Day, which focuses on the theme of "Equality Empowers", stressing that each woman and girl is a unique and valuable human being who is entitled to equal op-

portunities and universally adopted human rights. According to the latest statistics from the UNFPA, the world population reached 6.477 billion by the end of June this year and is expected to stand at nine to ten billion by the mid-century.

China, as the world's most populous country, faces the issues of a huge

population base, rapid population growth and unbalanced population structure. It has begun to implement the family planning policy since the early 1970s and reduced its population by 338 million in three decades, postponing its "1.3-billion Population Day" by four years before it fell on 6 January this year.

MNA/Xinhua

**Hailstones pelt Beijing**

BEIJING, 11 July — Hailstones pelted Beijing at 11:40 pm Sunday.

The intensive hailing continued for about ten minutes among gales and thunders, and turned into light showers at midnight.

"This is at least the third time for me to see hailstones in Beijing this summer, more frequently than the previous years in my memory," said a local citizen surnamed Li.

Rare hailstones that pelted parts of Beijing on 31 May caused 48.16 million yuan (about 5.8 million US dollars) in direct economic losses, according to the municipal bureau of civil affairs, as the hailing affected many suburban areas including Mentougou, Tongzhou, Daxing, Fangshan, Pinggu and Huairou.

MNA/Xinhua

## SPORTS

## 2009 East Asian Games emblem unveiled in HK

HONG KONG, 12 July— The design "Fireworks" is selected as the winning entry of the 2009 East Asian Games (EAG) emblem design competition, the 5th EAG Planning Committee announced here Monday.

International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge, together with President of Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, Hon. Timothy Fok, attended the awarding ceremony Monday evening and unveiled the official emblem of the 2009 EAG.

The winning design has adopted the fireworks graphics of five colours implying the five Olympic rings which foretells Hong Kong will be hosting a most spectacular event in 2009, Yick Tat-wa, the winner of the design explained.

The sparkling fireworks symbolize that the efforts and potentials of the participants are brought into full play to achieve splendid records, he said.

Same as the spirit of the EAG, the design emphasizes the gathering of strengths, development of potentials and miracles, which are also the factors for Hong Kong's success as Asia's World City, Yick added.

Commenting on the winning design, Kan Tai Keung, member of the adjudication panel, said the "Fireworks" truly captured the spirit of Hong Kong and the excitement of the EAG in a simple yet modern way.

The winner's design was honoured together with designs from four other top finalists. A total of 1,017 entries from 682 participants were received in the three-month long competition.

MNA/Xinhua

## Cyclist Ullrich feeling fine after high-speed crash



Jan Ullrich of Germany rides up the Bramont pass during the 9th stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Gerardmer and Mulhouse, eastern France, on Sunday, 10 July, 2005.—INTERNET

PARIS, 12 July— German cyclist Jan Ullrich said on Monday he was feeling no serious ill effects from his high speed crash in the ninth stage of Tour de France.

"I'm feeling better than expected," Ullrich was quoted as saying from Grenoble on the first rest day of the Tour.

"We are going to continue attacking Lance Armstrong. The Tour begins properly on Tuesday."

Ullrich crashed on the descent of the first climb in Sunday's ninth stage. He suffered bruising across his chest but x-rays at a Grenoble hospital revealed no fractures.

The 32-year-old German, who won the Tour de France in 1997, is in eighth place in the overall standings, over a minute and a half behind third-placed Armstrong, the six-times champion.

Armstrong lost the leader's yellow jersey to Jens Voigt on Sunday, trailing the German by 2.18 minutes.

MNA/Xinhua

## Woodgate, Samuel to miss Real Madrid tour

MADRID, 12 July— Defenders Jonathan Woodgate and Walter Samuel will miss Real Madrid's tour of the US and Asia, the club said on their web site on Monday.

England's Woodgate, 25, returned to training with the first team when the club started pre-season preparations on Friday, but was left out of coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo's squad for the tour.

Samuel, 27, will stay behind to recover from an operation on a fractured nose.

