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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

Myanmar women enjoy rights on equal terms with men in political, economic, administrative, judicial and social spheres

Government encourages and nurtures Myanmar women to enhance their capabilities and effectively fulfil their roles

World Population Day 2005 observed

YANGON, 15 July —The ceremony to mark the World Population Day took place at Sedona Hotel



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the ceremony to commemorate World Population Day 2005.—MNA

on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, this morning, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, ambassadors and charges d'affaires of foreign missions in Yangon, resident representatives and officials of UN agencies, presidents and representatives of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and NGOs, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, guests, winners in the competitions to mark the World Population Day and departmental officials.

First, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address, saying that we in Myanmar attach great significance to the commemoration of World Population Day and today, it marks the sixteenth consecutive time that Myanmar is observing the World Population Day.

This year we celebrate the World Population Day with the theme "Equality".

The International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in Cairo in 1994 is a milestone in the history of population and development as well as the history of women's rights. One of the goals of the ICPD is to provide gender equity and equality and empowerment of women, as it is significant to human development. It is also the third goal of the Millennium Development Goals. Equality is essential to achieving the MDGs and the ICPD Programme of Action.

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SAI LON (EDUCATION/TRAINING)



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Stand by the people and defend the nation

Peace, security and the rule of law is the principal part of a nation. In this connection, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, on one occasion, stressed the importance of good armed forces, a good police force and good administrative machinery. Peace, security and the rule of law are essential not only for modernization of the nation but also for building it into a democracy.

In order that Myanmar has good armed forces, it is necessary to build today's Myanmar Tatmadaw into a strong, capable, standard army in accordance with the four tasks of building the Tatmadaw. Reforms are also being made to transform Myanmar Police Force into a systematic force people love and a reserve force for national defence.

The work coordination meeting of Myanmar Police Force was held in the MPF meeting hall at the Ministry of Home Affairs on 14 July and it was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, also Chairman of the Committee for Reforming Management System of Myanmar Police Force.

In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that, as some tasks of Myanmar Police Force are adventuresome, it is necessary for MPF to be a modern force and for MPF members to be patriotic and efficient, that true patriotic spirit means the spirit to adhere to "Our Three Main National Causes" and that MPF members are required always to stand by the people and get rid of old thoughts and bad practices of bureaucracy once and for all at such a time when a new nation is being built.

The Committee for Reforming Management System of Myanmar Police Force was formed along with six sub-committees in 1994. The Committee and sub-committees, strictly following the guidance by the Head of State, are always trying to conscientiously carry out the three main tasks of Myanmar Police Force.

In working for community peace and the rule of law, members of the police force are to stay away from the four malpractices, to polish up the image of the force and to enhance their dignity and integrity. In exposing crimes, they have to use a clear analytical mind to find out the real culprits.

Moreover, the members of the police force need to be always prepared to be able to defend the nation, hand in hand with members of the Tatmadaw. It is also necessary for the members of the police force to be in oneness with the people and to command their love and respect.

We would like to call on all members of Myanmar Police Force to be patriotic, always to stand by the people and to defend the nation and the people.

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 Singaporean and Thai guests



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Asia Pacific Sales Director Mr Matthew Oh of New Skies Satellites of Singapore.—MNA

YANGON, 15 July — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Asia Pacific, Sales Director Mr Matthew Oh from New Skies Satellites of the Republic of Singapore at 4:30 pm and Asia Pacific Regional Manager Mr Nuthapong

Temsiripong from Shin Satellite Public Company Ltd of Thailand at 5 pm today at the ministry on Theinbyu Road. Also present on the occasions were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads and officials. — MNA



Asia Pacific Regional Manager Mr Nuthapong Temsiripong of Shin Satellite Public Co Ltd of Thailand calls on Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.—MNA

Contract notes related to Yeywa Hydel Power Project inked

YANGON, 15 July — A ceremony to ink the contract notes related to Yeywa Hydel Power Project being implemented by Hydro-electric Power Department under the Ministry of Electric Power on Dokhtawady River in Mandalay Division was held at Hotel Nikko on

Natmauk Road, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion were ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun and embassy staff, officials of CITIC Technology Co Ltd and Sinohydro Corporation Ltd.

Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut delivered a speech. Chairman of Joint Ven-

ture Consortium of CITIC Group Mr Kong Dan expressed gratitude. Director-General U Win Kyaw of Hydro-electric Power Department and Chairman Mr Sun Xiaowen of CITIC Technology Co Ltd and Deputy Managing Director Mr Zhang Yunli of Sinohydro Corporation Ltd entered into the contracts related to Yeywa Hydel Power Project.

Yeywa Hydel Power Project is being implemented on Myitnge River, 31 miles from Mandalay.

The power plant is installed with 790-mega-watt-capacity turbines to generate 3,550 million units per year.

Today's contracts are to import gate doors, pipelines and iron-ware

worth US\$ 12.495 million, and another one to import and install turbines and transformers worth US\$ 113.133 million.

These equipment will be supplied by the People's Republic of China under the economic cooperation programme between the two countries.

Yeywa Hydel Power Plant will install 230 kv double power lines through Kyaukse and Meiktila, and will supply power to the whole country through the national grid.

In addition, the plant will connect with Mandalay Sub-Power Station to supply power to Upper Myanmar through 230 kv power line. — MNA



The contract signing ceremony for Yeywa Hydel Power Project in progress.

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An Indian shopkeeper arranges diamond jewellery in his stall at the India International Jewellery Show, in Mumbai on 14 July, 2005. India is the world's top diamond cutting and polishing center, with 11 out of every 12 diamonds in jewellery worldwide are processed in the country. — INTERNET



Susilo intends to visit Palestine

JAKARTA, 14 July — Indonesia President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono expressed his intention to visit Palestine in the near future, Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda said.

"President expressed his intention at a time later, not too long, to be able to visit Palestine," Wirajuda said on Wednesday after meeting with the President at the State Palace here.

The minister said that it reflected Indonesia's seriousness in helping the struggle of the country.

The Indonesian Government has fully recognized the independence of Palestine, which is in line with the Indonesia's consistent support for the struggle of the Palestinian people to

achieve their inalienable right to self-determination.

"The visit reflects our seriousness through the direct meeting with the head of state Mahmud Abbas, we could discuss the substantial acts that Indonesia could do to help Palestine," said Wirajuda.

"We are exploring the technical ways, such as how, when, through which way President Susilo can enter Palestine," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN calls for greater energy stability, security, sustainability

SIEM REAP (Cambodia), 14 July— ASEAN energy ministers on Wednesday called for strengthening cooperation among the member countries to promote greater energy stability, security and sustainability in the region.

In a joint media statement issued at the conclusion of the 23rd ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM), ministers appeal to put high priority to promotion of energy efficiency in the transportation and industrial sectors, "as this may be one of the most economical and effective way to mitigate the adverse impacts of higher oil prices".

ASEAN will continue to implement efficient policy programmes to encourage the use of energy labels and standards to improve energy efficiency of appliances and equipment, the statement said.

Meanwhile, ministers agreed to intensify effort to

promote public-private partnership in promoting solar, wind, geothermal, hydro and biomass energy. "We are committed to create a favourable investment climate in the oil, gas and electricity industries in the region," they said.

They also promised to promote the use of natural gas through the cross-border Trans-ASEAN Gas Pipeline Project. Moreover, ASEAN ministers agreed to strengthen cooperation with their partners — China, Japan and South Korea — through an array of joint programmes under the ASEAN+3 energy cooperation framework.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysian youth encouraged to lead drug-free life

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 July— Malaysia launched a programme on Wednesday to encourage young people in the country to play a bigger role in helping the government address the problem of drug abuses and lead a happy and meaningful life without drugs.

Malaysian youths should be given the opportunity to provide critical inputs and direct participation in assisting the authorities to solve drug problems, Youth and Sports Minister Azalina Othman was quoted as saying by the *Bernama* news agency.

The programme, themed "You Can Choose Happiness or Misery", will involve all youths, particularly undergraduates at institutions of higher learning.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq suicide bombers strike Green Zone

BAGHDAD, 14 July—Suicide bombers struck near the heavily fortified Green Zone on Thursday, a day after a devastating attack on Iraqi children that provoked outrage and even brought a denial of responsibility from al-Qaida in Iraq.

Iraqi and US forces announced some rare successes: Capturing one suicide bomber before he could detonate his explosive belt, and arresting a key suspect in the kidnap-slaying of Egypt's top envoy to Iraq.

The coordinated attacks by a suicide car bomber and two men strapped with explosives occurred near a police station 150 feet from the Green Zone, site of the US Embassy and major Iraqi government offices.

US officials said it appeared the attackers planned to detonate the car bomb first — then the two pedestrians would blow themselves up in the middle of troops, police and rescue workers rushing to the scene.

But an Iraqi policeman shot one of the bombers, setting off his explosive vest, a US statement said. His colleague was wounded by shrapnel from the blast before he could detonate his own vest, the statement said.

The surviving attacker was in critical condition at a US military hospital in the Green Zone, the military said. Five policemen and four civilians were also injured by the blasts and gunfire, officials at Yarmouk Hospital said.

An Internet statement in the name of al-Qaida claimed responsibility for Thursday's attacks, but the authenticity could not be confirmed.

Internet

China bans foreign participation in domestic TV channels

BEIJING, 14 July— The Chinese State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT) on Tuesday issued a regulation banning any cooperation in channel operation between local TV and radio stations and foreign companies, Wednesday's *Beijing Morning Post* reported.

The regulation stipulates that all local TV and radio stations should not

rent their channels to foreign companies and also should not cooperate with foreign companies in running channels.

It also bans any cooperation with foreign companies in regular and live programmes. Other kinds of cooperation with foreign companies should first be approved by the SARFT's provincial branches.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis push their cars in a line for gasoline while wearing masks to cover their faces in a sandstorm in downtown Baghdad, Iraq on 14 July, 2005.

INTERNET

China, US sign memorandum to protect film copyrights

BEIJING, 14 July— China and the United States here on Wednesday signed a memorandum to jointly establish a coordinative mechanism to protect film copyrights, sources with the Chinese Ministry of Culture (MoC) said here on Wednesday.

The memorandum was signed by the MoC, China's State Administration of Radio, Film and Television and the American Cinema Association (ACA), a senior official with the MoC said.

The three organizations will regularly hold joint committees, exchange information on film and family video products, and make research into and join hands on combating pirated products.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam to bring friendly ties with China to new height

HANOI, 14 July — Vietnamese President Tran Duc Luong will pay a five-day official visit to China on 18 July as his second trip to the neighbouring country since 2000, with an indication of Vietnam's determination and desire to bring friendly and cooperative ties with China to a new height, the official Vietnam News Agency stated in a commentary on Wednesday.

