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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

10 major crops, three kinds of perennial plants, rubber and pepper should be cultivated extensively
Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects construction of bridges on Maei-Kyaukpyu Road



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspect Thazintanpauk Bridge in Yanbye Township, Kyaukpyu District. — MNA

YANGON, 17 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander

of Western Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and party inspected construction of bridges on Maei-Kyaukpyu road section of Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road on 14 July.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected Mingyoung Creek Bridge built by bridge group-11 of Public Works. The 2,704 feet reinforced concrete (See page 8)

Minister inspects factories in Yamethin

YANGON, 17 July — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected production process at the Soap Factory in Yamethin Township, Mandalay Division, yesterday.

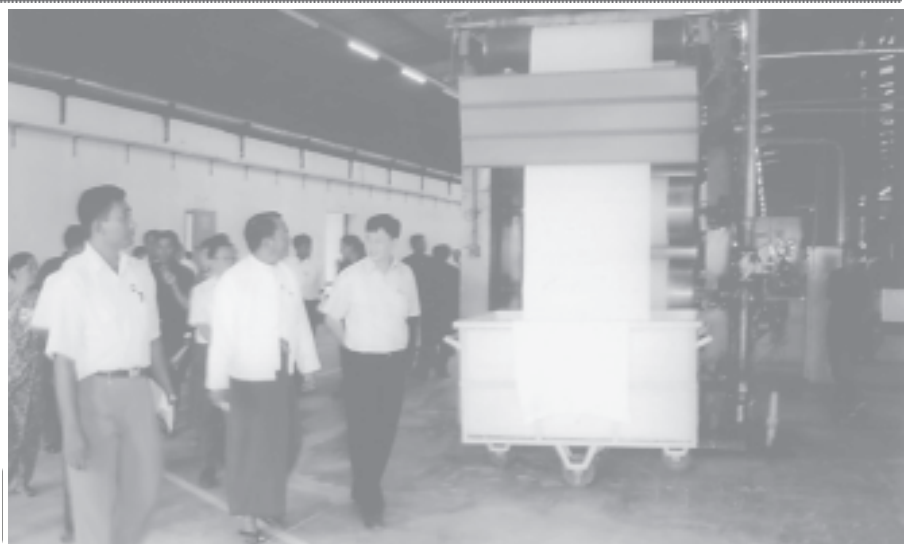
Afterwards, the minister went to Printing and Dyeing Factory (Yamethin) under the Myanmar Textile Industries and inspected the production process of the factory and textiles.

Afterwards, Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister U Aung Thaung arrived at Yamethin District USDA office and inspected the site chosen for construction of a building.

During his tour, the minister met with members of the association in USDA offices in Tatkon and Lewe townships and gave instructions on implementation of five rural development tasks.

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Industry-1 Minister U Aung Thaung inspects production process of the Printing and Dyeing Factory in Yamethin Township. — MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Regional development through better use of transport infrastructures

In an effort to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the State Peace and Development Council has laid down and is implementing the 12 objectives, upholding Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty—as a national policy.

In this regard, the government is laying emphasis on establishment of development infrastructures such as roads and bridges, dams and reservoirs, river water pumping stations, schools and hospitals.

With the emergence of a network of roads, bridges and airports, all the different regions of the Union are now easily accessible, thereby contributing much towards further forging friendship and unity among national races. Moreover, socio-economic life of the local people has improved.

Better transport has been accorded special priority, regardless of plains and hilly regions in accordance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe.

To bring about better transport in various regions, new roads and bridges large and small are being constructed and the old ones upgraded. In the process, No 1 Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw) built on Pakokku-Pauk-Htilin-Gangaw road in Pak Township, Pakokku District, was opened on 13 July 2005.

The transport facility is 185th of its kind, whose length is 180 feet and above, built in the nation after 1988. Altogether 14 bridges with a length of 180 feet and above including Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway) were constructed in Magaway Division.

Serving as the gateway to Chin State, the facility plays a greater role in ensuring easy access to different parts of Yaw region. The construction of the bridge began on 15 February 2005 and it took only five months to complete the project.

The Pakokku-Pauk-Htilin-Gangaw trip has been cut about one-and-half miles with the emergence of the new bridge.

Likewise, the 78 miles and eight furlongs long Seikphu-Pauk road has been cut 25 miles to 53 miles, and Gazunma road and Yepyar-Ohndaw road are being built to ensure direct access to Pathein.

No 1 Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw) with a length of 1,840 feet is of bailey-cum-wood type.

As the government is taking systematic steps to bring about better transport across the nation, the local people are to strive for national and regional development making the most of transport infrastructures that have emerged.

Waso robes to be offered at Shweminwun Sasana Yeiktha in Bahan

YANGON, 17 July — The 23th robe offering ceremony of Shweminwun Sasana Yeiktha, will be held on the upper floor of Maha Dhamma Beikman at the Yeiktha in Bahan Township on 24 July. —NLM

Earthquake jolts northeastern India

YANGON, 17 July — An earthquake of moderate intensity 5.0 Richter Scale with its epicentre northern India, near Shillong, about 370 miles northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 12 hours, 45 minutes and 50 seconds MST today.

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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

Myanmar delegation arrives back from Cambodia

YANGON, 17 July — After attending the Twenty-Third ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (23rd AMEM) and the 2nd AMEM + 3 Meeting held in Siem Reap, Cambodia, from 13 to 14 July, the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay arrived back here yesterday afternoon.

At the meetings, the deputy minister discussed various measures to promote greater energy stability, security and sustainability in ASEAN nations.

On 14 July, the



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi welcomes Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay at the airport. — ENERGY

Myanmar delegation also attended the ASEAN Energy Business Forum 2005 and discussed matters on Myanmar and regional cooperation task. MNA

Sports Minister, Yangon Mayor attend Mr & Ms Quench Contests

YANGON, 17 July —Mr & Ms Quench Contests co-organized by Myanmar Body-building and Physical Culture Federation, was held at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township yesterday noon.

Myanmar young women in local-made costumes participated in the demonstrations.

After the contests, President of the federation YCDC Joint Secretary U Tin Soe presented prizes of honorary to U Ba Thein, U Mya Thein and Daw Phyu Phyu.

Managing Director U Thant Zin Tun of MGS Beverages Co Ltd gave first, second and third prizes to U Khun Kan Maung Maung, U Than Oo and U Saw Bo Ke in the above-50 body building contest.

Chairman of YCDC Mayor Brig-Gen Aung

Thein Lin awarded first, second and third prizes to Aung Chan Lin, San Kyaw Swa Htoo and Zaw Myint Htay in the Under-21 Mr Quench Junior Event.

First, second and third prize winners in the Senior Mr Quench Event were Min Zaw Oo, Zaw One and Soe Moe Aung. Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented prizes to the winners.

In the under-21 Ms Quench Event, first prize went to Thiri May, second to May Thinza Kyaw and third to Haymar Soe Win. Similarly, Swe Swe Win won the first prize, Zargyi Tin Maung the second and Kaythi Oo the third in the Senior Ms Quench Event. Wife of the mayor Member of the Panel of Patrons of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe presented prizes in the two events to the winners. —MNA

Kidney transplant performed for 11th time



Specialists perform kidney transplant and Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo views the operation. — HEALTH

YANGON, 17 July —The 11th kidney transplant was performed at new Yangon General Hospital this morning.

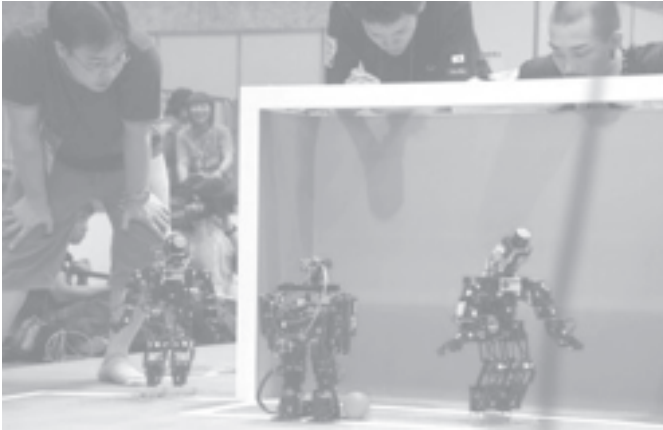
Before the operation, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo greeted specialists and nurses who will participate in the operation, and gave words of encouragement to kidney donor Ma Theingi Chaw, 27 and patient Ko Kyaw Min, 29.

At 9.25 am, the deputy minister and party watched performance of the transplant on the TV screen. The medical team successfully took out a part of kidney from the donor at 10.45 am, and transplanted

the kidney at patient Ko Kyaw Min. The whole kidney transplant operation was completed successfully at 1 pm. It was the 11th time in the kidney transplant operations. Today's operation was performed by the specialists, nurses and hospital staff under the leadership of Director-General Dr Paing Soe of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar), Urological Specialist Prof Dr Than Aye and Anesthetist Prof Dr Tin Myint.

Today's kidney donor Ma Theingi Chaw and her brother patient Ko Kyaw Min are in good health.

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In this photo distributed by the RoboCup Federation, a robot of Singapore's Team Rope, centre, vies for a ball with the robots, right and left, of Japan's Toin Phoenix, whose staff are seen in the photo, during a humanoid league match of robot soccer league competition at RoboCup 2005, in Osaka, western Japan, on 15 July, 2005. —INTERNET

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Sci-Tech Exposition in E China city showcases kids' creativity

SHANGHAI, 16 July — More than 10,000 youngsters from China and abroad have been finding out fun since Tuesday, at the city's largest ever Science and Technology Exposition for Youth, held at the Shanghai Science and Technology Museum, according to Friday's *China Daily*.

