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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

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to French President

YANGON, 14 July—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the French Republic which falls on 14 July 2005. — MNA

Youths are learning knowledge, technology and vocational education for uplifting national capabilities, qualifications of good citizens, concept and belief, keeping patriotism alive, preserving national prestige and integrity, national development and skills.

A handful of persons and some foreign nations are trying to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs. USDA will have to ward off all attempts to endanger Our Three Main National Causes and to break up the Union.

YANGON, 13 July—The conclusion of Myanmar Affairs and International Studies Course No 8 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at Pyidaungsu Hall of USDA training school in Hmawby Township this morning, with an address by member of Central Panel of Patrons of USDA Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Also present were members of the Secretariat of the USDA, CEC members, specially invited guests,

course in-charge Lt-Col Khin Win, course supervisors and trainees.

In his address, member of Central Panel of Patrons of USDA Prime Minister General Soe Win said new generation youths are being nurtured continuously to become youth forces on whom the State and the USDA can rely. The government is making efforts for development of human resources and shaping the future State. Myanmar Affairs and International Studies Course is one of the efforts. The trainees studied national politics, State security, achievements in political, economic and social sectors and international affairs at the course while comparing the present, and past experiences and shaping the future in mind, he said.

He said he believed that all the trainees had learnt situations of the country and world affairs to some extent. He spoke of the need for the new generation youths to possess political, economic, defence and

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Certain Buddhist monks who once were famous for their wide knowledge in Pariyatti tried to tarnish and erode the pure Theravada Buddhism with their wrong thoughts, views and practices. The efforts of the eminent monks who tried to purify and promote the Sasana were ineffective because of the strong personality cult among the monks and lay persons.

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Member of Central Panel of Patrons of USDA Prime Minister General Soe Win addresses conclusion of Myanmar Affairs and International Studies Course No 8. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Realization of discipline-flourishing democracy

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party visited Myitkyina and Bhamo in Kachin State from 8 to 10 July and inspected the construction projects and regional development work.

In his meeting with the state-, district- and township-level departmental personnel, members of the social organizations and townsenders in Myitkyina on 9 July, the Secretary-1 urged all those present to take an active part, together with the government and the Tatmadaw, in the fight against narcotic drugs, the preservation of natural resources and environment, the regional development projects and the process of democratization.

The Tatmadaw Government, which is leading the State, is carrying out the national development work together with the people in addition to discharge of the national defence duty to protect the life and property of the people. Amid all these duties, it is also implementing the Road Map for a discipline-flourishing democracy desired by the people.

The government successfully implemented the first four-year economic plan, the second five-year economic plan and the third five-year economic plan and, as a result, the economic growth rate of the nation is getting higher and higher.

Moreover, the development plan for border areas and national races, the special 24-region development plan and the five-rural development tasks are being implemented for the harmonious development of hill regions, the plains and rural and urban areas. Due to the successful implementation of one development plan after another, the entire national people are enjoying the fruits of peace, security and development.

Now, the seven-point Road Map for transition to democracy has been laid down and the National Convention, the very first and most important stage of the programme, is in the process. More than 1,000 delegates representing the people from all walks of life are discussing basic principles to be embodied in the Constitution.

Successes achieved up to now in the political, economic and social sectors are due to the united efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. We believe the government, the people and the Tatmadaw will continue to work in concert for the successful realization of a discipline-flourishing democracy.

Waso robes offering ceremony to be held in Dagon Myothit (East)

YANGON, 13 July — Lt-Col Htay Lwin-Daw Aye Than and family will sponsor the opening of Htay-Thay Yadana 10-day meditation course at Sanmyathida Mahasi Yeiktha in Ward 12, Dagon Myothit (East) Township, from 18 to 28 July during the Lent. Monywa Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nipuna will deliver sermons at the course. Yogis can enlist at the board of trustees, Tel- 580722, and the communal robes offering ceremony will take place on 20 July (Fullmoon Day of Waso). — MNA

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

FM sends felicitations to France

YANGON, 14 July— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Philippe Douste Blazy, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the French Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the French Republic which falls on 14 July 2005. — MNA

U Khin Zaw Win appointed Ambassador to Indonesia

YANGON, 14 July— The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Khin Zaw Win, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Indonesia. — MNA

Culture Minister receives Nepalese Ambassador

YANGON, 13 July— Director-General U Tun Zaw of Archaeology Department, Rector U Tin Soe of Culture University (Yangon) and officials. Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung this morning received Nepalese Ambassador Lt-Gen (Retd) Victory SJB Rana at the ministry in Bahan Township here and discussed matters on extending cultural exchange programme between the two countries.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Director-General U Myint Thein Swe of Department of Cultural Institute, Director-General U Ngwe Tun of Fine Arts Department, Deputy



Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung receives Nepalese Ambassador to Myanmar Lt-Gen (Retd) Victory SJB Rana. — MNA

Myanmar delegation to attend Thai Logistics Fair 2005

YANGON, 13 July— To display booths at Thailand Logistics Fair 2005 to be held from 14 to 17 July, the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy General Manager U Nyunt Aung of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading under the Ministry of Commerce left here by air today.

Under the arrangement of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Chairman of Myanmar International Freight Forwarders Association U Aung Kyaw Min, Deputy General Manager U Kyaw Myint and Manager U Nanda Zin of Myanma Industrial Port, Executive Director U Thein Tun of Computer Marketing Co Ltd and Manager U Myo Hlaing Aung of Inforithm-Maze Co Ltd will also attend the fair. — NLM



Myanmar delegation seen at the airport before departure for Thailand. — NLM

Development affairs tasks inspected

YANGON, 13 July— Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs toured townships in Mandalay Division and inspected development tasks on 10 July.

The director-general inspected Asphalt Concrete Mixing Factory in Kyaukse and gave instructions on worksite safety and minimizing loss and wastage.

Next, he inspected tarring of roads on Bogyoke street in the town.

In PyinOoLwin, the director-general heard reports on water supply to nine wards and installation of water meter at houses. The Director-General also inspected construction of platforms at the corner of Circular road and Bonkyauing street and gravel on Pyidawtha 4th Street. — MNA

All this needs to be known

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

Philippines to continue economic reform

MANILA, 12 July— The Philippine Government has pledged to continue its economic reform to win back confidence of investors after two international credit rating agencies downgraded Philippines' ratings outlook.

In a statement Monday, Philippine Department of Finance (DOF) Officer-In-Charge Roberto Tan said the recent international rating actions are unfortunate consequences of the current political situation and take attention away from our economic gains.

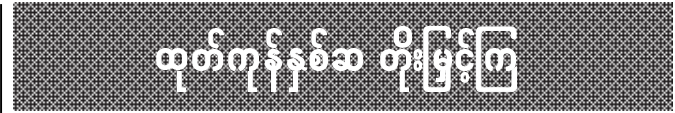
"We need to urgently shift our energies and attention to the economic imperatives ahead of us so that our successes will not be eroded by politics," he said.

Fitch Ratings and Standard and Poor's, two prestigious international ratings agencies, downgraded Monday Philippines' ratings outlook from "stable" to "negative".

Analysts here said the current po-

litical crisis and suspension of the new value-added tax law known as EVAT by the Supreme Court are the reasons for the two agencies to downgrade ratings.

Tan, who was appointed officer-in-charge of DOF after Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima resigned last Friday, said the DOF assures the local and foreign investor community that the economic reform programme will be sustained under the current departmental leadership. On the fiscal front, the new DOF chief stressed that the revenue-enhancement measures that have been institutionalized at the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Bureau of Customs will continue.—MNA/Xinhua



The historic Great Eastern Hotel is seen against monsoon rain clouds in the eastern Indian city of Kolkata on 11 July, 2005.—INTERNET

1,758 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 12 July—As of Tuesday, 12 July, 2005, at least 1,758 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,351 died as a result of hostile action. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is three higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT Tuesday. The British military has reported 89 deaths; Italy, 25; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,619 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,242 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 13,438 US servicemembers have been wounded, according to a Defence Department tally released on Tuesday.—Internet



Members of a brass band from South Korea take part in a street festival in China's capital Beijing on 13 July, 2005 to promote the 2008 Olympic Games.—INTERNET

Dalian meeting important to provide directions

DALIAN, 12 July— The WTO informal ministerial meeting is very important to provide trade ministers with directions at the crucial period of the Doha Development Agreement (DDA) negotiation, said James Peterson, Canadian International Trade Minister here Tuesday.

He was here to attend the WTO informal ministerial meeting, which will focus on the DDA negotiations. He and other trade ministers and WTO officials will have in-depth discussions on the five core areas of the conference: agriculture, non-agriculture market access, development, services and rules.

In November 2001, the declaration of the Fourth WTO Ministerial Conference, an event held in Doha of Qatar, provides the mandate for negotiations on a range of subjects and other work, including issues concerning the implementation of the present agreements.

"We have to come to some very important decisions for the WTO and subjects as agriculture, goods, and services," Peterson told *Xinhua*, stressing that

agriculture is the core element for the meeting.

WTO members still have diverging ideas about reduction or exemption of the agriculture products subsidies. Peterson admitted that some products are closely linked to the core interests of some countries which "can not make huge changes overnight", as he put it. He said that one reason for hindrance element in the progress of pushing forward multi-lateral trade is that every member has its own interest to promote.

To meet the tight schedule set by WTO members to conclude Doha negotiations, Peterson hoped the "first approximation" — a preliminary framework — could come out in upcoming July as agreed by all.—MNA/Xinhua

Frigate "INS Beas" joins Indian Navy

NEW DELHI, 12 July— *INS Beas*, a guided missile frigate built by a state-run shipyard, was commissioned into the Indian Navy at Kolkata on Monday by Navy chief Admiral Arun Prakash, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

"This ship is one of the most modern and powerful in the world. We have built it at a very low cost. I am sure this ship is much better than any other in the country now," Prakash said of the warship that is 85 per cent indigenous.

Built at a cost of nine billion rupees

(206 million US dollars), the 3,600-ton *Beas* is densely packed with state-of-the-art weapons and sensors like the Israel-made *Barak* anti-missile defence system, Uran surface-to-surface missiles, a 76mm super rapid gun, torpedo launchers and Ellora electronic warfare suite.

The ship, built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), has a computerized system for command and control of all weapons and sensors.