Real Madrid start their tour in Chicago with a match against Mexican side Guadalajara on 16 July and then play Los Angeles Galaxy on 18 July.

They travel to China to play Beijing Gouan on 23 July, and then fly to Japan to play Tokyo Verdy on 25 July and Jubilo Iwata on 27 July.

The tour ends in Thailand with a game against a Thai all-star team in Bangkok on 29 July.

MNA/Xinhua



Panama's player Alberto Blanco (L) fights for the ball with Densill Theobald of Trinidad & Tobago during the second half of their Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) Gold Cup match at the Orange Bowl Stadium in Miami on July 10, 2005.—INTERNET

## Madrid bid leader looks forward to 2016

MADRID, 12 July— Madrid should bid for the 2016 Olympic Games, the leader of the Spanish capital's failed 2012 bid team said on Monday.

"If it were up to me I would say we should get straight back into the running for the next Olympics," Feliciano Mayoral told sports daily Marca's web site.

"Never in the history of the Olympics has a city had 32 votes in the second round and lost. We had everything done and the highest level of support among the cities' populations."

Madrid fell in the third round of voting in Singapore last week, when London was selected as the host city for the 2012 Games.—MNA/Xinhua



Jaroslav Volf, front, and Ondrej Stepanek, both from the Czech Republic, paddle for the gold medal at C-2 men's final during the International Canoe Federation World Cup canoe/kayak slalom racing in Athens.—INTERNET

## Paris Mayor says London did not respect rules

PARIS, 12 July— Paris Mayor Bertrand Delanoë on Monday accused London of unfair play in winning the 2012 Olympic bid.

Delanoë, also president of the Paris bid, said London had not respected the rule of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) stating that meetings between bid officials and IOC members should be only informal.

"The IOC knows that (British Prime Minister) Tony Blair had written to IOC members to offer to meet them," Delanoë told reporters.

Delanoë said that Blair had then met IOC members in his hotel suite in Singapore before Wednesday's vote, in which London scored a narrow 54-50 victory over Paris.

"Everybody was aware of it and could see it," Delanoë said.

"That's against the rules. I saw people coming out of Blair's suite."

MNA/Xinhua

## Italian Serie A still best in world

ROME, 12 July— Italian Serie A continues to outperform all other top-flight soccer leagues, according to the German-based International Federation of Football History and Statistics (IFFHS), local media reported Monday.

The Italian first division was judged the strongest in the rankings, which are compiled on the basis of clubs' international performances.

Two other European divisions, England's Premier League and Spain's Primera Liga, took respective second and third place.

The IFFHS gave Italian Serie A 594 points, England 587 points and Spain 482 points. Argentina was fourth in the IFFHS rankings with 478 points, ahead of France with 472 and Brazil with 453. Argentina followed with 478 points, ahead of France with 472 and Brazil with 453.—MNA/Xinhua

## Panama historically into quarter-finals of Gold Cup

PANAMA CITY, 12 July— Panama's sports Press termed it "historical" on Monday that the national team reached the quarter-finals of Gold Cup after a 2-2 draw with Trinidad and Tobago in the United States on Sunday.

Local daily La Prensa highlighted the two goals scored by Panamanian striker Luis Tejada, with which the Panama team assured four points, one from Sunday's 2-2 tie and three from a victory against Colombia in the soccer tournament.

Daily El Siglo said the important thing was that Panama showed again their capacity to beat anyone.

In the World Cup heat of the North, Central American and Caribbean Confederation (CONCACAF) for Germany 2006, Panama runs last with two points,

and the Gold Cup was regarded a tournament in reserve to boost the mood of the players.

Panama, coached by Colombian Jose Che Hernandez, had never won a match in Gold Cup before.

Honduras also booked a place in the second phase of the tournament after thrashing Colombia 2-1 on Sunday, while the latter will have to beat Trinidad and Tobago in their last match to keep their hopes alive. Panama and Honduras will meet Tuesday in the final game of the first phase.—MNA/Xinhua

**Equipped with nationalistic...**

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The government has spent a large amount of funds on higher learning institutions such as universities, colleges and degree colleges for development of education sector.