Since the normalization of their relations in 1991, the friendship and cooperation between Vietnam and China have developed rapidly and deeply in a wide range of areas, bringing about many practical benefits for both sides, the commentary said. Cooperative ties between the two countries' ministries and sectors have been strengthened with 44 agreements and state-level commitments signed so far, more than half of which relate to economic and trade cooperation.

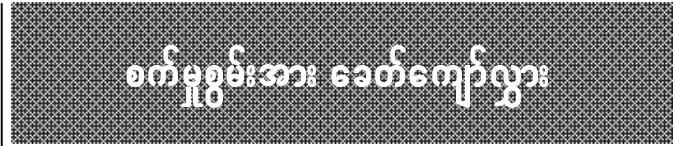
The trade turnover between the two countries increased to over 6.74 billion US dollars in 2004 from 30 million dollars in 1991. In the first quarter of this year, it was more than 3.2 billion dollars.

China currently has 267 investment

projects in Vietnam with a total registered capital of 545 million dollars, ranking 15th among 64 nations and regions investing in the country.

China's official development assistance to Vietnam includes non-refundable grants and preferential credit loans. By last September, China provided Vietnam with a non-refundable grant of 24.4 million dollars and 18.4 million dollars for technical assistance and healthcare equipment.

Vietnam and China, which have held seven rounds of talks concerning the former's negotiations on its accession to the World Trade Organization, are expected to announce the conclusion of their bilateral negotiations on the issue during Luong's upcoming visit, said the commentary. — MNA/Xinhua



Hundreds of people line up at the most famous Sukiya-bashi Lottery Counter, downtown Tokyo on Friday morning, 15 July, 2005 as the top prize 200,000,000 yen (US \$ 1.78 million) lottery ticket started to sell nationwide.

INTERNET

Malaysia's flyover collapse caused by human negligence

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 July — The collapse of a section of a flyover under construction was caused by human negligence rather than faulty design, Malaysia's Acting Works Minister Mohamed Khaled Nordin said on Wednesday.

Preliminary investigations revealed that workers made "unauthorized and premature removal of the top temporary stress bar" while the supervisor was away for lunch, Nordin was quoted as saying by the Bernama news agency.

The Works Ministry would wait for the full report by the Technical Division of the Public Works Department before deciding on the follow-up actions, Nordin told reporters after a Cabinet meeting in the administrative centre of Putrajaya.

The ministry had ordered a halt to the construction work on the interchange immediately after eight girders of the flyover collapsed and tumbled down on the New Klang Valley Expressway (NKVE) last Sunday, about 25 kilometres southwest of Kuala Lumpur, Nordin said. — MNA/Xinhua



A brown bear walks across a river by a herd of deer in the Shiretoko Peninsula in the Japanese northernmost prefecture, or state recently. — INTERNET

China pledges to support India's UNSC membership bid

DALIAN (China), 14 July — Chinese leadership on Wednesday assured Beijing's support to India's bid for permanent membership in the UN Security Council but said that the expansion of the organ needs wider consultation.

The Chinese stand on India's UNSC bid was conveyed by Wu Guanzheng, a member of the Standing Committee of the Politburo of the Communist Party of China (CPC) to visiting Communist Party of India (Marxist) General Secretary Prakash Karat.

CPI(M) supports the ruling UPA coalition in India from outside.

"The Chinese leadership has reiterated their stand that China supports India's UNSC membership but they have reservations in backing the G-4 resolution," Karat told PTI.

Wu explained to Karat that China would like to see India playing a bigger role in UNSC. However, the issue must not be rushed through and needs wider discussion.

China has vehemently opposed the draft resolution

introduced by Group of Four countries comprising India, Brazil, Germany and Japan, calling the move "immature".

China says it will not support the G-4 move since it also includes Japan with which political relations have soured to a historic high due to the question of history and Tokyo's attempts to whitewash the atrocities committed by Japanese troops during World War II.

Karat said he expressed hope that the upgrading of India-China relations to strategic levels during Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao's visit in April would yield positive results and bilateral ties will continue to make progress.

Karat also briefed the Chinese side about the United Progressive Alliance's (UPA) independent foreign policy. — MNA/PTI

World's largest power grid begins operation in China

ZHENG ZHOU, 14 July — China has successfully connected power grids for its northern, northwestern and central regions to form a huge integrated power grid, a local official in charge of power supply in central China's Henan Province said on Wednesday.

The newly integrated power grid is believed to be the world's largest and will facilitate a more efficient distribution of energy throughout China, said the official with Henan Power Corporation. The move is also expected to help ease the current strain on power supplies in the country, the official added.

According to the official, the northern China power grid was connected with the central China power grid after a 500-kilovolt power transmission line

was put into operation.

Combination of the two power grids involved 14 Chinese provincial-level regions, with the combined installed generating capacity totalling 140,000 megawatt.

The connection between the central China and northwest China power grids was made possible on the basis of the operation of a 330-kilovolt current-transforming substation in western Henan Province. — MNA/Xinhua

More passengers fly to Singapore in Jan-June

SINGAPORE, 14 July — Singapore recorded this year's highest monthly passenger traffic of 2.81 million in June, up 7.8 per cent year-on-year, according to a statement by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) on Wednesday.

Singapore Changi Airport hosted a total of 15.44 million passengers in the first half of 2005, an increase of 7.2 per cent over the same period of last year.

The CAAS attributed the growth in June to more people travelling during the month-long school vacation in the city state.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq seen wasting \$300 million on substandard military equipment

BAGHDAD, 15 July — The Iraqi Defence Ministry has squandered more than \$300 million buying faulty and outdated military equipment in what appears to be a massive web of corruption that flourished under American-appointed supervisors for a year or longer, US and Iraqi military officials said this week.

Vendors are suspected of vastly overcharging for substandard equipment, including helicopters, machine guns and armored vehicles, and kicking back money to Iraqi Defence Ministry buyers.

The defective equipment has jeopardized the lives of Iraq's embattled security forces and exposed a startling lack of oversight for one of the country's most crucial rebuilding projects. — Internet

China sticks to steady, fast economic development

BEIJING, 14 July — China will adhere to a stable macro-policy and change its economic growth pattern to consolidate macro-control achievements, said Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Wednesday.

China's economy is sound in general and it has developed in the way that it should. The economic reform and the opening-up of the country have been moving forward step by step. However, some problems exist in the process of China's economic growth, Wen said in a meeting with a group of foreign

scholars attending the China Reform Forum, which closed in Beijing on Wednesday.

The Chinese Premier listened to the opinions of foreign participants on China's economic development and reform.

China will promote the reforms of government administration, taxation and finance and solve problems

that have an impact on the country's economic growth, Wen said.

The development of China is closely linked with that of the world. China mainly depends on China itself in development, but also draws on the experience of other countries and enhances Sino-foreign co-operation.

The two-day China

Reform Forum was held by the State Development and Reform Commission (SDRC).

Chinese Government officials and overseas and domestic scholars participated in the forum to discuss financial, economic and trade problems China is facing.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam approves draft documents for party congress

HANOI, 14 July — The 12th meeting of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV) Central Committee, which concluded here on Wednesday, approved draft documents to be submitted to the CPV's 10th National Congress next year, Vietnam News Agency reported.

The meeting, which opened on 4 July, approved a political report, a report on socioeconomic development directions and missions in the 2006-2010 period, a report on Party construction, and a report on Party rules' amendment and supplement.

The meeting agreed that the theme of the 10th congress slated for 2006 will be "Enhancing the Party's leadership capacity and combat power, bringing the strength of the whole nation into play, comprehensively accelerating the renewal process, and quickly bringing our country out of the underdeveloped status."

The theme will be the main guideline for the congress as well as the operation of the Party, the state and the Vietnamese people in the 2006-2010 period.

Accordingly, Vietnam must gain gross domestic product (GDP) growth of at least 7.5-8 per cent a year in the 2006-2010 period, and try to reach the growth of over 8 per cent. To realize the GDP target set for the next 5 years, Vietnam should bring both domestic and foreign resources into play, speed up its industrialization and modernization process, integrate in the world economy more actively, further develop manpower, expand external relations, and intensify investment in education, training, science and technology.

The meeting also approved orientations for personnel structure of the CPV Central Committee in the next term. The committee's structure must ensure the comprehensive leadership in fields, regions and important positions, as well as the presence of young cadres, women, ethnic persons, and people at different social classes. — MNA/Xinhua

Sri Lanka economic growth on track

COLOMBO, 14 July — Sri Lanka's economy is shaping up along the projected growth levels, the country's central bank said here on Wednesday.

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka announced in its monthly monetary policy review that the economy's progress had led the bank to retain its key policy interest rates at current levels for a further one month.

The central bank increased its policy interest rates by 25 basis points in May 2005 and by a further 50 basis points in June 2005, making its repurchase rate and reverse repurchase at 8.25 per cent and 9.75 per cent, respectively.

The agricultural sector is on a firm recovery path due to favourable weather conditions while the industrial sector had shown a steady improvement due to Sri Lanka's apparel industry securing duty free concessions from the European Union, said the bank.

"Inflation has continued to moderate due to the improvements in supply conditions as well as the monetary policy decisions," the bank added. The bank said earlier that the high cost of fuel and essential commodities have pushed the rate of annual inflation up to 12.6 per cent in June.

Due to the improvement in the trade balance, higher private remittances, tourism earnings, official inflows and debt relief, the country's gross official reserves grew to 2,370 million US dollars by end of June up from 2,196 million dollars by end of December 2004.

MNA/Xinhua



Workers at the Wuhu cotton thread factory, in Wuhu, central China's Anhui Province on 15 July, 2005. —INTERNET

Indonesian coal producers reject export taxes

JAKARTA, 14 July — The Association of Indonesian Coal Producers has urged the government to drop plans to impose export taxes on coal and instead to apply a "domestic market obligation" to ensure enough supply of coal.

The association said that if international prices were high, export taxes would not prevent producers from selling coal abroad but encourage smuggling.

"It's better to apply a domestic market obligation, requiring coal producers to sell let's say at 30 per cent to the domestic market to secure supply," Association's chairman Jeffry Mulyono was quoted by local media as saying.

He added that the association had submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources.

Prices, however, should be left to businesses to decide and not be regulated by the government, he warned.

According to previous media reports, the Ministry of Trade is currently studying the possibility of applying export taxes on coal. The outcome of the study has not been re-

leased.

Indonesia produced some 131 million tons of coal last year, of which 36 million tons, or 28 per cent, was used by local consumers, mostly comprising of power plants, pulp, steel and cement companies.

About 70 per cent of the total production is exported to Japan, South Korea, India and China.

Amid rising global coal prices, it is forecast that coal output in the country will increase by 19 per cent and reach 155 million tons this year.

