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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

MPF is to make endeavours unremittingly to carry out three duties

Make necessary arrangements to be always ready for shouldering national defence and security duties hand in hand with the Tatmadaw

YANGON, 14 July — Committee for Reforming Management System of Myanmar Police Force held its meeting at Ministry of Home Affairs today with an address by Chairman of the committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, directors-general of the departments under the ministry, the police deputy director-general, directors, heads of state/division police forces and officials.

The Secretary-1 said that as the Tatmadaw could not remain indifferent during the 1988 unrest that was pushing the nation towards disarray and disintegration, it had to take over the historic duty of shouldering the State responsibilities since then.

The Tatmadaw assumed State duties for three times — in 1958-59, in 1962 and in 1988 — just to carry out the historic task of saving the nation. The Tatmadaw has been working overtime for national development and transferring the power back to the rightful owner, the people, in a gentle way, which are duties it has been discharging in addition to its original duty of national defence. Because of the disunity among national people, armed insurgency broke out in the nation. The national unity was in a bad shape, and the security, stability and the rule of law were in a state of decline. The people had to

live in fear. As the multi-colour insurgency broke out in many places, Myanmar was branded as the Yangon government.

With its all available forces, the Tatmadaw crushed the insurgents. Because of the disagreements, ideological differences and personal disagreements within the ruling party of the parliamentary democracy system plus the internal insurgency, the then government could not do anything good for the nation although 14 years had passed. As there were attempts to give priority to the federal policy to break

with power, it has been carrying out the historic task of discharging the State duties. As soon as it took over the historic duty, the Tatmadaw designated Our Three Main National Causes as the national policy and set up a goal to build a new modern and developed nation according to the 12 political, economic and social objectives.

It is a common knowledge that national development and modernization drive will be impossible without State stability, the community peace and prevalence of law and order. As the Tatmadaw has

MPF members are to always stand firmly by the people, and to stay away from the ideas and views and bureaucratic habits that were popular in the colonial period

away from the Union, the Tatmadaw saved the nation from falling apart. The agro-based economy, which the 1974 Constitution had adopted, was not adequate for the growing population then. When some neighbours were achieving rapid development due to establishment of the industrialised economy, Myanmar lagged behind in development in all aspects. In the end, the nation was out of control in 1988, and an unrest broke out together with random killings and looting. Thus the Tatmadaw had to take over the State duties in 1988. It has never been crazed

given priority to this, 17 armed groups have returned to the legal fold. The Tatmadaw government and the people are joining hands for the development of the native places of the former armed group members. The result is the emergence of a number of major towns and infrastructures in various sectors of the border areas. The government has been implementing the short-term economic projects, and it is now in the final year of the third five-year economic project. Thanks to the economic projects, the nation

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at the meeting of Committee for Reforming Management System of Myanmar Police Force.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 15 July, 2005

Crush all destructive elements

Being a strong national force, the Union Solidarity and Development Association, together with the government, the people and the Tatmadaw, is building a modern and developed nation. The USDA is made up of new generation youths and the youths must have correct thought and wide knowledge and be well-versed in technologies to be able to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Only when their capabilities and basic foundations are utilized harmoniously, will the perpetual existence of the country and the security of life and property of the people be assured.

The Union Solidarity and Development Association is conducting courses for the youths to be able to keep the national spirit alive and preserve the national character. At these courses, they can learn trades and technologies and hone their skills and widen their knowledge on national development.

The conclusion of Myanmar Affairs and International Studies Course No 8 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the Pyidaungsu Hall of the USDA training school in Hmawby Township on 13 July and it was attended by the member of the Central Panel of Patrons of USDA Prime Minister General Soe Win. In his address on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that each and every citizen should realize the value of the Union, Union Spirit, sovereignty and independence and are required to work for non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

The course on Myanmar Affairs and International Studies is to train the youths so that they can take part in building the future of the nation. At the recently-concluded course, lectures on national politics, national security, political, economic and social achievements of the nation and international affairs were given. The trainees were able to study the objective conditions of Myanmar internal affairs in the past and the present and the true colours and intentions of some big nations to interfere in our domestic affairs.

Nowadays, a handful of expatriates and some foreign nations, on the pretext of human rights and democracy, is criticising Myanmar and interfering in her domestic affairs. Their acts are disturbing the independent national stand of the nation. It is necessary for the youths to see through these destructive acts.

We would like to call on all citizens including the new generation youths to crush in unity all destructive elements who try to endanger the Union and harm the interests of the nation and the people.

Blood donation ceremony to be held

YANGON, 14 July— Organized by Myitta Byuha Association, a ceremony to donate blood will be held at Seikkan Dhammayon of Botahtaung Pagoda on 7 August morning. Everyone irrespective of race and religion may donate blood to the patients at various hospitals.— 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

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

Information Minister receives foreign guests

YANGON, 14 July — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Mr Fabio Papa, Area Manager of Digital Multimedia Technologies, Italy, and Asher Loy Chee Koon, regional marketing manager of MPL Pte Ltd, Singapore at the Ministry on Theinbyu Road here this evening.

Likewise, Senior Advisor, Dato' Hj. Ainuddin Noordin of Measat Satellite Systems



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Italian and Singaporean guests.

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Malaysian guests. — MNA

Sdn Bhd, Malaysia, called on the minister at his office at 5 pm today.

Also Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aug Thein and officials of the Ministry.

MNA

Annual Meeting of Myanmar Hoteliers Association held



Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw delivers an address at the annual meeting of Myanmar Hoteliers Association. — NLM

YANGON, 14 July — Myanmar Hoteliers Association held the annual general meeting at Karaweik Palace at Kandawgyi Lake this evening.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw delivered an address. Chairmen of Myanmar Hoteliers Association Dr Khin Shwe extended greetings. General Secretary U Yan Win submitted the annual re-

port. Treasurer U Maung Maung read out the financial statement of the association and sought the approval of the meeting.

Next, the list of CEC members led by new chairman Dr Khin Shwe and members were announced.

Chairman Dr Khin Shwe gave a speech and explained the future tasks of the association.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, departmental heads, officials and hoteliers.

After the meeting, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and those present were served with dinner.

MNA

Talks on seven-point Road Map given

YANGON, 14 July — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein gave a talk on seven-point Road Map to the trainees attending Basic Organization Courses No 22 and 23, organized by North Okkalapa Township USDA.—MNA



FedEx is planning to develop the largest Asia-Pacific transshipment hub at Guangzhou's Baiyun International Airport in southern China.

INTERNET



Vietnamese President to visit China

BEIJING, 13 July— Vietnamese President Tran Duc Luong will pay a state visit to China from 18 to 22 July at the invitation of Chinese President Hu Jintao.

China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao made the announcement at a regular Press conference held in Beijing on Tuesday.

During Tran's visit, Liu said, the leaders of the two countries will exchange views on deepening Sino-Vietnamese relationship, enhancing mutually-beneficial cooperation and discussing international and regional issues of common concern.

The two sides will also sign a number of agreements on economic and trade cooperation. "I believe the visit will play an active role in boosting the good-neighbourly and friendly cooperation between the two countries," he said.

In recent years, China and Vietnam have achieved a sound development in bilateral relations, with frequent high-level exchanges and increasing political trust. — MNA/Xinhua

Hun Sen calls on cooperation for energy security in region

SIEM REAP (Cambodia), 13 July— Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on Wednesday urged the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its partners to seek measures to cope with the high energy prices.

Hun Sen said that "the region's overreliance on external sources of energy supply implies that we are facing the challenge of energy security".

The Premier made the remarks at the 23rd ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM) and the ASEAN Energy Business Forum held here on Wednesday. In order to reduce "the impact of high energy prices on our economies", Hun Sen urged ASEAN and its three partners — China, Japan and South Korea — to focus on following issues.

First, taking necessary measures to respond to the high oil price; second, looking into effective tools for energy security such as the possibility of developing oil stockpiling; third, forging stronger partnership in new energy development; and fourth, while securing adequate supply of energy, environment

issue should be taken into account.

Hun Sen encouraged all member countries to achieve the goals of the Vientiane Action Programme (VAP) as soon as possible, adding that "so that we can realize the operation of Power Grid in the region by 2010". The meeting and the forum took place at a moment when ASEAN member countries are focusing on regional energy security, both in terms of supply and price and in response to rising demands.

Besides ASEAN energy ministers, ASEAN Secretary General Ong Keng Yong also attended the meeting. The ministers also met with officials from the "plus three" group of China, Japan, South Korea.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam.—MNA/Xinhua

Hong Kong police seize 2.35 kilos of heroin

HONG KONG, 13 July— Hong Kong police arrested two men and seized 2.35 kilos of heroin in an operation in Sau Mau Ping on Tuesday.

Following prolonged investigations, officers from Narcotics Bureau intercepted a 32-year-old man outside a restaurant in the shopping centre of Shun Lee Estate on Tuesday afternoon and found 1.6 kilos of suspected heroin in his possession.

Subsequent to inquiries, police arrested another 27-year-old man inside a private car in Shun Lee Estate. Two blocks of suspected heroin weighing some 0.75 kilos were seized inside the glove box of the private car. It is believed that the heroin valued at 813,000 Hong Kong dollars is for local consumption.

The two men, arrested for trafficking in dangerous drugs, are still being detained for further inquiries. —MNA/Xinhua

Pentagon aide admits mistakes in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 14 July— A top Pentagon official who was deeply involved in planning the Iraq war said there were significant errors in the Administration's strategy, including the delayed transfer of power to an Iraqi government, and said he did not know whether the invading US force was the right size.

In an interview as he concludes his tenure as under-secretary of defence for policy, Douglas Feith acknowledged that there were "trade-offs" and "pros and cons" to the Pentagon's plan to use a relatively small invasion force in Iraq, voicing uncertainty about whether that decision was correct. The war's "rolling start" with a streamlined ground force had achieved some tactical surprise, he said, potentially averting a longer war and other catastrophes such as a destruction of Iraqi oil fields. But he acknowledged that a small force had drawbacks, and others have criticised the plan for failing to stop widespread looting and insecurity after Saddam Hussein's government fell in April 2003.

"I am not asserting to you that I know that the answer is 'We did it right'. What I am saying is it's an extremely complex judgement to know whether the course that we chose, with its pros and cons, was more sensible," Mr Feith said.

He said mistaken actions and policies in Iraq had resulted in frequent "course corrections", pointing to two he considered significant, both resulting from not putting Iraqis in charge early.