Those development infrastructures were opened for local youths to be able to pursue higher education within their arms' reach and for local people to enjoy job opportunities.

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation also took part in nation-building tasks under the leadership of the government.

Equipped with nationalistic fervour, Myanmar women are to preserve national prestige and integrity and participate in nation-building endeavours with Union Spirit and nationalism.

In the Union of Myanmar, where various national races have been living in unity and amity for years, there exist the University for Development of National Races where national brethren are meeting one another and pursuing education.

At a time when the world becomes global village, there can also be

seen protectionism of political leaders and political parties.

They are not tolerant in cases when the State and the national causes are encroached upon; they decisively serve the national interest in every national concern; they only criticize parties; they do not criticize and attack the government, and they do not undermine the interest of the people.

However, attitudes and acts of the NLD led by Daw Su Kyi are totally contrary to them. The NLD is attempting to block the national interest but its leader Daw Su Kyi always accepts medals, titles and financial assistance provided by some big nations. She did nothing for the nation but for her husband and two sons with the money provided.

In her trip to Chin

State in 2003, some local people turned up to see her as the influence of her father was held high. At that time, she was conceited and talked about the course of confrontation against the government, poor transport and lack of development in Chin State.

And she organized and urged the people to support her party. According to geographical condition, Chin State still lagged behind in development but Daw Su Kyi did not do just a little bit for Chin State, far from providing necessary assistance. What she said was a lie.

In Chin State, traditional festivals, dances, talks and shows were held with a view to forging unity and amity among national races.

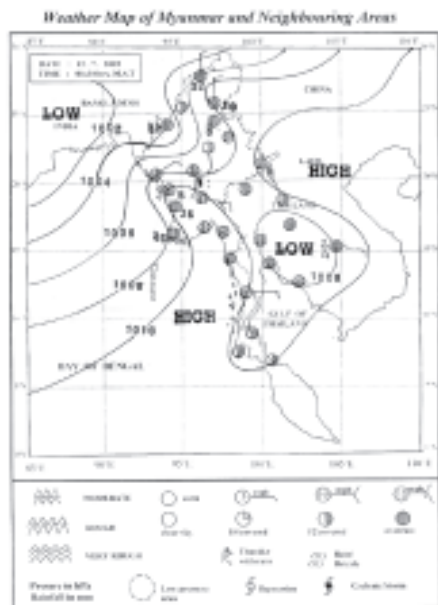
Moreover, sanitation work, trees planting, planting of coffee and shady trees were con-

ducted for environmental conservation.

In conclusion, she said that Myanmar is a sovereign nation with long history. Although Myanmar was under the subjugation of the colonialists, she fought against them and has been making efforts for national development relying on own resources.

The entire national people including women will not let the country lose its independence again and they are to try their utmost to safeguard it. And the Myanmar people will by themselves shape the future of the nation.

Next, officials presented prizes to those who won first, second and third prizes in the essay competitions to mark Myanmar Women's Day and outstanding athletes, and the ceremony ended with chanting of the slogans.—MNA



**WEATHER**

Tuesday, 12 July, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain has been widespread in Kachin State, scattered in Shan, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pyinmana (2.24) inches, Pathein (1.81) inches and Kalaywa (1.46) inches.

Maximum temperature on 11-7-2005 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 12-7-2005 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 12-7-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 11-7-2005 was (1.9) hours approx. Rainfalls on 12-7-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 (5) mph from East at (15:00) hours MST on 11-7-2005.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is weak in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 13-7-2005:** Rain will be widespread in Kachin State, scattered in Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 80%.