The association has estimated that within 20 years, domestic demand for coal will increase more than five fold to 194 million tons per year as the commodity replaces the heavily-subsidized fuel.

"The government has to programme the yearly increase in production to reach such an output," said Jeffry.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi PM stresses decision on foreign troops' withdrawal

BAGHDAD, 14 July — Iraq's Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari reasserted on Tuesday that the withdrawal of US-led multinational forces from Iraq should be an Iraqi decision after its national security forces are able to keep the security.

Jaafari made the statement while answering questions raised by Iraqi lawmakers during a Parliament session he and four other ministers hosted. "We told leaders of the United States and Britain that we don't want to be surprised by a decision (of foreign troops' withdrawal)," Jaafari told the lawmakers.

Jaafari's remarks came after media reports earlier

this week revealed a leaked British Government memo which said London and Washington had plans for a sharp reduction of their troops in Iraq within a year.

"They (Americans and Britons) told us they have their own timetable of withdrawal, but it should be an Iraqi timetable, and we stressed that to the US President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair in several occa-

sions in Brussels," Jaafari further explained.

"The timing should be Iraqi but not terrorists', because if the foreign troops withdraw suddenly, we may be ill-prepared for meeting our security demands," he added. "We are supposed not only to assign the time of their withdrawal, but we have to shorten the time to make the withdrawal our initiative," Jaafari said.

MNA/Xinhua



Workmen remove destroyed vehicles from the scene of a suicide bomb attack in Baghdad on 14 July, 2005. —INTERNET

The opening ceremony of Putao Vocational Training Centre for Women

Sai Lon (Education / Training)

The compound of the Border Areas Nationality Youths Development Training School in Putao Township became lush and green again after an early morning drizzle on 16 May 2005.

Multi-coloured small flags were fluttering in the compound where local national races wearing colourful traditional costumes, local authorities and departmental personnel, members of Putao District and Township organizations for Women's Affairs, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Union Solidarity and Development Association, and traditional cultural troupes and the trainees who were going to attend the course at the newly opened Vocational Training Centre for Women took their respective places.

Their faces were bright and fresh with elegant smiles, for, a vocational training centre for women the fruit of the border area development project for the people of Putao District, would be opened soon. The ceremony to mark the opening of the new training centre began at nine in the morning. In the past, no one had ever dreamt of having a training centre of that kind in the region.

Up to now, the Education and Training Department of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs has already opened 21 vocational training centres for women in the border areas of the respective states and divisions including the one in Putao in accordance with the guidance of Chairman of Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and with the supervision of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races.

At the ceremony to mark the opening of the training centre and its tailoring course No 1, Chairman of Putao District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myint Soe and Director U Aung Soe of the ETD unveiled the signboard, followed by dances of nationality groups. Lt-Col Myint Soe and U Aung Soe explained the purpose of opening the school. Thanking the government, a Rawan elder, U Inphone Tan, on behalf of all the local people, said, "We all

have witnessed the government's endeavours for rapid development of border areas. Seven years ago, the government opened a Border Areas Nationality Youth Development Training School in Putao, my native land, in Kachin State, for the local youths who could not pursue school education due to poor transport. Now it opens a vocational training centre in the town, a valuable facility for local women and girls, as it will conduct courses for them free of charge. I, on behalf of the locals, thank the government again as women and

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girls of our native land will be able to pursue vocational education in their own region." True to his words, the government is going to provide all the travelling allowances plus food and accommodation for every trainee.

Moreover, necessary equipment and teaching aids for all courses are provided. In addition to providing all the expenditure of the school, the government will give them as gifts all the clothes they have made when they return home after completion of their respective courses.

Nineteen Rawan girls, one Jainphaw girl, 10 Shan girls and five Lehsu girls totalling 35 are attending the course. At the ceremony, all the trainees looked active and were eager to learn their lessons.

Since 1992, the Education and Training Department has been opening Vocational Training Cen-

tres for Women in border areas with the following objectives:

- (1) To teach nationality girls of border areas the domestic science education and to render assistance to them till they are able to run their own business;
- (2) To enable them to do their own business to fulfil their social needs and to improve their living standard;
- (3) To teach them to become nationality girls with good morality preserving their own lineage and dignity;
- (4) To nurture them to become nationality girls endowed with strong patriotism and the love for the nation and race;
- (5) To develop and disseminate traditional domestic science subjects.

With the above-mentioned objectives, the Education and Training Department has opened Vocational Training Centres for Women in Bhamo and Putao in Kachin State, Loikaw in Kayah State, Hpa-an and Myawady in Kayin State, Haka, Falam, Tiddim, Matupi, Mindat and Kanpetlet in Chin State, Mudon and Ye in Mon State, Maungtau in Rakhine State, Lashio, Muse, Kengtung, Tachilek and Monghsat in Shan State, and Myeik and Kawthoung in Taninthayi Division.

A total of 13,926 girls have completed the basic tailoring courses, 684, the advanced level tailoring courses, 162 wool machine knitting courses, 38 mother-of-pearl mosaics art work courses, and 38 basic weaving courses totalling 14,848. They are earning their own living at their respective native places with their domestic science skills.

The Vocational Training Centre for Women in Putao in Kachin State is a fruit of success of the border areas development drive. The native girls will be able to pursue vocational education in their own region like all their counterparts of other states and divisions. So, the school will be much benefit to them to earn their own living. Moreover, the training centre will help develop the region.

(Translation: TMT)

Ministry of Mines families offer 'soon'

YANGON, 15 July — The families of the Ministry of Mines offered provisions and 'soon' to the Sayadaws and members of Sangha of the State Pariyati Sasana University (Yangon) at Mogok refectory on Thirimingala Kaba Aye hill-lock here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and wife Daw San San, Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, departmental heads and families of the staff of the ministry.

First, Sayadaw Maha Gantha-

vaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Sagarāṇa administered the Five Precepts to the congregation.

Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and wife then donated offertories to Sayadaw Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Sagarāṇa and the deputy minister presented K 660,000 to Deputy Director U Thein Oo of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana. After that, the congregation shared merits gained and 'soon' was offered to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. — MNA



Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and wife Daw San San offer Waso robes and alms to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects development projects in Mon State

YANGON, 15 July—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, visited the main three-storey building project of Government Technological College (Mawlamyine) yesterday morning.

Officials gave an account of the project. Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on completion of the project according to schedule, saying that the government is opening government technical colleges and computer colleges for producing youth human resources. In the process, teachers are to exert efforts in nurturing the youths for further producing of intellectuals and intelligentsia needed for national development.

He inspected the project site. Next, they inspected the bus terminal (Mawlamyine) project, where he heard a reported by officials on work progress and

future tasks.

They also looked into Yinmyein Sluice Gate Project being undertaken by construction group-6 under the Irrigation Department and instructed the officials to speed up implementation of the tasks and arrangements for cultivation of cold season crops and summer paddy.

On completion, the concrete-type facility will be able to prevent from flooding of 20,000 acres.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions to officials concerned on growing of rubber and perennial crops, and preparations for extended cultivation of summer paddy. In the meeting with local farmers, Lt-Gen Maung Bo elaborated on the use of high-yield paddy strains and fertilizers, purchase of power-tillers in instalment, and effective agricultural methods.

Next, he had a cordial conversation with local farmers and viewed Manawthukha strain paddy fields.

MNA

Maj-Gen Saw Tun oversees roads and bridges in Yangon Division



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspects Twantay Bridge construction site. — CONSTRUCTION

YANGON, 15 July— Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein together with officials from Public Works arrived at work site of Panhlaing bridge in Hlinethaya Township this morning. At the briefing hall, Senior Engineer U Khin Maung Swe reported on progress of the project. The minister gave necessary instructions and oversaw the finishing touches to the bridge.

The 1940 feet long one, located on Hlinethaya-Twantay-Dalla road has 28 feet wide motorway and 4 feet wide pedestrian each. The foundation of the main bridge is of reinforced concrete and upper structure is

of pre-stressed concrete beam. Its clearance is 75 feet wide and 20 feet high. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

The minister inspected construction of road sections and small bridges on the road linking No 5 highway and Twantay-Dalla road.

The minister looked into progress of Twantay Bridge construction project on Hlinethaya bank. Twantay Bridge will be 3,570ft long and it is of steel suspension bridge. Approach bridges on either side are of reinforced concrete type. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.—MNA

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife attended the 59th birthday reception of the King of Brunei, Friday. Brunei Ambassador Pehin Dato Haji Hussin bin Haji Sulaiman and wife greet the minister and wife. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint oversees health, water supply ...

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At the construction site of new Mogok Hospital (100-bed), Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on completion of the buildings, financial matters, collection and use of construction materials and the schedule to complete the hospital in December 2006 presented by officials, and inspected progress of construction tasks.

New Mogok Hospital (100-bed) is being built on a self-reliant basis. Although K 450 million was estimated in building the hospital, K 388 million has been accepted so far. The hospital will have four buildings.

On arrival at Mogok People's Hospital, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected X-ray room, dental unit, medical store and operation theatre.

Next, he also looked into flow of water in Yeni Creek and construction of the retaining walls.

At Kinchaung Water Supply Station, Deputy Director U Khin Maung Cho briefed him on water supply facilities for the local people. The 120,000 gallon-capacity tank of the station will supply water through two 20,000 gallon-capacity water tanks to Nyaunglebin, Ashayya, Beetaung, Taungkachin and Padamyia Wards. Lt-Gen Ye Myint oversaw the site for installation of water pipelines and development of Mogok.— MNA

USDA needs core members, with ability to successfully ...

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In serving the national interest, the USDA will have to carry out light as well as difficult and delicate tasks, he said. Hence, the association needs to produce core members who have the ability to successfully implement the arduous and delicate tasks, he pointed out.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Patron of the USDA, the members should have to nurture their sacrificing spirit to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes and endurance, he urged.

The course is opened with the aims of producing qualified organizers and nation-builders, enhancing the knowledge and intellectual level of youths for development of human resources. Sixty trainees are attending the two-week course.

MNA

Meteorite displayed at Natural History Museum

YANGON, 15 July— One of the meteorites that fell near a village in Myothit Township, Magway Division, is now on display at the Natural History Museum here beginning yesterday.

The 15.5-kilogram space rock is 11 inches long, nine inches wide.

Pieces of meteorites hit the earth's surface near Yondaw and Myinsu villages and Malonkham Yeyintkan Taik Tesu in the township on 21 June this year. — MNA



Meteorite displayed at the Natural History Museum. — MNA

Myanmar is fully committed to the ICPD Programme of Action and is guided by the principles adopted by the ICPD

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Concerning education, UNICEF estimates that out of 121 million children who are not able to attend school, 65 million or 54 percent are girls. Globally 600 million women are illiterate compared to 320 million men.