MNA/Xinhua

"IT" network to link villages across India

NEW DELHI, 12 July — Indian villages will soon be linked by a network of information kiosks, bringing the seamless world of IT to the far reaches of the country and opening a window of opportunities, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported on Monday.

The National Alliance led by agricultural scientist MS Swaminathan, the father of India's green revolution, and One World South Asia Monday announced "Mission 2007" for creating a network of information kiosks in 600,000 villages by India's Independence Day on 15 August, 2007.

The mission, announced at a two-day policy makers' workshop inaugurated by Indian President APJ Abdul Kalam, will connect 240,000 village councils in the first phase.

MNA/Xinhua

150 killed as three trains collide in Pakistan

KARACHI, 13 July - Three commuter trains rammed into one another this morning in Southern Pakistan, leaving at least 150 dead and 1000 injured, railway and police officials said.

The number of dead and injured is expected to rise as rescue workers sift through the debris. The crash, one of the country's worst train accidents, apparently occurred because of an error by the driver of one of the trains, officials said.

The train crash took place at about 3:52 am at a small railway station near Ghotki, a remote district about 370 miles northeast of Karachi in Southern Sindh Province.

A commuter train, the Karachi express, rammed into another, the Quetta Express, which was idling at the station while repair work was being done on

an engine. A third train, the Tezgam, coming from Karachi at the same time, then ploughed into the wreckage of the derailed cars, officials said. Five cars of the Tezgam train tumbled over, they said. According to Railway officials, a total of 19 cars from the three trains were damaged, 12 totally destroyed. Most of the dead are from Quetta Express and Tezgam Express, officials said.

President Pervez Musharraf expressed deep sorrow and described the loss of lives as a national tragedy. "I am deeply grieved", said Mr Musharraf, who ordered an immediate inquiry.

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American Skate-
boarder Danny Way
loses his board on
the halfpipe after
breaking his own
world record for
distance jumped
(79ft/24.07m) after
he jumped part of
China's Great Wall
at Ju Yong Guan
Gate near Beijing.

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Singapore issues anti-terrorism pamphlets for taxi drivers

SINGAPORE, 12 July — An anti-terrorism pamphlet for taxi drivers named "Keeping Singapore Safe From Terrorism" was issued in the four official languages here on Monday.

Aiming to keep some 40,000 taxi drivers in the island state vigilant against suspicious characters and activities, the pamphlet is the latest part of a security outreach programme underway in Singapore since January 2002. Speaking at the launching ceremony, Minister for Home Affairs Wong Kan Seng urged Singaporeans to be proactive in their security measures so as to stay several

steps ahead of the terrorists.

"To be comprehensive in our security coverage, we need every Singaporean to be our additional eyes and ears on the ground, to detect and alert us to any terrorist planning and activity," Wong said. He expected taxi drivers, together with other workers in the transportation industry, to play a critical role in deterring terrorists from trying an attack here. — MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia needs to improve GDP growth to upgrade HDI ranking

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 July — Malaysia will have to improve on its gross domestic product (GDP) growth if it hopes to leapfrog from its current Human Development Index (HDI) ranking, a UNDP official said on Monday.

Malaysia currently ranks 59th out of 177 economies, the same position it held 10 years ago, Richard Leete, resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei, was quoted as saying by the *Bernama* news agency.

The HDI is the composite of three indicators of the life expectancy index, education index and GDP index, Leete said at a two-day conference here.

Norway, Sweden, Canada, Australia and the Netherlands are the top five countries in terms of HDI ranking, Leete said.

Malaysia has shown significant improvements in

terms of life expectancy and education but needs to do better in its GDP to move up the ladder, he said. The key towards this achievement is for Malaysia to invest more in science and technology, Leete added.

UNDP identifies HDI of 0.8 and above as those with high human development. Malaysia at 0.793 in 2004 is in the medium category.

Malaysia has made tremendous progress in human development with now less than five per cent living below the national poverty line compared to more than half the population in 1970, Leete noted.

MNA/Xinhua

Indian textile exports to register 25% growth

NEW DELHI, 12 July — Textile exports from India are expected to register a 25-per-cent growth during this year, a senior Textile Ministry official was quoted by *Press Trust of India* as saying on Monday.

Though there was a 10-per-cent decline during the first four months of the year, imports by the US and European countries have shown a quantum jump, which would enable India to register the 25 per cent growth, Indian Textile Secretary R Poornalingam said.

While total textile imports by the US have shown an increase of 24 per cent with India's share (exports) being 10 per cent, the country's share in European countries accounted for 11 per cent of the total imports there, Poornalingam said. — MNA/Xinhua

Timetable "very important" for WTO members

DALIAN, 12 July — "The timetable is very important" for WTO members before the global trade body's ministerial meeting to be held in China's Hong Kong on the Doha Development Agenda (DDA), said a Hong Kong trade official.

"We agreed on a big and bold agenda at Doha, and we also need a big and bold result in Hong Kong," said John Tsang, Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), here on Monday.

Tsang told *Xinhua* in an exclusive interview that all 148 members of the WTO are looking to conclude the negotiations of the Doha Development Agenda (DDA) in 2006. The Dalian informal ministerial meeting serves as a kind of platform for the endgame.

In November 2001, the declaration of the Fourth WTO Ministerial Conference, held in Doha, Qatar, provided the mandate for negotiations on a range of subjects and other work, including issues concerning the implementation of the present agreements.

Tsang was here to attend the Dalian informal ministerial meeting, which will focus on the DDA negotiations. Ministers will have in-depth discussions on the five core areas of the conference: agriculture, non-agriculture market access, development, services and rules. He and the Minister of Commerce Bo Xilai will co-chair the two-day meeting.

Each member holds different stands on all the above issues and struggles for its core interests, noted Tsang. "All the members should reach a consensus — a single undertaking — otherwise, no conclusion can be drawn, which would make the negotiation very complicated," said Tsang.

He pledges a successful WTO ministerial conference to achieve a credible outcome, and holds that a successful Hong Kong Ministerial Conference and the smooth conclusion of DDA negotiations will be the best answers to the anti-globalization arguments.

MNA/Xinhua

Australia says will not take lead in Iraq

LONDON, 12 July — Australia has not discussed taking over military command in southern Iraq from Britain, the government said yesterday after it was reported that London wanted to free up British troops for redeployment to Afghanistan.

Britain's *The Sunday Times* newspaper reported Australia and Britain were already in talks for a handover, while Britain's *Mail* on Sunday newspaper said Britain and the United States were planning to halve troop levels in Iraq by mid-2006.

The Sunday Times reported that Australian Prime Minister John Howard would discuss the handover plan with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and US President George W Bush during a visit to Washington and London next week.

"There haven't been any discussions

between the Australian government or Australian defence officials about that and it was frankly news to me," Howard told reporters in Sydney. "The story in the London *Sunday Times* is not based on any discussions of which I have any knowledge," he said. Australia has 1,370 defence personnel in and around Iraq, including 450 troops protecting Japanese engineers and training the Iraqi army. The Australian newspaper reported an extra 200 to 300 troops would be needed to take over command in southern Iraq. — Internet

Vietnam sees beer production boom

HANOI, 12 July — Vietnam's beer plants now have combined annual capacity of nearly 1.5 billion litres, while the plan on developing the local alcohol, beer and beverage industry approved by the government in 2002 aims to turn out only 1.2 billion litres in 2005 and 1.5 billion litres in 2010.

As a result, Vietnam's Industry Ministry has recently submitted a new plan to the government for approval, under which new large-scale beer, alcohol and beverage plants will be built and major existing ones will be expanded in the next five years with estimated investment of 905 million US dollars, the ministry said Monday.

Under the new development plan, all economic sectors will be allowed to freely engage in making beer, alcohol and beverages. Preferential treatment will be given to production of beverages from locally-grown fruits.

MNA/Xinhua



The father of a man killed by gunmen grieves outside Baghdad's Yarmouk Hospital on 11 July, 2005. Police said the man, Hadi Hasan, worked for the Iraqi government electric company and was shot dead by guerillas in Baghdad's southern Dora District. — INTERNET

China celebrates 600th anniversary of Zheng He's voyages

BEIJING, 12 July — China commemorated here on Monday the 600th anniversary of China's first navigator to circumnavigate the world, believing it demonstrates early China's peaceful diplomacy as well as dissemination of Chinese culture.

The navigator, named Zheng He, in the imperial Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), made voyages to more than 30 countries in West Asia and East Africa from 1405 to 1433.

Zheng's voyages were 87 years earlier than Columbus, 92 years earlier than Vasco da Gama and 114 years earlier than Magellan.

Addressing a meeting held on Monday at the Great Hall of the People

in Beijing, Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju said, "Zheng's voyages helped dissemination of Chinese culture, promoted economic and trade exchanges between China and other parts of the world, boosted Sino-foreign friendly ties and contributed to world's navigation cause."

Huang called on Chinese people to carry forward Zheng He's spirit of dedication to the

Motherland, be bold in scientific exploration and expand friendly cooperation with people of other countries.

Historical records show that Zheng, commanding the most powerful ocean-going fleet of the day, neither colonized any newly discovered areas nor set up any military fortresses.

On the contrary, he provided local inhabitants with silk, chinaware,

calendars and agricultural tools.

China has decided to designate every July 11 as China's "Navigation Day" to popularize marine knowledge among Chinese people and enhance people's awareness on environmental protection and marine economy.

Senior Chinese leaders including Li Changchun, Liu Yunshan attended the meeting.

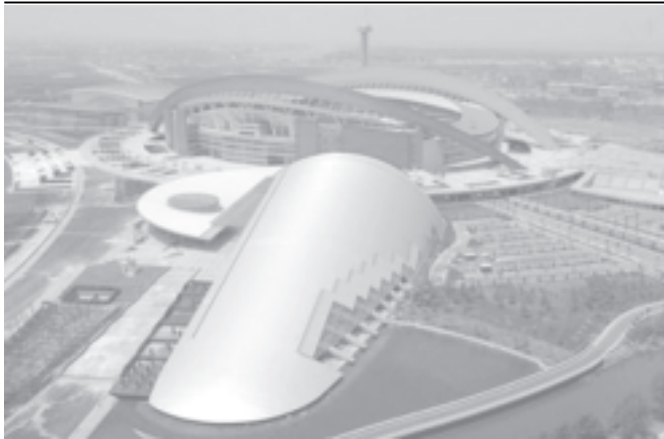
MNA/Xinhua

Chinese official urges people to protect environment

BEIJING, 12 July — A leading science official urged people here on Monday to well protect environment as well as save energy for a sustained development of China.