**State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Weak monsoon.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-7-2005:** One or two rain or thundershowers with sunny period. Degree of certainty is 80%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-7-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**ဝမ်းနည်းကြေကွဲခြင်း**  
**စန္ဒရာ(ဦး)ချစ်ဆွေ (ဟင်္သာတ)**  
**အမျိုးသားညီလာခံကိုယ်စားလှယ်**  
**အသက်(၇၁)နှစ်**

ရန်ကင်းမြို့၊ ဝိုင်တစ်ထောင်မြို့နယ်၊ ဝိုင်ချစ်အောင်ဆန်းလမ်း၊ အမှတ်(၁၂၃/ပထမ)နေ ဝေါ်သန်းသန်း၏ ချစ်လှစွာသောဝမ်းနည်း အမျိုးသားညီလာခံကိုယ်စားလှယ် စန္ဒရာ(ဦး)ချစ်ဆွေသည် ၁၁-၇-၂၀၀၅ ရက်(တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့)တွင် ကွယ်လွန်သွားကြောင်းသိရပါသဖြင့် ကျွန်ုပ်တို့ သိသာစွာနှင့် ထပ်တူထပ်မျှ ဝမ်းနည်းကြေကွဲ ကျပါကြောင်း ဖော်ပြအပ်ပါသည်။  
**အမျိုးသားညီလာခံကျင်းပရေးကော်မရှင်**

**Radio Myanmar**

**Wednesday, 13 July**

**Tune in today:**

**TV Myanmar**

**Wednesday, 13 July**

**View on today:**

<b>7:00 am</b> 1. အထူးစုံစမ်းစစ်မှုအရာတော်ကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့ အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အတိစေ မဟာရဏရုဇ၊ အတိစေအဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဝါရိက၊ အရာတော်ကြီး ဝိစိတ္တသရဏာဝိသုဓာန်၊ ဝရိတိ တရာတော်	<b>8:30 am</b> 8. International news	<b>7:00 pm</b> 11. Weather report
<b>7:25 am</b> 2. To be healthy exercise	<b>8:45 am</b> 9. Let's Go	<b>7:05 pm</b> 12. ကြားဖြင့်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
<b>7:30 am</b> 3. Morning news	<b>4:00 pm</b> 1. Martial song	<b>7:15 pm</b> 13. Musical programme
<b>7:40 am</b> 4. Nice and sweet song	<b>4:15 pm</b> 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit	<b>7:30 pm</b> 14. Strong and healthy Myanmar
<b>7:55 am</b> 5. မြူးမြူးကြဲကြဲ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက	<b>4:30 pm</b> 3. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လေ့လာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ၇ တိယနတ် (သ ချုံအထူးပြု) (သရုပ်)	<b>7:45 am</b> 15. ဒေသဝမ်းစာပုလဲလို့ ဆင်းရွှေလိ ဝေါးစိုက်ကြိုနို့ (အပိုင်း-၄)
<b>8:10 am</b> 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ	<b>5:00 pm</b> 4. Song of national races	<b>8:00 pm</b> 16. News
<b>8:20 am</b> 7. ဘော်ဘော်ရေလှောင်တစ်	<b>5:10 pm</b> 5. သီရင်ကြီးသရုပ်ဖော်အစီအစဉ်	<b>8:00 pm</b> 17. International news
	<b>5:25 pm</b> 6. ရုရှယ်လန်နိုင်ငံအာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်	<b>8:00 pm</b> 18. Weather report
	<b>5:30 pm</b> 7. Discovery	<b>9. ၂၀၀၄ခုနှစ်ရဲ့ ၁၃သမအကြိမ် (၁၂ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင်အမျိုးအနွယ် အဆိုအက၊အရေးအတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ (ရာဇာယထဇာတိတော်ကြီး) (စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်း) (ဒုတိယပိုင်း)</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b> 8. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာပွဲ	<b>9. ၂၀၀၄ခုနှစ်ရဲ့ ၁၃သမအကြိမ် (၁၂ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင်အမျိုးအနွယ် အဆိုအက၊အရေးအတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ (ရာဇာယထဇာတိတော်ကြီး) (စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်း) (ဒုတိယပိုင်း)</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b> 9. သုတနုလင်ဆွညာဏ်ရှင်	<b>10. မင်းကွန်းအရာတော်ကြီးကြီး ဦးစံစိုက္ခ သာရာတော် ဝ သ၏ အရပ်အယံမြက်နှာအတ္ထဘာဝာရာ ဖွားဖူးခြင်းတရားတော်</b>
	<b>Evening news</b>	<b>21. The next day's programme</b>