I would now like to touch briefly on the situation in our country. The population of Myanmar stands at 54.3 million with 27 million male and 27.3 million female. Myanmar has a favourable population density ratio of 208 persons per square mile.

Myanmar has been able to achieve significant economic progress and raise the standard of living. Due to the efforts of the Government, the gap between different regions of the nation as well as between urban and rural areas has been narrowed.

With regard to education, Myanmar has a very high adult literacy rate of 93.3 percent. The government has also been implementing compulsory mass education in accordance with "All Children in School" (ACIS) project. Consequently, the primary school enrolment is about 96.6 percent. A National "Education for All (EFA) Plan of Action is also being materialized. In higher education, there are now 156 universities and colleges throughout the country compared with 32 in 1988. I am also pleased to say that Myanmar women enjoy full equality in educational opportunities.

In health care, one of the most important development is the formulation of National Reproductive Health Policy in 2001. Recognizing that reproductive health is a crucial component in human resource development, Myanmar's National Health Policy places high priority on strategies that encourage, strengthen and intensify actions for improving reproductive health.

Women are the backbones of families, caregivers of young and old, steward of natural resources and pillars of community life. They can and must play a powerful role in reducing poverty and fostering development. Inequality between women and men limits the potential of individuals, families, communities and nations. Inequality harms women's health and prevents many women from participating fully in the movement of human society.



Deputy Minister U Maung Aung gives second prize to Ma Aye Myat Thu of Latha BEHS No 2 in poster contest.— NLM



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein views documentary photos and prize winning works at World Population Day commemorative ceremony.— MNA

In addition to the Government's efforts, a nation-wide NGO, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (MMCWA) is actively engaged in providing quality reproductive health counseling and services, giving advocacy talks and holding meetings and seminars on reproductive health, adolescent reproductive health, and sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS.

In Myanmar, women enjoy legal rights equal to those of men in the political, economic, administrative



Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa gives prize to a winner in the poster contest.— MNA

tive, judicial and social spheres. Throughout history, Myanmar women have not only been enjoying rights equal to men but also have opportunity to play an important role on equal status with men for the development of their families, human societies, the nation and the people as a whole. In addition, the government encourages and nurtures Myanmar women to enhance their capabilities and effectively fulfil their roles.

After the holding of the ICPD and the Beijing Women's Conference, Myanmar set up a national mechanism "Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs (MNCWA)", with a view to promoting all-round development of Myanmar women and enabling them to operate systematically as a united force on a nation-wide scale.

A new phase for Myanmar women was ushered in with the formation of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation (MWF) in December 2003. Groupings at different levels have been formed up to the grassroots level of wards and village-tracts.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents second prize to U Myint Thein (Physics) in poster contest.— MNA

Today, MWF is functioning on a nation-wide scale to maintain the momentum of the progress Myanmar women are making, to enable them to take part in the nation building and to thoroughly fulfil the requirements of the women across the nation.

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Acting Resident UN Coordinator Mr Tang Zhenping presents prize to a winner in essay contest.— MNA

Myanmar is determined to continue playing an active role in population-related programmes

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Myanmar is fully committed to the ICPD Programme of Action and is guided by the principles adopted by the ICPD. Myanmar is determined to continue playing an active role in population-related programmes, while strengthening its collaboration and cooperation with all nations, International Organizations, and United Nations Agencies such as UNDP, UNFPA, WHO, etc, and also with relevant local and international NGOs.

In conclusion, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Excellencies and distinguished guests, and to all concerned, for making this commemoration of The World Population

Day a success.

Acting Resident UN Coordinator Mr Tang Zhengping read out the message of UNFPA Executive Director Ms Thoraya Obaid.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented first, second and third prizes to AK Moe (Zoology), U Myint Thein (Physics) and U Hla Tun in the colour photo contest to mark the World Population Day.

Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Sein Htwa presented prizes to the winners in the open poster contest and the 16-18 age group poster contest; Deputy Minister U Maung Aung also gave prizes to the winners in the 13-15 age poster contest, the 9-12 age poster contest and the 6-8 age

poster contest.

Acting Resident UN Coordinator Mr Tang Zhengping awarded prizes to the winners in the essay contests at university/college level, high school level and middle school level.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted the diplomats and guests.

Later, the Secretary-1 and party viewed documentary photos of the Ministry of Immigration and Population, activities prior to the 2005 World Population Day, prize winning works in poster and essay contests, documentary photos concerning education, health, agriculture and environment and books. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint on tour of Mogok

YANGON, 15 July — Accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and officials, Member of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence visited Maha Muni Pagoda in Mogok yesterday morning. He paid homage to the chairman of Mogok Township Sangha Nayaka Committee and members of the Sangha and made cash donations for the renovation of the pagoda.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party next visited the tea plantation of U Myo Win Naing in Ye Aye Village-tract. He then gave an instruction on extended cultivation of tea. On arrival at the briefing hall of the tea plantation of highland reclamation project of the Central Command, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard a report by the farm in charge on cultivation of 69,688 tea plants on 50 acres of land.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint went to the office for the repair of Mogok Road of Public Works in Thabeikkyin Township where he met with departmental officials of the township and explained the regional development work. Officials reported on widening of Mogok-Mandalay Road and agricultural matters.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party visited Marlenattaung dam project site in Marlegyi Village

in Singu Township, Mandalay Division Irrigation Department Director U Aye Thein reported on construction progress of the dam and construction of retaining wall and spillway dam to Lt-Gen Ye Myint,

who gave necessary instructions and inspected the construction tasks. The dam will benefit 10,000 acres of farmland.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to



Lt-Gen Ye Myint visits the farm of U Ohn Maung in Latkaung Village-tract in Madaya Township.—MNA

Meeting on Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport held

YANGON, 15 July — Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport held a meeting at All Bus Lines Control Committee (Yangon Division) in Tamway Township this evening.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivered a speech.

Officials reported on smooth transport for fac-

ulty members and students of universities and colleges, reduction of traffic accidents, convenient travelling of passengers and conversion of vehicles to NGV.

The commander fulfilled their requirements and gave concluding remarks.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, military region commanders, station commanders, Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myint Kyi and officials.— MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe speaks at the meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport. — YAKATA

sugarcane plantation of Great Wall International Co Ltd at Nyaungwun Village at noon. They next inspected cultivation of sugarcane on 2500 acres of land. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party visited the farm of U Ohn Maung, inspected arrangements for cultivation of paddy and left necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived back here this morning via Mandalay.

MNA

CNG filling station commissioned into service

YANGON, 15 July — The Compressed Natural Gas Filling Station No 013 was commissioned at the station on Strand Road in Alone Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, officials and staff of the departments under the Ministry of Energy, social organizations and guests.

General Manager U Thein Htay of the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy explained the facts about the station.

Next, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thauung Lwin and Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Chan Nyein formally opened the station. Afterwards, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi unveiled the signboard.

Later, ministers, deputy ministers and guests viewed round the station and inspected the CNG filling. — MNA

Educative talks on children's health held



Paediatrician Dr Daw Hla Hla Myint gives educative talks on dengue haemorrhagic fever. — MNA

YANGON, 15 July — The educative talks on health of the children to parents organized by Early Childhood Development Centre of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, took place at the meeting hall of MMCWA in South Okkalapa Township this afternoon, attended by MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win and CEC members, doctors, students and parents.

First, MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win

made an opening speech. Next, Paediatrician Dr Daw Hla Hla Myint of South Okkalapa Township Maternal and Child Hospital gave a talk on dengue haemorrhagic fever (DHF) suffered from children and Specialist Dr Mya Than Nwe of Yangon Division Health Department on preventative measures for world flu.

Later, the MMCWA president presented gifts to the doctors who gave talks on health.

MNA

Myanmar, ROK sign cooperation agreement

YANGON 15 July — Myanmar Maritime University of the Ministry of Transport and Hyundai Merchant Marine Co Ltd of the Republic of Korea signed the cooperation agreement at the meeting hall of the MMU in Thilawa region, Thanlyin township at 1.00 pm today. It was attended by Deputy minister for Transport U Pe Than, Rector of MMU U Thein Tun, departmental heads under the ministry of transport, Vice-Chairman of Hyundai Merchant Marine Co Ltd Mr Shin Yong Ho and members, pro-rector and heads of department, teachers and students, and guests.

First, Deputy Min-



Rector U Thein Tun and Mr Shin Yong Ho sign the cooperation agreement.

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ister U Pe Than made an opening speech. Then Vice Chairman Mr Shin Yong Ho explained matters on selecting of scho-

larships.

Next, Rector U Thein Tun and Mr Shin Yong Ho signed the agreement and then they exchanged the documents.

Later, Vice-Chairman Mr Shin Yong Ho presented scholarships to ten students and posed for a group photo together with those present.

The university was opened in August 2002 at Sinmalaik Myanmar Maritime School. In March 2003, three main buildings were built in Thilawa region and lectures are being given to the students. There are 123 faculty members and 280 staff members, and 1,039 students are studying at the university. — MNA



CASH DONATED: On behalf of the sailors of Vessel APL Egypt of Uniteam Marine Co Ltd, U Tin Soe Wai presents K 230,000 to Hnizigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Secretary U Tin Maung Win of the Administration Board of the Home — H

Htidaw hoisted atop Aungzabbuhein Aungdamu Pagoda in Taikkyi Township

YANGON, 12 July—Under the aegis of Presiding Sayadaw of Patapwintaung Kyaungtaik in Taikkyi Township Bhaddanta Paññasara, a ceremony to hoist Shwehtidaw atop the Aungzabbuhein Aungdamu Pagoda was held in conjunction with merit-sharing ceremony for a new monastery building at the pagoda on 10 July morning, attended by members of the Sangha led by Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasara, Col Tint Wai of Taikkyi Station and senior military officers, officers and other ranks of battalions and units, well-wishers, students and local people.

The pagoda was renovated at a cost of K 27 million by U Aung Myo-Daw Khin Thuza and family of Mingala Taungnyunt Township.

First, the congregation received the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw.

Next, officials led by Col Tint Wai and well-wishers conveyed the Seinbudaw and tiers of Shewhtidaw round the pagoda clock-wise.

At the auspicious time, officials hoisted the Shwehtidaw atop the pagoda through the decorated carriage.

Next, the well-wishers presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

After hearing a sermon delivered by the Sayadaw, the congregation shared merits accrued and the ceremony ended.—MNA

Robes to be offered at Pandapwint Hill in Taikkyi

YANGON, 15 July — Under the aegis of Pandapwint Hill Sayadaw Saddhama Jotikadaja Bhaddanta Paññasara, a robe offering ceremony will be held in the precinct in Taikkyi Township on 20 July morning. Wellwishers are invited to contribute in the donations.

MNA

260 drug-related cases exposed in June

YANGON, 15 July—Altogether 260 drug-related cases were exposed by the Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and Customs Department during June 2005.