Deng Nan, vice chairman of the China Association for Science and Technology, said environmental protection is a vital key to build an all-round well-off society, which is a target set by China's decision-makers for the coming two decades. "Environmental and ecological deterioration has already greatly impeded further economic and social development of China," said Deng, former vice minister of Science and Technology.

Statistics show that China's gross domestic product (GDP) in 2004 reached 13.6 trillion yuan (1.64 trillion US dollars), with an annual growth rate of 9.5 per cent. But China consumed energy 4.3 times that of the United States for reaching same amount of GDP, 7.7 times that of both Germany and France, and 11.5 times that of Japan. — MNA/Xinhua



An aerial view of the newly built Nanjing Olympic centre stadium and the natatorium in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province on 30 June, 2005. The Olympic centre greeted its official opening day on 12 July, 2005.

INTERNET

Thai Govt to offer new fund to eliminate poverty

BANGKOK, 12 July — An additional 20 billion baht (476 million US dollars) fund will be injected into villages throughout Thailand to accelerating the poverty eradication process, local Press reported on Sunday.

Addressing an Interior Ministry forum on fighting poverty Saturday, Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said 80,000 villages across the country will receive the supplementary fund by mid-July. "I would like district chiefs to capitalize on the opportunities and put the state policy into action immediately so we can strengthen sustainable economic development and help people get away from poverty faster," he was quoted by Bangkok Post as saying.

Different from the village fund approved previously, the money will be used to boost micro-economic develop-

ment and extend investment opportunities for rural communities under the small, medium and large (SML) funding schedule. In May, the state set aside a mid-year fund worth 9.4 billion baht (224 million US dollars) for SML programme aimed at helping local communities to stand on their own feet in eliminating poverty.

Since the village fund programme started four years ago, some 75 billion baht (1.8 billion US dollars) has been spent to finance businesses, tackle poverty and generate incomes for villagers. — MNA/Xinhua

Japan to raise abduction issue in six-party talks

TOKYO, 12 July — Japan will seek to insert the kidnapping dispute with Pyongyang in the agenda of the upcoming six-party talks, the government's top spokesman said on Monday.

"We hope to file a strong request on the occasion of these talks as it has been difficult to have the other side respond to bilateral talks," Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda told a Press conference, referring to the pestering row with the North Korea over the whereabouts Japan's missing

citizens in 1970s and 1980s.

Japanese delegates to the multinational talks would urge the North Korea to return to the bilateral negotiation table, Hosoda said.

Five Japanese citizens have stayed in Japan since their visit to relatives in 2002.

MNA/Xinhua

Former Indonesian insurance chief arrested on graft suspicion

JAKARTA, 12 July — A former President director of Indonesia's state labour insurance company PT Jamsostek has been arrested on suspicion of involvement in a 250 billion rupiah (about 25.5 million US dollars) graft case. Ahmad Djunaidi, accompanied by his wife, was arrested on arrival at the Soekarno-Hatta Interna-

tional Airport on Sunday after returning from a minor hajj on board a Malaysian aircraft, official news agency Antara reported on Monday.

Supriatna Anwar, head of the Immigration Directorate General's administration and public relations division, said Djunaidi was actually banned from overseas travel. Accord-

ing to him, Djunaidi said he did not know that he was banned from leaving the country. Police had originally planned to question Djunaidi on Tuesday (July 5) but the suspect did not show up, chief of inter-departmental corruption eradication team (Tastipikor) Hendraman Supandji said.

MNA/Xinhua

Grenada PM ends China visit

SHANGHAI, 12 July — Grenada Prime Minister Keith Mitchell left Shanghai on Monday morning, concluding his five-day official visit to China as guest of Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao. This is Mitchell's first China visit since the two countries resumed diplomatic ties last January.

During his stay in Beijing, Mitchell held talks with Wen and met with Vice-President Zeng Qinghong. The two countries signed a series of cooperative agreements.

Mitchell said it is conducive to the social and economic development of Grenada and its people to consolidate Grenada-China relations. Mitchell hoped the two countries will further boost exchanges and expand bilateral cooperation in the fields of trade, investment and tourism. He reiterated Grenada's adherence to the one-China policy.

MNA/Xinhua

Two US soldiers killed in western Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 12 July — Two US soldiers were killed in combat operations in the Iraqi town of Hit in the volatile Anbar Province, the US military said on Monday.

"Two Marines assigned to Regimental Combat Team 2, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), were killed in action on July 10," the military said in a statement. The two were killed by indirect fire while conducting combat operations in Hit, some 160 kilometres west of Baghdad, the statement said.

The statement gave no further details about the incident, but said, "the names of the deceased are being withheld pending notification of next of kin." — MNA/Xinhua



Sony Corp's robot 'Aibos' fights for the ball during the four-legged league at the RoboCup 2005 in Osaka, western Japan, on 13 July, 2005. RoboCup 2005 will be hosted by Osaka from 13 to 19 July, 2005.—INTERNET

14th Plenary Meeting of Fifth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee commences

YANGON, 13 July — The 14th Plenary Meeting of Fifth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was held at Wizaya Mingala Dhammathabin on Kaba Aye Hill this morning.

It was attended by member Sayadaws, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Adviser U Arnt Maung, Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propaga-

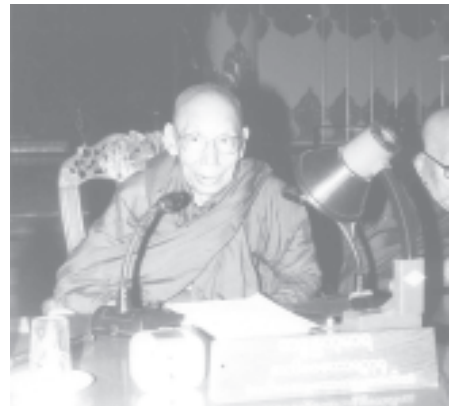
tion of the Sasana Dr Myo Myint and officials.

Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha S a d d h a m a j o t i k a Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara presided over the meeting and gave a Saraniya Ovadakatha. The Sayadaw said that the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was established 25 years ago with the aims of ensuring purification, consolidation and propagation of the Sasana. During 25-year period, the Committee had made remarkable progress. The Committee performed prohibition of dogmatism, opening of State Pariyatti Sasana Universities and

nunnery.

Now, some members of the Sangha deliver sermons mixed with parts of dogmatism to the congregation. Township Sangha Nayaka Committees prohibited the sermons of dogmatism. The State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee made decisions that the sermons in line with Dhamma Vinaya will be permitted. Therefore, the Committee should give permissions after making inquiries about the sermons from State/Division/Township Sangha Nayaka Committees and religious affairs officers.

The Committee is taking up duties of Viniçchaya, religious and academic matters and others related to problems of



Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara giving Saraniya Ovadakatha. — MNA

spectable and reliable Sayadaws for members of the Sangha and the people.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko read out the supplication of Minister Brig-Gen

cussed Viniçchaya affairs, religious affairs, academic matters and election of one Sayadaw for Tipitaka Selection Ovadaçariya Committee.

U Kyi Nyunt



Joint-Secretary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa. — MNA



Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko reads out supplicated paper of Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung. — MNA



Eight State-owned industries up for auction

YANGON, 13 July — The Privatization Commission will auction eight State-owned industries here, with floor prizes ranging from less than K 100 million to over K 700 million.

The floor prices of No 7 Garment Factory in Mayangon and No 28 Thread Factory in Yankin are K 737.012 million and K 712.529 million respectively, while No 10 Garment Factory in Thingangyun will be auctioned at the initial price of K 527.563 million; No 9 Garment Factory in Mayangon, at K 426.969 million; No 4 Garment Factory in Mayangon, at K 396.027 million; No 15 Garment Factory in Thingangyun, at K 224.363 million; No 25 Towel Factory in Thingangyun, at K 186.458 million; and No 24 Towel Factory in Thingangyun, at K 98.273 million.

Priority will be given to the original owner if he is a nationality and included in the highest bidders.

Application forms and detailed information are available at the Commission Office at Project Appraisal & Progress Reporting Department in Yangon beginning 15 July. Applications must be presented to the Commission Office only on 15 August. — MNA

hilly region missionary schools, International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University and

members of the Sangha and people residing in the nation. So, members of the SSMNC should be re-

Foreign Minister accepts Credentials of WHO Resident Representative

YANGON, 13 July — Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win received the credentials of the newly appointed World Health Organization (WHO) Resident Representative to the Union of Myanmar Dr Adik Wibowo at 3 pm yesterday at the ministry.

Director-General of the International Organizations and Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Win Mra was also present on the occasion.

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Myitta retransmission station airs TV programmes

YANGON, 13 July — For extension of broadcast TV programmes, the construction of MRTV retransmission station in Myitta, Taninthayi Division, was completed on 7 July. MRTV programmes have been on the air beginning 8 July, it is learnt.

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Thura Myint Maung.

The report of the third branch of the Fifth Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was submitted. In the afternoon, members of SSMNC dis-

(Deputy Minister-Retired)-Daw Aye Myint and family offered 'soon' to members of the Sangha.

The meeting continues tomorrow.

MNA

Korean Contemporary Painting Exhibition to be held

YANGON, 13 July — Under the co-sponsorship of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Culture of the Union of Myanmar, a Korean Contemporary Painting Exhibition will be held at the National Museum in Yangon starting from 21 to 27 July in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Korea and the Union of Myanmar. The exhibition will be kept open from 10 am to 4 pm and admission is free.

The works of the 10 Myanmar artists including U Hla Min and the 50 Korean artists including Cha Young-Kyu, Professor of the Kangneung International University in Korea, will be put on display in the exhibition.

The Korean works consist of well handed-down traditional Korean techniques and modern style of traditional Korean arts. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects regional development tasks

YANGON, 13 July—Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, senior military officers and officials, inspected road conditions and bridges along Bhamo-Tagaung-Mandalay Road on 10 July.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected Sinkhan Bridge Project in Bhamo Township and gave instructions on matters for durability of the facility.

He looked into progress of laying asphalt on Udaungtaung Road. On arrival at mile post No 152/4 of Bhamo-Shwegu Road, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard a report on progress of build-



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects operation room at People's Hospital in Shwegu.— MNA

ing roads and bridges.