The four-day exposition, which aims to open science communication channels between children from different schools and countries, is displaying more than 150 inventions and other high-tech devices.

Chen Wenqi and Tao Yun, both aged 10 from Gonglu Central Primary School, were quoted as saying that the site was like a playground with robots and fancy machines all around. "I like the robots most, and hope I can one day invest something like that," said Tao.

Two high school students showed off their Lego machine, which can count and wrap coins with the help of piping, steel and wire.

Liu Shihui, 13, one of the two inventors from the Juvenile Activity Centre in Xuhui District, said they were hoping the machine could help ease the burden on bus companies who receive a lot of coins every day.

"It can count 120 coins a minute and wrap 20 up at a time," said Liu, adding that they were even considering patenting their work.

Like Liu, more than 300 students from 14 countries and cities have got models or designs in the show. Kim Eun-jin, a 17-year-old highschool girl from South Korea, illustrated a technique invented by her and some other schoolmates, which can predict outbreaks of

disease by studying the relationship between certain diseases and corresponding DNA sequences. A team of students from Shanghai's Xiangming High School brought to the exhibition 10 of their inventions including a machine that can wash pets and a cradle that swings by itself.

MNA/Xinhua

Jakarta to insist foreign workers master language

JAKARTA, 16 July — Indonesia will require foreigners seeking work permits to master the local language if their jobs involve regular interaction with Indonesians, an official said on Thursday.

The move comes even as Indonesia is seeking to boost overseas investment and attract foreign companies, with the administration of President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono promising to cut bureaucratic red tape.

Last week, Jakarta set up an agency with the task of establishing professional standards including, in the case of foreigners, competency in the national language, Bahasa Indonesia.

"Foreigners who work in Indonesia, in the future must meet the competency requirement and needed language standards, especially those whose job descriptions need frequent communication with Indonesians whether they are employees or colleagues," M Moedjiman, the head of the National Certification of Professions Agency,

told Reuters.

"In August, we will discuss which levels of the workforce and what and how they should be tested," he said. The labour official said a date for implementing the programme had yet to be

decided.

The plan is partly the result of Indonesian workers having to pass English-language requirements when they work in some foreign countries, Moedjiman said.—MNA/Xinhua

Media practitioners to have higher sense of responsibility

KUALA LUMPUR, 16 July — Media practitioners in Malaysia should bear responsibility for the accuracy of their news reports and not to abuse the freedom of Press, Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said on Friday.

No one has the intention to curb the flow of information in this country, but media practitioners should take into account their responsibility seriously and base their reports on facts, Badawi was quoted as saying by the *Bernama* news agency.

Freedom, if used irresponsibly, would only do harm to the people and the nation, Badawi said while opening the

Mass Media Conference 2005 in the administrative centre of Putrajaya.

To elaborate on this point, Badawi said recent events around the world had shown that news reports based on unreliable sources could result in serious and far-reaching consequences.

"Wars have been started based on faulty information that the media has spread, unwittingly or otherwise,"

Badawi said.

He criticized some media players who were purely profit-driven and preferred to use "eye-catching headlines which do not reflect the entire story".

Meanwhile, Badawi said government departments should not overreact to those negative media reports about their work or performance.

"What we can do is to explain what is right and accurate so that the

people understand the problems," he said while calling for closer cooperation between the government and the mass media.

At the two-day conference, topics to be discussed include Press freedom, current reporting trends of newspaper and the roles of the government and the mass media in realizing Malaysia's future development goals.

MNA/Xinhua

11 US troops charged with abuse in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 16 July —Eleven US soldiers have been charged with assaulting detainees in Iraq, the military said on Saturday, while three British soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb in a rare attack in the relatively stable southern part of the country.

Also Saturday, suicide attackers killed at least nine Iraqi forces in separate attacks in Baghdad and just south of Mosul as guerillas kept up their campaign against the nation's US-trained security force.

Iraqi police also arrested a would-be suicide bomber in the capital before he could detonate an explosive belt among a crowd mourning the victims of an attack earlier this week that killed 27 people, mostly children, an official said. It was the second thwarted attack this week.

The US military said in a statement that the charges against the 11 troops,

who served in the Baghdad area but were not otherwise identified, were filed Wednesday after another soldier complained about the alleged assaults.

"None of the guerillas required medical treatment for injuries related to the alleged assault," the statement added. "Only one of the suspected terrorists remains in custody of coalition forces at this time." The soldiers had been assigned to the Army's Task Force Baghdad but were taken off-duty pending the investigation, the military said, adding that the Army's Criminal Investigation Division would determine whether they should face trial by court-martial. —Internet



British soldiers patrol in the southern city of Basra, Iraq, on 16 July, 2005.

INTERNET

China to build 10 nuclear reactors in East

BELJING, 16 July — China Power Investment Corp, one of the country's major electricity firms, plans to build 10 1,000-megawatt nuclear reactors in the provinces of Shandong and Liaoning to ease reliance on coal, a newspaper said on Friday.

It did not say which nuclear technology would be used or when the project's construction was scheduled to begin and end.

"We will build six 1,000-megawatt reactors at Haiyang in East China's Shandong Province, as well as four similar ones at Hongyanhe, Dalian in Liaoning Province," the *China Daily* quoted a senior director of the firm as saying.

China relies on coal for 70 per cent of its booming energy demand. It has the biggest coal mining industry in the world, but also the most dangerous:

last year, more than 6,000 people were killed in mining accidents nationwide.

Coal burning has also contributed to China's environmental woes, and the country is the world's second-largest producer of greenhouse gasses. Liu Changqing, the senior director with the China Power Investment Corp., told the newspaper the central government had already given preliminary project approvals, including the environmental protection and safety assessments.

Further "procedures" needed to be examined by the National Develop-

ment and Reform Commission before infrastructure construction could start, it said.

China is investing some 400 billion yuan (48 billion dollars) in building 30 nuclear reactors by 2020, according to the China National Nuclear Corporation.

China now has nine reactors, generating around 2.3 per cent of its electricity.

MNA/Reuters



Vietnamese farmers plant rice at a paddy field in the village of Thach Bich in Vietnam's northern province of Ha Tay, 20 km (12 miles) southwest of Hanoi recently.—INTERNET

China, Kazakhstan Cooperation Committee holds talks in Astana

ASTANA, 16 July — The China, Kazakhstan Cooperation Committee held its second meeting here on Thursday to discuss ways to promote the bilateral strategic partnership between the two neighbouring countries.

Members from both countries, after expressing their satisfaction over the work of the committee in the past year, discussed their further cooperation in the fields of economy and trade, transportation, science and technology, finance, energy, mineral, social science and security.

They said the next priority of the committee is to carry out all the cooperation agreements reached by Chinese President Hu Jintao and Kazakh President Nursultan Abishevich Nazarbayev with an aim to develop a strategic partnership between the two nations.

The committee also agreed that the priority of their work is to improve the trade structure and investment environment in both countries to provide each other with the convenience for their enterprises.

Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi, who is currently visiting Kazakhstan and co-chaired the meeting, said the bilateral relations have developed rapidly in recent years as the political mutual-trust is strengthened and the cooperation has been fruitful in all the aspects.

MNA/Xinhua

No proposal for foreign airlines' stake in domestic carriers

NEW DELHI, 16 July — Indian Minister for Civil Aviation Pratul Patel on Thursday said the government did not have any proposal for allowing foreign airlines to pick stakes in domestic airlines.

"There is no proposal before the government to allow them (foreign airlines) to take stake in domestic carriers," a *PTI* report from Mumbai quoted Patel as saying.

"We will not allow any foreign airlines to invest in

Indian carriers," he added. The Indian Minister made the statement while speaking on the sidelines of Indian International Jewellery Show 2005 organized by Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Organization (GJEPC) in India's trade capital Mumbai on Thursday.

The minister also clarified that the government was not contemplating raising the entry barriers for foreign players from current three billion

rupees to 25 billion rupees.

"The reports of raising entry barriers for foreign airlines are purely baseless. We have not taken any decision about it," Indian Civil Aviation Minister said in response to a question.

However, an expert panel, set up by the erstwhile National Democratic Alliance Government under Atal Behari Vajpayee to suggest reforms in country's avia-

tion sector, had advocated for allowing foreign airlines to pick stakes in the domestic carriers.

"Foreign airlines will be allowed to pick up a 49-per-cent equity stake in the domestic and international scheduled air transport services with the approval of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB), the panel had suggested while submitting its report to the then Civil Aviation Minister in December 2003.

At the same time, in all other non-scheduled air services, the expert panel had recommended that foreign investment, including investment by foreign airlines, should be allowed up to 100 per cent.

The government is working on a new aviation policy for the country, which is likely to be announced later.

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London bomb suspect held in Cairo

LONDON, 16 July — An Egyptian chemistry student wanted by police in connection with last week's London bombings is understood to have been arrested in Cairo, a British police source said on Friday.

"I can confirm that a man has been arrested in Cairo," the source told *Reuters*, saying it was understood to be Magdy Elnashar, a student at Leeds University who

officers have been looking for as part of their inquiry.

British media reports said he had rented one of the houses in Leeds, West Yorkshire, raided by police on Tuesday where large amounts of substances suspected to be explosives were seized.

Three of the four suspected suicide bombers

who carried out the train and bus attacks which killed at least 54 people were from the Leeds area in northern England.

An ABC "Good Morning America" report said Elnashar had left Britain two weeks before the bombings and was now being questioned in Cairo with British agents in attendance.