The seizures made were 42.3798 kilos of opium in 35 cases, 8.158 kilos of heroin in 103 cases, 0.0898 kilo of morphine in one case, 0.07 kilo of opium oil in five cases, 0.926 kilo of low grade opium in 14 cases, 24.0121 kilos of marijuana in 20 cases, 172,409 stimulant tablets in 64 cases, 0.889 kilo of speciosa in two cases, 0.0183 kilo of stimulant (ice) in one case, 11 cases for failure to register and four others.

In this connection, action was taken against 380 persons—312 men and 68 women.

Of the 260 cases, there were two prominent cases as follows;

The authorities concerned, acting on information, on 6 June intercepted a motorcycle driven by Ohn Lwin on Shwehninsi Road between 71st and 72nd Streets in Chanmya Thazi Township and seized 200 stimulant tablets and 0.0025 kilo of opium from him.

Further search led to the seizure of 100,000 stimulant tablets hidden under his house, 0.0012 kilo of low grade opium and 400 stimulant tablets in his house.

Action was taken against Ohn Lwin and his accomplices Lauk-an (a) Sein Myint, Kyayon and Ahti by Mandalay No 11 Police Station.

On 12 June, authorities concerned acting on information searched the house of Laja (a) Kyaw Myint of Manmaung Village in Monko, and seized ten blocks of heroin weighing 3.5 kilos.

Action was taken against Laja (a) Kyaw Myint and Yauklon, owner of the heroin, by Monko Police Station.

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Thanks to Momeik-Twinnge road locals can travel to Mogok-Mandalay and Bhamo-Myitkyina at will

YANGON, 15 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence on inspection tour in Momeik in Kyaukse District, Shan State (North), accompanied by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, senior military officers and officials of the State Peace and Development Council office arrived at Nyaungpingsauk BEHS in Momeik on 12 July morning.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected the school where officials conducted them round and they fulfilled the requirements.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung donated K 1 million to the school. At the township hall, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with officials, members of social organizations and townsenders.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on education, health and transportation sectors, and cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy in 2004-2005 and progress of putting monsoon paddy under cultivation

in 2005-2006 in Momeik by an official of the township.

Later, an official of Mabein reported on progress of cultivating monsoon and summer paddy in 2004-2005 and education, health and building village-to-village roads, and agricultural tasks in Ngosin village-tract. Chairman of Kyaukse District PDC Lt-Col Soe Win gave supplementary report on regional food sufficiency for 2004-2005 in Kyaukse.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions and attended to their needs.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint, in his address, said that he had been to Momeik for many times. In the past, transportation was poor in the township. Now, thanks to Momeik-Twinnge road and the bridges built by the State, locals can travel to Mogok-Mandalay and Bhamo-Myitkyina at will. People were to make efforts in regional development tasks in collaboration with the State, noted Lt-Gen Ye Myint.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint cordially greeted

local people. On arrival at Momeik People's Hospital, Lt-Gen Ye Myint looked into the hospital where the officials conducted him around. He donated K 500,000 to Medical Superintendent Dr Maung Ti for dental clinic. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party then inspected developments of the township.

At the hall of local regiment, he gave necessary instructions to the commander, the minister and officials of the ministries who accompanied him in the tour. Lt-Gen Ye Myint spent the night in Momeik.

On 12 July morning, he met with Tatmadawmen and their families at local regiment. In his address, he said the Tatmadawmen were to participate in the nation-building tasks in cooperation with the people and efforts were to be made in agriculture and livestock breeding tasks for the welfare of the families of the regiment.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint then cordially greeted those present and also looked into the livestock breeding tasks of the regiment.—MNA

Movie industry changing, developing with passage of time



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses concluding ceremony of film production and projection refresher course.— MNA

YANGON, 15 July — Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise of the Ministry of Information concluded its film production and projection refresher course No 1/2005 today at MMPE branch here.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that as the movie industry is changing and developing with the pas-

sage of time, trainees will have to strive for applying the advancing filming technologies they have studied at the course in their work. They should continue to study the filming technologies to become professionals, he pointed out.

The Minister presented certificates to the trainees through their leader and gifts to the out-

standing ones. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein also presented gifts to instructors.

Thirty trainees have completed the one-month course.

Officials of the departments and enterprises under the ministry, the chairman of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayan and guests were also present. — MNA



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents prize to Ma Thein Thein Oo of film production and projection refresher course.— MNA

အပင်အာဟာရအပြည့်အဝရရှိရန် ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေ ဩဇာကို အကျိုးရှိရှိ အသုံးပြုရေးနည်းဆော်ချက်

- ၁။ ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာသည် စနစ်တကျ အသုံးမပြုပါက ပါဝင်သည့် အပင်အာဟာရ နို့ကဲထရိုဂျင်ဓာတ် (၆၀) မှ (၈၀) ရာခိုင်နှုန်းအထိ လေလွင့်ဆုံးရှုံးစေနိုင်ပါသည်။ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုကြောင့် ဓာတ်မြေဩဇာ ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာ (နှစ်) အိတ်သုံးပါက (၅) ပုံ (၁) ပုံသာ အပင်မှ ရရှိနိုင်ပါသည်။
- ၂။ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုသည် (၁) အမိုးနီးယမ်အိုင်ယိုက် (NH₄⁺) အဖြစ် စီးဆင်းနေရုံသာမက (၂) အမိုးနီးယားဓာတ်ငွေ့ (NH₃) အဖြစ် လေထဲတွင် အငွေ့ပျံ့ဆုံးရှုံးသွားသည်။ (၃) နို့ကဲထရိုဂျင်ဓာတ် (N₂) အဖြစ် လေထဲသို့ အငွေ့ပျံ့သည်။ အပူချိန်မြင့်မီသော နံနက်ပိုင်းတွင် ဓာတ်ငွေ့များ မြေမျက်နှာပြင် (pH) ၀.၆-၀.၈ ကျယ်လောင်သွားပြီး နေလည်ပိုင်း အပူချိန် မြင့်တက်လာပါက မြေအရည်ဓာတ်မှာ (pH₄) ထိ ရှိလာပြီး အမိုးနီးယားဓာတ်ငွေ့ (NH₃) အဖြစ် ပြောင်းလဲကာ ဆုံးရှုံးမှု များစေသည်။
- ၃။ သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာ အကျိုးရှိရှိ အသုံးပြုနိုင်ရန်အတွက် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း စနစ်တကျ သုံးစွဲရန် နည်းဆော်ချက်အပေါ်ပါသည်။
- (က) ဓာတ်မြေဩဇာဓာတ်မြေဩဇာ တစ်လျှောက်လုံးအတွက် တစ်ဧကလျှင် ပုလဲ ဓာတ်မြေဩဇာတစ်အိတ်နှင့် သဘာဝမြေဩဇာ (နှင်းချေး/မြေဆေး/အပူခိုက်ဆေး/အိုကောရီ) သုံးအိတ် သုံးစွဲပါ။
- (ခ) သုံးစွဲမည့် ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာနှင့် သဘာဝ

- မြေဩဇာကို တစ်ကြိမ်တည်းမသုံးဘဲ ဓာတ်မြေဩဇာ နို့ကဲထရိုဂျင်ဓာတ် လိုအပ်ချိန်များဖြင့် သုံးစွဲရန် ပင်ပွားအများဆုံး ထွက်ချိန် မြှင့်တင်ရန် (သို့မဟုတ်) ရောင်စဉ်တိုက်သုံး၍ အပင်လိုအပ်ချိန်တွင် တည့်သွင်းပါ။
- (ဂ) တစ်ကြိမ်လျှင် ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာ တစ်အိတ်၏ သုံးပုံတစ်ပုံကို သဘာဝမြေဩဇာ တစ်အိတ်နှင့် သမအောင်စေပါ။ ရောင်စဉ် တိုက်သုံးမှုများ လွန်စေသည့် သင့်တော်သော အပူဓာတ်သာ ရှိအောင် ဂရုပြု၍ အပေါ်မှ ပလပ်စတစ် ဝန်ခံအိတ်များ စတင်ထုတ်ပြီး လုံခြုံစွာ ဖုံးအုပ်၍ တစ်ည နှစ်ထားပါ။
- (ဃ) မိုးအုပ်ပါက နေလယ်ပိုင်းတွင် မြေဩဇာအရောက် ကြိုပက် နိုင်သော်လည်း နေပြင်းပါက နံနက်ပိုင်း (၇) နာရီမှ (၉) နာရီအတွင်း ညနေ (၃) နာရီ နောက်ပိုင်းမှ ကြိုပက်ပါ။
- (င) မြေဩဇာအရောက် ဓာတ်မြေဩဇာ ကြိုပက်ထည့်ပြီး တိုင်း တမန်းပြင်အောက်သို့ ရောက်ရှိရန် မြေပြင် နှင့်မြေပုံ၍ သော်လည်းကောင်း၊ ပေါင်းလိုက် တမန်းနွဲ့ ကိရိယာအသုံး ပြု၍သော်လည်းကောင်း တမန်း အောက်ရောက်အောင် ဆောင်ရွက်ပေးခြင်းဖြင့် ပိုမိုထိရောက်နိုင်ပါသည်။

လယ်ယာဦးစီးဌာန ဆည်မြောင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန

လမ်းမကြီးပေါ်တွင် မော်တော်ယာဉ်များ လိုက်နာရန် သတိပေးနည်းဆော်ချက်

လမ်းမကြီးများပေါ်တွင် အချို့ယာဉ်များသည် အမြန်မောင်းနှင်ရန်နှင့် ကျော်တက်ရန် သတိမတတ်သော လက်ဝဲအစွန်ယာဉ်ကြော့ပေါ်တွင် စည်းကမ်းမလိုက်နာဘဲ အရှိန်ဖြည်းဖြည်းဖြင့် လမ်းပိတ်ဆို့မောင်းနှင်နေကြောင်း တွေ့ရှိနေရပါသည်။

သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ လမ်းမကြီးများပေါ်တွင် ဖြည်းဖြည်းမောင်းလိုပါက လမ်း၏ ညာအစွန်မှ ယာဉ်ကြော့တွင် မောင်းနှင်ရန်နှင့် မှန်မှန်မောင်းလိုသော ယာဉ်များ လမ်း၏ ဒုတိယ ယာဉ်ကြော့မှ မောင်းနှင်သွားရန် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ လမ်း၏ လက်ဝဲအစွန်ယာဉ်ကြော့မှ လွတ်ကင်းချိန်တွင် ဒုတိယယာဉ်ကြော့အတွင်းသို့ ပြန်လည်ဝင်ရောက် မောင်းနှင်သွားခြင်းဖြင့် ယာဉ်ကြော့ပိတ်ဆို့မှုမရှိဘဲ ယာဉ်များ အလွယ်တကူ သွားလာနိုင်မည်ဖြစ်ပါ သဖြင့် လမ်းမကြီးစည်းကမ်းများအား တိကျစွာ လိုက်နာသွားရန် လိုအပ်ပါသည်။