He also inspected No 2 Basic Education High School in Shwegu, Bhamo District, and Shwegu Township People's Hospital. At the meeting with those in charge in No 1

BEHS in Shwegu, Lt-Gen Ye Myint dealt with matters on regional development.

Officials reported on progress of expanding roads, cultivation of rice and edible oil crops, regional

progress, education, health, social and economic sectors and regional climates, and work progress.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that Shwegu has seen gradual development thanks to the transport net-

work constructed by the government. Respective departments and local people are to make combined efforts for ensuring harmonious development.

He added that the people should expose and

inform destructive acts to authorities, and only then will the region enjoy development with peace and stability, and will local people lead a peaceful life within the frame of laws.

MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than oversees development of Gwa Township

YANGON, 13 July — Member of the State

chaung-Gwa-Thandwe-Toungup Road.

Gwa Township and Thandwe District. Lt-Gen

Tatmadawmen and family members and gave

necessary instructions. They proceeded to Rub-

ber Farm of Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries in Ywathitgon Village of Gwa Township. They inspected seeding of polyclone rubber strain at the nursery.

Officials reported on seeding of rubber strain, distribution tasks and nurturing of 40,000 rubber saplings.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and officials spent the night at Kanthaya in Gwa Township.— MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsmen in Gwa. — MNA

Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and officials, left here by car and arrived at Bo Myat Tun Bridge in Nyaungdon Township on 11 July morning.

Accompanied by Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived at Bayda Camp at mile post 28/4 on Ngathaing-

Together with Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and officials, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party attended the opening ceremony of Myanmar Economic Bank (Gwa) branch in Gwa in the afternoon.

At Gwa BEHS, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met with service personnel and local people.

Local authorities reported on progress of

Khin Maung Than attended to their needs.

Gwa Township has set the target to put 21,621 acres of land under monsoon paddy. A total of 15,010 acres have so far been put under seedlings and 624 acres put under paddy.

In addition, Gwa Township plans to grow 300 acres of pepper in 2005-06. Now, 250,000 pepper saplings have been grown.

Furthermore, 4,000 saplings of rubber have also been distributed to plant them in 195 acres of land.

At Gwa Station, they met with officers,

Solo cyclist on long trip to Bago Division, Kayin, Kayah and Shan States

YANGON, 13 July— For turning out the new generation cyclists, Vice-President of Myanmar Cycling Federation U The Win greeted U Myo Myint, 60, of Thukha Chantha Cycling Club from Tachilek District in the Shan State (East) before his departure of a long cycling trip, at Thuwunna cycling grounds on 10 July morning.

The cyclist will pass Bago Division, Kayin State, Kayah State and Shan State. On his tour, he will strive for emergence of the outstanding cyclists who can bring honour to

the country, and ensuring development of cycling standard, and give the educational talks on HIV/AIDS and no smoking.

Through Myanmar Sports and Physical Education Department, MCF requested the state/division sports and physical education committees to provide

necessary assistance to him for the success of his tour. — MNA



U Myo Myint of Thukha Chantha Cycling Club. — MNA

Strong will of the entire people to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation is the driving force for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation

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international outlooks. Such kinds of outlooks are national capabilities.

He said the youths are learning knowledge, technology and vocational education for uplifting national capabilities, qualifications of good citizens, concept and belief, keeping patriotism alive, preserving national prestige and integrity, national development and skills, he said.

He said they are to build a peaceful, modern developed nation applying good capabilities such as thoughts, knowledge and technology in the already-built infrastructures. Only when these capabilities and basic foundations are utilized harmoniously, will the country be perpetual and the life of the people be secure and prosperous.

The State has been a sovereign one for hundreds of years and it was colonized after aggressive wars by the colonialists and lost independence in the late 19th century. However, it regained independence and became a sovereign nation again in the middle of the 20th century due to the unity and struggle of the people and patriotism. Political, economic and social sectors deteriorated under over 100 years of colonial rule. It was bitter experiences and lessons and national character and rights were lost, he said.

He said every citizen has to safeguard and defend non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty after realizing the value of the Union,



Prime Minister General Soe Win cordially converses with USDA trainees. — MNA

non-interference in each other's internal affairs.

He went on to say the government's objectives. After taking the State duties, the government gave priority to unity, peace and tranquillity and rule of law and made endeavours for strong national economy and human resource development with greater momentum. With the unity and stability, it built better infrastructures for economic and social

Road Map and is implementing it. The National Convention, the first step of the Road Map, has been going on. With the leadership of the government, the USDA is also actively taking part in the task, according to the annual work programmes and objectives. All should make efforts for harmonious development of the political, economic and defence strengths in building the nation. Political strength will lay foundations for peace, stability and progress. The economic power will help build up the defence sector. A strong defence force will strengthen the political strength and peace and the rule of law. The political, economic and defence sectors have interrelations between one another. The messages issued and discussions made at the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference and Myanmar Women's Day celebrations eagerly stated the will to expose and crush plots and acts to endanger the national interest and vitalize patriotism, while placing in the fore Our Three Main National Causes. It is the will that comes out from the hearts of the entire people. The strong will of the entire people to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation is the driving force for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. A handful of persons and some foreign nations are trying to interfere in the internal affairs of the nation on the pretext of human rights and democracy. They are putting pressures on Myanmar to shape her according to their wish. Those conspiracies are against the international norms and practices. All the people should see their perpetration as the scheme to encroach on the independent stand of the nation that is in the process of transition to democracy according to national characters, and traditions and culture. The USDA will have to ward off all attempts to endanger Our Three Main National Causes and to break up the Union.

In conclusion, he urged the USDA members to strive for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation, with patriotism and love for the Union, while upholding Our Three Main National Causes; to invigorate their Union Spirit, the spirit to ensure peace and stability and sharing joys and sorrows and nation-building spirit; and to perpetually safeguard the nation and the people; to serve the interest of the nation and the people according to the future work programmes; and to ward of all attempts to break up unity, disturb peace and stability and destroy Our Three Main National Causes, with full awareness. The Prime Minister cordially conversed with the 209 trainees of states and divisions who attended the course. — MNA

All the people should see their perpetration as the scheme to encroach on the independent stand of the nation that is in the process of transition to democracy

sovereignty, independence and patriotism.

It is the national duty for every citizen to be handed down, he pointed out. The national association that came into existence to discharge the national duty bestowed by history laid down tasks every year and is implementing them together with the government and the Tatmadaw and the people. He said the trainees will find the attempts of the imperialists to interfere in the internal affairs of the country while studying the reality of the internal affairs. They will also find prevailing situations of international issues, he added.

He said the government is practising the five principles of peaceful co-existence, peace, goodwill, mutual respect among nations, equal relations and

progress, he added.

The national objective of building a peaceful modern development nation was implemented in accord with the twelve objectives upholding Our Three Main National Causes. The government is undertaking the development tasks after designating 24 special development regions. In doing so, the government is making efforts on self-reliance basis without external assistance under the slogan, "Strength of the nation lies within." Unity, economic and social infrastructures have emerged. National development is for development of the Union and quality of life of the people.

As the nation is on the right track towards progress, the government laid down the seven-point



Prime Minister General Soe Win cordially converses with USDA trainees. — MNA

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perennial crops; Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, on schedules for exploration of minerals; Minister Col Thein Nyunt, on arrangements for progress of border areas including Myainggyingu Special Region; and those present, on respective sectors for regional development; Lt-Gen Maung Bo, on opportunities in agriculture, livestock breeding and economic sectors for regional development. The Secretary-1 assessed the reports and provided assistance for the projects.

After the meeting, the Secretary-1 presented blankets, clothes and household utensils provided by the Ministry of

terwards, the Secretary-1 and party went to Thanlwin Bridge construction project (Mawlamyine).

Chief Engineer (Bridge) of Public Works U Khin Maung Aye reported on progress of the construction of motorway of the bridge, maintenance of piers, condition of the bridge and tasks

Next, Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspected the construction work in a motorcade.

Work has begun on the construction of the approach road (railway) of the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) on Mawlamyine Bank in January, 2003, and on the approach road (railway) on Mottama Bank in Au-

Over 900 vehicles, over 1,300 motorcycles and bicycles pass through Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) daily.

being carried out to maintain flow of water in Thanlwin River.

Regarding the approach roads (railway) of the bridge, Senior Engineers U Tint Lwin and U

gust, 2003. Now, 43 per cent of the construction work on Mawlamyine Bank and 37 per cent of construction work on Mottama Bank have been completed. Out of 18



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents offertories to the Sayadaw of Mebaung Monastery in Hpa-an, Kayin State. — MNA

myine Railway Station construction has been built. Construction of railway on the main bridge is nearing completion and railway construction from Mawlamyine Station to Ye railway

banks are being built by Public Works, and approach railroads by Myanmar Railways. At the same time, Myanmar Railways is building new Mawlamyine Station and its yard. On completion of the railroad on Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine), travellers can go through Yangon to Dawei. The road section of Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) was

through the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) daily.

At the General Hospital (Mawlamyine), Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that the Government is performing more health care services for ensuring health and fitness of the people. So, health staff are to provide not only medical treatment



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meeting with Chairman of DKBA U Tha Htoo Kyaw and party in Hpa-an.

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Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement to DKBA member newcomers to Myainggyingu Special Region through U Tha Htoo Kyaw.

This morning, the Secretary-1 and party met officers and other ranks and families of local regiments in Mawlamyine Station at the Southern Command in Mawlamyine. Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Myo Hla and senior military officers.

The Secretary-1 elaborated on participation of the entire national people in upholding of Our Three Main National Causes, building of a strong and capable Tatmadaw, and implementing the seven-point Road Map for transition to democratic nation with flourishing discipline. Af-

Myo Win of the bridge construction, reported on construction of piers, installation of cross beams, construction of railway and related works.

Next, Senior Engineer U Lwan Thu of Myanmar Railways also reported on construction of railways on the bridge and approach roads. Lt-Gen Maung Bo also gave a supplementary report.

After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that being the biggest and longest bridge in Myanmar, Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) will be the pride of Myanmar engineers and Mon State. Moreover, the new bridge will be of benefit to the State and the people, he added.