First, the Administration had missed the opportunity before the war to train enough Kurds and other Iraqi exiles to assist the US military, he said.—Internet

China becomes Maldives' important tourism source

BEIJING, 13 July— China is becoming an important tourism source nation for Maldives, said Mustafa Lutfi, Minister of Tourism of Maldives.

He said here Tuesday that although the number of Chinese tourists to Maldives ranked third after Japan and South Korea in Asia, the growth rate is amazing compared with the previous year. China has had continuous economic growth and increasing enthusiasm for overseas trips.

Chinese tourists can enjoy pure sea water, warm sunshine and diving in Maldives. Compared with other Southeast Asian nations, a trip to Maldives does not have a price advantage. However, the quality of service is always guaranteed. Many newly-weds chose Maldives as their honeymoon destination, thanks to its peaceful and leisurely atmosphere, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

World's oldest panda dies in S China zoo

GUILIN, 13 July — A macrobian female giant panda passed away at the age of 36, equivalent to a human being aged 108, on Tuesday afternoon in Guilin City of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

Meimei, the oldest panda, had been suffering from eating difficulties and gradual failure of varied organs lately, according to sources with the Guilin City Zoo, where the giant panda had been living during the past 20 years.

Although veterinarians at the zoo had taken emergency measures in an attempt to save the beloved animal, Meimei died at around 5:37 p m on Tuesday. Meimei used to live in the Wolong Natural Conservation in southwest China's Sichuan Province before being transferred to the Guilin-based zoo in September 1985.

MNA/Xinhua



An employee of Indonesian oil company Pertamina walks beside oil drums at an oil pump station in Jakarta on 12 July, 2005.

INTERNET

Hu confers Nightingale Award to Chinese nurses

BELING, 13 July — Five Chinese nurses who made great contributions to China's medical cause were awarded Florence Nightingale medals here on Tuesday by Chinese President Hu Jintao at a ceremony of the 40th Florence Nightingale Medal.

The nurses included Liu Zhenhua, a nurse of leprosy for 28 years at a dermatosis hospital in east China's Shandong Province, Chen Zheng, who has been fighting infectious diseases at Beijing's Ditan Hospital for 40 years, as well as Feng Yajuan from Hong Kong Hospital Authority, Wan Qi from the General Hospital of the Tibetan Military Area Command, and Wang Yali from underdeveloped Dingxi City of northwest China's Gansu Province.

The Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) has done great humanitarian work, especially in fighting SARS and rescuing tsunami-hit countries.

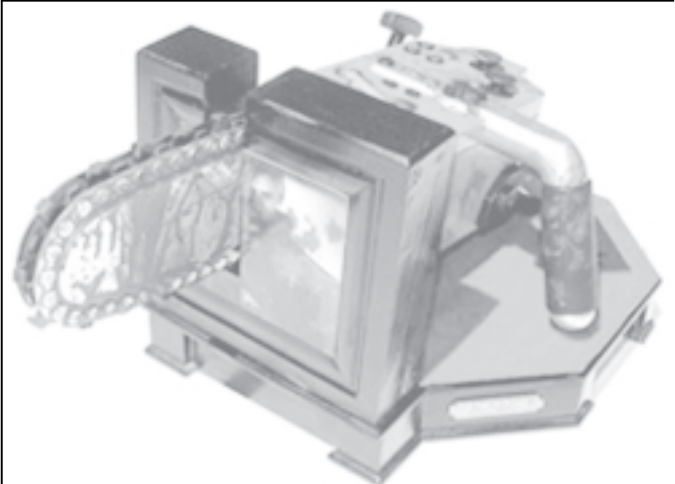
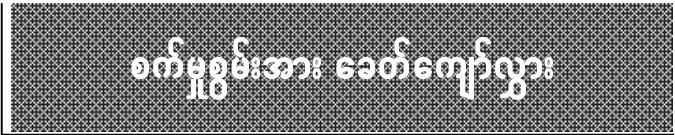
It has been praised by the society and gained a good international reputation, said Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi at the ceremony held at the Great Hall of the

People.

She hoped the RCSC would play a bigger role as an assistant to the government and make a greater contribution to the establishment of a harmonious Socialist society and to the peace and progress of mankind.

Wu also noted that the committees of the Communist Party of China and governments at all levels should continue caring for and supporting the RCSC in a bid to push forward the Red Cross cause in China.

RCSC president Peng Peiyun said she hoped that all Chinese nurses and Red Cross workers would follow the examples of the five awardees, and further carry forward the spirit of the Red Cross and improve their professional standard and service.— *MNA/Xinhua*



For the video gamer who has everything, a chainsaw control designed to accompany Resident Evil 4, Capcom's upcoming game for the PlayStation 2 system, shown in this undated handout photo.—INTERNET

Thai Govt to announce new measures to stimulate economy

BANGKOK, 13 July — Thai Government on Tuesday will announce a package of new measures to stimulate the country's economy, which has showed a slowdown tendency since the beginning of this year.

Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra will personally announce the measures, which he and key ministers and economic experts already discussed Monday, *Bangkok Post* newspaper quoted him as saying on Tuesday.

The package includes a hike in the minimum wage as well as civil servant salaries, tax measures to reduce expenses for households, acceleration of spending plans for government agencies and state enterprises and new measures to promote energy conservation and the use of alternative fuels, said sources attended Monday's meeting.

As a result of the rising oil price, which hit a record high of 60 US dollars a barrel last week, Thailand's trade and current accounts turned red for the first five months of the year. From January to May, the country's trade deficit totalled 6.6 billion US dollars, compared with a surplus of 1.7 billion US dollars in 2004.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese workers load navigation light 'JX-19' on the Xiamen-Jinmen sea route in the sea area of Xiamen, a port city of east China's Fujian Province, on 12 July, 2005. —INTERNET

Singapore builds fourth NEWater factory to meet water demand

SINGAPORE, 13 July — Singapore began to build its fourth and the largest NEWater factory on Tuesday, which is expected to provide more than half of the total NEWater supply to the city state upon completion in 2006.

Speaking at the foundation laying ceremony for the Ulu Pandan NEWater Factory, Minister for Prime Minister's Office Raymond Lim said that it marks an important chapter in the history of NEWater.

When completed, the factory will supply NEWater and industrial water to industries in Jurong, Tuas and Jurong Island in southwestern Singapore, as well as to the commercial buildings in the Central Business District for air conditioning cooling.

Lim pointed out that the Public Utilities Board (PUB) has reduced the cost of NEWater production through economies of scale, productivity gains and

more competitive membrane technologies, which has eventually benefited end users.

Singapore targets to have about 55 million gallons of NEWater per day to meet 15 per cent of the country's total water demand by 2012, according to Minister for the Environment and Water Resources Yaacob Ibrahim.

Being one of the Four National Taps besides local catchment water, imported water and desalinated water, reclaimed NEWater in Singapore exceeds the international drinking water standards after dual membrane processes and ultraviolet treatment.

MNA/Xinhua

1,759 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 14 July—As of Wednesday, 13 July, 2005, at least 1,759 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 1,353 died as a result of hostile action. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is two higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT on Wednesday.

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, 1,620 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,244 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.— *Internet*

Vietnam to import more breeding animals

HANOI, 13 July — Vietnam, which has to annually import a large number of breeding poultry, pigs and cattle, will import more high-quality animals, local newspaper *Vietnam Agriculture* reported on Tuesday.

The country, in the 2006-2010 period, will import more breeding bulls and milky cows from such countries as Australia and the United States. Among more than five million bulls and cows currently raised in Vietnam, some 30 per cent are of foreign origins or crossbred.

Recently, Vietnam set a target of increasing its total number of cows and bulls to 6.5-6.7 million by 2010, including 100,000 high-quality milky cows with annual fresh milk output of 300,000 tons.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore incumbent President pursues second term

SINGAPORE, 13 July — Singapore's incumbent President S R Nathan submitted his application form for the Certificate of Eligibility on Tuesday to pursue a second term in office, said *Channel NewsAsia* report.

Under Singapore law, anyone who wants to be a candidate at the presidential election must obtain this certificate to show that the applicant is of integrity, good character and reputation.

The report said that the President is widely expected to be the only candidate in the third election to be held in the city state this year since the Constitution was amended to provide for a President elected by the people in 1992.

President S R Nathan, who celebrated his 81st birthday on 3 July, became Singapore's second elected President in 1999 as the only eligible candidate.

His six-year tenure will be over on 31 August, which is the deadline for the election.

A total of 17 application forms have been picked up so far and only two of them, including the President's, have been submitted to the Elections Department, according to local report.

No details about the other applicant were revealed.

The application opened on 31 May and will close on the third day after Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong issues the Writ of Election, which will also announce the date of nomination.

MNA/Xinhua

Trade ministers convene in Dalian to draw road-map

DALIAN, 13 July — With only less than half a year left, 30 trade ministers gathered in this port city on Tuesday in an effort to draw a road-map before the World Trade Organization top-decision body's meeting in Hong Kong.

Around 350 delegates from 30 members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) attended the opening ceremony of the meeting, including WTO Director-General Supachai Panitchpakdi.

Delegates at the meeting are from industrial, developing and the least developed nations and regions, representing the interests of WTO members at all levels.

Chinese Commerce Minister Bo Xilai, who co-chaired the meeting with John C Tsang, Hong Kong Secretary for Commerce, Industry & Technology, addressed the ceremony that the prior objective of the meeting is to offer a chance for the WTO members to discuss and value the current process of the Doha Development Agenda (DDA) at "such a crucial moment".

"We are trying to convey an important message to

the world that many trade ministers of WTO members are making efforts to promote DDA negotiation", Bo said.

He also expressed the hope that the meeting would focus on the discussion of the key issues such as agriculture and some concrete consensus could be reached to maintain the negotiation momentum.

In November 2001, 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.

To pave the way for an ambitious outcome for the conference, ministers attending the Dalian meeting will have in-depth discussions on the five core areas of the conference, namely agriculture, non-agricultural market access, development, services and rules. —MNA/

Air Nepal to begin int'l flights

KATHMANDU, 13 July — Air Nepal International, a private airliner, is all set to operate its services to four international destinations from 24 July, an official of the company said here on Tuesday.

The airline will fly to Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Doha and Dubai from 24 July, ending the state-owned Royal Nepal Airlines' monopoly on these routes, said Pradeep Raj Pandey, the company's chief executive officer.