လိုက်နာခြင်းမရှိပါက တည်ဆဲပဒေမာအရ ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူသွားမည် ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေးနည်းဆော်ချက်အပေါ်ပါသည်။

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

ADVERTISEMENTS

ပလတ်စတစ်ပုလင်း(ပုံ)မျိုးစုံပေးသွင်းခြင်း

၈၆၂ ပလတ်စတစ်ပုလင်းအမျိုးအစား လိုအပ်ချက် **ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နေရာ**

၀။ 100 ml PET Bottle (Amber Colour)(Screw Cap with Safety Ring Pilfer Proof Temper-evident Type) L.D.P.E Plastic ဂရုစိုက်ဆယ်စုံပုလင်း(တိတိ) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံဆေးဝါးလုပ်ငန်းကော်မရှင်

၂။ 500 ml PET Bottle (Amber Colour)(Screw Cap with Safety Ring Pilfer Proof Temper-evident Type) L.D.P.E Plastic ၂၀၀၀၀၀ ခု (ရေနေစစ်သိန်းတိတိ) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံဆေးဝါးလုပ်ငန်းကော်မရှင်

တင်ပို့ပေးရန် (၂၂-၇-၂၀၀၅) သောကြာနေ့ (၁၄၀၀)နာရီ

မှတ်ချက် အသေးစိတ်အကြောင်းအရာများကို မြန်မာနိုင်ငံဆေးဝါးလုပ်ငန်းကော်မရှင် ပစ္စည်းစီမံခန့်ခွဲမှုဌာနတွင် ရှိနေသည့်အတွက် စစ်ဆေးနိုင်ပြီး တင်ပို့ပေးရန် လိုအပ်ပါသည်။ (ဆက်သွယ်ရန် တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် - (၆၆၃၄၈၀) စက်ရုံမှူး မြန်မာနိုင်ငံဆေးဝါးလုပ်ငန်းကော်မရှင်

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V. SUPERIOR PESCADORES VOY: NO (1)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V. SUPERIOR PESCADORES VOY NO (1) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18-7-2005 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of Myanmar Port Authority where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm upto Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT FOR: EASTERN CARLINER LTD. JAPAN
Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V. SEA BRIGHT VOY: NO (713)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V. SEA BRIGHT VOY NO (713) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17-7-2005 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V. ID COMMANDER VOY: NO (12)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V. ID COMMANDER VOY NO (12) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18-7-2005 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of Myanmar Port Authority where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm upto Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT FOR: TOKO KAIUN KAISHA LTD. JAPAN
Phone No: 256924/256914

ပန်းမန်သစ်ပင် လေသန့်စင်၍
ဥယျာဉ်တောတန်း စိတ်ရွှင်လန်း၏။

Bank Holidays

All Banks will be closed on 19th July (Tuesday) 2005, Martyr's day and 20th July (Wednesday) 2005, Full Moon of Warso being public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

Kuwait gives \$17m loan to Senegal

KUWAIT CITY, 14 July— Kuwait Fund for Arab and Economic Development (KFAED) and the Senegalese Government signed on Wednesday a loan agreement of 5 million Kuwaiti dinars (17 million US dollars) to help improve Senegal's traffic conditions, the *Kuwait News Agency* (KUNA) reported.

The agreement was signed by Senegalese Minister of Economy and Finance Abdoulaye Diop and Deputy Director-General of KFAED Hesham Al-Waqayan, according to the report.

AKFAED's statement quoted by KUNA said the loan would be used to finance the Dakar Northern Slip Road Project whose total cost was estimated at about 41.8 million dollars.

Foreign fund would contribute about 29.2 million dollars, which represents about 70 per cent of the total cost, said the statement, adding that the KFAED's loan would cover about 41 per cent of the total cost of the project, or about 58 per cent of the foreign fund.

The loan will be for a period of 25 years, including a five-year grace period, and will be amortized in 40 semi-annual installments.

The project, expected to last about four years, aims at relieving traffic congestion on the northern entrances of the Senegalese capital Dakar.

MNA/Xinhua

မျိုးပိတ်တင်ခါးကြေးပြာ

၁။ သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်းပိုင် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ မော်တော်ယာဉ်/ဆိုင်ကယ်များကို မျက်မြင်အခြေအနေ အတိုင်း မျိုးပိတ်တင်ခါးစနစ်ဖြင့် ရောင်းချပါမည်-

စဉ်	ယာဉ်အမျိုးအစား	ယာဉ်အမျိုးအစား	ကြည့်ရှုနိုင်သည့်နေရာ
၁	၂၂/၅၄၀၀	မာဇဒါဘီ-၆၀၀	သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း (မိုးချုပ်) အမှတ် ၂၁၂ သိမ်မြူးလမ်း၊ ရန်ကင်းမြို့။
၂	၂၂/၅၄၇၇	မာဇဒါဘီ-၆၀၀	
၃	၅/၆၅၈၀	မာဇဒါဘီ-၆၀၀	မြန်မာ့အလင်းသတင်းစာတိုက်၊ အမှတ် ၅၃၊ နတ်မောက်လမ်း၊ သွယ်(၁) ဗဟန်းမြို့နယ်။
၄	၅/၂၈၄၆	ဘွန်ဒါ(၁၂၅-စီစီ)	
၅	၅/၂၈၅၅	ဘွန်ဒါ(၅၀-စီစီ)	တင်ပို့ပေးသည့်အချက်အလက်ကို တစ်စုံလျှင် ၂၅၀၀/- နှုန်းဖြင့် (၁၈-၇-၂၀၀၅)နေ့မှစ၍ သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း(မိုးချုပ်) တွင် မှီခိုနေထိုင်သူများအတွက် ဝယ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်။
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White House urges Senate for another vote on Bolton

WASHINGTON, 14 July— Despite two failed attempts, the White House on Wednesday said it wanted the Senate to vote again to try to win confirmation of John Bolton as US ambassador to the United Nations.

But Republican and Democratic senators said the stalemate continued on Bolton's nomination over demands from Democrats that the White House provide information they said would shed more light on his suitability for the job.

The nomination of the blunt-spoken conservative has been held up by accusations he tried to manipulate intelligence and intimidated intelligence analysts to support his hawkish views in his post as the top US diplomat for arms control.

"We continue to believe that John Bolton should have an up or down vote on the floor of the Senate. That remains our position," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

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US mily reconfirms multiple abuses in Guantanamo Bay

WASHINGTON, 14 July — A latest report written by US military investigators has again confirmed multiple incidents of prisoner abuses at the US naval base at Guantanamo Bay which detains hundreds of foreign terrorism suspects.

The report, presented to the Senate Armed Service Committee on Wednesday, gave vivid descriptions of how military interrogators treated the suspects at Guantanamo Prison.

US Air Force Lieutenant-General Randall M Schmidt, who led the investigation since January, admitted that a key suspect had suffered from abuses and insults during "creative, persistent and lengthy interrogations".

The key suspect, whose name the military is not willing to disclose, was forced by the interrogators to admit he is a gay and to wear a bra. They even made him dance with another male prisoner and perform like a dog.

The report also found abundant other cases of abuses. In one case, female interrogators sexually insulted prisoners.

Interrogators also threatened a so-called "high-value" prisoner by saying they could do something to his family.

In another case, a detainee's mouth was sealed with a duct tape to stop him from praying.

Sleep-deprivation methods were also used with loud music played to break the prisoners' will.

In the report, investigators recommended the military to review the methods they used in determining the legal status of the detainees at Guantanamo and to use proper interrogation techniques.

However, the investigators said in conclusion that they have not found any case of torture despite many abuses.

MNA/Xinhua

Driver making bomb threats arrested in Illinois

CHICAGO, 14 July — Police on Wednesday arrested a man driving a van who was threatening to blow up something or somebody in Washington, DC, but no explosives were found, the FBI said.

The driver, identified by police in Princeton, Illinois, as Terry Daniels, 44, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was being held after truckers notified authorities about threats they

overheard on citizens band radio.

"They were hearing unusual traffic over CB radio," FBI agent Marshall Stone in Springfield, Illinois said. "The report to the Princeton Police Department was about an individual talking about explosives in Washington, DC."

Daniels, who was heading east, was arrested at a gas station along In-

terstate 80, a major east-west freeway.

A local newspaper, the *LaSalle News Tribune*, reported Daniels used the terms bomb and referred to the President as well as the nation's capital.

Stone said no explosives were found but Daniels may face a disorderly conduct charge and could have violated federal laws against threatening the President.

MNA/Reuters

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Marks & Spencer's first quarter sales fall again

LONDON, 14 July — Britain's top clothing retailer Marks & Spencer Plc reported on Wednesday its seventh consecutive quarter of falling sales, but said food sales were improving in a tough trading environment.

Chief Executive Stuart Rose, brought in last year to fend off a hostile bid approach from retail tycoon Philip Green, said there were signs of recovery but would not call a turn in the fortunes of the tarnished retail icon.

"I don't want to say that, it's too early because we are in a very volatile and still very difficult market. But I am encouraged by some of the signs that we're seeing," Rose told a conference call.

Like-for-like sales fell by 5.4 per cent in the 14 weeks to 9 July, M&S said, following on from a 5.1-per cent same-store decline for the 2004/05 financial year. Total clothing sales fell by 9.2 per cent, while like-for-like general retail turnover was down by 11.2 per cent, it said.

The same-store sales fall was at the low end of market expectations, and there was some good news for shareholders as they gather for the company's annual general meeting in Birmingham, central England.

Rose said his cost and margin targets remain unchanged as the company carries 40 per cent less stock into its summer sale that starts on Thursday — meaning a greater proportion of sales are being made at full price.

Unlike many of its British retail peers, M&S has also been able to delay the start of its sale by 18 days compared with last year, another sign of a healthier stock position.

And following a high-profile TV marketing campaign, M&S food sales reversed their sagging trend in the first quarter. Total food sales rose 5 per cent, with the like-for-like figure up 0.7 per cent.

Rose has introduced a range of measures in a bid to turn around the tarnished retail icon, including a wholesale renegotiation of supplier contracts, an overhaul of the company's pricing structure and improved stock control.—MNA/Reuters

NASA calls off shuttle launch due to faulty fuel-tank sensor

CAPE CANAVAREL (Florida), 14 July — NASA called off the planned launch of shuttle Discovery on Wednesday due to a faulty fuel gauge on the external tank, barely 3 hours before the countdown.

The US space agency did not announce a new liftoff date.

"The Return to Flight launch of space shuttle Discovery has been postponed due to an issue with a low-level fuel cutoff sensor onboard the vehicle," said NASA in a statement.