An Iraqi policeman looks at what left of a suicide car bomb that exploded, targeting a US convoy southeast of Baghdad, on 16 July, 2005. —INTERNET

Three British soldiers among 13 killed in new Iraq attacks

BAGHDAD, 16 July — Three British soldiers were among 13 people killed in Iraq as guerillas pressed their campaign of violence a day after at least 28 people died in no fewer than 12 suicide bombings.

Some 50 people were also wounded in the unrest Saturday which came as Prime Minister Ibrahim Jaafari prepared to make a landmark visit to neighbouring Iran, the first by an Iraqi premier to the former foe since their devastating 1980-88 war.

The British soldiers were killed when a roadside bomb exploded in the southern town of Al-Amarah, a stronghold of Shiite radical leader Moqtada al-Sadr, who led an uprising against the US-led coalition last year.

Two other British soldiers were

wounded in the explosion in the town's Hayae al-Risala district, the defence ministry said in London.

The deaths brought British losses in Iraq since the 2003 invasion to 92, including accidents and natural causes as well as deaths in action.

A predominately Shiite city of 300,000 people, Al-Amarah lies near the Iranian border, 150 kilometres (95 miles) north of the main southern city of Basra, and has seen previous deadly violence against British troops.

Internet

UNESCO, Japan to provide virtual library for Nigeria

ABUJA, 16 July — The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) are to develop a virtual library for universities and other institutions in Nigeria.

Feasibility studies for the project had commenced, an official of JICA told reporters Friday in the capital Abuja.

The official who refused to be identified told reporters that the Japanese Government would

support the project by providing 133,679 US dollars in trust with the UNESCO for the project expected to come on stream late this year.

A virtual library provides on-line or CD-ROM based access to a

variety of national and international contents, he said, adding that the contents of the on-line library include books, journals and magazines, among others.

The initiative would strengthen learning and

acquisition of knowledge and provide a more solid basis for education, he said.

"This is to enhance the quality of life and learning for students by drawing on digitally available (preferably on-line) book materials and journals through ICT (information and communication technology) based tools." "A virtual library is at least a necessary imperative for the Nigerian education system for a start pending the provision of a physical library."

MNA/Xinhua



Flossie, an adult female ring tailed Lemur feeds one of her three-month-old babies on 13 July, 2005 at the Singapore Zoo. —INTERNET

Female German trafficker to leave Singapore soon

SINGAPORE, 16 July — A German woman who narrowly escaped execution for drug trafficking in Singapore in 2002 is to be deported after authorities cut her jail term for good behaviour, officials said on Friday.

German Embassy officials in Singapore said Julia Suzanne Bohl had been freed from prison earlier in the day and immediately handed over to Singapore immigration authorities.

"Julia is in the custody of the immigration officers but there are officials from the embassy with her," a German diplomat told Reuters.

He added that she would leave Singapore on Friday but gave no further details.

Bohl was facing the death penalty after Singapore police seized 687 grammes (24.2 ounces) of marijuana and other drugs in her apartment in a wealthy area of the city-state in March 2002.

MNA/Reuters

Triple suicide attacks raise tough questions in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 16 July — An al-Qaeda claim on Friday that Iraqis carried out a triple suicide bomb attack in Baghdad raises troubling questions over whether more locals are joining a deadly campaign dominated by foreign militants.

"The suicide attacks on the Green Zone were conducted by followers from the land of the two rivers (Iraq). May God grant them entry to paradise," said an al-Qaeda statement posted on a web site a day after Thursday's abortive attack.

Three militants attempted a multiple suicide strike on an entrance to Baghdad's Green Zone government, compound on Thursday. The attack involved a bomber in a car and two on foot.

One of them was captured and his accomplices were the only fatalities, a rare victory for Iraqi security forces facing deadly suicide bombings nearly every day.

It was not immediately possible to verify the al-Qaeda claim. An Iraqi Interior Ministry official said he believed the captured man was from another Arab state but did not comment on the other two.

It Iraqis mounted the attack, it would raise questions over the ability of foreign militants to recruit local human bombers for a campaign posing the biggest security threat to the country.

Even if the bombers were not Iraqis, the al-Qaeda statement suggests the group was keen on recruiting more Iraqis to carry out suicide attacks that have already killed thousands.

Iraqi suicide bombers are rare. Most attacks are carried out by Sunni Arab militants from countries such as Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Yemen, inspired by al-Qaeda, which has urged all Muslims to wage holy war against what it calls "crusaders".

There are already signs that suicide bombings, seen by militants as a fast track to heaven, have some appeal to Iraqis, even after decades of mostly secular rule enforced by toppled leader Saddam Hussein.

MNA/Reuters

Singapore to squeeze into Indian market

SINGAPORE, 16 July — Singapore businesses are encouraged to team up with one another to explore the Indian market, Minister for Trade and Industry Lim Hng Kiang said here Friday.

According to the minister, India is a big rising economic power.

"If we can pool our resources, knowledge and expertise together, I believe our companies can more than cope with the demands and match the competition," Lim noted.

Lim was speaking at the first seminar organized after the two countries signed the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) in late June this year.

MNA/Xinhua

Ugandan President calls for unity in East Africa

KAMPALA, 16 July — Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni has called for unity in East Africa as the surest way of development, according to a Press release issued here on Friday by the Uganda State House.

Museveni made the call on Thursday evening when meeting a delegation of Uganda-Rwanda Joint Permanent Commission.

Museveni said that the regional cooperation is the only way to ensure that Africa does not disappear, adding that "we should take advantage of this peaceful time to work fast and consolidate development in the region".

He appreciated Rwanda's interest to join the East African Community, saying that this is a move in the right direction.

He said the aim of the East African Federation has all along been to foster unity, and other steps to consolidate unity in East Africa are the regional common market, monetary union and the Customs union. On the formation of one East African Federation, Museveni said that Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda had already accepted the proposal in principle. — MNA/Xinhua

Philly pair become world's oldest married couple

PHILADELPHIA, 16 July — A 105-year-old survivor of the Nazi's Dachau concentration camp and his 100-year-old wife have earned the title of the world's oldest married couple.

Philadelphia residents Herbert and Magda Brown were given the accolade by *The Guinness Book of World Records*, which determined they were the "oldest-living married couple, aggregate age" on 9 June with a combined age of 205 years and 293 days.

Other couples have been married longer than the Brown's 74-year union, and some individuals are older.

A week earlier, on 1 June, English couple Percy and Florence Arrowsmith, also 105 and 100 respectively, were named by *Guinness* as the oldest-living married couple.

But the Browns contacted *Guinness* and proved they beat the Arrowsmiths by a few days. On 13 June, Percy Arrowsmith died.

"It's unbelievable that we're the longest-married couple in the world," Magda told Reuters in an interview on Friday at the couple's assisted-living facility in Northeast Philadelphia.

Asked to explain the great length of her marriage at a time when many marriages end in divorce, Magda said the trick was that she would lead and her husband would follow.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqi soldiers stand watch at a checkpoint in Baghdad on 16 July, 2005.

INTERNET

Indonesia to remain open to foreign workers, students

JAKARTA, 17 July — Indonesia will remain open to foreign workers and students though the government requires language proficiency test to foreigners to work in the country, local media reported on Saturday.

"Like other countries, Indonesia makes policies not to bar foreigners from entering, working, or studying in Indonesia, but to facilitate their entry into Indonesia so that their stay gives mutual benefit for the country and the foreigners themselves," Chairman of the National Commission for Standardization of Professions (BNSP) Mudjiman was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying.

Indonesian Minister of Manpower and Transmigration Fahmi Idris said recently that starting next year the rule will kick off.

However, Mudjiman, who is also director-

general of labour productivity at the Manpower and Transmigration Ministry, acknowledged that the new policy was restrictive. He said the flow of foreign immigrants into Indonesia had to be restricted or reduced in order to protect local workers.

"What the government is doing is actually equal treatment, as other countries do in housing and employing foreigners," he said, citing Middle East countries that require that Indonesian immigrant workers speak Arabic. He said that such rulings also prevailed for Indonesians employed in South Korea and Japan.

He claimed, however,

that the new policy would encourage foreigners to build better communications with locals and learn more about Indonesian culture.

Director-general for labour supervision at the ministry Maruddin Simanihuru concurred, saying that the ongoing global trade liberalization was actually a restriction for expatriates.

He said that some 28,000 foreigners work or study in Indonesia, and that more were expected to come in line with the implementation of ASEAN Free Trade Area next year, and the World Trade Organization labour market liberalization required in 2008. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Biblical remains, Macao added to UN heritage list

JOHANNESBURG, 17 July — Biblical-era archaeological remains, the Chinese island of Macao and a war-ravaged Bosnian bridge were among 17 cultural sites added to the UN's World Heritage list this week.

UNESCO, the UN environmental and cultural body, also added a Belgian renaissance printing house, archaeological findings in Bahrain dating from 2300 BC, the Albanian Ottoman town of Gjirokastra, and Greek and Roman era tombs in Italy.

The new sites, added at a meeting of UNESCO's World Heritage committee in South Africa's port city of Durban, brings the global list of cultural sites to 628. Bosnia-Herzegovina grabbed a spot on the list for the first time with its historic town of Mostar, built as an Ottoman frontier town and revamped during the 19th and 20th Century.

The town's Old Bridge — which includes pre-Ottoman, eastern Ottoman, Mediterranean and Western European features — was destroyed in the Balkans war in the 1990s but recently rebuilt.

"The reconstructed site is a symbol of reconciliation, international cooperation and of the coexistence of diverse cultural, ethnic and religious communities,"

UNESCO said. Also added to the list were prehistoric settlement mounds in Israel containing substantial remains of cities with biblical connections, as well as Iron Age water collecting systems, the committee said in a statement.

Bahrain also made the list for the first time with remains showing continuous human presence from 2300 BC to

the 16th Century.