The company has acquired a Boeing 767 ER under one-year Aircraft Crew Maintenance Insurance lease from PB Air, Thailand, he said.

The Boeing with a

seating capacity of 245 will fly thrice a week to Dubai, Doha and Bangkok and twice a week to Kuala Lumpur, Pandey said, adding that the company has already appointed its general sales agents in its four destinations and one in Abu Dhabi.

Once it begins its operation, the company will be the second private airline to fly to international sectors.

Vietnam to build first eye bank

HANOI, 14 July — Vietnam is establishing its first eye bank to actively conduct cornea graft, the country's National Institute of Ophthalmology told Xinhua on Wednesday.

"We're conducting a project on setting up an eye bank with the support of ORBIS. The project is carried out in the 2005-2009 period, involving many blindness treatment aspects such as training and cornea donation," the Hanoi-based institute's External Relations Bureau said.

Under the project, ORBIS, a non-profit global development organization whose mission is

to preserve and restore sight by strengthening the capacity of local partners to prevent and treat blindness, will give over 300 corneas free of charge, and technical and financial assistance to the institute.

"After the project expires, we'll have to run the bank by ourselves, including the mobilization of corneas from local donors," the bureau said, noting that a large number of local people are in

need of cornea graft every year. Now, Vietnam's cornea sources rely on foreign eye banks.

According to ORBIS, there are some 950,000 blind people in Vietnam. The organization has already helped strengthen the institute's capacity as a key centre for eye care, resulting in improved service quality and delivery for cataract treatment and paediatric eye care in the country. —MNA/Xinhua

Farmer Akinori Takamitsu poses behind his 111-kilogramme watermelon which won the top prize at an annual watermelon competition held in the town of Ueki, Kumamoto Prefecture, western Japan, on 13 July, 2005.

INTERNET



Bangladesh to corporatize state-owned railway

DHAKA, 13 July — Bangladesh intended to go ahead with corporatization of its state-owned Bangladesh Railway, which has become almost ineffective for modern railway service and produced huge deficit.

Bangladeshi Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman has felt the urgent necessity of reorganizing immediately the structure of Bangladesh Railway, which is about 50 years old, local daily *The New Nation* reported on Tuesday.

"Bangladesh Railway authorities do not know how much they earn and how much they spend... They only approach to me whenever they need money," the minister was quoted by the daily as saying.

"The railway track and signalling systems of Bangladesh Railway have almost become dilapidated and the quality of its service is going down day by day.

Besides, there is no accountability and transparency of the present

railway authorities due to its organizational weaknesses," he said. "So it has become essential for reorganizing the Bangladesh Railway to make it profitable."

During a meeting with representatives of the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank on Monday, Saifur was advised to corporatize the Bangladesh Railway to save the state-run organization from continued losses, the daily reported.

The minister disclosed that the World Bank and Asian Development Bank are going to provide 500 million US dollars for organizational restructuring of Bangladesh Railway to modernize and expand its services, and also to make it profitable.

MNA/Xinhua

9th China Int'l Investment, Trade Fair to be held in September

BELING, 13 July — The 9th China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT) will kick off on 8 September in Xiamen, said Ye Shuangyu, vice-governor of Fujian Province, here Tuesday.

Ye said at a Press conference that up to now, the CIFIT has registered 11,270 projects for domestic investment and 396 projects for overseas investment, outnumbering those of last year, respectively.

He said major activi-

ties will be held concurrently with the 9th CIFIT, such as the First Trade and Investment Exposition between China and Europe, International Investment Forum and APEC high-profile seminar on international intellectual pro-

perty protection.

Dignitaries from domestic and foreign governments, well-renowned experts and scholars, and other celebrities are expected to deliver speeches at the aforementioned activities.

MNA/Xinhua



Workers use plastic garbage pails to scoop up water out of their flooded shop in Bangkok, on 13 July, 2005 as rainy season began in the Southeast Asia.

INTERNET

Bulgaria trains Iraqi troops

SOFIA, 13 July — An Iraqi Army battalion trained by Bulgarian and Polish troops in the country has been put on active duty on Tuesday, according to a report by *Bulgarian News Agency*.

The battalion, which completed its training on Tuesday, took over the same day an area in southern Baghdad from foreign troops, it said.

Under an agreement among the Iraqi Government, Bulgaria and Poland, the two East European countries will help train part of the new Iraqi Army and police forces, which, upon end of the training, would be able to provide security service in areas patrolled by foreign troops.

Bulgaria had sent a special mission formed by military training personnel to Iraq and has also agreed to sell light arms to the new Iraqi Army and police forces.

MNA/Xinhua

Myanmar Women's Day declaration, voice of entire mass of Myanmar women

Khin Win San

The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation has inherited the fine tradition of nationalistic fervour from the Myanmar women fully imbued with patriotic spirit. The nationalistic fervour of patriotic Myanmar women was visible in the periods of anti-colonialist movement and anti-fascist resistance for regaining independence, and in the period of building and protecting the nation after independence.

In the period of transition to democracy under the leadership of the Tatmadaw Government, the MWAFF on 3 July 2005 issued the Myanmar Women's Day declaration as follows:

(a) All Myanmar women will cooperate in all sectors of the Government's nation-building tasks.

(b) In nation-building, only practical contribution will be acknowledged.

(c) Condemn external pressures that disregard national interest in favour of group or individual interests.

(d) Foreign countries and organizations are urged to approach responsible persons to learn the objective conditions in Myanmar.

(e) Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation will unitedly cooperate with other social organizations with common purpose in serving the interest of the State and its citizens.

(f) Condemn terrorists and their supporters who target innocent civilians for whatever reason.

The stand exhibits the nationalistic fervour of the mass of Myanmar women.

With regard to the nationalistic fervour of Myanmar people, writer Sinbyugyun Aung Thein submitted a paper to the paper reading session in 1992. According to the paper, nationalistic fervour means the pride in one's national race and in lineage.

To amplify the statement,

(1) The pride stems from purity of Myanmar national races and strong roots.

(2) The pride originates in the motherland, home to various national races, that is blessed with temperate climate, natural resources in abundance, and fertile soil

(3) The pride is based on the fact that Myanmar is not a country founded just recently with diverse peoples from various parts of the world and Myanmar people do not lack fine cultural traditions, but Myanmar is a country that has been founded since thousands of years ago.

In building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation, Myanmar has to practise the sole policy to introduce democracy — placing emphasis on development of economic productive forces, and raising the

To be able to avert such undesirable situations, Myanmar is transforming itself into a discipline-flourishing democratic nation through the State's seven-point Road Map. Myanmar women want to see stability and peace in the State, national development, and emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The MWAFF will continue to make unremitting efforts to see to the seven-point programme in concert with the entire national people.

living and education standards of the people. The nation cannot transform itself into a democratic one through any reliance on individuals or any external pressure.

There has not been any instance in the world history that an under-developed nation could practise a firm democratic system immediately. According to the social science, democracy can flourish in a nation only when it has developed economically and its people have enjoyed high living standard and high education standard.

Adhering to the above-mentioned point, the Tatmadaw Government striving for transition to a democratic nation with flourishing discipline has overcome various attacks of those relying on external elements and holding negative views and certain big nations through the might of national solidarity. It has

chalked up success in building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation in conformity with the seven-point Road Map. Under the leadership of the government, the MWAFF is taking an active role in the process and will make sustained efforts to see to the drive.

In this regard, I would like to present the noteworthy speech delivered by former Malaysian Prime Minister Mr Mahathir Mohammed at the international conference on human resources in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 17 September 1994.

He said that what is important is "not to be caught in the words of democracy defined by western nations". Excessive practice of democracy can cause political unrest, economic crisis, cultural degradation and poverty. In such situations, a nation can come under threats and coercion of the west bloc. With unlimited practice of democracy, a human society will suffer deterioration of moral character, corrupt practices, and families with only one parent.

He added that democracy is very fruitful if people know the essence of democracy and how to practise it. But, if they cannot apply democracy correctly, it will become an evil system. Democracy does not mean unruly street demonstrations, setting fires on cars, and destroying houses that occur in some foreign countries.

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The MWAFF's declaration represents the entire womenfolk that make up over half the nation's population and the fine traditions nationalistic fervour of the mass of Myanmar women in the service of the nation and the people.

Translation: MS

Annan urges UNSC to actively prevent humanitarian crises

UNITED NATIONS, 14 July — The Security Council's caseload of war-torn countries has spotlighted the need for the United Nations to preempt crises by addressing their root causes, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Tuesday.

"Our task should be to prevent such suffering. All too often we fail to do so, because we do not recognize the gravity of the threat until too late," Annan said in a statement to open a Security Council debate on the body's role in humanitarian crises.

The open debate was chaired by Greek Foreign Minister Petros Molyviatis, whose country holds the

15-nation body's presidency for the month.

Annan said the UN member states should recognize that, if a particular state is unwilling or unable to protect its citizens against extreme violence, the Security Council must assume that responsibility.

But he warned that on the 10th anniversary of a "dark moment" in the UN's history — the massacre of thousands of Muslims in Srebrenica, a UN-designated "safe area" — whenever the Council took responsibility for protecting civilians, it must craft an unambiguous mandate, and provide adequate resources to do the job properly. — MNA/Xinhua

Pentagon investigates head of POW/MIA office

WASHINGTON, 14 July — The Pentagon is investigating possible misconduct by the official in charge of accounting for missing US military from previous wars, a defence official said on Tuesday.

The official did not provide details on the nature of the alleged misconduct but said the probe involved Jerry Jennings, deputy assistant secretary of defence for Prisoners of War/Missing Personnel Affairs, who is cooperating with the investigation.

Some US activists in the field have criticized Jennings' performance, accusing him of showing anger, hostility and disdain toward families of missing soldiers, and some groups have formally voted that they have no confidence in him. Larry Greer, a Pentagon spokesman on POW/MIA issues, said Jennings is now on medical leave "but we all talk to him daily".

Bryan Whitman, a Pentagon spokesman, said, "Jerry Jennings is in a tough job where emo-

tions understandably tend to run high. He is completely committed to the mission of full accounting of our service members missing in action."

Jennings, 65, has served in the post since August 2001. His office oversees missions in such countries as Vietnam, Laos and North Korea to recover the remains of missing American military personnel. He is also the US chairman of the US-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs.