He also urged officials concerned to construct the railway meeting the set standard and to make efforts to minimize loss and wastage.

bridges on approach road (railway), 14 bridges have been constructed and four are under construction. Of 6.19 miles of approach roads, 5.5 miles of earth work have been completed. Eighty per cent of the Maw-

junction is under construction. The main railroad is parallel with the motor road on Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine). The main bridge and approach bridges for motor roads and railroads on Mottama and Maw-

opened on 5 February 2005. Employees are making efforts for timely completion of the railroad section at the bridge. Over 900 vehicles, over 1,300 motorcycles and bicycles and travellers on foot pass

but also educational talks to the people and to study improvement of medical science.

Furthermore, it is necessary to set up medical funds for giving health (see page 10)

DKBA Chairman U Tha Htoo Kyaw reports on regional development tasks. MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meeting with locals in Myainggyingu Special Region in Hlaingbwe Township in Kayin State. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meeting with officers, other ranks and their families of local regiments and units in Mawlamyine Station. — MNA

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care service to needy people and cooperate with social organizations for taking measure of using hygienic latrines in the state.

On arrival at Perennial Crops Applied Research Centre of Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise, the Secretary-1 and party inspected functions and research works of the centre. Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo and Deputy General Manager U Aye Pe of the centre reported on matters related to the research centre.

The Secretary-1 gave instructions that research works are to be conducted continuously, and findings and progress of research works are to be distributed to the agriculturists.

Perennial Crops Applied Research Centre is performing research works on hybridization of rub-

ber, oil palm, cashew, macadamia and others, soil and insect tests and tissue culture of oil palm.

The Secretary-1 and party arrived back here from Mawlamyine by Tatmadaw helicopter.

USDA Secretary-General Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo, CEC members Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, who accompanied the Secretary-1, met with secretaries and executives of Mawlamyine, Chaungzon, Kyaikmaraw, Mudon, Thanbyuzayat and Paung Township USDAs at Mawlamyine District USDA Office on 12 July evening.

Mon State USDA Secretary U Tin Soe Moe Naing, Mawlamyine District USDA Secretary Dr Toe Aung and officials reported on progress of their regions.

USDA Secretary-General Minister Maj-Gen

Htay Oo explained organizational matters of the association, participation in successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map, public welfare tasks and rural development tasks, and efforts to be made for nurturing outstanding persons on whom the State can rely. Similarly, Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Sein Htwa met with staff of the ministry at Mon State Immigration and National Registration Department this morning.

Head of the Mon State INRD Deputy Director U Thaug Shwe, Head of Mon State Fire Services Department Assistant Director U Tin Aye and officials of Social Welfare Department, and Relief and Resettlement Department submitted reports on their respective sectors.

The minister instructed them to abide by rules and regulations of the respective departments in implementing the plans and discharge duties with Union Spirit. — MNA



Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects research works at Perennial Crops Applied Research Centre of Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meeting with officers and other ranks and their families of local regiments and units in Mawlamyine Station. — MNA

What is to be done as priority

- * **Not based on optimism**
Don't know correct answer
Based on optimism
And on goodwill
You know correct answer.
- * **Myanmar's situation**
If you wish to know the truth
Examine yourself in retrospect
Nurture as priority
Your innate, clean goodwill
That has not been tarnished.

Meru (Trs)

Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint addresses 26th ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board Meeting. —MNA

26th ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board Meeting opens

YANGON, 13 July—The 26th ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board Meeting was opened this morning at Sedona Hotel here with an address by Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint.

Also present on the occasion were heads of department and officials under the ministry, delegates of ASEAN countries and East Asia Rice Reserve Board, resident representatives of FAO and JICA and invited guests. In his address, the deputy minister said: Being an agro-based country, Myanmar is fulfilling the basic needs of its populace and in addition, it is somewhat contributing to the food security of the region. In order to meet the growing food demand, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is striving towards increased production of paddy, oil crops, beans and pulses, while efforts are also being made in livestock, fishery and forestry

sectors. Total crop sown area accounts for 41.32 million acres (16.72 million hectares) in Myanmar. Exerted efforts are being made to increase the production of agricultural commodities so as to meet the domestic requirements and also to increase export to international market. Formerly, paddy was grown once a year in Myanmar as monsoon rice. Since 1992-93, summer paddy has been introduced and rice is now being produced throughout the year. In 2003-2004, that is last fiscal year, area of summer paddy reached 2.7 million acres. Myanmar produced 1,108.81 million baskets (23.14 million metric tons). These efforts bring the significant increase in rice production of Myanmar to stand as one of the top rice producing countries in ASEAN.

In order to strengthen the regional food security, the 19th Meeting of the ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board (AFSRB) held in Bangkok in 1996 endorsed the proposal of the establishment of ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS). I strongly believe that the achievement of ASEAN Food Security Information System would provide more accurate information for strengthening food security among the ASEAN member countries.

Next, Director-General U Win Kyi of Settlement and Land Records Department extended greetings. After the opening ceremony the deputy minister and representatives had a documentary photo taken.

The meeting continues tomorrow.



From silver jubilee to golden jubilee

Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)

The body that is leading over 400,000 members of the Sangha of the Union of Myanmar in the religious sector is the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee (SSMNC). With the leadership of the SSMNC, the State and Division Sangha Nayaka Committees, the Township Sangha Nayaka Committees and the Ward and Village Sangha Nayaka Committees are also serving the interest of the Sasana with greater momentum.

The SSMNC was founded in Myanmar in the month of Nayon, 1342 Myanmar Era, in commemoration of the unity that was achieved by all the ganas of the Sangha in the entire nation. It has become a 25-year old body in Nayon, 1367 ME. Now I would like to recount the past experiences of many monks concerning the situation of the religion before the emergence of the SSMNC, and during the 25 years of the SSMNC and see to the future of the Sasana.

Thanks to the efforts of the Buddhist monks and lay persons, the nation was able to hold the Sixth Buddhist Synod after regaining of independence. Eminent Buddhist monks, Tipitakadhara Tipitakavida Dhamma Bhandagarika Chatthasingiti Visajjaka Bhaddanta Vicittasarabhivamsa, and Agga Maha Pandita Chatthasingiti Pucchaka Bhaddanta Sobhana, who were well versed in the Pariyatti and Patipatti, did emerge in the nation before the convening of the Synod.

The entire Pitaka treatises were translated into Myanmar most comprehensively for all to study. At the same time, confusion and deterioration occurred in the country. Because of the prejudices, Buddhist monks of different ganas lost loving-kindness among themselves.

And there also appeared differences among the monks not because of the disagreements in the Viniya rules, but due to different ganas. Different Sangha organizations came into being and unity broke up among the members of the Sangha. Although there were many Sangha organizations at all levels then, they were not effective in uniting the members of the Sangha of the whole nation due to lack of government intervention and authority. Many weaknesses and loopholes did occur in the Myanmar Sasana history.

Certain Buddhist monks who once were famous for their wide knowledge in Pariyatti were trying to tarnish and erode the pure Theravada Buddhism with their wrong thoughts, views and practices. The efforts of the eminent monks who tried to purify and promote the Sasana were ineffective because of the strong personality cult among the monks and lay persons.

The religion of Myanmar was in a state of decline for 30 years after the regaining of independence. Thus, many learned monks retreated into their own monasteries and were serving the interest of the Sasana individually in their own way. In 1342 ME, all the ganas of the Sangha achieved unity among themselves. The meeting of the Sangha of all the ganas was

held that year, attended by over 1,200 Sangha representatives. The meeting elected 300 members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha (SCWCS) from the over 1,200 representatives. The meeting then elected 33 members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee from among the 300 SCWCS members.

Since then the SSMNC has emerged in the nation and has been taking a leading role in serving the interest of the religious sector of the nation in a correct way, thereby opening a new chapter in the history of the Sasana.

And since then, the religious sector has entered the golden age. The meeting of all ganas of the members of the Sangha paved the way to purify, promote and propagate the Sasana. The first SSMNC Chairman was Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bago Myoma Sayadaw, and the

The nine Ganas are responsible to the sole State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, whose directives are followed by all members of the Sangha. The SSMNC is divided into three bodies namely, Vinicchaya (judgment) affairs, religious affairs, and academic affairs, and they have to carry out respective religious tasks constantly, thereby making remarkable contribution towards further purification and flourishing of the Theravada Buddha Sasana in Myanmar.

Secretary was Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Tipitaka Dhamma Bandagarika Mingun Sayadaw.

Thanks to the emergence of the SSMNC, out of the numerous Ganas, only nine Ganas were prescribed — Suddhamma, Shwekyin, Dhammanu Dhamma Maha Dvaranikaya, Dhamma Vinayanuloma Muladvara Nikaya, Anaukchaung Dvara, Weluwun Nikaya, Çatubhummika Maha Satipatthan Hnggetwin, Ganavimut Kutoh, and Dhamma Yutti Nikaya Maharin.

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After eight years, the SSMNC faced the 1988 unrest which halted the flourishing of the Sasana and later threatened to put an end to the Sasana.

The Sangha Nayaka committees at different levels were on the verge of collapse due to a large range of destructive acts of the demonstrators. There emerged illegal religious associations such as Sangha Samaggi association, young monks' association, and abbots' association. The legal Sangha associations at various levels came under the influence, and even member Sayadaws of the SSMNC, under coercion of the illegal associations of members of the Sangha.

These undesirable incidents embodied an unforgettable lesson in the nation's history that without peace and stability, the future of the Sasana would be uncertain. So, the interdependence between the stability of the State and that of the Sasana had highlighted the bounden duty of the members of the Sangha and the entire Buddhists to exert efforts in concert and harmony to ensure the flourishing of the Sasana and prevalence of peace and tranquillity in the nation.

Looking back on the world's religious history, the Sasana of Theravada Buddhism went into a sharp decline and the Sasana of Bhikkhuni (female members of the Sangha) in Ceylon (Sri Lanka) met its end due to the instability in the nation that was perpetrated by the Brahmana Tissa uprising for 12 years.

If the 1988 unrest went on for one more month or an interim government emerged during the unrest, the survival of the SSMNC would be very uncertain. As the Tatmadaw Government restored peace and stability in the nation with duty consciousness, the SSMNC and other Sangha Nayaka Committees at different levels still exist and are able to continue their religious tasks unremittingly.

The following are firm evidences of the Tatmadaw Government's correct actions:

1. Order No 6/90 and 7/90 issued by the State Law and Order Restoration Council, and
2. Law No 20/90 on Sangha Committees by the State Law and Order Restoration Council.