Chinese island Macao, under Portuguese Administration until 1999, was added to the list for its mix of Eastern and Western influences.

Cuba's colonial town of Cienfuegos, founded in 1819, gained a place as an example of new ideas of modernity, hygiene and order in urban planning in 19th Century Latin America.

— *MNA/Reuters*



An Indian forest department employee bathes a leopard in Madharihat, 160 km (99 miles) north of the city of Siliguri, northeast India, on 15 July, 2005. — INTERNET

City of London reminded to stay alert after bombs

LONDON, 17 July — The City of London Police on Friday asked businesses in the capital's financial district to tighten building security and review contingency plans after last week's suicide bomb attacks.

The City, home to many of the world's biggest banks and financial services institutions, will also have more police on its streets in the aftermath of the suicide bombings, while its existing security procedures are under review.

The City of London Police would advise all businesses to ensure that they observe good crime prevention advice which is valid in protecting your premises from any unwanted intruders," the police said in a security checklist sent to businesses.

The Corporation of London, which governs the City, has been coordinating with the police and security services following the bombings which killed

54 people and injured hundreds. "This is what we have been preparing for since time immemorial," said Paul Eskriett, principal security adviser to the Corporation. There are no specific new measures being put in place as a result of last week, but obviously the range of measures that the police and security services already have will be reviewed," he said.

The increased police presence is aimed at reassuring City workers as well as providing extra eyes and ears to detect anything suspicious.

Our counter-terrorist security advisers are in the process of providing some very generic advice to City businesses," said

Alex Robertson, chief superintendent and head of anti-terrorism and public order for the City of London Police. "Obviously after Thursday, 7 July we believe it is important we reassure our community as best we can and that is often by the increased presence of uniformed police officers on the streets," he said, adding that this was not due to any intelligence pointing to any further incidents.

Robertson said police would continue to remind City businesses the importance of making sure they know the identity of people who are trying to enter their buildings and also ensure that their reason for entry is legitimate.

— *MNA/Reuters*



A British tank passes by an Iraqi woman in the southern city of Basra, Iraq, on 16 July, 2005. — INTERNET

Kazakh President meets Chinese V-P on bilateral ties

ASTANA, 17 July — Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev on Saturday held talks here with visiting Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi on Chinese-Kazakh relations.

Nazarbayev said that Kazakhstan highly values its ties with China, is willing to keep close political contacts with China and will make earnest efforts to fulfil the cooperation agreements reached between the two countries during Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit days ago.

The President said his country will take measures to ensure a smooth implementation of major bilateral cooperative projects and maintain a

high-level bilateral cooperation in such fields as trade, energy and transportation.

He also thanked China for supporting Kazakhstan's bid to fulfil the World Trade Organization.

For her part, Wu expressed her appreciation of Nazarbayev's significant contributions to the development of bilateral ties over the years.

China and Kazakhstan are good neighbours, sincere friends and

reliable partners, Wu said.

She added that Nazarbayev and Chinese President Hu Jintao's joint pronouncement of the decision to build a strategic partnership between both countries is of epoch-making significance to the development of bilateral ties, will greatly enhance bilateral cooperation in various fields and is conducive to peace, stability and development in the region and the world at large.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

Powerful Hurricane "Emily" blasts past Jamaica

KINGSTON (Jamaica), 17 July — Hurricane Emily, carrying top winds of up to 155mph, roared past Jamaica on Saturday, hammering the Caribbean island with torrential rains and headed for the popular vacation resorts on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.

Emily's power was on the verge of making it a rare Category 5 storm on the five-step scale of hurricane intensity, one capable of destroying buildings.

On its current track, the hurricane would slam into the palm-fringed Yucatan coast late on Sunday or early Monday, forecasters predicted.

Hotels in the area recommended guests cut short their vacations and return home, and authorities prepared emergency shelters with space for tens of thousands of people.

Jamaica was spared a direct hit from Emily. But although the hurricane's powerful centre stayed in the Caribbean Sea more than 100 miles off Jamaica's southern coast, the storm was large and strong enough to trigger flooding and mudslides on the island, home to about 2.6 million people.

The hurricane cut power to some 70,000 homes, flooded several homes

and roads, and washed away seven houses, two of them from one village in the eastern parish of St. Mary, officials said.

There were no reports of deaths or injuries.

At 8 pm EDT (midnight GMT), the centre of Emily was moving away from Jamaica. It was located about 140 miles southwest of Montego Bay, Jamaica and was moving to the west-northwest at about 18mph, the US National Hurricane Centre in Miami said.

Forecasters said Emily would skirt the Cayman Islands, a tiny British colony, before pushing across the Caribbean and striking Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula on Sunday.

In Jamaica, thousands of people had vacated their homes in flood-prone areas to schools and churches on Friday as hundreds of soldiers and police took to the streets to deter looters. The island's main airports in Kingston and Montego Bay were closed. — MNA/Reuters

China to produce electricity from garbage power plant

FUZHOU, 17 July — East China's Fujian Province will start to build its largest garbage disposal plant into the country's large garbage power plant by the end of July, which expects to produce 100 million kilowatts hour of electricity upon completion.

According to the provincial construction department, the Hongmiaoling Garbage Power Plant, to be built from the garbage disposal plant, is expected to complete and put into operation by 2006.

The garbage power plant will be equipped with two garbage burning production lines which expect to generate 250 kilowatts hours of electricity each by burning one tons of garbage, the source said.

Each garbage burning production line can burn 600 tons of garbage daily, the source said, adding that two lines can generate 300,000 kilowatts hour of

electricity daily.

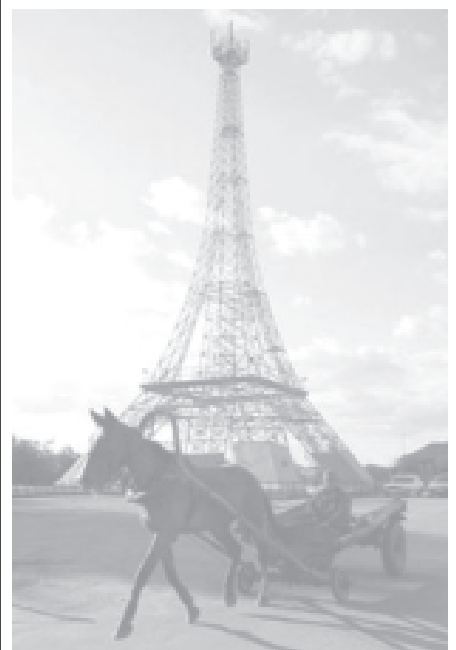
The garbage power plant will have abundant sources of the materials, for Fuzhou, the capital of Fujian Province, can produce over 1,600 tons of garbage on average daily.

The expected annual 100 million kilowatts hour of electricity to be produced by the garbage power plant will effectively ease power shortage in the city and will bring in economic benefits totalling 50 million

yuan (6.02 million US dollars).

Officials of the provincial construction department said that garbage power technologies and equipments have become mature in China, adding that the smooth operation of garbage power plants in Shanghai and Hangzhou proved the effectiveness of the domestic technologies and equipments in this regard.

MNA/Xinhua



A horse and cart passes by a 50-metre copy of the Eiffel tower in the village Parizh (Paris) 95 km (59 miles) southeast of Russia's Siberian city of Magnitogorsk, on 15 July, 2005. —INTERNET

Flood situation in Bangladesh likely to worsen

DHAKA, 17 July — The country's overall flood situation is likely to further deteriorate as major rivers continued to swell due to incessant rain and onrush of hill water from across the border on Friday.

According to the bulletin of the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre released here on Saturday, more low-lying areas in and around Dhaka and southern Narayanganj are likely to be inundated as the rivers surrounding the capital continued to rise.

At noon on Friday, the river of Buriganga registered further rise by 15 centimetres at Dhaka. At 73 points out of 86 monitored on Friday, 57 points recorded rise and

11 registered fall. Five were flowing above their danger marks.

The rivers of Brahmaputra-Jamuna and the Ganges-Padma continued to rise at all the points, the bulletin said.

Torrential rain together with heavy onrush of waters from the Indian upstream over the last few days further worsened the overall flood situation on the northern Brahmaputra Basin.

MNA/Xinhua

Annan appoints new mission chief in Liberia

UNITED NATIONS, 17 July — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has notified the Security Council of his intention to appoint the principal deputy chief of the UN peacekeeping mission in Ivory Coast as the new chief of the UN mission in Liberia, UN spokeswoman Marie Okabe said on Friday.

Alan Doss, a citizen of Britain, would replace retired US Air Force Major-General Jacques Paul Klein, whose contract expired in April, as the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) and head of the UN Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), Okabe said.

Doss has had a long and distinguished career with the United Nations, having served as Principal Deputy SRSG in

Ivory Coast since June of last year.

Before that, he was Deputy SRSG in Sierra Leone, while concurrently holding the positions there of UN Resident Coordinator, UN Humanitarian Coordinator and UN Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative.

MNA/Xinhua

Nepal Trade, Tourism Fair to be held in Britain

KATHMANDU, 17 July — The Nepal Trade and Tourism Fair 2005 will be held in London on 18-19 November with the objective of showcasing Nepal's tourism and business potential, Radio Nepal reported on Saturday.

The fair, which will be organized by the Friends of Britain and Nepal (FBN), is expected to be one of the biggest exhibition on Nepal ever held in Britain, the state-run radio said.

"Such an event will help Nepal to restore its image not only as a popular tourist destination, but also as a venue for trade and investment," the radio quoted Raja Ram Giri, the FBN general secretary, as saying.

"London being one of the well known places for international

business, trade and tourism, Nepal can benefit at the fair by presenting its diverse products and services," Giri said.