MWAF to launch organizational task till entire women come to understand that MWAF is body working for their progress



President Daw Than Than Nwe of MWAF delivers an opening address at an organizing course(basic) No 1.2005 organized by MWAF.—MNA

YANGON, 12 July — Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation opened the organizational course No 1/ 2005 at the training school of the General Administration Department here today, with an address by MWAF President Daw Than Than Nwe.

Also present were Vice-President of the Federation Daw Khin Lay Myint, heads of department, leaders of working groups, members of course supervisory committee, guests and trainees.

MWAF President Daw Than Than Nwe said that the Federation was founded on 20 December 2003 to enable women to raise their role in the interest of the nation and the people. The entire women mass

will have to strive with harmony and unison to realize the aims. In the initial step, the Federation should organize more women and girls to increase its membership. In the second stage, it should nurture and train its members to raise their qualifications in consolidating its strength. The organizational task must be carried out with the five tactics — to set aims region-wise and group-wise; to implement work programmes region-wise; to organize women who have good morality and wish to serve the majority’s interest, and who have the regional predominance to take part in the activities they have interested in; to cooperate with congenial organizations; to launch the or-

ganizational task through the combination of the pragmatic situation and personal friendship. The organization task will also have to be launched according to the directives — to implement the task of the MWAF to penetrate the organizational activities deep into women mass; to implement the tasks after prioritizing them region-wise in organizing the womenfolk; to choose and assign duties to appropriate organizers in the respective regions; to assign duties to suitable persons to organize women of all walks of life; to launch the organizational programme region-wise and strata-wise to increase the membership; to

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Entire mass of Myanmar women are to actively participate in realization of the objectives of the State and ongoing seven-point Road Map under the leadership of MWAF Myanmar Women’s Day marked in Haka

YANGON, 12 July — A ceremony to mark Myanmar Women’s Day, organized by Chin State Women’s Affairs Organization, took place in the Town Hall, Haka, Chin State on 3rd July morning.

Present on the occasion were member of state service personnel, intelligentsia and technocrats working group of the MWAF Information Department Prof Daw Mya Mya Win, Chin State Regional Organizer Daw Shein Paing, Chairperson of Chin State WAO Daw Ywal Jar and members, officials of state, district and township levels, chairpersons of Haka, Falam, Thantlang, Tiddim and Tonzang WAO and members, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade and Red Cross Society, Chin nationals and prize winners.

Chairperon of Chin State WAO Daw Ywal Jar presided over the meeting together with Secretary of Chin State WAO Daw Man Khan Twe, members of Chin State WAO Daw Ha Yan Kate Men, Daw Bon Mong and Daw Khin San. Member of Chin State WAO Daw Ngwan Pin acted as master of ceremonies

and Member of Chin State WAO Daw Dot Hle Par, co-master of ceremonies.

First, those present saluted the State’s Flag. Next, Chin damsels opened the ceremony by singing a song.

Next, Chairperon of Chin State WAO Daw Ywal Jar made a speech on the occasion. In her speech she said there was strong evidence that all Myanmar national races were residing in their motherland since

time immemorial in the course of Myanmar history. Myanmar was rich in mineral resources. That was why colonialists from the west occupied Myanmar after three aggressive wars in the 19th century. Myanmar women, shoulder to shoulder with men, fought the colonialists .For example, Shan national women participated in the Wethitikan battle and they sacrificed their lives for the country. In late 1887, eight

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Members of Panel of Chairpersons seen at the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women’s Day in Haka.—MNA

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We, mothers of today are at the same time, daughters or daughters-in-law as well as job-holders working hard at the service of our Motherland and also caring for our children, parents or parents-in-law, not forgetting the well-being of our “Better-halves” simultaneously.

TIN NWE AYE