After promulgating such orders and laws, the Tatmadaw Government applied its authority decisively in carrying out its duties for promotion and propagation of the Sasana. Hence, the SSMNC and respective Sangha Namaka Committees have been able to exert efforts steadfastly to date to ensure the purification, perpetuation, promotion and propagation of the Sasana.

As the first step, the SSMNC was reconstituted with 33 Sayadaws, and later the number of member Sayadaws rose to 45, then 47. In the silver jubilee of the SSMNC, 47 member Sayadaws are taking a leading role in the tasks in the service of the Sasana.

With the supreme qualities of virtue, equanimity and wisdom of Chairman Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Kumara (Magway Sayadaw) and member Sayadaws, the SSMNC is held in high esteem and wins high admiration of over 50 million people of the nation including more than 400,000 members of the Sangha.

Up to its silver jubilee, the impurities have been removed from the Sasana, Pariyatti (academic) Sasana has flourished, and Patipatti (meditation) has borne fruits.

Therefore, no doubt, the Sasana has a promising future for its perpetual purity, promotion and propagation.

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General Assembly debates UNSC reform resolution

UNITED NATIONS, 12 July — The 191-nation UN General Assembly started on Monday a debate on a draft resolution submitted by Japan, Brazil, Germany and India, which calls for an increase of six permanent members on the Security Council.

The four countries, known as the G-4, are aspiring to become permanent members of an enlarged Security Council. Under their framework resolution, the seats of the Council would be expanded to 25 from the current 15 by adding six new permanent seats and four non-permanent ones.

Brazilian Ambassador Ronaldo Sardenberg orally presented the draft on behalf of the G-4. He said the measure was submitted to the assembly in time for decisions to be taken before September.

The G-4 presented the resolution to the General Assembly Secretariat last week. The resolution

was co-sponsored by 23 countries, including Afghanistan, Belgium, Denmark, Fiji, France, Georgia, Tuvalu and Ukraine.

Representatives from some co-sponsors took the floor to urge support for the resolution. Fiji Ambassador to the UN Isikia Savua said in his speech that the G-4's proposal would "enhance the democratic and accountable nature of the council."

But the draft has been strongly opposed by Pakistan, China and many other countries. African states, which circulated their own proposal for the Council expansion, also expressed their determination to stick to their own plan.

Algerian Ambassador to the UN Abdallah Baali said Africa would battle for its own proposal and is willing to wait until it gains extensive backing.

Africa circulated a draft resolution last week demanding two permanent seats and two non-

permanent seats for the continent.

In his address, Chinese Ambassador Wang Guangya called on UN member states to avoid a showdown on the issue of the Council expansion and resolve their differences through further consultations.

"At present, after more than half-year's repeated discussions, differences surrounding the enlargement formula of the Security Council are showing a tendency of further expanding instead of narrowing down," Wang said.

"It is fair to say that we are still far from a formula that can accommodate the concerns of all sides or one that can win widespread support," he said. "Under such circumstances, member states need more time to continue dialogue and carry out full consultations in search of a compromise."

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UNSG calls for gender equality as way to defeat poverty

UNITED NATIONS, 12 July— The United Nations marked World Population Day on Monday by demanding full gender equality as the way to win the battle against poverty, hunger, armed conflict and disease.

"When discrimination prevents true equality, the consequences are grave," UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a message. "Millions of girls are 'missing' from populations because par-

ents preferred the birth of sons. More girls than boys are out of school, denied their right to an education and the keys to a better life, and impoverishing the communities in which they live."

"Poverty, gender discrimination and violence are fuelling the AIDS epidemic, with the number of women and adolescent girls newly infected rising in every region. And in some regions, alarmingly high levels of ma-

ternal mortality are claiming the lives of too many women and depriving children of their mothers' love and care," he added.

"Despite these enormous challenges — indeed, because of them — women all over the world are mobilizing to secure their rights," he declared, citing important successes such as the focus on gender equality and women's empowerment in global debates on development, and new laws enacted in

many countries advancing women's rights.

"On this World Population Day, let us resolve to empower women and girls by our commitment to gender equality," he concluded. "And let us remember that every society that wishes to overcome poverty, hunger, armed conflict and disease must draw fully on the talents and contribution of all of its members."

MNA/Xinhua

Kyrgyz Ambassador says withdrawal of Western base possible

Moscow, 12 July — Kyrgyz Ambassador to Russia Apas Dzhumagulov said on Monday that the pullout of the US military base in Kyrgyzstan is achievable in the near future. "The base is changing its purpose in connection with the progress regarding the situation in Afghanistan. Its withdrawal has long since been predictable," Dzhumagulov said in an interview with the ITAR-TASS news agency.

"After the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Astana, the Kyrgyz leadership has clearly stated that the presence of this base in the country's territory should

be nearing an end in connection with the reduction of tension in Afghanistan. This will not happen today or tomorrow, but this is possible in the near future," the ambassador said.

Referring to Russia's military base in the city of Kant in Kyrgyzstan, Dzhumagulov said it is one of the key bases in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), and Russia "was, is and will be a main strategic partner of Kyrgyzstan."

"President-elect Kurmanbek Bakiyev has clearly stated such stance," he continued.

"The base in Kant is one of the key military points in the CIS and an

alternative should not be sought. It is strategically important that there are Russian bases in Kyrgyzstan," the ambassador added.

The United States opened an air base in Kyrgyzstan in 2001 to support military operations in Afghanistan, and Russia opened its air base in the country in 2003.

As acting Kyrgyz president, Bakiyev had recently joined leaders of its neighbours and Russia in signing a statement calling for a timetable on the withdrawal of the US-led coalition troops from the bases in the territories of ex-Soviet Central Asian countries. —MNA/Xinhua

Sweden eyes anti-terror law

STOCKHOLM, 12 July — The Swedish Government will present a proposal later this year to make it easier to call in military forces in case of a terrorist attack on home soil, Radio Sweden reported on Monday.

A senior government aide, Lars Danielsson, said such a law has been debated since 2003, but in the wake of Thursday's bombings in London the government has decided to move forward with the proposal.

"This has given it increased urgency," he said.

The law would outline when and how military forces can be called in to help police prevent an attack, or deal with the aftermath of one, Radio Sweden said. — MNA/Xinhua

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NASA official says "loose ends" remain for shuttle lift

LOS ANGELES, 12 July — NASA officials said on Monday some unsolved issues remain for the first shuttle mission since the 2003 *Columbia* disaster, which they said could force a delay for the lift.

"We have a couple of loose ends to tie up, but I wouldn't consider them major," said Wayne Hale, the deputy shuttle programme manager. "I would say that we do have to resolve those issues before we go fly," he added. Hale and other managers had a long meeting where engineers raised last minute questions about the mission. Pending problems included the new fuel tank's performance, access to data on how heat-resistant tiles have been damaged in the past and how to use data from weather balloons to find out temperature of the external tank during the climb to orbit.

Countdown had begun for the launch set for 3:51 p.m. EDT (1951 GMT) on Wednesday. The mission is NASA's first since shuttle *Columbia* disintegrated on February 1, 2003 over Texas, killing all seven astronauts on board. — MNA/Xinhua

Scientists discover secret of staphylococcus infection

LOS ANGELES, 12 July — The golden pigment that coats the surface of staphylococcus is not just for decoration, rather, the molecules that give the bacteria its golden hue also help it resist killing by the immune system, US scientists reported on Monday.

The researchers at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine have discovered that staphylococcus, or the "Staph" bacteria, use a protective golden armour to ward off the immune system, a finding with the potential to lead to new treatments for serious infections now increasingly resistant to standard antibiotics.

The study, focusing on the major human pathogen *Staphylococcus aureus* and the characteristic yellow-orange colour for which it is named, is published in the latest issue of *The Journal of Experimental Medicine*.

Among the deadliest of all disease-causing organisms, "Staph" is the leading cause of human infections in the skin and soft tissues, bones and joints, abscesses and normal heart valves. It especially flourishes in the hospital setting, producing bloodstream and surgical wound infections. The spread of antibiotic resistant strains of Staph, referred to as methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* or MRSA, has reached epidemic proportions and poses a major threat to the public health.

Staph's colouration reflects the production of molecules called carotenoids, similar to those present in carrots and other colourful vegetables and fruits. Dietary carotenoids have long been touted for their antioxidant properties with hope that they could slow aging or fight off cancer.

The scientists found that pathogenic Staph took advantage of the antioxidant effects of its carotenoid pigment to extend its own life, by inactivating chemicals deployed by neutrophils that are lethal to most bacteria. The team used a molecular genetic approach for their studies, knocking out the genes for carotenoid synthesis to generate a mutant strain of Staph that appeared white in color instead of the normal gold.

They also found that the nonpigmented Staph mutant became much more susceptible to oxidants such as hydrogen peroxide and singlet oxygen produced by neutrophils. Without its golden pigment, the Staph lost its ability to survive in human neutrophils or blood, and could no longer form an abscess when injected into the skin of experimental mice. — MNA/Xinhua

Facilities donated by Japan to help giant pandas online

CHENGDU, 12 July — The giant pandas in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, will go online soon, thanks to a digital video monitoring system donated by Japan CS (Chengdu-Sapporo) Giant Panda Association late last week.

According to the Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding and Research Base, the system, valued at about 42,169 US dollars, is the state-of-the-art animal monitoring system in the world, said Yu Jianqiu, deputy director of the Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding and Research Base.

The system will be used to observe daily be-

haviours and breeding of giant pandas. It can also be applied to disease control and prevention of the endangered species.

Installed in the delivery room of the giant pandas, it will help researchers monitor every corner of the breeding ward and issue warnings against smoke, intrusion and improper temperature and humidity.

The system is able to transmit real-time video data to the Internet and local networks, according to Yu Jianqiu.

Giant pandas are not only the national treasure in China but also a common treasure of human beings worldwide, said Aoki Yoshinao, president of Japan CS Giant Panda Association.