The sensor protects an orbiter's main engines by triggering them to shut down in the event fuel runs unexpectedly low. Mission managers are currently assessing the problem, NASA said. It did not disclose more information.

NASA's Return to Flight Mission, the first shuttle mission since the Columbia's tragedy on 1 February, 2003, was previously scheduled for 3:51 pm (local time) 13 July. — MNA/Xinhua

Study shows Los Angeles blacks still fare poorly

LOS ANGELES, 14 July — Blacks in America's second-largest city fare the worst among all major races in education, health, economics, housing and criminal justice, according to a study released on Wednesday.

"The State of Black Los Angeles," prepared by the United Way and the Urban League of Los Angeles, said the promise of the American Dream was still out of reach for many Blacks in the city.

"At the heart of this shortfall is a fundamental issue of equality — not simply equality as a right but equality as a reality and practice," it said.

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa was joined by religious and community leaders, in-

cluding Police Chief William Bratton, at a downtown panel to voice concern at the sobering picture presented in the study.

The study found that nearly half of Black LA high school students do not graduate within four years, that the median household income for Blacks is more than 20,000 dollars below that of White families and that the 14 per cent Black unemployment rate is more than double that for

Whites and Asians.

"I see it as a call to action. I see it as a challenge," said Villaraigosa, the city's first Latino mayor in more than 100 years. "Because a great city cannot be that great shining city with so many people left behind."

Blacks, who make up 10 per cent of the population of Los Angeles County, scored the lowest on an "equality index", which measures discrepancies in con-



Nine-year-old Megan Wells of Honolulu performs a hula on her birthday at the fourth Annual Hula Hoolauna Aloha 2005 on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu, Hawaii on 10 July, 2005.—INTERNET

Dual pacemakers no better for people over 70

BOSTON, 14 July — For people over 70, pacemakers that stimulate only one part of the heart are just as effective as newer and more expensive devices that apply electricity to two of the heart's four chambers, British researchers said.

The finding suggested that the benefits of two-chamber pacemakers had been overestimated in older people with a heart condition known as atrioventricular block, according to the team led by William Toff of Britain's Leicester University.

The finding was published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. Atrioventricular blocks, which occur when electrical impulses fail to reach the ventricles or are conducted with a delay, are a common reason for implanting a pacemaker.

The test of 2,021 volunteers who suffered from a slowed heartbeat found that after nearly five years

the annual death rate was 7.2 per cent among those with pacemakers that stimulated one chamber versus 7.4 per cent for the people who got so-called dual-chamber pacing.

When the research team looked at deaths directly caused by heart disease, the rate was 3.9 per cent with single-chamber devices and 4.5 per cent for double-chamber pacemakers.

The rates of stroke and heart failure were also similar in the two groups.

Earlier studies that were not as well controlled had shown that the dual-chamber devices were better, the researchers said. — MNA/Reuters

"Emily" becomes hurricane, threatens Caribbean Isles

BRIDGETOWN (Barbados), 14 July — The fifth storm of the Atlantic hurricane season grew into a hurricane on Wednesday as it churned through the Windward Islands of the eastern Caribbean.

Emily's sustained winds hit 90 miles per hour as it approached Grenada and St Vincent and the Grenadines and threatened Venezuela and the Netherlands Antilles.

At 11 pm EDT on Wednesday (0300 GMT on Thursday), the centre of Hurricane Emily was

about 45 miles east-southeast of Grenada and moving to the west at 18 miles per hour, the US National Hurricane Centre said.

Storm warnings for Barbados were discontinued as the storm swept well to the south of the island.

But the storm moved close to Grenada, which

was devastated by Hurricane Ivan last September.

Emily followed Hurricane Dennis, which killed at least 70 people as it ripped past Haiti and Jamaica, roared over Cuba and hit the US Gulf coast near Pensacola, Florida, on Sunday.

MNA/Reuters

Drug official says Plan Colombia impracticable in Peru

LIMA, 14 July — Peru will not follow the US-backed Plan Colombia in its own efforts to contain coca production, the country's anti-drug agency chief said on Wednesday.

The programme is impracticable as it means the eradication of all coca cultivation in Peru, where legal growers are allowed to produce an annual nine tons of coca leaves for medical purpose, according to Nils Ericsson, head of the

agency, Devida.

But he said his country, facing the spread of illegal coca planting in recent years, has been intensifying crackdown on the illegal planters in line with the US stand.

Peru permits about

10,000 hectares of coca planting areas, mostly in the Cuzco region. And dried coca leaves traditionally are chewed by people of the Andes for a stimulating effect and also used for extraction of cocaine and other alkaloids.— MNA/Xinhua

Brad Pitt released from LA hospital

LOS ANGELES, 14 July — Film star Brad Pitt was released on Wednesday from a Los Angeles hospital where he had been admitted for a flu-like illness that turned out to be viral meningitis, his spokeswoman said.

Pitt, 41, was at home on Wednesday afternoon after his discharge and was "doing well", his publicist said in a statement.

The actor checked in to Cedars Sinai Medical Centre on Monday night, a week after returning from a trip to East Africa. Pitt, who split up with his wife, actress Jennifer Aniston, earlier this year, travelled to Ethiopia last week with actress Angelina Jolie, his co-star in the movie "Mr. and Mrs. Smith", who went there to finalize the adoption of a baby girl. — MNA/Reuters

S P O R T S

Romario denies taking coach's role at Vasco

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 July — Former Brazil striker Romario has denied reports that he has effectively taken over the coach's role at Vasco da Gama from Dario Lourenco.

Brazilian newspaper reports on Wednesday said Romario had given a team-talk and then picked the two teams at a training session earlier this week while Lourenco remained silent on the sidelines with his back to the pitch.

But the 39-year-old forward, who admitted he had fallen out with the coach the previous week, said he was merely performing his role as captain of the struggling team.

"What happened on Tuesday was simple," he told reporters. "Dario brought us together before the practice and picked the teams. I, as captain and the oldest, felt it was my obligation to speak to the group and tell them about

the importance of winning on Sunday."

Romario, Vasco's second-top scorer this season with four goals, missed Sunday's 4-2 defeat at home to Internacional after clashing with Lourenco, who is widely expected to lose his job if his team lose to arch-rivals Flamengo at the weekend.

Vasco are 20th in the 22-team Brazilian championship with nine points from 11 games and trail Flamengo on goal difference. "We had a misunderstanding," said Romario, who also missed a week's training. "Something happened which he thought was wrong and I said I didn't agree. So I stayed away to cool off." — MNA/Reuters

Liverpool complete signing of Sissoko

LONDON, 15 July — Liverpool have completed the signing of midfielder Mohamed Lamine Sissoko from Valencia, the European champions said on Thursday.

Sissoko, a 20-year-old Mali international who was born in France, will join his new teammates when they head for a pre-season training camp in Switzerland later on Thursday.

No details were given of the deal, although media reports put the transfer fee at five million pounds (8.84 million US dollars).

Manager Rafael Benitez, who coached Sissoko before leaving Valencia for Liverpool last year, said: "Over this season we might play 60 games and so all the players will get a chance.

"Normally we will start with Stevie (Gerrard) and Xabi (Alonso), but if we play two games in a week then Momo can play.

"He is a young boy with the energy we need in midfield. He is a strong player, a good worker and has a great attitude."

Sissoko, who joined Valencia from French Ligue 1 club Auxerre in 2003, underlined Benitez as the main reason for moving to Anfield.

"He showed last season with Liverpool what a great manager he is and I want to be a part of this club's future," he said. "I know all about the history and tradition of the club and I am honoured to be here."

Sissoko could make his debut in Saturday's friendly in Austria against German club Bayer Leverkusen.

Liverpool face Total Network Solutions of Wales next Tuesday in the second leg of their Champions League first round qualifier, having won Wednesday's home leg 3-0.

MNA/Reuters



Australia's Davis Cup player Lleyton Hewitt celebrates winning his match against Argentina's Guillermo Coria during their Davis Cup quarter-final singles match in Sydney on 15 July, 2005. — INTERNET

Park Ji-sung to play for Manchester United on Asian tour

HONG KONG, 15 July — Manchester United said on Thursday their newly-transferred South Korean international Park Ji-sung will make his first appearance later this month in Hong Kong of their Asian tour.

Park Ji-sung, 24-year-old midfielder, who signed for four million pounds (seven million dollars) from Dutch PSV Eindhoven earlier this month, will play the match with Hong Kong national

team on 23 July.

Park will not be the only new face on display as Chinese youngster Dong Fangzhuo and Dutch veteran goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar are also included.

Several international stars, Ruud van Nistelrooy, Wayne Rooney, Rio Ferdinand, Ryan Giggs, Cristiano Ronaldo and Paul Scholes, will also take part in the off-season tour, including Beijing and Tokyo as well

as Hong Kong.

However, captain Roy Keane and defender Wes Brown will remain at home for their injuries. Argentine Gabriel Heinze has also been rested after the last month's Confederations Cup where Argentina lost to Brazil in the final.

Manchester United has played in Hong Kong in 1997 and 1999 and manager Sir Alex Ferguson said he was looking forward to new

faces' performance in the team.

"A lot has changed since our last visit to Hong Kong. We are fortunate in that we have a tremendous depth of talent at the club at present," he said in a statement.

"There are many exciting new faces since we there in 1999. However, our commitment, our drive and determination to succeed remain the same."

MNA/Xinhua

Unfinished business for Real as players set off on tour

MADRID, 15 July — Real Madrid embark on an exhausting two-week promotional tour of the US and Asia on Thursday with a stack of unfinished business to conclude before the Spanish season begins next month.

Leading players Luis Figo, Guti and Michael Owen will all be on board the plane bound for the first stop in Chicago, but all three remain unclear about their prospects of staying at the Bernabeu.

Portugal midfielder Figo was expected to drop out of the tour in order to sign for either Inter Milan or Liverpool but Real are reported to be holding out for an improved offer for the 32-year-old who still has a year to run on his contract.

The former World and European Player of the Year could find himself jetting back to Europe midway through the tour if the talks are finally concluded.

Guti, who has grown increasingly weary of being passed over in favour of new recruits from abroad, finally looks to be serious about his threat to leave the club he joined as a boy.

He is still waiting for a concrete offer from suitors Tottenham Hotspur, Everton, Atletico Madrid or Sevilla.

Owen, on the other hand, has made it clear on

numerous occasions that he wants to stay at Real.

Real, however, appear to be spending more energy on trying to prise Brazilian youngster Robinho from Santos than reassuring the England striker he still features in their long-term plans.

If Robinho does make the move to Spain it could trigger Owen's return to the Premier League as the former Liverpool player is anxious to get regular games with the World Cup looming at the end of the season. Three members of the first-team squad will, however, remain in

Madrid while their colleagues travel.