MNA/Xinhua

Ministry of Information families offer Waso robes

YANGON, 14 July — Families of Ministry of Information offered Waso robes for the eighth time at Dagon Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Dagon Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Aungmyayabonzan Monastery of Bahan Township Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamajotika Bhaddanta Paññibhivamsa, Presiding Sayadaw of Dagon Pariyatti Sarthintaik Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Gunananda and members of the Sangha, Minister for

Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry, advisers, deputy directors-general, general managers, deputy general managers and directors, head of office of the ministry and officials concerned, chairmen of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, Myanmar Music Asiayon, the chief editor of Myanmar Gonyi Magazine, guests and families.

First, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta

Gunananda.

Next, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan offered Waso robes and alms to Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamajotika Bhaddanta Paññindahivamsa.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein and families donated Waso robes to Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Gunananda and members of the Sangha. After that, the congregation shared merits gained and offered a 'soon' to the Sayadaws.

The ceremony went into recess at twelve noon. *MNA*



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan offers robes and alms to Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññindahivamsa.

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife and congregation share merits gained from offering Waso robes. — MNA

Basic Fresh Water Prawn Breeding Course concludes

YANGON, 14 July — The Basic Fresh Water Prawn Breeding Course No 2 concluded at the hall of Myanmar Fishery Federation in Insein Township this morning.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein presented completion certificates to the trainees. Director-Gen-

eral U Than Tun of Fisheries Department and President MFF U Htay Myint gave gifts to the instructors.

At the ceremony to organize Myanmar Fish and Prawn Feedstuff Entrepreneurs Association, the minister and the president of the federation delivered addresses. General Secretary of the federation U Kye Ngwe

read out the list of members of the panel of patrons of the association and CEC members.

Director-General U Than Tun and President U Htay Myint accepted K 9.3 million for the funds of the association donated by 22 wellwishers. Chairman of the association U Ohn Lwin gave the concluding remarks. — MNA

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein addresses concluding ceremony of Basic Fresh Water Prawn Breeding Course.— L&F



26th ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board Meeting concludes



The 26th ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board Meeting in progress. — MNA

YANGON, 14 July — Hosted by Myanmar, the 26th ASEAN Food

Security Reserve Board Meeting continued at Sedona Hotel this morning and successfully concluded in the afternoon.

Present on the occasion were officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, heads of departments of the ministries, members of the board from the ASEAN countries and the delegates of East Asia Food Security Reserve Board.

Director U Kyaw Tint of Settlement and Land Records Department un-

der the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Ms Adlina B. Arellano of the Philippines presided over the meeting.

Delegates from the ASEAN nations proved the records of the meeting and resolutions. The 27th board meeting would be held in the Philippines in 2006. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the director.

The delegates to the meeting then visited the Shwedagon Pagoda and the Kandawgyi Natural Park.—MNA

MPF is to make endeavours unremittingly...

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has witnessed the sustainable economic development, increase in per capita income and decrease in the inflation and has been enjoying trade surplus. Multi sectors have also seen the amazing infrastructure development. As the government has been implementing the border areas development project, the 24-zone development project and the rural development tasks, the gap between the rural and the urban areas has been narrowed, and both are enjoying harmonious progress.

While launching the national development drive, the government laid down and is implementing the seven-point Road Map step by step to establish a democratic nation. It has now been in the process of holding the National Convention, the first and the most important step of the Road Map. Sooner or later, the nation will transform itself into a discipline-flourishing democracy that is in conformity with the national characters, and traditions and culture of the Myanmar people. As the government has been overcoming the

difficulties created by the neo-colonialists, traitors, the persons who will destroy everything for not winning the role of a key player, and the power crazed, the goal cannot be reached in a short time. The saboteurs must be crushed with the four-point People's Desire.

The success of the Road Map is the most important part of the democracy transition. Thus, all will have to take part with patriotism and Union Spirit for its success. Peace and security is essential not only for national development drive, but also for democracy transition. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance saying State stability, security and the rule of law are of vital importance for the nation. The Senior General also said that the Armed Forces, the police force and the administrative bodies should be in good shape. To become a good Armed Force, the Tatmadaw must be upgraded into a standard Army.

The committee was formed in 1994 with the aims of enabling MPF to be a systematic force, to

win admiration and adoration of the people, and to serve as the State's reserve force. Since then, the committee has taken supervisory measures in collaboration with six subcommittees.

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, the committee and the subcommittees have adopted the duties of the MPF. They are:

(1) Ensuring community peace and tranquillity, and prevalence of law and order

(2) Enabling national people to earn their living with peace of mind under the shelter of law, and

(3) Shouldering national defence and security duty if the nation comes to crisis.

So, the MPF is to make endeavours unremittingly to accomplish the three duties.

In addition, the MPF is to be fully equipped with patriotic fervour and to be an efficient and modern force as some duties are to be discharged at risk to lives of its members. The genuine patriotic spirit means the spirit of aspiration for upholding Our Three Main National Causes. The MPF mem-

bers are to always stand firmly by the people, and to stay away from the ideas and views and bureaucratic habits that were popular in the colonial period.

The members are also to undergo training constantly and repeatedly for ensuring the MPF to be an efficient force. The members must constantly study modern police services methods from police forces of world nations and are to be skilled in computer, Internet and intranet.

In discharging the

interrogate the witnesses and to thoroughly investigate the evidences at the scenes of the incidence. In the process, they are to cooperate with judges, law officers, prosecuting bodies forensic experts, and laboratory experts. Only then, will severe actions be taken against those who really committed the crimes.

The causes of committing crimes are based on various reasons. So, the members are to ascertain the real culprits and to supervise the functions to eliminate the bad habits

MPF members should stay away from bullying tactics and should always stand by the people. They should totally root out the problem of narcotic drugs from Myanmar according to three tactics and two strategies of the 15-year narcotics elimination plan. As the problem tarnishes the image of the race and the nation and is dangerous enough to wipe out mankind, they should educate the people, especially the youth, and should successfully implement the alternative crop programme according to the

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main duty of ensuring community peace and stability and prevalence of law and order, the members are to stay away from four types of partiality and three kinds of bribes. In this regard, through strict supervision, the MPF has to take preventive measures against the acts that can tarnish its dignity.

In ascertaining culprits, the members are to

common in the colonial period.

The MPF must make necessary arrangements to be always ready for shouldering national defence and security duties hand in hand with the Tatmadaw if the nation faces a crisis. They should carry out community services and to stand by the people so as to win the public respect and to be one with the people.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than tours Rakhine State

YANGON, 14 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, inspected conditions of Kanthaya-Kyeintali Road, development of villages and cultivation of monsoon paddy in Gwa Township on 12 July morning.

Accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than oversaw Kyeintali Police Station and its environs. He instructed officials to take measures of sanitation, crime reduction, prevalence of law and order and welfare tasks for family members.

At Kyeintali Combined Office, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than looked into construction of the meeting room and gave necessary instructions. Next, they met with departmental personnel and local people at Kyeintali BEHS. Officials reported on

progress of Kyeintali Town.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than stressed the need to develop agriculture and livestock breeding tasks in addition to fishery business. It is necessary to grow suitable items among 10 main crops laid down by the State, rubber and pepper in the region. Understanding goodwill of the Government on implementation of development plans in all regions of the nation, locals are to take part in development of the country and local area. He urged departmental officials to make field trips to grass-roots level to undertake five rural development tasks by joining hands with the people.

Out of 10,379 targeted acres, nearly 1,000 acres of land have been put under monsoon paddy in Kyeintali for 2005-06.

The town has reclaimed 75 acres of land for planting rubber. In addition, the plan is under

way to grow 50 pepper saplings each for one household in 2005-06.

On their tour, they inspected ploughing, nursery tasks and transplanting along Kyeintali-Thandwe Road.

At Ngapali Rubber Farm of Myanma General and Maintenance Industries, officials presented reports on matters related to the farm.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that it is necessary to nurture quality strains of rubber for supplying industrial raw materials to the Ministry of Industry-1 and for enhancement of production capacity as well. He pointed out that rubber plantations should be extended. Later, he viewed seeding of 60,000 polyclone rubber strain.

In the evening, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and the Commander met with officers, other ranks and family members of Thandwe Station at the station hall. Next, they proceeded to Ngapali

Shwewagyaing and inspected construction of hotel buildings.

At the site of Treasure Ngapali Beach Hotel Project of Htoo Trading Co Ltd, Manager U Tin Maung Toe reported on construction of 21 bungalows, one dining hall, one reception hall, one swimming pool and one sunset deck. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party viewed round

the construction site. The project will open 20 rooms in October as the first phase.

At Jade Marina Resort (Ngapali) Construction Project Site of Ruby Dragon Construction Co Ltd, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party heard reports of Manager U Sai Pe Thein on construction matters, and visited the site. Ruby Dragon Construction Co Ltd plans to

open 20 bungalows for the resort in April 2006.

On arrival at Thante Kantha Hotel Construction Site of Bagan Thante Hotel Groups, officials explained construction of the buildings. The hotel schedules to open 16 rooms in December.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party spent the night at Annawa Yeiktha in Thandwe.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gives instructions to officers of police station in Gwa Township, Rakhine State. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint on inspection...

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they inspected thriving teak plants. They proceeded to Mandalay-Tagaung-Bhamo Road Construction Project in Tagaung. Senior Engineer U Aye Naing Tun reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on progress in tarring Tagaung-NgaO road section at mile post Nos 46/3, 42/0 and 8/3. Local authorities reported on regional development tasks.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived at Tagaung People's Hospital and oversaw patient wards, a operation theatre, a medical store and an X-ray room. Medical Superintendent Dr Than Than Htay and Head of Township Health Department Dr San San Aung

conducted round the hospital. They then inspected development tasks in Tagaung.

On arrival at Tagaung Basic Education High School, Township Education Officer U Kan Khant Ciin reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on arrangements for construction of two-storey structure in the compound of the school. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived at mile post No 22/3 and checked teak plantations on both sides of the road. They proceeded to Thabeikkyin-Tagaung Road Construction Project site. At the briefing hall, Deputy Superintending Engineer U Win Maung reported on tarring of the road and stockpile of gravel. Regarding the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected stockpile of gravel and tarring of

Bhamo-Tagaung-Mandalay road.