MNA/Xinhua



The service gantry is rolled back from Space Shuttle Discovery at Cape Canaveral, on 12 July, 2005.—INTERNET

Germany offers help in Czech wind power project

BERLIN, 12 July — German Environment Minister Juergen Trittin signed here on Monday an agreement offering official help for a pilot wind power project in the neighbouring Czech Republic. Under the bilateral project "Windpark Rusova", the Czech company "green lines s.r.o." is building and operating a wind power park consisting of three wind generators, the first ever in the republic with more than 2 megawatts generating capacity. The German Environment Ministry pledged to help finance the Rusova facility with 2 million euros (2.4 million US dollars). — MNA/Xinhua

UNESCO urged to protect world heritage glaciers from climate

DURBAN, (South Africa), 12 July — The United Nations' cultural arm, UNESCO, has been urged to place the world's highest peak Mount Everest and tropical coral reefs in central America on its list of World Heritage in Danger due to the impacts of global warming.

A group of non-governmental organizations have handed a petition to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee (WHC), currently meeting in Durban, South Africa, with hopes that the inscription on the list could help enhance monitoring and precautionary measures. The melting of Himalayan glaciers in the Nepali side as a result of climate change has swollen Himalayan lakes, increasing the risk of catastrophic flooding that could threaten the lives of thousands of people and destroy a unique and irreplaceable environment, said Friends of the Earth Nepal, one of the campaign organizers.

"There is wide agreement that many lakes are at risk, but a lack of adequate monitoring means that there is no realistic assessment of how close any are to bursting," it said in a Press release.

Putting Nepal's Everest (Sagarmatha) National Park on the endangered list would mean the committee would have to assess Nepal's glacial lakes and stabilize those most at risk, it said. The WHC overlooking the conversation of global heritage sites is to examine the state of conservation of those on the List of World Heritage in Danger from Monday.

There are 35 sites on

the list currently, which face serious threat either from chemical or mining, pollution, pillaging, war, poorly managed tourism or poaching. Edmund Hillary, who was the first man to summit Mount Everest, has also joined environmental campaigners and lawyers in the actions starting from November 2004.

The warning of the environment of the Himalayas has increased noticeably over the last 50 years. This has caused several and severe floods from glacial lakes and much disruption to the environment and local people," Edmund was quoted as saying by the Press release.

MNA/Xinhua

British police reportedly to identify one London bomber

LONDON, 12 July — British police are making progress toward identifying one person involved in last week's London bomb attacks, which left more than 50 dead and 700 others injured, according to local media Tuesday.

The suspect who was responsible for a bus explosion last Thursday morning will soon be named, *The Financial Times* quoted an unnamed official as saying. "I think we are going to see photographs of one or more suspects being posted within days," said the official, who was involved in international efforts to find the bombers.

In a separate report, *The Times* newspaper said forensic pathologists have speculated that one of the two bodies found inside the wrecked bus might have been the bomber. Experts said the bus bomb might have exploded accidentally as being carried by the terrorist. Meanwhile, the *Daily Mirror* said the police had placed up to 100 suspects considered the "most likely" to have been involved in the attack, among whom were British residents known to have been trained in al-Qaeda-type camps overseas. In the United States, the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) television reported that British investigators have found fingerprints on bomb materials in the London attacks, adding that at least four operatives are believed to have taken part in the attacks. — MNA/Xinhua

S P O R T S

Mexico coach La Volpe apologizes for doping comments

MEXICO CITY, 13 July — Mexico coach Ricardo La Volpe apologized to Cruz Azul on Tuesday for remarks he made after two of the First Division club's internationals failed a doping test.

La Volpe's comments, which came after Salvador Carmona and Aaron Galindo were expelled from Mexico's Confederations Cup squad for drugs offences last month, had kicked up a storm which led to demands for his resignation.

"I don't think that my declarations at any moment harmed this institution," La Volpe told the Notimex agency from Houston in the United States, where Mexico are taking part in the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

"I was talking about a gymnasium, but, if there was at any moment an attack on Cruz Azul, I would have to apologize," said La Volpe, explaining his comments were aimed at a gymnasium used by the Mexico City club.

The controversy erupted last month when Mexico, who had just beaten world champions Brazil 1-0 at the Confederations tournament in Germany, announced that Carmona and Galindo had been sent home.

After initially saying they were kicked out for indiscipline, the Mexican Football Federation (FMF) said the pair had tested positive for a derivative of nandrolone, a banned anabolic steroid, before the squad left Mexico.

The pair were subsequently banned for one year.

La Volpe kept quiet about the episode until Sunday, when he stepped in to

defend national team doctor Jose Luis Serrano from criticism for his role in the affair.

Asked whether Serrano had any responsibility, La Volpe told reporters they should be asking questions about Cruz Azul instead.

He said he had been told that other Cruz Azul players had been administered the same supplements as Carmona and Galindo at a gymnasium used by the club.

Cruz Azul president Guillermo Alvarez angrily denied the claims, demanded La Volpe provide proof and said he would take the matter up at a meeting of first division clubs.

Others called for La Volpe, who was widely praised after Mexico finished fourth in Germany, to step down as coach.

"There are two or three candidates who could take the job on with much more personality," said Jorge Vergara, the flamboyant president of Guadalajara in a radio interview.

Former Mexico and Real Madrid striker Hugo Sanchez, a bitter personal rival of La Volpe, who has made it clear he wants the national coaching job for himself, also joined in.

"The faster he goes, the better it will be for the good of Mexican football and its image," the outspoken coach of UNAM said.

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Colombia close to Gold Cup quarters

WASHINGTON, 13 July — Thanks to late goals from Abel Aguilar and Hector Hurtado within three minutes of each other, Colombia revived their hopes of advancing to the quarterfinals of the CONCACAF Gold Cup after beating Trinidad and Tobago 2-0 on Tuesday.

After repeated attempts went wide or high, Colombia took the lead in the 75th minute as Aguilar scored on a 10-yard shot from the right wing after receiving Jaime Castrillon's header.

Hurtado secured the victory with a goal in the 78th minute. Martin Arzuaga crossed to an open Hurtado, who raced into the left of the penalty area and beat Trinidad keeper Kelvin Jack just inside the far post.

The victory kept Colombia's hopes

alive for a quarterfinal berth as a third-place finisher in Group A since the Colombian side had lost both of its first two tournament games.

Colombia's berth, however, will not be determined until the outcome of the Canada-Cuba match in Group B late Tuesday.

Trinidad and Tobago finished last in the four-team group with a pair of draws in its three games.

MNA/Xinhua



Colombia's goalkeeper Farid Mondragon (2nd L) is grabbed around the neck by Trinidad and Tobago's Marvin Andrews (2nd R) while making a save during the second half of the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) Gold Cup match at the Orange Bowl Stadium in Miami on 12 July, 2005.—INTERNET

Mourinho requires Dein to quit FA

LONDON, 13 July — Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho required on Tuesday Arsenal vice-chairman David Dein to step down from the board of the Football Association.



Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho (pictured), who has spent 100 million pounds on players in his first year in London, says he will not need Roman Abramovich's money in five years.—INTERNET

Mourinho claimed his club, treated as devils, is getting a rough deal from the game's governing bodies compared to the Highbury outfit who are being treated as angels.

He said: "A person who works in the club should not work in the FA. The FA is the FA and the club is the club."

The Blues boss said Chelsea often play away games after European weeks, while Arsenal seem to play at home.

He also claimed Arsenal get to play on Sundays following Champions League outings, whereas Chelsea are forced to play on Saturdays.

According to the six midweek dates allocated to group games for the Champions League, Chelsea play five away games and one at home while Arsenal play four at home and two away

"Some are treated as devils, some are treated as angels," Mourinho claimed.

"I don't think we are so ugly as to be treated like devils and I don't think Mr. Wenger (Arsene, the Gunners manager) and Mr David Dein and so on are so beautiful to be treated like angels."

He asked journalists: "After Champions League games Chelsea always have to play away from home and Arsenal are always at home. You have nothing to write about that?"

"Or is Jose Mourinho the only one

who can look at the fixtures and find something very strange?"

"By the way, we play against Arsenal on a Sunday (21 August) which is lucky. That's because it is Arsenal.

"After a national team game (Denmark v England on 17 August) we play on a Sunday because we play against Arsenal.

"I am not the most intelligent person in the world but I am not the most stupid and since I came here I understand things and they don't change.

"These are the facts and now you interpret them the way you want to. It is a fact that every time after a Champions League game Chelsea play away in the Premier League and Arsenal play at home."

Despite the fact that Dein works with the FA and not the Premier League, which manages its own fixtures, Mourinho is adamant the Gunners vice-chairman should not combine his roles.

Alluding to fines he has received from the FA, he said: "I think with the money I had to pay them last season, they should sign somebody for that job.

"I have a five-year contract with Chelsea. Maybe in 2009 or 2010 — maybe — Mr Dein won't be in the FA any more and I can have a different season.

"Or maybe Mr Kenyon (Peter, the Chelsea chief executive) will be working in the FA. We don't know. Maybe it will happen in five years."

Dein spent over four years as vice-chairman of the FA before the post was scrapped in August 2004 as part of restructuring.

Asked to respond to Mourinho's allegations, an FA spokesman told BBC Sport: "The representation of the FA board consists of people elected from different areas of the game.

"The Premier League elects a number of representatives to sit on the board to represent their views, of which David Dein is clearly one."

Arsenal refused to comment on the issue, while the Premier League — who draw up fixture lists for the season — confirmed to BBC Sport that midweek Champions League fixtures had no impact on how they allocated weekend fixtures.

"It is down to complete chance," said a Premier League spokesman.

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Chilean Marcelo Salas leaves River Plate

SANTIAGO, 13 July — Chilean international Marcelo Salas will leave River Plate of Argentina, because of the economic conditions offered, according to information from the Buenos Aires team, received on Tuesday at this capital.

River Plate President Jose Maria Aguilar said Tuesday that the skipper of the Chilean national soccer team did not accept the economic terms offered by the Argentine club to renew his contract so he will look for another team.

This comes after a year and a half playing for River.

Nonetheless, Salas had an important performance in the first half of the year, which largely led to the advancement of River to the semifinals of Libertadores Cup.

The former striker of Universidad de Chile and Lazio (Italy) put an end to

talks he held this week with Italian club Juventus and, it was informed, he also rejected the 3.5 million dollars offered by a Saudi Arabia club.

For the moment it is not ruled out the Chilean player plays in Brazil, with Palmeiras, for instance, or return play in Santiago.

Salas earned 500,000 dollars a year with River and for this year it was said he was going to have a fifty-per cent cut in his wage, yet, it is said he refused to continue with river, not because of salary but for the contract conditions.