Defenders Walter Samuel and Jonathan Woodgate are receiving treatment on their respective injuries, while reserve striker Javier Portillo is expected to join Malaga.

Samuel, who joined Real from AS Roma at the start of last season, was thought to be on his way out but the club appears to have had second thoughts given the doubts over Woodgate's fitness after spending 15 months on the sidelines.

MNA/Reuters



Esbjerg's Fredrik Berglund attempts to score a goal against Flora Tallinn during a UEFA Champions League qualifying soccer match in Esbjerg, Denmark, on 14 July, 2005. — INTERNET

Brazilian teams seek Libertadores Cup triumph

BRASILIA, 15 July — With great expectations in Brazil, the definition of Libertadores Cup 2005 is expected for Thursday evening, as two clubs from the South American giant dispute the final.

Mighty Sao Paulo, who is seeking for its third continental title, will play Atletico Paranaense, of Curitiba, Thursday evening in the Libertadores Cup final.

The match is due to start at 21:45 (local time) in Morumbi Stadium of Sao Paulo. The two sides had tied on 1-1 in the first leg

clash in Porto Alegre. If there is another draw after extra-times, the champion will come out through penalty kicks.

Winner of the final will reach the Inter-Continental Cup final on December 11-18 in Japan, with the participation of the winners of the club competitions of South America and Europe. The latter will be represented by Liverpool (England). Sao Paulo won the Libertadores in 1992 and 1993, and with another victory this year it could become the first Brazilian club to win the continental competition three times. The other twice-champions of Brazil are Santos (1962 and 1963), Cruzeiro (1976 and 1997) and Gremio (1983 and 1995).

Sao Paulo's coach, Paulo Autuori, was champion with Cruzeiro in 1997, and Antonio Lopes, the coach of Paranaense,

led Vasco da Gama to victory in 1998.

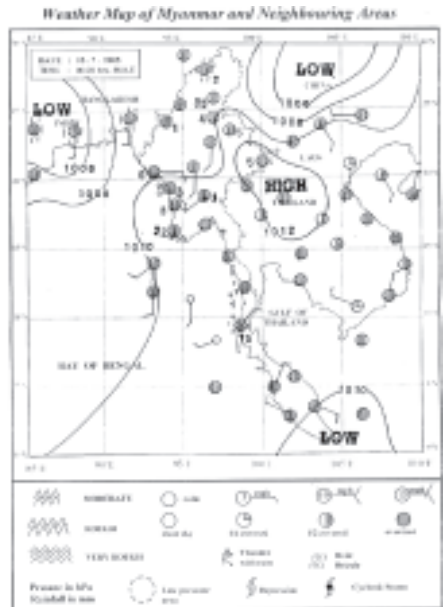
Following are the starting line-ups of the two sides for the match, refereed by Argentine Horacio Helizondo: Sao Paulo: Rogerio Ceni; Fabao, Diego Lugano and Alex; Mineiro, Josue, Cichinho, Danilo and Junior; Luizao and Amoroso.

Atletico Paranaense: Diego; Marcio, Durval and Danilo; Jancarlos, Cocito, Alan Bahia, Fabricio and Fernandinho; Lima and Aloisio. — MNA/Xinhua

Inter sign Chilean Pizarro from Udinese

MILAN, 15 July — Inter Milan signed Chilean midfielder David Pizarro from Serie A rivals Udinese on Thursday. Pizarro has agreed a four-year contract with Inter, the Milan club said on their website. — MNA/Xinhua

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Aung Thein Lin and
Vice-Mayor Col
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WEATHER

Friday, 15 July, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin, Kayin and Mon States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Moekok (2.40) inches, Moekaung (2.28) inches and Myitkyina (1.46) inches.

Maximum temperature on 14-7-2005 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 15-7-2005 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 15-7-2005 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 14-7-2005 was (2.8) hours approx. Rainfalls on 15-7-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 (7) mph from southwest at (15:05) hours MST on 14-7-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 16-7-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Chin State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Rakhine, Shan, Mon, Kayin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 80%.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: General decrease of rain in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-7-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-7-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather outlook for third weekend of July 2005: During the coming weekend rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

African Union submits resolution on UNSC expansion

UNITED NATIONS, 15 July — The 53-nation African Union presented a draft resolution to the United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday calling for adding six permanent members, with veto power, and five elected members to the UN Security Council, African diplomats said.

The diplomats said the draft is currently co-sponsored by 36 African nations and the remaining 17 African Union member states are expected to join their peers in the next few days. But they declined to reveal the names of the present co-sponsors.

“Africa has a position which it wants to place on the record but the African Union does not exclude negotiations with other groups,” Nigerian Foreign Minister Olu Adeniji told reporters after meeting with General

Assembly President Jean Ping in New York.

Adeniji and his counterparts from some other African nations are expected to meet with various groups over the Security Council reform, including the Group of Four — Japan, Brazil, India and Germany. The four countries are aspirants to permanent seats on the Council.

German diplomats said G-4 foreign ministers will arrive in New York on Sunday to meet with Adeniji and his African counterparts in a

bid to hammer out a compromise position on the expansion of the Security Council.

The G-4 hopes to get the backing of the 53-nation African Union for its draft resolution on the Council’s enlargement, which calls for increasing six permanent seats and four non-permanent ones on the powerful UN organ.

The G-4 resolution also proposes freezing the veto power for new permanent Council members for 15 years. But the African Union wants the

veto power for new permanent members right away. Either of the two drafts calls for the allocation of two permanent seats to Africa.

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

MNA/Xinhua



Saturday, 16 July
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: Brighten day
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: Bicycle race
- 8.55 am National news/Slogan
- 9.05 am Music: Children
- 9.10 am International news
- 9.15 am Music
-Son for inlmt
-The night train
-Don't fall in love with a dreamer
-Please forgive me
-Hands
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music
- 9.00 pm ASEAN review
- 9.10 pm Article
- 9.20 pm Myanma Culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
“U Po Kya’s History Text Book Part (II) Souvenir
-Rain
-Home loving man
- 9.30 pm
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Saturday, 16 July
View on today:

- 7:00 am
1. အထူးစုံစမ်းထူးဆန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့ အကျိုးတော်အောင်ပျံ့နှံ့ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာအဘိဓမ္မာအရဟံသာသနာ့အဖွဲ့အစည်းတို့၏ ဝိပဿနာစာအုပ်များကို ရိုက်ကူးထုတ်ဝေတော်မူခဲ့ပြီး ဝိပဿနာစာအုပ်များကို ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 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. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
6. Musical programme
- 8:20 am
7. စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်း ဗုဒ္ဓဘုရားတော်တော်
- 8:30 am
8. International news
- 8:45 am
9. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 11:15 pm
2. Musical programme
- 11:30 pm
3. News

- 11:40 pm
4. Games for children
- 12:00 pm
5. Round-up of the week’s TV Local News
- 12:45 pm
6. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ
“စောရခင်စွာနှင့် မိစ္ဆာရွှင်းစား”
(အပိုင်း-၂၀)
- 1:15 pm
7. ကြားမြင်သူတို့ ပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 1:45 pm
8. လောကနီတိ(၅) “မေတ္တာအတိမ် အနက်ကို နှိမ်နင်းခြင်းသည် အခါပိုင်စေရထိုက်၊ စည်သူတင်စိုး၊ လင်းစာနှင့်စမ်းစစ်ခြင်းကဲ့ရဲ့ (ခါရိုက်တာ-စင်စစ်)
- 2:15 pm
9. Dance of national races
- 2:30 pm
10. (၂၃) ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင် အာရှအားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲအတွက် ပြိုင်ပွဲအောင်ကြီးကြီးစားစားလေးအားကစား
- 2:45 pm
11. International News
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm
4. Musical programme
- 4:55 pm
5. အဆေးသင်တန်းအဖွဲ့၏ ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ
- ဒုတိယနှစ် (စာတည်းအဖွဲ့) (စာတည်း)
- 5:10 pm
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:25 pm
7. Musical Programme
- 5:35 pm
8. မြင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ နိဂုံးသုံးဆယ့်နှစ်နှစ်အဖွဲ့ ဖျော်ဖြေပွဲ
- 5:50 pm
9. မြန်မာစာပြောပြပွဲများကား
- 6:00 pm
10. Musical programme
- 6:10 pm
11. “မင်းမင်းသားသားကွာ”
စရာငှက်ပျော်ကြွင်းချစ်စရာ၊ ကြုံကြုံသင်း၊ အေးအေးနိုင်၊ (ခါရိုက်တာ-ဆွေစင်ထိုက်)
- 6:15 pm
12. Musical programme
- 6:30 pm
13. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
14. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ
“ရန်ကင်းမြို့တော် တစ်ရာတစ်လ”
(အပိုင်း-၃၉)
- 7:40 pm
16. Musical programme
- 8:00 pm
17. News
- 8:00 pm
18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ
“အချစ်သံသရာ” (အပိုင်း-၅၈)
- 21. The next day’s programme

In Myanmar, women enjoy rights on equal ...

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Women are the backbones of families, caregivers of young and old, steward of natural resources and pillars of community life. They can and must play a powerful role in reducing poverty and fostering development. Inequality between women and men limits the potential of individuals, families, communities and nations. Inequality harms women's health and prevents many women from participating fully in the movement of human society.

In the context of population related issues encountered around the world, I would like to relate some statistics.

As world population hits 6.5 billion, the largest group of young women ever in history is entering their child-bearing years. Most are from developing countries and the majority are poor. Ensuring skilled attendance at birth reduce maternal mortality by 74 per cent. On the average, every day 70,000 teenage girls marry and 40,000 give birth.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets diplomats at the ceremony to mark World Population Day.— MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint oversees health, water supply facilities in Mogok



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects construction of 100-bed hospital in Mogok.— MNA

YANGON, 15 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung,

senior military officers and departmental officials, oversaw development of Mogok and condition of roads from the view point of Mogok on 13 July morning.

At Mogok Township Peace and Development Council Office, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with local

authorities. Departmental officials submitted reports on matters related to the township and tasks of departments concerned. The commander gave a supplementary report. Lt-Gen Ye Myint provided necessary instructions for officials.

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USDA needs core members, with ability to successfully implement arduous, delicate tasks

YANGON, 15 July —Mingala Taungnyunt Township Union Solidarity and Development Association opened Basic Organizational Course No 23 at the township association office today, with an address by

USDA Secretariat member Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

The minister said that in the knowledge age every sector is under the command of knowledge. As

the role of knowledge will be more important in the future, it is a must for the trainees to enhance their intellectual power and technological skills, he noted.

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Secretariat Member Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan speaking at the opening ceremony of Basic Organizational Course No 23 of Mingala Taungnyunt Township USDA.— MNA