On arrival at Kinchaung Bridge in Momeik Township, Deputy Superintending Engineer U Win Maung reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on progress in building the bridge. In connection with the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions to officials. After inspecting durability of the bridge, they stopped for a night in Momeik.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met officers, other ranks and their families of local battalions at Myawady Hall in Shwegu Township, and then those in the meeting hall in NgaO, Mabein Township. During the meeting, he gave instructions on carrying out of agriculture and livestock breeding and regional development tasks. Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint cordially greeted those present.

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As Pauk is located on gate way to Gangaw and Saw in Yaw Region and to Chin State, the bridge becomes vital link in the region

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airports aimed at improving the economic and social infrastructures.

After 1988, the length of road in Pakokku District increased from 281 miles and 5 furlongs to 402 miles and one furlong. There was one bridge which is 180 feet long before 1988. Now, there are four bridges over 180 feet long including No 1 Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw).

Thanks to the today's opened bridge, locals can travel easily from Pauk to Seikphyu and Pakokku through Seikphyu-Kandaw-Pauk Road, he said.

Next, on behalf of the locals, U Moe Ko Ko thanked the government for building the bridge.

At the auspicious time, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Magway Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe formally opened the bridge.



Maj-Gen Tha Aye delivers an address at the opening ceremony of No 1 Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw). — CONSTRUCTION

Afterwards, the commander and party sprinkled scented water on the stone plaque.

including earthen approach roads. The bridge, with one-way motor road, can withstand 20-ton loads.

No 1 Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw) is 1,840 ft long

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Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Col Phone Maw Shwe and locals pose for documentary photo at opening ceremony of No 1 Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw). — CONSTRUCTION



Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Col Phone Maw Shwe formally open No 1 Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw) in Pauk Township. — CONSTRUCTION

District-to-district earth roads under construction in Mandalay Division

YANGON, 14 July— Earth roads linking districts in Mandalay Division are being constructed by Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for the Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.

Director-General of the Development Affairs Department U Myo Myint on 11 July went to Mandalay Division to inspect indispensable the construction of district-to-dis-

trict linking roads.

First, the director-general arrived at Kyaukse Township and inspected the construction of 30-foot-wide earth road in Phyaukseikbin Village in the township.

After hearing reports, he gave instruction on completion of the road meeting the set stand-

ard. Afterwards, Director-General U Myo Myint proceeded to Thazi Township and inspected the construction of the earth road in Hlinet Village in the township.

The earth road linking Kyaukse Township and Tatkon Township is 113 miles and 6 furlongs long. — MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife being welcomed by French Ambassador Mr Jean-Michel Lacombe at a reception to mark the National Day of the French Republic Thursday. — MNA

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

YANGON, 14 July — The 14th Plenary Meeting of the Fifth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee continued for the second day this morning and successfully concluded in the afternoon.

Present on the occasion were member Sayadaws, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Adviser U Arnt Maung of Director-General for Promotion and Propagation of Sasana Dr Myo Myint and deputy directors-general, and officials.

Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta

Kumara presided over the meeting.

Afterwards, the report of the third branch of the Fifth Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was submitted by member Sayadaws. Next, members of SSMNC discussed Vinicchaya affairs, religious affairs and academic matters.

In the afternoon, the plenary meeting ended and U Tun Ohn-Daw Pan Kyi and family of Shwegondine Street in Bahan Township offered 'soon' to members of Sangha. U Shwe Ho-Daw Than Gyi and family of Oakkyin Station Road in Hlaing Township will offer 'soon' to members of Sangha tomorrow.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung attends the second-day session of the 14th Plenary Meeting. — MNA



The lie-infested media of wolves

- * Don't be drawn into sides
If utterly important
Stick to Kin —that's us Myanmar.
- * Don't divide us
As long as the world lasts, its in the marrow
The Thagi spirit is part of history
Noble have we been — that's us Myanmar.
- * Don't drive wedges
From origin, we're fond of each other
Rally around, without dallying
Lend helping hands — that's us Myanmar.
- * With archaic thoughts
Not optimistic, but pessimistic
Like the wolf, finding fault
Try to hurt us, the Western group
The media, where lies infest
Hurts our hearts, we think not highly
They should be shunned, avoided.

Min Yin Su (Trs.)

MWAF donates weighing machines to MMCWA

YANGON, 14 July — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation donated weighing machines to Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association at MMCWA Multi-purpose Building in South Okkalapa Township this afternoon.

Vice-President of MWAF Daw Khin Lay Myint handed over weighing machines to Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint.

President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win expressed gratitude.

Also present on the occasion were President of MWAF Daw Than Than Nwe and CEC members and personnel of MMCWA.

The weighing machines will be distributed to delivery rooms of MCWAs in border areas and rural areas. — MNA

MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint presents the donations to MMCWA Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint. — MNA

MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win expresses thanks. — MNA





Toshihiro Sakuma, 29, checks the condition of plants under fluorescent lights at a greenhouse built inside a Tokyo building on 1 July, 2005.—INTERNET

Singapore's GDP up 3.9 % in second quarter

SINGAPORE, 12 July—Singapore's gross domestic product (GDP) is estimated to have grown by 3.9 per cent in the second quarter of this year as compared with the same period of last year.

According to the figures released by the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) on Monday, the country's economic growth picked up in the second quarter as the overall GDP rose by 2.8 per cent in the previous quarter.

The growth rate for the manufacturing sector in the second quarter is estimated at 3.5-per-cent, mainly supported by the strong performance in the transport engineering cluster.

The construction sector

is estimated to have continued the downward trend but contracted at a slower pace of 1.4 per cent in the second quarter than the 5.2 per cent decline in the first quarter.

The services producing industries are estimated to have expanded by 4.2 per cent in the second quarter with almost all sectors, except the transport and communications sector, registering faster growth.

The ministry said that

it will release in August the preliminary GDP estimates for the second quarter including sectoral performances, sources of growth, inflation, employment and productivity. In May, the Singaporean Government lowered its economic growth forecast for 2005 to between 2.5 per cent to 4.5 per cent from 3-5 per cent, which is much lower than the 8.4-per-cent growth in 2004.

MNA/Xinhua

China solicits for revising draft law on property rights

BELING, 12 July—Chinese legislature on Sunday released its draft law on property rights in full text to general public for soliciting revision opinions.

The draft law on property rights, with five chapters and 268 items, had been deliberated for three times by China's lawmakers by the end of June. Citizens could offer their revision opinions on the draft law prior to 20 August.

Then, the Commission of Legislative Affairs of the Standing Committee of the 10th National People's Congress (NPC) will revise the draft law according to public opinions and submit the revised draft law to the

NPC Standing Committee for fourth deliberation.

The draft law will be submitted to the fourth plenary session of the 10th NPC, which will be held next March, for the fifth deliberation and will be voted for adoption at the session.

Normally, China's law draft could be passed through after three times deliberation. The draft law on property rights was, however, arranged to deliberate by lawmakers for five times before adoption.

The draft law, defining and safeguarding all the property rights, is related to every citizen's fundamental rights.

According to the draft law, property owners shall be given reasonable compensation when their properties are taken over for public use. Those who refuse to make the compensation will bear legal responsibilities.

Over the past more than half century, China's farmers are allowed to save a certain piece of land to build their own houses.

However, as an increasing number of urban citizens became affluent in recent years, they are fond of buying such kind of land from farmers to build villas for their weekend vacation.

This time, the draft law on property rights says absolutely no to the phenomenon. The draft law defined that urban citizens were not allowed to buy the land saved for farmers' use only so as to safeguard farmers' fundamental property rights.—MNA/Xinhua

S China town to stage national leisure clothing fair

BELING, 12 July—The Sixth China National Leisure Clothing Fair is expected to be held between September 23-26 in Shaxi Town in the city of Zhongshan, south China's Guangdong Province, according to the China Garment Association on Monday.

The fair will have the theme of "guiding the fashion trend in leisure clothing, and create commercial opportunities for common development", the association said.

The fair will have more than 600 booths up to the international standards, with a main exhibition hall

covering an area of 20,000 cubic metres.

Up to date, about 90 per cent of the booths have been booked, the association source said, with brand-names from overseas and home making up 30 per cent and 45 per cent of the total, respectively.

MNA/Xinhua

Australia urges Japan not to raise tariff on beef

CANBERRA, 12 July—The Australian Government on Monday expressed concern that the Japanese Government could soon raise its beef tariffs in response to rising imports.

Japan has in place an automatic mechanism, the so-called "snapback" tariff, that comes into play when imports reach a pre-determined level.

Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Trade Minister Mark Vaile said Japan's import figures in May released recently point to a strong possibility the beef snapback tariff would be triggered for both chilled and frozen beef products in the April-June quarter.

"That would mean an increase in Japan's beef tariff from 38.5 per cent to 50 per cent from early August," he said in a joint statement with Australian Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forest Peter McGauran.

The ministers told their Japanese counterparts Australian beef producers

had worked hard to meet requests from Japanese officials and clients to send more beef to Japan following the suspension of imports from the United States in late 2003, caused by the discovery of BSE.

"With this in mind, the Australian Government believes it would benefit both our countries if Japan waived its safeguard measures and held the tariff on chilled and frozen beef at 38.5 per cent, regardless of whether the trigger is reached," McGauran said.

The initial beef supply constraints meant a slump in Japan's total imports last year was almost inevitable, creating the conditions for the safeguard mechanism to be triggered as supply ramped up in 2005, according to the ministers.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam hosts Global Development Learning Network Meeting

HANOI, 12 July—The 10th regional meeting of the Global Development Learning Network — East Asia and the Pacific Association (GDLN-EAPA) opened here on Monday, focusing on exchanging views and developing policies on how modern communication tools can help disseminate knowledge for development.

"The meeting is a good opportunity for regional organizations and agencies to exchange views, promote the knowledge sharing activities and the information technology

development through the GDLN's systems," said Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Education and Training Tran Van Nhung.

GDLN, a knowledge and partnership network launched in 2000, aims at

using the technological and institutional strength of the World Bank and its partner institutions to provide a cost effective medium for knowledge sharing and development.

MNA/Xinhua



An employee from the Indonesian oil company Pertamina pushes a lock of an oil pipe at oil pump station in Jakarta on 12 July, 2005. —INTERNET

Sri Lanka granted \$64.5m for telecom reconstruction

COLOMBO, 12 July—The International Telecommunication Commission (ITC) has granted 64.5 million US dollars to develop Sri Lanka's tsunami-affected telecommunication network.