The organizers aim to exhibit Nepal's cultural heritage, traditional values and attract investment in the new and existing areas of trade and tourism, Giri noted.

Around 35 companies from Nepal and Britain will participate in the exhibition, which is expected to draw 15,000 visitors, the radio added.

MNA/Xinhua

Most Americans see terror attacks on mass transit system inevitable

WASHINGTON, 17 July — Most Americans believe terror attacks on the country's mass transit system cannot be avoided and their nation is going off the right track, according to results of a latest survey.

Findings of the survey, released Friday by the Associated Press and market research firm Ipsos, showed that 57 per cent of the recipients think the country's bus, train or subway system will inevitably be attacked while 36 per cent said that can be prevented.

Meanwhile, most of the people surveyed said they believe the country is following a wrong direction while 36 per cent think things are right.

The poll was conducted between Monday and Wednesday and 1,000 adults countrywide were interviewed via telephone.

The survey also found US President George W Bush's overall job ap-

proval rate was around 42 per cent, unchanged from the results of last month's poll. As for Bush's job performance on Iraq, social security and economic issues, the approval ratios were 40 per cent, 35 per cent and 42 per cent respectively.

Only in foreign affairs and the war against terror, which are regarded as the President's strongest areas, more than half of the interviewees (51 per cent) said he is doing fine.

Since the AP-Ipsos survey was first conducted in the end of 2003, Bush's overall job approval ratio has been hovering around low levels.

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10 major crops, three kinds...

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bridge, the longest one in Rakhine State, is in Yanbye Township and it will be open soon.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to Wunphite Creek Bridge Deputy Superintending Engineer U Tin Htut reported on data of the bridge, completion of approach bridges on Maei and Kyaukpyu and future tasks. They inspected erection of bored piles.

The 827 feet reinforced concrete Wunphite Creek Bridge is in Yanbye Township and construction started on 25 January 2005. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to the site of Thazintanpauk Bridge where Senior Engineer (Civil) U Myint Oo reported on progress of work and work to be done. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than fulfilled the requirements and inspected laying of concrete on the floor of the bridge. The 592 feet re-

inforced concrete Thazintanpauk Bridge is in Yanbye Township and construction started on 1 July 2003. The bridge is 80 per cent complete.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party reached Thanthamache Bridge in Yanbye Township. Senior Engineer U Myint Lwin reported on progress of work and finishing touches.

The 707 feet reinforced concrete Bridge is on Maei-Kyaukpyu road section and construction started on 3 November 2003 and it will be open soon.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected construction of road on Maei-Mingyoung road section with the use of geolexible method and Maei police station.

They arrived at Maei General Administration Department Office and inspected construction of the meeting hall.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met departmental officials,



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects earth work of An-Padekyaw-Maei Road in Rakhine State. — MNA

townselders and local people and discussed regional development.

Township Officer U Thein Hsint reported on land use, cultivation of the main crops, arrangements for cultivation of monsoon paddy and pepper. Chairman of Thandwe District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Hla Tint and officials gave a supplementary report.

In his discussions, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said Maei was upgraded from village to

township. Local people from Rakhine State would never think of traveling to Kyaukphyee in Yanbye by car. But the 400-mile Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road through Maei will emerge soon. Ten 180-foot bridges between Maei and Kyaukpyu will be completed soon.

Considerable progress will be made in Maei after opening of the Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road.

Local people are striving for their regional economic development in cooperation with departmental staff.

In carrying out agricultural and livestock breeding tasks, the 10 major crops, three kinds of perennial plants, especially, rubber and pepper should be cultivated. For the boosting production of livestock, emphasis is to be paid on breeding of local chickens. In addition, he said, departmen-

tal officials are to go down to the grassroots in implementing the five rural development work.

Measures need to be taken for Maei to possess characteristics of a town and to become a neat and tidy one. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than greeted those present. In Maei, cultivation acreage of beans and pulses have been extended from 1,197 to 3,229 acres; and cultivation acreage of paddy from 1,000 to 20,000 acres.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected the eight-acre site chosen for construction of a hospital. They proceeded to Maei BEHS and viewed the learning of the students. On arrival at the briefing hall of An-Padekyaw-Maei road construction project, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports of Senior Engineer U Ohn Lwin on

progress in construction and future tasks. In response to the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than stressed the need for timely completion of the project meeting the set standards.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party then inspected condition of the road at Tattaung at mile post No 20/2, construction of conduit pipe of reinforced concrete for the building of Latwenyaung creek bridge at mile post No 18/4 and Padekyaw road at mile post No 17/5.

They also inspected condition and upgrading of the roads at mile post Nos 13/4, 13/2, 13/5, 12/3, 6/7, and 2/0. They then inspected water supply tasks being carried out for the people in Maei.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander and party arrived at An. — MNA

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Local people urged to take...

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exercises, 100 dozens of pencils and K 600,000 to the local battalion.

On arrival at Kyaungywa Village BEHS (Branch), Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with local people. Speaking on the

occasion, he said that the Government has designated 24 development regions for improvement of the nation. Furthermore, the Government is carrying out the border regions development plan and five rural development

tasks.

Local people are urged to take part in education, health and human resource development tasks harmoniously. Teachers need to provide computer applications to the pupils for uplift of the education sector.

Next, Lt-Gen

Maung Bo presented one computer set and 100 school uniforms, Maj-Gen Soe Naing one TV set and Col Cho Tun Aung exercise books and 100 dozens of pencils to the headmistress.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo donated alms to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Khanti and K 150,000 to the funds of Dhammarekkhita Monastery. He also made cash donation at Kyaungywa Station Hospital and inspected it.

On 16 July, they oversaw construction of Zeebyuthaung reinforced concrete bridge measuring 180 feet by 24 feet in Zeebyuthaung Village. In the briefing hall, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard reports on construction of the bridge by Superintending Engineer U Thaw Ko of Public Works, and attended to the needs.

At the cold storage factory of Myat Thura Co Ltd, officials explained processing of fish and prawn.

While in Duya Village, in-charge U Chit Sein of Home Tauk Construction reported to Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party on construction of the 16-bed station hospital measuring 128 feet by 103 feet. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and the commander gave necessary instructions and viewed round the construction site.

After inspecting development of Duya Village, they arrived at Ye Township Hospital. Officials of Health Department presented reports on health care services in Ye Township, and U Chit Sein of Home Tauk Construction on progress in building the 50-bed patient ward, two-storey op-

eration theatre and delivery room. They looked into construction site.

At mile post No 98/2 on Ye-Mawlamyine Road, Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected construction of a new bridge.

After that, he oversaw 10-acre rubber plantation and 8-acre rubber plus paddy plantation in Baylamine Village of Lamaing Township.

On arrival at the construction site of Winkamawt Bridge on Yangon-Myeik Highway, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard reports on 70 per cent completion of the bridge by Mawlamyine District Senior Engineer U Win Tint.

After inspecting progress of building the bridge, Lt-Gen Maung Bo left necessary instructions.

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Finance and Revenue Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun awards an athlete at a ceremony to honour the outstanding sport athletes of the ministry Sunday. — F & R

Religious Affairs Minister opens Withagyone religious buildings

YANGON, 17 July — The opening ceremony of Withagyone Monk's Robes Sales Centre and other religious buildings, donated by U Maung Maung (Asia Express) - Daw Mi Mi Sein, and U Htay Myint - Daw Aye Aye Maw was held near the Ministry of Religious Affairs on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Director-General U Myo Kyaw of

Religious Affairs Department, Director-General Dr Myo Myint of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana, Pro-rector (Admin) Dr Myint Kyi of International Theravada Buddha Missionary University and wellwishers.

First, the deputy minister and the wellwishers formally opened Withagyone Monk's robes Sale Centre.

The minister then unveiled the bronze plaque and sprinkled scented water on it.

The minister and party viewed round the

shop. Likewise, the officials and the wellwishers formally inaugurated No 3 Withagyone Dhammayon, No 4 Tawwin hall and Padethayaza book shop.

Yesterday morning, the ceremony to share merits for Withagyone religious buildings was held at the sales centre.

Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha S a d d h a m a j o t i k a Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara, Secretary Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Nyaungdon Sayadaw Bhaddanta



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung presents offertories to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Osadhabhivamsa, the minister, the deputy minister and officials attended the ceremony.

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attended the ceremony. The minister, the deputy minister and officials donated provisions to the Chairman Sayadaw, the Secretary Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

After the ceremony, 'soon' was offered to the Sayadaws.

Withagyone sales centre opened today will sell Buddha statues, robes and eight requisites and religious objects, and Withagyone Dhammayon will give services for donation ceremonies. The book shop will sell books published by the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

The proceeds from these services will be spent on propagation of missionary tasks at hilly regions.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung unveils the bronze plaque of Withagyone buildings. — MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and wellwishers formally open a Withagyone Sale Centre. — MNA

Cash donated to school building funds

YANGON, 17 July — Wellwishers made cash donations at Mingalarama Pali

MAPT donates Waso robes to members of the Sangha

YANGON, 17 July — Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading under the Ministry of Commerce held the ceremony to donate Waso robes and share merits for three-storey Zetawun building at Sagaing Monastery in Thuwunna this morning.

Presiding Nayaka of the monastery member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Dhammananda invested the Five Precepts at the congregation. Managing Director U Min Hla Aung of MAPT and party donated Waso robes to the Sayadaws and poured water as sharing of merits of the meritorious needs. Later, they offered 'soon' to members of the Sangha. — MNA

Tekkatho Monastery here to build a school building in Ngamauk Chaung Village in Taungup Township, Rakhine State.

Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence and officials of the Ministry of Education accepted the donation.

Today's donation towards the two-storey school building funds amounted to K 11.2 million.