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Cuba rejects humanitarian relief from US, EU after hurricane

HAVANA, 13 July — Cuban President Fidel Castro said his country will reject humanitarian relief from the United States and the European Union (EU) after the hurricane Dennis killed at least 16 people and caused serious damage in the island, local Press reported on Tuesday.

Castro said Dennis caused a 1.4-billion-dollar material damage to the country, where one million people had to be evacuated and 2.5 million people lost access to drinking water.

During the hurricane, which swept through the country last Friday, 36 electricity pylons were brought down, while 20 kilometres of railway and road were destroyed and 270 schools damaged, media reports said.

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Death toll in Costa Rican hospital fire rises to 18

SAN JOSE, 13 July — The number of dead for toxication after the fire in the early hours of Tuesday in a hospital in central San Jose rose to 18, according to latest reports released by rescue institutions.

"The number of deceased is 18," Health Minister Maria del Rocio Saenz told a Press conference, who estimated material damage at eight million dollars.

The fire started at 2:20 hours, local time (0820 GMT), in the third and fourth floors of State-run Rafael Angel Calderon Guardia Hospital, one of the oldest hospitals of the country, built in 1943.

The cause of the fire is not known. The victims

have not been identified either, although bodies have been found already, said rescue service institutions.

Costa Rica's President appointed a commission to study the possibility of declaring a state of emergency, which would allow the government to channel resources in an expeditious way to cope with the problem, and "to review security conditions in public buildings."

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Annan hails civil society participation in search for M-E peace

UNITED NATIONS, 13 July — The support of civil society is indispensable in all efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Tuesday.

"The United Nations, for its part, will spare no effort in advancing the peace process and, meanwhile, continuing to help the Palestinians cope with socio-economic hardship," Annan said in a message delivered to an international meeting in Paris by the director-general of the UN Office at Geneva, Sergei Ordzhonikidze.

The two-day UN International Conference of Civil Society in Support of Middle East Peace was being held under the auspices of the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

It will provide civil society organizations from all regions of the world with an opportunity to discuss the situation on the ground, develop action-oriented proposals in support of Middle East peace, and coordinate their activities in promoting a peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine.

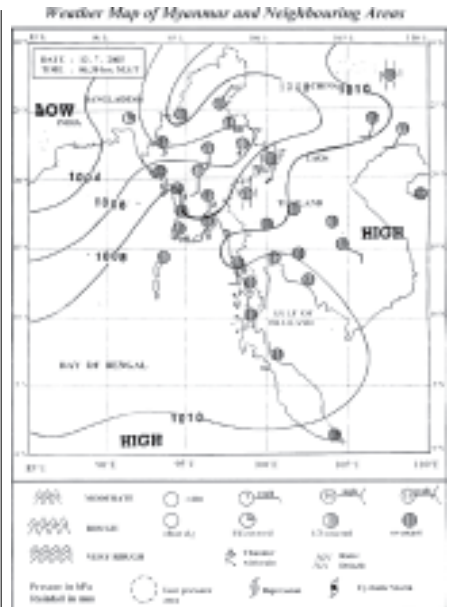
Non-governmental organization (NGO) representatives and other participants will have an opportunity to discuss issues

of particular interest to civil society organizations. It is envisaged that a plan of action will be adopted by participants at the close of the Conference.

"This conference is a fine example of the evolution that has taken place in the relationship between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations — a relationship that goes back to the Charter itself," Annan declared.

He said he was encouraged by the progress achieved since the February summit between Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

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WEATHER

Wednesday, 13 July, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been widespread in Kachin, Kayin and Mon States, scattered in Shan, Kayah, Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in lower Sagaing with locally heavyfalls in Bago and Mandalay Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nyaunglaybin (6.02) inches, Shwegyin (3.70) inches, Myingyan (3.35) inches, Yamethin (3.15) inches and Namsam (2.99) inches. Maximum temperature on 12-7-2005 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 13-7-2005 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 13-7-2005 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 12-7-2005 was (3.9) hours approx. Rainfalls on 13-7-2005 were (0.52) inch at Mingaladon, (0.43) inch at Kaba-Aye and (2.09) inches at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (37.17) inches at Mingaladon, (34.33) inches at Kaba-Aye and (40.24) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from southwest at (16:00) hours MST on 12-7-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 14-7-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Kayin States, scattered in Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, 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 14-7-2005: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-7-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Earthquake Report (Issued at 09:30 hours MST 13th July 2005)

An earthquake of moderate intensity (5.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter Andaman Islands (India Region) about (430) miles Southwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (07) hrs (00)min (02) sec MST on 13th July 2005.

New Rainfall Record (Issued at 09:00 hours MST on 13th July, 2005)

The amount of rainfall 85mm (3.35 inches) observed at (09:30) hours MST on 13th 2005 July in Myingyan is the 24 hours new maximum rainfall record of the station for the month of July during the last (24) years. The former record of the station was 46mm (1.81 inches) on 24th July 2003 and 6th July 2004.



Thursday, 14 July

Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music: Keep on loving you
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music: Endless love
8.50 am National news/Slogan
9.00 am Music: We love to love
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music: Love's got a hold on my heart
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Lunch time music
-I wanna love you forever
-The one you love
-Have you ever been in love
-Love of a life time
-Without your love
-I will always love you
9.00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
-Myanma Jagery
9.10 pm Article
9.20 pm Pourri
9.30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
-Take my breath away (Berlin)
-Do I love you (Tracy Huang)
-Deep in my heart (Britney Spears)
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL



Thursday, 14 July

View on today:

- 7:00 am 1. အထူးစုံစမ်းထုန်းသရေတော်ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံသယဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့ အတန်းတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မ ဟာရဏဂုဏ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မဇာတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါဂါရာဆရာတော်ဘုရား ဝိစိတ္တသုရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ် တရားတော်
7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am 3. Morning news
7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
7:50 am 5. Dance of the national races
8:00 am 6. အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲ
8:10 am 7. Dance variety

- 8:20 am 8. ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားအဖွဲ့ပိုင်းစုံစုံရွေးတံတား
8:30 am 9. International news
8:45 am 10. Let's Go
4:00 pm 1. Martial song
4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use
4:45 pm 4. Musical programme
5:00 pm 5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ညှာရေး ဖွဲ့စည်းသင်ကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ်(ပထဝီဝင်အထူးပြု) (ဂုဏ်ဓမ္မ)
5:15 pm 6. Cute little dancers
5:30 pm 7. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစာတေး
5:45 pm 8. Musical programme
6:00 pm 9. "ဆွေမုန်းတော်ဝေမယ်" (ဒုက္ခတင်လင်းဆောင်းဆီဖြေလွှဲနိုးဆေး) (ခါရိုတီတာ-သက်တင်)

- 6:05 pm 10. နိုင်ငံအဝန်းသစ်တော့စွမ်းမြိုင် စိမ်းလန်းစေရမည်
6:15 pm 11. မူဟန့်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်
6:30 pm 12. Evening news
7:00 pm 13. Weather report
7:05 pm 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သောညီမ" (အပိုင်း-၄၇)
7:35 pm 15. (၂၃)ကြိမ်မြောက်အရှေ့တောင် အာရှအားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့ဝင်များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (ဘောလုံး) (အမျိုးသမီး)
7:45 pm 16. ကြားမြင်သုတေသနပြောစာပဒေသာ
8:00 pm 17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိတ်ဆွေ" (အပိုင်း-၃)
21. The next day's programme

Prime Minister felicitates French counterpart

YANGON, 14 July— General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Dominique Galouzeau de Villepin, Prime Minister of the French Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the French Republic which falls on 14 July 2005. —MNA

Work has begun on the construction of the approach road (railway) of the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) on Mawlamyine Bank in January, 2003, and on the approach road (railway) on Mottama Bank in August, 2003. Now, 43 per cent of the construction work on Mawlamyine Bank and 37 per cent of construction work on Mottama Bank have been completed.

Myainggyingu Special Region witnessing cumulative development in various sectors, local people leading peaceful life
Extended cultivation of paddy and suitable crops for ensuring food security and raising income of DKBA members stressed



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents blankets, clothes and personal goods to DKBA Chairman U Tha Htoo Kyaw of Myainggyingu Special Region. — MNA

YANGON, 13 July—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, together with member of SPDC Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, senior military officers and officials, helicoptered to Hpa-an in Kayin State yesterday morning.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Chairman of Kayin State PDC Col

Khin Kyu, senior military officers and officials.

The Secretary-1 and party, accompanied by the commander and the officials, paid homage to member

Government will render all necessary assistance to the farmers

of State Ovadacariya of Mebaung monastery in Hpa-an Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Agga Maha Saddhama Jotika Bhaddanta Indriya, Chairman of Kayin State Sangha Nayaka Committee Dhamma Kathika Bahujanahitadhara Bhaddanta Kavindhaja and members of the Sangha and offered alms to members of the Sangha.

They also visited Besijja Muni Bronze Buddha

Image in Gandakutaik in Myainggyingu Special Region, Hlaingbwe Township, and donated offertories to Myainggyingu Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sujana.

The Secretary-1 and party held a meeting with Chairman of DKBA form Myainggyinyu Special Region in Hlaingbwe Township U Tha Htoo Kyaw, Vice-Chairman U Kyaw Than and members at No 22 LID in Hpa-an Township. The Secretary-1 said that Myainggyingu Special Region is witnessing cumulative development in transport, education and health sectors with local people leading a peaceful life.

He called for extended cultivation of paddy, and suitable crops such as beans and pulses and corn for ensuring food security and raising income of DKBA members and their families.

He called on the members to put all the vacant land under rubber on a commercial scale. He said the government will render all necessary assistance to the farmers, calling for expansion of transport services and exploration of minerals in accord with rules and regulations.

The Secretary-1 urged officials concerned to make endeavours to raise the living standard of the members and local residents.

Chairman U Tha Htoo Kyaw and members reported on their plans for regional development and local food sufficiency, extended cultivation of rice, beans and pulses, herbal plants, rubber and other

suitable crops, education, health, livestock breeding and transport sectors, and requirements.

Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Col Khin Kyu gave supplementary reports on assistance for progress of Myainggyingu Special Region; Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo, on assistance of the Ministry for regional food sufficiency and growing of seasonal and
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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) on Mawlamyine Bank.— MNA