Speaking at private telecommunication company Suntel's CDMA technology launch in Kandy last Friday, Telecommunication, Posts and Udarata Development Minister D M Jayaratne said that all post offices and damaged telecommunication network would be rebuilt with the aid, the *Daily News* reported on Monday.

"We would be re-installing the telephone link and providing free telephones to all the Sri Lanka Telecom subscribers who were affected by the tsunami," he said, adding "Cabinet approval has been already received for this".—MNA/Xinhua

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INVITATION TO TENDER

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Table with 3 columns: SR/No, Description, Quantity. Items include Zwe/Zetor 50 Super Zetor 6711/7011/8011 Tractor Spares, SH-50, SH-654 Tractor Spares, TN-800 Tractor Spares, Tractor Tyres & Tubes, Tractor Fuel Injection Pump, Nozzles & Plungers, Assorted Taper Roller & ball Bearing, Crawler Tractor and Excavator Spares.

2. Tender Closing date. 18-8-2005 (Thursday) 12:00 hrs
3. Tender documents are available at Equipment & Stores Branch of Agricultural Mechanization Department (Head Office), AMD Bayintnaung Road, Insein Township, Yangon, during office hours from (18-7-2005). Only Tenders Purchased from AMD will be accepted.
4. For more details, Contact; 01-682209, 01-682593

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Fire in north Portugal leaves five firemen injured
LISBON, 13 July—Five Portuguese firemen were injured in a fight against fire in Seia zone, in northern Portugal's Guarda region, said the Rescue Operations Centre Monday.

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Three firemen had burns all over their bodies, while the other two had light burns in arms and head, said the Rescue Operations Centre.
The two most seriously injured had to be taken to the burn-victim attention section of Coimbra University Hospital, it said.
The Fire Prevention Agency warned that 11 of all the 18 districts of Portugal are in risk of catching fire, especially the northern and central parts, due to a severe drought affecting 97 per cent of the Portuguese territory and high temperatures in recent days.

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Russia condemns arrests of two observers in Moldova
Moscow, 13 July—The Russian Foreign Ministry issued a statement on Monday condemning the arrests of two Russians in Moldova and demanding their immediate release.
The statement said Alexei Kochetkov, official of a non-governmental organization for monitoring elections in the CIS, and Vladimir Lebyodkin, a worker of that organization, were arrested Saturday on the outskirts of the town of Bendery.

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London bomb charity nears one million pounds
LONDON, 13 July—A charity set up the day after last week's multiple bomb attacks in London has already received close to one million pounds, organizers said on Tuesday.
The London Bombings Relief Charitable Fund is a joint initiative of London Mayor Ken Livingstone and the British Red Cross.
But while the money is pouring in, no decisions have yet been taken on how it will be distributed.
"That sort of thing we won't know yet. It is too early to say," said a spokeswoman for Livingstone's office.

London still at risk after suspected suicide bombing

LONDON, 13 July—As Britons reeled from news that last week's attacks on London may well have been the work of homegrown suicide bombers, police warned that the country was still under threat from Islamist militants. An anti-terrorist police spokesman said it would be "remarkably reckless" to rule out further attacks — despite Tuesday's stunning breakthrough in the bid to track down those who carried out the killings.
"There is a continuing threat to this city which is not going to diminish with the conclusion of this investigation," he said.

Police have identified four men who they think carried out the London bombings, which killed 52 people and injured 700.
The focus is now expected to shift to unearthing the coordinator behind last Thursday's blasts. Media reports suggest the four bombers were aged between 19 and 30 and were so-called "cleanskins" — with no convictions or known terror involvement.
Police say it is "very likely" that one of the four died in the blasts on London's transport network, and it is possible that all four bombers blew themselves up deliberately.

If they did, it would be the first time that suicide bombers, who have wreaked carnage from the streets of the United States to Iraq, have struck in western Europe.
The four suspects were all believed to be British nationals, a police source said. Three of them came from West Yorkshire in northern England, an area with a large Muslim population of south Asian origin. The four travelled to London on the day of the blasts and were seen on closed-circuit television carrying rucksacks at King's Cross rail station shortly before 8:30 am, police said.

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British newspapers were aghast that the suspected attackers, including a teen and a cricket-mad sports graduate, were apparently suicide bombers brought up in English suburbs. But shocked friends and neighbours said the suspects were ordinary youths, more interested in sport than politics.
"He was a sweet guy who gets on with everyone," "sound as a pound" were some of the descriptions of one of the suspects, a 22-year-old sports science graduate who occasionally helped out in his father's fast food shop in the northern city of Leeds.—MNA/Xinhua

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Singapore to pilot new Chinese language curriculum

SINGAPORE, 13 July—Singapore will pilot a new Chinese language curriculum at Primary 1 and Primary 2 levels in 25 schools in 2006, said a statement by the Ministry of Education (MOE) on Tuesday.

In accordance with the natural progression in language learning, the new curriculum is based on four principles including listen and speak more, recognize characters effectively, follow on with reading and writing, as well as enjoy Chinese language learning.

The ministry hopes to build up good listening and oral skills and develop proficiency in reading early among Singaporean

students so as to help them communicate in Chinese language effectively and confidently.

“Repetitive mechanical script writing does not help students learn meaningfully nor will it enthruse the students to learn,” said the statement, adding that the new curriculum will put less emphasis on script writing in the lower primary years.

The MOE said that it will provide training to all

primary Chinese language teachers by 2007 to prepare them for the new curriculum, and will encourage teachers and students to adapt and use different strategies for acquiring language skills to meet their needs.

The new curriculum will be rolled out to Primary 1 and Primary 2 in all schools in 2007 and be applied to all primary levels in schools nationwide by 2010.—MNA/Xinhua

India, Pakistan talk on gas pipeline project

NEW DELHI, 13 July—Hoping to work out a framework that would take the Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project further, Pakistan and India on Tuesday began talks on the ambitious tri-nation venture.

A seven-member Pakistani team led by Pakistani petroleum Secretary Ahmed Waqar called on Indian Petroleum Minister Mani Shankar Aiyar before the commencement of the bilateral talks on the 4.5 billion US dollars (196 billion rupees) Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline that could finally extend to China.

The two-day working group talks, led by the petroleum secretaries of both countries, will study the financial, legal, tech-

nical, commercial and contractual issues regarding the project “to realize a safe and secure pipeline project”, Aiyar said.

Mukhtar Ahmed, advisor to Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz, and Sui Gas managing director A. Rashid Lone are part of the delegation.

Referring to the US opposition to the pipeline project, Pakistan Petroleum Secretary Ahmad Waqar told reporters on Tuesday: “We will proceed with the pipeline

project as it is in our national interest. The meeting is intended to achieve a framework by which we can take this project forward.” The memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between Pakistan and Iran recently in Islamabad “is to set the framework for the project, which is eventually set to be a trilateral project”, Waqar said, and added that “the MoU will take the project forward toward implementation.”

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia strives to overcome energy issue

JAKARTA, 13 July — Indonesia is trying to use crude palm oil (CPO) and other bio-mass fuel as an alternative energy source to tackle the fuel shortage across the country, *The Jakarta Post* reported on Tuesday.

According to State Minister of Research and Technology Kusmayanto Kadiman, the government would issue regulations to support the production and use of alternative fuel.

“Government intervention is needed to meet the target of reducing the country’s oil consumption to only 30 per cent by 2025,” he made the remarks during an international conference on Indonesia’s automotive industry and the global environmental challenge on Monday.

Kusmayanto named several energy sources — coal, water, solar, nuclear power and green fuel or

bio-mass — as energy sources that would supply the remaining 70 per cent for domestic consumption by 2025. He noted that CPO, which will be refined as bio-diesel, is the most feasible option due to its advantages.

Indonesia is the second largest CPO producer in the world. Last year, there was a total of 4.1 million hectares of oil palm plantations in the country.

Kusmayanto encouraged the private sector, particularly automotive manufacturers, to invest in developing bio-diesel to advance its mass production.—MNA/Xinhua

China to train more overseas Chinese-language teachers as demand keeps increasing

GUANGZHOU, 13 July—In a big round of applause on Monday afternoon, 31-year-old Merita from Indonesia led her 28 classmates to the rostrum of a meeting hall at Guangzhou Pre-school of the Normal School in this capital of south China’s Guangdong Province.

The 29 women, aged between 18 and 37, were the first batch of overseas pre-school teachers who finished one-year language training course in China, received green-covered diplomas from Liao Peizhi, president of the Guangzhou normal school. They will return their

homes in Indonesia within this month and teach Chinese at local kindergartens.

Winning a reward of full attendance at the school, Merita said, “I was grateful that I’ve been provided with such a wonderful opportunity to learn Chinese in a systematic way. Most of us hadn’t

taken such a course before.” “We cherished a hope when we came to Guangzhou, and are leaving it with great satisfaction,” she added.

Amid the growing global Chinese language fever, overseas Chinese teaching tends to shift its focus from middle school

and college students to children at primary schools and even kindergartens. Demand for Chinese-language teachers is rising worldwide. The shortage of the teachers exceeded 20,000 in Indonesia alone.

China has set to narrow the gap between supply and demand in a diversified way.—MNA/Xinhua

Chinese DM stresses friendly cooperation with Romanian Army

BEIJING, 13 July—Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan on Monday stressed the friendly cooperation with the Romanian Army.

The Chinese Army and Romanian Army have kept close exchanges and cooperation for a long time, Cao said in a meeting with Eugen Badalan, chief of General Staff of the Romanian Army.

Cao, also vice-chairman of the Chinese Central Military Commission and a state councillor, said that the Chinese Army highly values the development of ties with the

Romanian Army and adopts an active attitude toward promoting traditional and friendly cooperation with the Romanian Army.

“We are willing to work along with the Romanian Army and maintain a healthy, long-lasting and steady cooperation between the two armies in the new century,” Cao said.

MNA/Xinhua



Peruvian Pre-Hispanic ceramic piece of Chancay Culture, dating from 12 AD, is shown by the Foreign Ministry on 13 July, 2005 in Lima, Peru. The Peruvian Government recovered the 291 pieces from Canada and Italy. The pieces were removed from Peru to be sold to collectors of both countries. — INTERNET

Competition in call rate promotion tends to ease in Thailand

BANGKOK, 13 July—Mobile phone operators here will ease stiff competition in the call rate promotion and turn to focus on service quality and supplementary services, according to a report of Kasikornthai Research Centre received here on Monday.