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Maj-Gen Aung Thein accepts cash donation to the funds to build two-storey school building in Taungup, Rakhine State. — MNA

Taikkyi Township equipped with...

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The one-storey buildings were funded by the Ministry of Education, the wellwishers and local people.

The commander and party also inspected the paddy fields cultivated by the local farmers.

The commander fulfilled the requirements.

The commander and party then attended the opening ceremony of

new building of Aingkalaung Station Hospital in Pokaung village-tract.

The commander and officials accepted K32,777,126 for the Station Hospital and K 4 million for water supply including K 1.44 million donated by Lt-Gen Tin Aye and family; K 1 million by Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe-wife Daw Khin Thet Htay and family; K 5 million by

Ministry of Health; K

9.55 million by Maj-Gen Kyaw Than (Retd)-Daw Sein Sein and family; K 1 million by Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe (Retd); K 5,657,126 by wellwishers; K 4.75 million by U Kyaw Myint of Golden Flower Company; K 2.6 million by departmental personnel in Taikkyi Township; K 500,000 by Myittawadi Sayadaw; and K 4 million by U Myint Thein-Daw Khin Khin Hlaing.

The 16-bed station hospital is 120 feet long and 90 feet wide.—MNA

Staff families of Labour Ministry offer Waso robes

YANGON, 17 July— The 7th Waso robes offering ceremony of staff families of the Labour Ministry was held at the Dhammayon of the ministry in Bahan Township, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Presiding Sayadaw of Five Nikaya Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Tejobhasa, the Chairman of

Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee and members of the Sangha, Minister for Labour U Thaug and wife Daw May Kyi Sein, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Sein and wife, departmental heads under the ministry, staff and families.

They offered Waso robes, alms and 'soon' to members of the Sangha. MNA

Minister inspects multi-purpose diesel engine manufacturing plant (Thagara) in Yedashe

YANGON, 17 July — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin and officials inspected multi-purpose diesel engine manufacturing plant (Thagara) of Myanma Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries in Yedashe Township, Bago Division on 15 July.

Director of MADEI U Than Aye reported on factories and administrative buildings and construction and

General Manager of MADEI U Myo Thein cultivation of teak and other plants.

The minister gave instructions on completion of the project in time and systematic cultivation of teak. He also inspected construction of foundry, land preparation and construction of buildings and the site.

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Health minister tours...

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On arrival at the University of Primary Health in Magway on 16 July morning, they heard reports on the facts about the university and the minister gave necessary instructions.

When the minister and party arrived at Magway Institute of Medicine where rector Dr Than Myint reported on

teaching at the institute and construction of buildings, the minister attended to the needs. Later, they looked into the teaching hospital construction project.

Next, they went to General Hospital in Magway and gave necessary instructions to the officials. Afterwards, they oversaw the progress of constructing the two-sto-

rey school building and the sites to construct others. They also went to Pyalo Station Hospital in Aunglan Township and Ushitpin Station Hospital in Padaung Township for inspection. On arrival at the 200-bed general hospital in Pyay in the evening, they inspected the operation theatre, wards, delivery room and out-patient department of the hospital and attended to the needs. — MNA

Ministers Office holds 52th ordination and robe offering ceremony



Minister at the Prime Ministers Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone presents offertories to a Sayadaw at Waso Robes offering ceremony. — MNA

YANGON, 17 July — The 52th ordination and Waso robes offering ceremony organized by Ministers Office Buddhists' Association, was held at the Dhammayon of Ministers Office this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Ministers at the Prime Minister's Office U Than Shwe and Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, directors-general of the ministries, members of the association and members of Sangha.

The congregation took Five Precepts from 8th-mile Tejacakki Meditation Centre Patron Sayadaw Bhaddanta Dhammakavara and, ministers and deputy ministers offered the provisions to sayadaws.

Afterwards, the patron sayadaw delivered a sermon and the congregation shared the merits gained. Next, 'Soon' was offered to members of the Sangha by the donors.

Nine members of the staff from the departments of the Ministers Office were ordained. Eight women staff members practised meditation at Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha yesterday. MNA

Buddha Pujaniya 9,900-Light Association offers Waso robes

YANGON, 17 July — Buddha Pujaniya 9,900-Light Association (Insein) held the eighth Waso robes offering ceremony in conjunction with the ceremony to honour Maha Thwamthara Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara, at

Nyaungbintha Monastery in Insein Township this afternoon.

Patron of the association U Soe Win (Singu Soe Win), Chairman U Bo Kyi and Vice-Chairman U Tin Oo suppli-cated on duties and functions of the association.

Next, members of the association offered Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha led by member of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Insein Ywama Pariyatti Monastery Administrator Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tilokabhivamsa and other Ovadaçariya Sayadaws.

Executive of the association Daw Khin Wah Swe read out the biography of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara. Patron U Soe Win, Chairman U Bo Kyi and Vice-Chairman U Tin Oo donated K 54,000 for holding the ceremony to honour the Sayadaw.

Later, the congregation shared merits gained. —MNA



A member of the Buddha Pujaniya 9,900-Light Association offers Waso Robes to a Sayadaw.

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Greek Govt proposes draft bill on labour relations

ATHENS, 17 July — Greek Government on Friday tabled a draft bill in Parliament envisaging significant changes in labour relations in the east Mediterranean country, such as cutting the cost of overtime work and determining working time.

Speaking to reporters, Labour Minister Panos Panagiotopoulos said the draft bill would change the way overtime work is calculated and compensated, with the overtime rate lowered to 25 per cent of hour-payment from 50 per cent at present.

On an annual basis, overtime work up to 120 hours will be paid with an additional increase of 50 per cent, and by 75 per

cent for overtime work of more than 120 hours annually, he said.

The draft bill also envisages a method of calculating working time on a four-month, or on an annual basis for seasonal enterprises, with a ceiling of 10 hours daily work, according to the minister.

The new system calls for agreements between companies and workers' unions. In cases of disagreement, a special commission will be formed to find a mutually accepted solution on the prefectural level.

The draft legislation also foresees stricter procedures for inspecting businesses and worksites.

He stressed that the measures aim at support-

ing small- and medium-sized enterprises as well as reducing the problem of Greek enterprises moving abroad, while Deputy Labour Minister Gerassimos Giakoumatos described the measures as "part of an effort to combat unemployment".

GSEE, the country's largest trade union umbrella, however, has strongly criticized the draft bill, saying it was designed to satisfy employers' demands while at the same time undermining employees' rights.

GSEE president Christos Polyzogopoulos said workers' unions would react to the measures, a more-or-less warning of strike actions.

MNA/Xinhua

Hanoi hopes to end WTO talks with China next week

HANOI, 17 July — Vietnam is expected to conclude negotiations with China over its entry into the World Trade Organization during a visit by President Tran Duc Luong to Beijing next week, state media reported on Saturday.

Vietnam, aiming to become a member of the world trade body by the end of this year, has to strike agreements through multilateral and bilateral talks with WTO members such as China, the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

"Experts from both sides are finishing the last work, trying to sign a declaration on the conclusion of the bilateral talks during the visit to China by President Tran Duc

Luong," Deputy Foreign Minister Nguyen Phu Binh told the *Tuoi Tre* newspaper.

Vietnam has ended talks with 10 WTO members including the EU, South Korea and Japan.

Luong is scheduled to leave for Beijing on Monday for a five-day visit, which was aimed at "ensuring a stable and continuous development for the bilateral ties", he told the Communist Party-run *Nhan Dan* newspaper in an interview.

Two-way trade with China hit 7.2 billion US dollars in 2004, raising hopes that the two coun-

tries would soon exceed the target of 10 billion US dollars set for 2010, Luong said.

Vietnam's trade value with the United States stood at 6.4 billion US dollars last year.

Despite ideological and cultural similarities, China and Vietnam have historically had testy relations. Fishing rights have long been caught up in broader territorial disputes.

Hanoi and Beijing also have over-lapping claims to a large part of the South China Sea, as well as to clusters of oil-rich islands and reefs.

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Free mailing to promote Macao's world heritage status

MACAO, 17 July — The Macao Cultural Affairs Bureau launched on Saturday a two-day free postcard mailing campaign to promote the region's new status as a world-heritage city.

The free postcards will be available till Sunday at special booths in the Taipa area, where residents and visitors can collect them and mail to any destination in the world.

The Macao Post Office has also launched a special four-stamp collection to commemorate the city's entry into the World Heritage List.

Macao's historic community project formally entered the World Heritage List on Friday at the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee in Durban, South Africa.

MNA/Xinhua

Oscar body elects five new governors

LOS ANGELES, 17 July — Five new members were elected to the board of governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the organization which runs the movie industry's Oscar Awards annually, according to the Academy Friday.

Each of the Academy's 14 branches has three members on the board, serving staggered three-year terms and elections are held for one-third of the governor positions

every year.

Newcomers to the board are Alexander Payne, director of "About Schmidt" and "Sideways", John Lasseter and Craig Barron.

And those returning to the board are Albert Wolsky after a three-year absence and former Academy President Robert Rehme after an absence of one year.

Nine incumbents — Tom Hanks, Owen Roizman, Michael Apted, Donn Cambern, Charles Bernstein, Kathleen Kennedy, Sid Ganis, J Paul Huntsman and Fay Kanin — were re-elected, the Academy said in a statement.

MNA/Xinhua

FBI says fertilizer stolen in LA cannot be turned into explosives

LOS ANGELES, 17 July — Nearly four tons of fertilizer stolen from a Los Angeles nursery cannot be used to make explosives, an FBI official said on Friday.

The fertilizer was reportedly taken Wednesday night or Thursday morning from the nursery in Huntington Beach, some 50 kilometres south of downtown Los Angeles.