The leading think tank reported competition in the mobile phone market had markedly intensified in the first half of this year with many operators offering a call rate at the lowest of 0.25 baht (0.6 cent) per minute.

In the first four months

of this year, the number of mobile phone users had increased by 18.75 per cent to 28.5 million from that of the same period of last year. Of this, 83 per cent are pre-paid phones and the remaining 17 per cent post-paid phones.

However, KRC be-

lieved that under the current economic downturn, consumers are likely to reduce the phone use to save costs, which will be another risk factors to the business in addition to stiff competition among operators.

MNA/Xinhua

France offers India joint defence equipment production

NEW DELHI, 13 July—India has received a proposal from France for joint production of defence equipment, *Press Trust of India* (PTI) reported on Tuesday.

“A proposal from France for joint production of defence equipment, which both the countries will use, is currently with the Indian Government,” the news agency quoted Indian Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee as saying.

According to PTI, Mukherjee made the remarks while answering a question whether India would consider signing a defence co-operation agreement with other countries similar to the one signed with the United States during his recent visit to Washington.

MNA/Xinhua

S P O R T S

Shelbourne take Irish honours at Glentoran

BELFAST, 14 July — Two goals by Jason Byrne gave Ireland's Shelbourne a valuable 2-1 victory at Northern Irish rivals Glentoran in the first leg of their Champions League first qualifying round tie on Wednesday.

The match passed off without the violence some feared might be sparked by a game between teams from either side of the Irish border during the height of Northern Ireland's marching season.

After a scrappy first half Shelbourne took the lead in the 55th minute with a goal by an unmarked Byrne, who was set up after a solo run down the left side from Glen Crowe.

A foul on Crowe by Glentoran captain Paul Leeman in the box allowed Byrne to score Shelbourne's second goal

10 minutes later from the penalty spot.

It looked all over for a Glentoran side facing a fitter team in the middle of their season but Sean Ward replied for the home side in the 77th minute with a strike that whipped past keeper Dean Delaney to find the left corner of the net.

The match took place a day after annual celebrations in which pro-British Protestants mark historic victories over Catholics in parades that often spark violence.

Shelbourne, currently second in the Eircom

League, were favourites going into the match, with Glentoran yet to begin the defence of their league title.

Glentoran manager Robert Coyle said he was pleased with the way his side came back in the second half.

"One thing these boys don't know how to do is give in," he said.

Shelbourne boss Pat Fenlon agreed next week's return leg would be keenly fought, saying: "Glentoran aren't going to go to Dublin and lie down. We know we've got a lot of work to do still." — *MNA/Reuters*

London Games chief says security top priority

LONDON, 14 July — Security arrangements for the 2012 Olympics are a top priority, Sebastian Coe, chairman of the London Olympic Committee, said on Wednesday.

Security was already high on the agenda before last week's suicide bombings in London that killed over 50 people but so far no changes have been made to current safety plans, said Coe. "Security has always been one of the most key things," Coe told a news conference after meeting Bob Carr, premier of New South Wales, who oversaw the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

"In practical terms it is what the Games hinge on,"

Coe said. "We will look at all the issues related to security. Nothing has been altered."

Just one day after London was awarded the 2012 Olympics, the British capital was hit by four suicide bombings, which also injured 700 people, on Thursday. Carr said before the Sydney Games, organizers from Australia came to Britain to learn about security planning.

"In 2000, Australia was a long way from terrorism,"

said Carr, pointing to London's experience in coping with bombings by the nationalist Irish Republican Army. "There is an enormous amount for the Brits to learn but not about security," said Carr.

A British police division worked at the Sydney Games and also at the 2004 Games in Athens. Keith Mills, chairman of London 2012, said the Olympic Village in London would follow Sydney's example of bringing together as many facilities as possible in one place

MNA/Reuters

Hat-trick for Gerrard as Liverpool beat TNS

LIVERPOOL, 14 July — A hat-trick from skipper Steven Gerrard could not disguise an unimpressive performance from European champions Liverpool who opened the defence of their crown with a 3-0 win over Total Network Solutions at Anfield on Wednesday.

The Welsh champions ended the first leg of this first qualifying round Champions League match as the moral victors after Liverpool lost direction following two early goals from Gerrard who completed his hat-trick after 89 minutes following his strikes in the eighth and 21st minutes.

Liverpool though, making the earliest start to a season in their history after having to start this season's Champions League at the opening stage, looked short of fitness and for periods in the second half were outpaced and out-paced by the Welsh minnows.

The club were granted a place in the competition despite only finishing fifth in the Premier League after UEFA granted England an unprecedented fifth spot in the tournament.

Although TNS never threatened to score and only had one shot on target, they frustrated Liverpool who endured a night in total contrast to the one

in Istanbul 49 days ago when they beat AC Milan to lift the European Cup.

Liverpool will still qualify after the second leg in Wrexham next Tuesday, but will be hoping for a far better performance after a few extra days training.

Gerrard, almost inevi-

tably, put Liverpool ahead after eight minutes following a fine build-up involving John Arne Riise, Anthony Le Tallec and Fernando Morientes with Gerrard ending the move by lashing the ball past TNS goalkeeper Gerard Doherty from six metres.

MNA/Reuters



Liverpool's Steven Gerrard, left, battles with Welsh champions TNS's Michael Jackson during the Champions League first qualifying round, at Anfield Stadium, Liverpool, on 13 July, 2005.

Liverpool won 3-0. — INTERNET

FA turn on Mourinho over Arsenal comments

LONDON, 14 July — Chelsea have backed Jose Mourinho after their manager was sharply criticized by the Football Association for comments about title rivals Arsenal.

Mourinho had taken a swipe on Tuesday at Arsenal's attempt to sign Sevilla forward Julio Baptista and then criticized Arsenal vice-chairman David Dein's membership of the FA Board.

The FA responded on Wednesday by saying it

was "extremely disappointed" with the comments, notably over Dein, one of four elected representatives of Premier League clubs on the Board.

"At a time when the football authorities are collectively striving to improve behaviour at all levels of the game, some of those views expressed by Mourinho are unnecessary, unhelpful, bad for the image of the game and inaccurate," the FA said in a statement. "Mourinho, fined 200,000 pounds (353,400 US dollars) by the Premier League in June after the 'tapping-up' of Arsenal defender Ashley Cole, was fined 5,000 pounds by the FA in March for using the word 'cheat' about Manchester United players after a League Cup semi-final tie. "We would like to state categorically that Mr Dein does not have any involvement within the FA's Disciplinary or Compliance functions," the FA said.

"It should also be made clear that he is not a member of the FA's Disciplinary Committee."

"If any club or official has any comment or complaint to make about the role of any individual within the game, there are channels available to do this through clubs to the football authorities — not by individuals in a Press conference," it said. Though it has not charged the Portuguese coach, who also complained about the fixtures, the statement added: "The FA is currently studying the comments made by Mr Mourinho."

Chelsea later sprang to Mourinho's defence, saying it was aware of its responsibilities in terms of the game's image, that it did not seek a conflict with the FA or the Premier League and that it would raise any issues via "the appropriate channels".

But the club said in a statement that Chelsea had five away matches in the Premier League after Champions League group games in 2005-06 and then pointed the finger at Arsenal.

MNA/Reuters



Italy's Nadia Centoni, right, spikes the ball over China's Chu Jinling during their women's volleyball World Grand Prix final round competition in Sendai, northern Japan, on 14 July, 2005. Italy won the match 25-16, 25-21, 25-22. — *INTERNET*

Chelsea's Big-Win for new season

LONDON 14 July — Chelsea cruised to a 5-1 victory at Wycombe Wanderers in the Premier League champions' first pre-season friendly on Wednesday.

Chelsea carried their championship trophy on to the pitch before the game and goals from Ireland winger Damien Duff and striker Carlton Cole gave them a 2-0 lead at the break.

Charlie Griffin pulled one back for the Fourth Division club before one goal from Dutch winger Arjen Robben and two from Czech midfielder Jiri Jarosik completed Chelsea's win.

Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho told Sky Sports News: "I'm happy, but I look at this as a training session and not as a game."

"The important thing is that we are working well, the players are tired but, even tired, they gave everything they could and tried to improve themselves."

Chelsea's preparations continue with a friendly in Mourinho's native Portugal against Benfica and a US tour including two games against last season's Champions League finalists AC Milan.

Their Premier League title defence starts at newly promoted Wigan Athletic on 14 August.

MNA/Reuters

Iran's top nuclear negotiator hints he may be removed

TEHERAN, 14 July —Iran's top nuclear negotiator Hassan Rohani has hinted that he may be removed by hardline president-elect Mahmoud Ahmadinejad when he takes office next month.

European diplomats have expressed concerns that the pragmatic secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council may be replaced by a more hardline official when reformist President Mohammad Khatami's term ends on 4 August, signalling a hardening of Iran's nuclear policy stance.

"The secretary of the Supreme National Security Council is appointed by the President and his term will automatically end by the end of the government," Rohani told state television on Tuesday night.

"Any further development would depend on the next government," said Rohani, who has led Iran's nuclear negotiations with the European Union since 2003.

Iran, which insists its nuclear ambitions are limited to peaceful purposes, will hold crucial talks with the EU in August about the long-term future of its atomic programme.

The EU wants Iran to scrap nuclear fuel work, such as uranium enrichment, which could be used to make bomb-grade ma-

terial, in return for economic and other incentives.

Iran refuses to give up nuclear fuel cycle work and has threatened to resume the enrichment-related activities it froze last November unless the EU recognizes its right to develop a fully-fledged nuclear programme.

Such a move could see Iran's case referred to the UN Security Council, the EU has warned.

Ahmadinejad, who won a landslide election victory on 24 June, countered official assurances from Teheran that he would not alter Iran's stance on the nuclear issue. "Definitely the new government will adopt new measures which will be announced later," he said after a meeting on Tuesday with parliamentarians to discuss his future Cabinet's composition. Local media have said that former state broadcasting chief Ali Larjani, a hardliner close to Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, would replace Rohani and take charge of the nuclear negotiations with the EU.