Terrorism officials were notified because some forms of the chemical can be used to make explosives — 4,800 pounds of ammonium nitrate were used in the

Oklahoma City bombing.

The case was being investigated by the Joint Terrorism Task Force, but the FBI determined that the product taken from the Huntington Beach nursery "cannot be used in the manufacture of explosives", said spokeswoman Cathy Virais.

An investigation into the theft is ongoing, but "we have determined that is not explosive grade fertilizer", added the FBI's Laura Eimiller.

Police said that a total of 150 50-pound bags of fertilizer containing ammonium nitrate were

taken from the nursery.

Eimiller said the investigation continues but "certainly the concern is not as high as it would be" had the explosives factor been there.

Terri Cook, a worker at the nursery, told local TV station KCAL9 that the theft did not overly alarm her.

"This is something we have used for years and years in this industry so I don't see it as being a problem," she said.

However, the nursery has never seen this type of theft before, KCAL9 reported.

MNA/Xinhua

HK LCSD strives to provide clean beaches for bathers

HONG KONG, 17 July — Hong Kong Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has redeployed extra manpower to clear the large quantities of floating refuse found in beaches.

According to the LCSD on Friday, under the influence of the southern west monsoon in late June, the amount of floating refuse collected from some beaches in the Southern and Islands Districts largely rose recently.

For instance, an average of some 30 bags of refuse was collected daily in Repulse Bay Beach in late June while a total of 250 bags were collected daily between 1 and 13 July.

The refuse collected included trigs, wood sticks, plastic bags, wrapping paper, empty cans and plastic bottles.

Due to the changes of current and wind directions, the quantities of refuse collected in the affected beaches have dropped.

At present, the affected beaches in the Southern and Islands Districts have resumed normal. It is obvious that no large quantities of refuse are spotted in the swimming zones.

The water quality grading in the past two weeks showed that the beaches in the Southern and Islands Districts were rated as Good or Fair that are suitable for swimming, said LCSD.

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A Chinese girl plays with an anti-aircraft gun at an exhibition room in Beijing's Military Museum on 16 July, 2005. —INTERNET

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Vacancy Announcement

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) seeks applications from qualified **Myanmar nationals** for the following posts

Post No. 1 :Finance Officer- 1 position Duration: 1 Year

Responsibilities: To assist Programme Manager (VBDC Programme) in accounting and financial management of GF (Malaria Component); To collect expenditure statements and other necessary documents from different levels and to prepare and submit financial reports to PR; To perform any other related duties.

Requirement: An advanced university degree or equivalent, with specialization in Finance and Accounting; at least five (5) years extensive experience in utilizing/applying accounting; excellent skills in English and Computerized Accounting.

Post No. 2 :Assistant Project Officer (Logistics)-1 position Duration: 1 Year

Responsibilities: To assist Programme Manager (VBDC Programme) in logistic management of GF (Malaria Component); to monitor and supervise logistic management (supplies & equipments, commodities & products-received/distributed or used/balanced) at different levels; Record keeping and reporting; to perform any other related duties.

Requirement: MBBS or equivalent Medical Degree; At least five (5) years experience in malaria control activities.

Post No. 3: Assistant Project Officer (Training)-1 position Duration: 1 Year

Responsibilities: To assist Programme Manager (VBDC Programme) in training activities of GF (Malaria Component); To assist in development and production of training materials, guidelines and manuals. To plan training programme and to monitor and supervise training activities at different levels; To perform any other related duties.

Requirement: MBBS or equivalent Medical Degree; At least five (5) years experience in malaria control activities.

Post No. 4: Computer Operator- 1 position Duration: 1 Year

Responsibilities: To assist Programme Manager (VBDC Programme) and Assistant; Project Officers for correspondence with other departments; to assist in recording, reporting and data analysis; to perform any other related duties.

Requirement: Graduation from any university and Diploma in Computer Science or LCCI level III; At least three (3) years experience in computer works; Good skills in English and office work; Familiar with electronic data processing techniques and advanced software, hardware and PC maintenance.

Position No. 5: Junior Office Assistant (Computer)-1 position Duration: 1 Year

Responsibilities: To assist Computer Operator. To assist in recording, reporting and data analysis. To perform any other related duties.

Requirement: Minimal education level of passed Basic High School. Good skills in computer works. Working experience of at least two (2) years in office work.

Position No. 6: Driver- 1 position Duration: 1 Year

Responsibilities: To drive safely in any place/ region; take care of maintenance of vehicles regularly.

Requirement: Minimal driving experience of three (3) years; must have valid driving license; availability for 24 hours service.

In addition to the above posts, National Non Governmental Organizations (NNGOs) such as Myanmar Medical Association (MMA) and Myanmar Council of Churches (MCC) have similar positions. Detailed job descriptions can be seen at the UNDP office and respective organizations.

Candidates should indicate clearly the **Post Number and Post Title** in their applications with the following documents. Persons applying more than one post should submit separate applications.

Interested candidates should submit their application via **registered mail** with updated CV, recent photo, educational certificates and references to **The Deputy Resident Representative (Operations), Attention: Human Resources Unit, UNDP Office, PO Box 650, Yangon, Myanmar, by 29-7-2005.**

Only those candidates whose qualifications and experience are of further interest to the organization will be contacted for subsequent interview. UNDP regrets its inability to reply individually or attend to telephone queries on the advertised posts. UNDP is an equal opportunity employer.

UN says Indonesia tsunami aid blockages fixed

JAKARTA, 16 July—The United Nations said on Friday international aid was flowing smoothly to tsunami-hit areas of Aceh, denying reports of large numbers of containers languishing on Indonesian wharfs.

Michael Whiting of the UN Joint Logistics Centre in Aceh, on the northern tip of Sumatra Island, said early blockages were largely due to the inexperience of many non-government aid groups that flocked to the region after

the December 26 disaster. "It's well within manageable proportions now," Whiting said.

"Every one has been extremely cooperative and we are all focussed on the same thing. Get the stuff to the people who need it

as quickly as we can," he told *Reuters*.

The international community has pledged billions of dollars in aid to tsunami-hit regions around the Indian Ocean, with the lion's share going to Indonesia.—*MNA/Reuters*

Canada, Denmark agree on joint undersea survey

OTTAWA, 16 July—Canada and Denmark have agreed to team up on an undersea data collection project that will help both countries fulfil international commitments.

Representatives from Natural Resources Canada and the Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in Ottawa on 27 June, 2005, according to a Press release issued by Natural Resources Canada on Thursday.

The MoU outlined collaborative surveys in areas north of Ellesmere Island, in Canada's eastern high Arctic, and Greenland, a home rule territory of Denmark.

The surveys would help establish the limits of the undersea continental shelves of both countries, as required under the United Nations Conven-

tion on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

"This cooperative approach will make it easier for our northern nations to deal with the tremendous technical and physical challenges posed by the harsh climate and remote locations of these studies," said R. John Efford, Minister of Natural Resources Canada.

The Geological Survey of Canada and the Canadian Hydrographic Service of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans are currently performing surveys to determine the limits of those portions of Canada's Arctic and Atlantic continental shelves that lie beyond the 200-

nautical-mile exclusive economic zone.

Canada must submit particulars of these limits, along with supporting technical data, to the UN within 10 years of the date on which it became a party to UNCLOS, which was 7 December, 2003.

Establishing the limits of the extended continental shelf would allow Canada to determine precisely the full extent of the area over which it exercises exclusive sovereign rights for the purpose of exploration and exploitation of natural resources, such as minerals, hydrocarbons and sedentary species, the release said.

MNA/Xinhua

Australia to consider ID card to fight terrorism

SYDNEY, 16 July—Australia should consider introducing a national identity card in the wake of the London bombings and the rise in global terrorism, Prime Minister John Howard said on Friday.

Australia last debated a national ID card, called the Australia Card, in 1987. Howard, then in opposition, opposed the card, but now says times have changed.

"This is an issue that ought to be back on the table...in the wake of something like the terrible tragedy in London," Howard told a news conference ahead of a trip to Washington and London to discuss security and trade.

The British Government in June took the first parliamentary step towards introducing identity cards to counter terrorism. The biometric ID cards, a world first, would use fingerprint, face and iris recognition to identify Britons.

The Australian newspaper reported on Friday that the conservative government's National Security Committee was examining whether tougher measures, including ID cards, were needed to close loopholes in counter-terrorism operations.

Australia is a staunch ally of the United States, sending troops to both Iraq and Afghanistan, and has been on medium security alert since September 11, 2001.

Australia's Embassy

in Jakarta was bombed in 2004 and 88 Australians were killed in the 2002 Bali bombings but there has never been a major peacetime attack on home soil.

British police say the London train and bus bombings were the work of three British Muslims of Pakistani origin and a Jamaican-born Briton. Howard has said Australia could also be the target of "homegrown" suicide bombers.

Two Australian men, of Middle East and Asian origin, are to stand trial on separate charges on planning a terror attack in Sydney and compiling a "terrorist manual".

Queensland state Labour premier Peter Beattie backed an ID system, saying Australia may be forced to introduce compulsory ID cards due to global terrorism. "With what's happening with terrorism in the world, I think it's very likely," he said.

Beattie said ID cards would also prevent Australians being mistaken as illegal immigrants and detained or deported. Australia is investigating 200 cases of wrongful detention.

He said privacy concerns which stymied the Australia Card were no

longer an issue because personal information was now readily available via credit cards and drivers licences.

Identity cards are used in about a dozen European Union countries, although they are not always compulsory. Britons have not carried ID cards since they were abolished after World War II.—*MNA/Reuters*

NASA's shuttle launch off till late next week

CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 16 July—NASA said on Friday that the earliest it could launch the space shuttle *Discovery* on the first shuttle mission since the 2003 *Columbia* accident would be late next week, after liftoff was postponed two days ago because of a technical problem.