MNA/Reuters

"OM" Obituary Mr R Appa Rao (Age 92 years) (Retd Chief Accountant, Union of Myanmar Purchase Board)

Son of late Mr R P Naidu and late Mrs Nagamma, brother of late Mr R Elliah (Retd Suptd of Myanmar Customs), late R Ko Tiah (Prop: of Myanmar Sibway Watch Material Co.,) father of R Lakshmi Amma (late K Singh), R Kumari-U Shwe Ba, R Krishna Veni (late Mani Rao), R Shakuntala-Prem Kumar, R Kalyani-Anoj Kanti Dass, grandfather of Raja (a) Mg Mg Htoo (Ko Htoo Building Materials Shop-Saw Bwagyi Gon), other 20 grand children and 20 great grand children, passed away peacefully at 5:05 am on Thursday 14th July 2005 at his residence No. 5, 120th Street, Yangon. Cremated on the same day at Yayway Hindu Cemetery. Please accept this as the only intimation.

Bereaved Family

S'porean crocodile lost to French peer in trademark dispute

SHANGHAI, 14 July — A court in east China's Shanghai Municipality ruled on Tuesday a French garment company beat its Singaporean counterpart in a lengthy dispute over using a crocodile logo as a trademark.

In response to an appeal filed by the French retailer Lacoste over an earlier verdict from the Shanghai No 2 Intermediate Court, the Shanghai Higher People's Court decided on Tuesday to repeal the previous ruling in favour of the Singapore-based Crocodile International Pte Ltd (CI) and overruled CI's accusation that the French company was illegally using the crocodile logo.

Accepted brands, the Singapore firm's crocodile logo faces left while Lacoste's faces right.

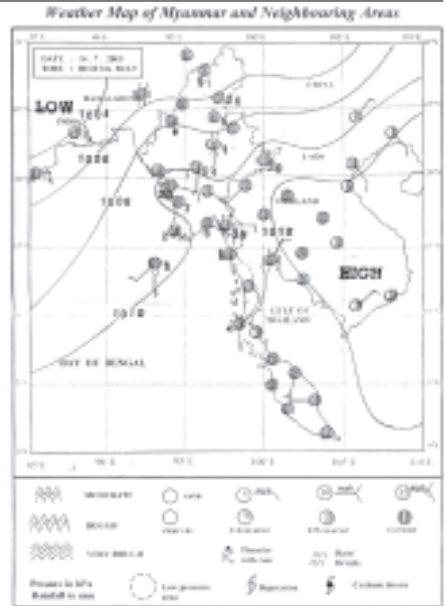
MNA/Xinhua

Asleep in Jesus

U Win Htut Petroships S'pore (Age 39)

Son of U Thet Win (Strand Hotel)-Daw C Thet Win (Retd Head (Eng) IM(1)); son-in-law of (U Saw Aung Win) - Daw Dolly; beloved husband of Daw Naw Fresandar Win; father of Julia and Michelle; eldest brother of U Hsan Htut (ICRC)-Daw Nang Atai Li (U Than Htut), U Min Htut - Daw Khin Phyu Maw, and U Soe Htut (TPS Groups) - Daw Tin Su Su Yin fell asleep in Jesus at No 1072, Ward (41), Shwe Wah Tun Road, North Dagon Myo Thit, at 12:45 pm on Thursday, July 14, 2005. Funeral service at 10am on Saturday July 16, 2005 at Yayway Christian Cemetery Hall and then entombment at Yayway Christian Cemetery. Buses will leave 44th Street residence, Dagon Myo Thit residence and Methodist English Church at 9:00 am.

Bereaved Family



WEATHER

Thursday, 14 July, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Rakhine State, lower Sagaing, Magway and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (3.58) inches, Lashio and Meiktila (2.13) inches each, Hpa-an (1.85) inches and Pinloun (1.46) inches.

Maximum temperature on 13-7-2005 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 14-7-2005 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 14-7-2005 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 13-7-2005 was nil. Rainfalls on 14-7-2005 were (0.15) inch at Mingaladon, (0.24) inch at Kaba-Aye and nil at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (37.32 inches) at Mingaladon, (34.57 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (40.24 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from southwest at (15:35) hours MST on 13-7-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 15-7-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Chin State and Magway Division, scattered in Kayah and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread 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 15-7-2005:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-7-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



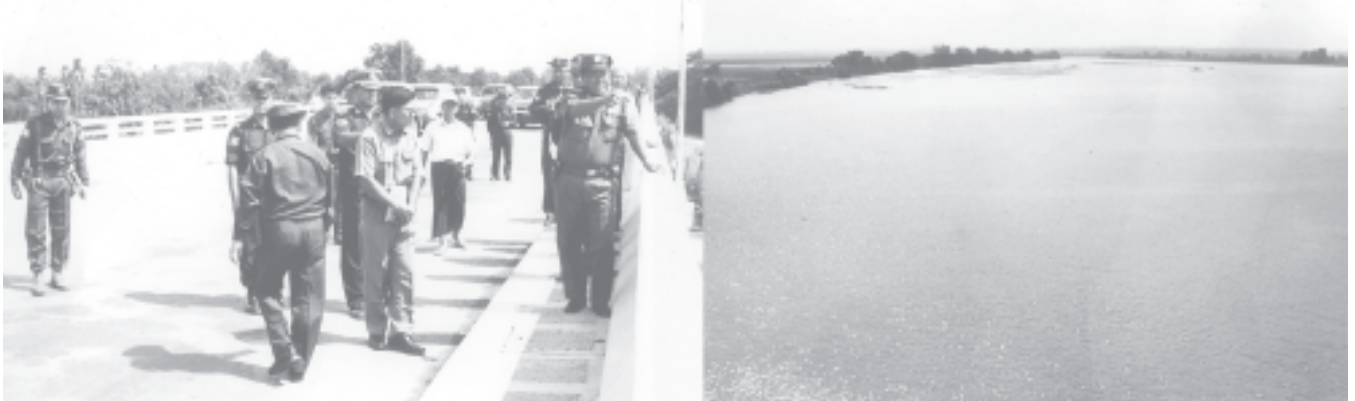
Friday, 15 July View on today:

- 7:00 am
1. အထူးစုစုံပေးပို့ရန်အရာတော်တော်များကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံယာဇာတိအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပဟာရဋ္ဌာရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပဟာသဒ္ဒမူဇာတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာတိရတနာတော်တော်နှင့် မိမိတ္ထသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ဝရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
6. The mirror images of the musical oldies

- 8:20 am
7. ဓလင်းရေလှောင်တံခံ
- 8:30 am
8. International news
- 8:45 am
9. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
5. အစားသင့်တော်သည့်အရာရုံးရှင်မြင်သဖြင့် သင်ခန်းစာ - ဝတဓနန်း (ရက္ခဏာအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဏာ)
- 5:15 pm
6. Song of national races
- 5:30 pm
7. အတိတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:35 pm
8. "စက်မှုတပ်ဆင်လုပ်ငန်းတွင်" အကယ်ဒမီဆိုင်ရိန်း၊ အကယ်ဒမီ

- မင်းဆော်ကွန်း၊ အကယ်ဒမီ မိုးမိုးမြင့်အောင်
(ဂါရိတ်တာ-ဝင်းထွန်းထွန်း)
- 5:40 pm
9. Musical programme
- 5:55 pm
10. သုတေသနစာတမ်းရှင်
- 6:30 pm
11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သောညီမ" (အပိုင်း-၄၈) (စာတမ်းဆိုင်ရိန်း)
- 7:40 pm
14. Songs of yesteryears
- 8:00 pm
15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိတ်ဆွေ" (အပိုင်း-၄၉)
- 19. The next day's programme

Lt-Gen Ye Myint on inspection tour of Bhamo-Tagaung-Mandalay-Twinnge-Momeik road section



Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Shweli Bridge (NgaO).—MNA

YANGON, 14 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence together with 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, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of department went on an inspection tour of NgaO-Mabein road section in Shan State (North) on 11 July.

At the briefing hall, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on progress in building of NgaO-Mabein road section presented by Chief Engineer (Road) of Public Works U Maung Maung and Assistant Engineer U

Myo Myint of Road Construction Project Special Group-14. Regarding the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on timely completion of the road section.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to NgaO Station Hospital in Mabein Township and checked operation theatre, laboratory and patient wards of the hospital. Health Assistant Daw Yi Yi Aung conducted them round the hospital. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions.

On arrival at Shweli bridge (NgaO), Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected durability of the bridge. Assistant Engineer U Than Myint briefed them on progress in building the bridge. In connection with the

reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on constant measures for maintenance of the bridge.

Afterwards, they arrived at Indaung 500-acre of teak reserved plantation at mile post No 75 in Htigyaing Township. Forest Officer U Myint Oo of Htigyaing Forestry Department reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on arrangements for growing 200 teak plants at Plot-A, 150 at Plot-B and 150 at Plot-C. In response to the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions.

After that, Lt-Gen Ye Myint oversaw the teak plantations and teak saplings, and gave instructions to officials. Upon arrival at mile post No 47/2, (See page 9)

Locals can travel easily from Pauk to Seikphyu and Pakokku through Seikphyu-Kandaw-Pauk Road

No 1 Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw) in Pauk Township commissioned into service

YANGON, 14 July — No 1 Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw) across Yaw Creek in Pauk Township, Pakokku District, Magway Division, was inaugurated yesterday morning.

The bridge is located at Mile post No 42/6 on Pakokku-Pauk-Htilin-Gangaw Road and constructed by Public Works under the Ministry of Construction.

At the inauguration ceremony, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen

Saw Tun delivered an opening address. In his address, he said the government is making efforts for improvement of transport infrastructure which supports the State's economic growth.

No 1 Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw) is the 185th of the bridges that are 180 feet and above long in the

country after 1988. There are above 180-foot-long 14 bridges in Magway Division including Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway) which is the second longest bridge in the country.

As Pauk serves as the gateway to Gangaw and Saw in Yaw Region and to Chin State, the bridge

becomes vital link in the region. Work began on the construction of the bridge on 15 February, 2005. It took five months to complete the bridge.

Thanks to the cooperation of people, implementation of the development tasks met with success, he said.

Afterwards, Chairman

of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen

Tha Aye made an address. He said that construction of roads, bridges and (See page 9)

High tide Warning

YANGON, 14 July — The public are hereby informed that exceptionally high Spring of from 20.10 feet to 21.03 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period from 21 to 26 July, 2005. — MNA

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The MWAF's declaration represents the entire womenfolk that make up over half of the nation's population and the fine traditions of nationalistic fervour of the mass of Myanmar women in the service of the nation and the people.

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