The US space agency said it had formally halted the countdown as engineers searched for the cause of the fault that prevented *Discovery's* launch.

"We are backing out, standing down from the countdown, which means the next launch attempt will be late next week at the earliest," a NASA spokesman told reporters. More details would be revealed at a news conference late Friday.—*MNA/Reuters*

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Hurricane "Emily" weakens, closes in on Jamaica

KINGSTON (Jamaica), 16 July — Jamaica evacuated its old pirate town, Port Royal, and other flood-prone coastal areas on Friday as Hurricane Emily drew closer, the second hurricane to threaten the Caribbean island in 10 days.

The government ordered thousands of people evacuated from homes to schools and churches as a safety precaution, many of them from Portmore, a city of 300,000 about 7 miles west of Kingston, which routinely floods.

The small settlement of Port Royal, a bawdy hangout for the legendary buccaners of the Spanish Main four centuries ago, was particularly vulnerable. The village, much of which was cast into the sea by an earthquake in 1692, sits at the end of a long spit of land on Kingston's harbour south of

the capital.

Jamaica was still tallying the damage from Hurricane Dennis, which killed one person when it swept along the north shore on 7 July. The storm's powerful core stayed offshore but heavy rain and strong waves pounded the island.

Dennis killed 70 other people in Haiti, Cuba and the United States.

"We have identified the communities that are most vulnerable to flooding and will be placing special emphasis on these," Jamaican Environment Minister Dean

Peart said. "Transportation is in place to move citizens and we are stocking up the shelters with bedding, food and other items."

Authorities closed government offices early on Friday and urged businesses to send employees home. Fishermen returned to shore and secured their boats.

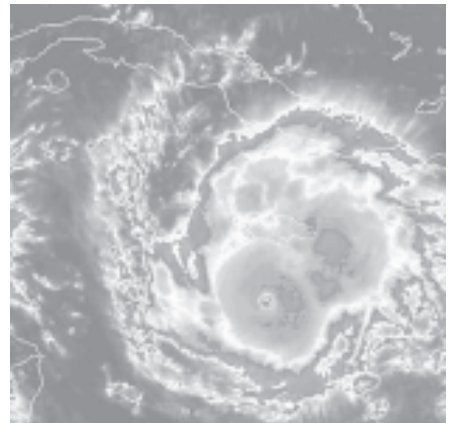
At 5 pm EDT (2100 GMT), the centre of Emily was located about 350 miles southeast of Kingston and was moving to the west at about 20-mile per hour, the US National Hurricane Centre in

Miami said.

Emily briefly reached Category 4 status on the five-stage Saffir-Simpson hurricane scale on Friday when its sustained winds hit 135-mile per hour. It had weakened to 105-mile per hour by Friday afternoon.

Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, and southern areas of the Dominican Republic and Haiti were under storm alerts.

MNA/Reuters



This National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration satellite image shows Hurricane Emily moving northwest in the Caribbean on 16 July, 2005. —INTERNET

Romania floods kill 21 in July, thousands homeless

TUDOR VLADIMIRESCU (Romania), 16 July — The death toll this month in Romania's worst floods for 50 years reached 21 on Friday, with thousands left homeless, as villagers in the worst-hit east waged a frantic battle to salvage livelihoods.

Torrential rains have swept the Balkan State, swelling rivers, flooding homes and churning up roads, hitting the eastern part of the country in the past week particularly hard.

"Our first priority at this moment is to save human lives," said President Traian Basescu, who went to the northeastern county of Buzau to assess the situation.

Deputy Interior Minister Victor Dobre, speaking after a government crisis meeting in Bucharest, put the death toll in the past week at 15, making the toll this month 21.

Authorities said 12,166 people were evacuated, over 13,800 houses were flooded and 368 completely destroyed by water, which swamped over 88,000 hectares (217,400 acres) of farmland.

Villagers in Tudor Vladimirescu, 185 miles northeast of Bucharest, battled frantically against the floodwaters, but about one third of around 1,000 homes were almost totally submerged.

They worked to build dams to contain the waters of the river Siret, which has risen to historic highs.

"We hope to keep the water away, on the farm, to prevent it from destroying the village," Constantin Trifan, deputy

mayor of Tudor Vladimirescu, told Reuters while working to build a dam made of dirt and stones.

Television footage showed hundreds of virtually submerged homes, dead animals floating on the water and people stranded on rooftops being rescued by army helicopters and boats.

Officials said a first estimate showed the floods, which hit 31 out of Romania's 42 counties, were worse than those in the west of the country in April and May which had

caused nearly 600 million US dollars worth of damage and were the worst in 50 years.

"The situation is much more serious, we have four times more people evacuated, more deaths and more houses destroyed," Dobre said.

The government earmarked around one billion new lei (344 million US dollars) to rebuild the infrastructure in the affected areas, with authorities estimating around 310 miles of roads were affected by the floods.

MNA/Reuters

London team had home explosives like shoebomber

LONDON, 16 July — Police have found highly volatile homemade explosive, similar to that used by "shoebomber" Richard Reid, at sites linked to the four suspected London suicide attackers, investigative sources said.

But it remained unclear on Friday whether the explosive found in the raids was the same as that used to blow up three underground trains and a bus in London in a suspected al-Qaeda attack on 7 July, killing at least 54 people including the four bombers.

A BBC report, described by police as accurate, said the material found in the searches was TATP (triacetone triperoxide), the explosive that Reid unsuccessfully tried to ignite in his shoes on a transatlantic flight in 2001. He was jailed for life by a US court in 2003.

Instructions for making TATP from readily available household chemicals are easily obtained on the Internet. But the compound — nicknamed "Mother of Satan" — is highly volatile and liable to explode prematurely if subjected to friction, impact or change of temperature. "The key issue is its immense instability, especially in production and transport," said Alex Standish, editor of *Jane's Intelligence Digest* and a former artillery officer.

"We know that around 40 Palestinian would-be bomb makers or suicide

bombers have been killed just in the manufacturing or handling of this kind of material." Police who discovered the caches of explosive in searches this week in northern England and in Luton, near London, evacuated wide areas and carried out a series of controlled blasts to make the sites safe. Standish said it would have been desperately risky to transport TATP over a journey of several hours by car, overground and underground trains from Leeds, where three of the bomb suspects lived, to London.

MNA/Reuters



A British police officer guards a road block as a house is searched in connection with investigations into the London bombings in the Beeston area of Leeds, northern England, on 16 July, 2005. —INTERNET

Vietnam imposes zero VAT on local cloth

HANOI, 16 July — Vietnam has decided to place value-added tax (VAT) of zero on locally-made cloth used to produce items for export, instead of the current rate of 10 per cent, to assist garment exporters.

The Vietnamese Government approved the Industry Ministry's VAT proposal, since local garment and textile enterprises are seeing slow-down in export, according to the Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association on Friday.

Vietnam's textile and garment export to the United States, one of its major markets, dropped 20 per cent to 675 million US dollars in the first half of this year. In the period, Vietnam earned nearly 2.1 billion dollars from exporting garments and textiles to over 100 countries and regions, posting a year-on-year rise of 0.1 per cent.

The country has targeted total garment and textile export turnovers of 5 to 5.2 billion dollars this year, up from nearly 4.4 billion dollars last year. The local garment and textile industry's weak points include heavy reliance on material imports and outsourcing contracts of foreign companies, and lack of well-known trademarks, the association said. —MNA/Xinhua

S P O R T S



Argentine club Boca Juniors' Marcelo Delgado (C) fights for the ball with English Tottenham Hotspur's Anthony Gardner (L) and Tom Huddlestone during the second half in the 2005 Peace Cup Korea at the Suwon World Cup Stadium, south of Seoul, on 16 July, 2005. Boca Juniors and Tottenham Hotspur drew 2-2. —INTERNET

Emre joins Newcastle

LONDON, 16 July— English Premier League side Newcastle United have completed the capture of midfielder Emre from Inter Milan.

The 24-year-old Turkey international has agreed a five-year deal and becomes manager Graeme Souness' second summer addition.

"I am very happy to have signed for Newcastle United because they are one of the biggest clubs in England," Emre told the club's website.

"This is a very big club and I am so excited about the prospect of playing in the Premiership."

He added: "It is a new challenge and one I am looking forward to very much."

"I would like to thank the manager Graeme Souness and chairman Freddy Shepherd for having the trust in me to bring me to Newcastle."

Souness, who has also signed midfielder Scott Parker from Chelsea, is a big admirer of the midfielder.

He earlier said: "He's much admired in Italy, is a star in his home country and he will be a big success here."

"He's got fantastic enthusiasm and will be a good all-round player for us."

"He will bring a bit of grit and determination and he is a real flair player as well."

"He works very hard, he has been in Italy for a number of years and has obviously learned a great deal of his trade out there. "He will do well and he is keen to play English football. He sees it as a type of football that will suit him." — MNA/Xinhua

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Mexico, S Africa to reach Gold Cup quarters

WASHINGTON, 16 July— Mexico nipped Jamaica 1-0 and South Africa held Guatemala 1-1 on Wednesday to close out Group C play of the CONCACAF Gold Cup competition and advanced to the quarterfinals with top and second finish respectively.

Mexico completed the first phrase on the top of the Group C table with six points, ahead of South Africa on five and Jamaica on four. Guatemala is now eliminated from the competition after coming last with one point.

In the quarterfinals, Jamaica, who advanced as the better third-placed side, will play the United States on Saturday, while Mexico faces Colombia and South Africa takes on Panama on Sunday.

Coming off a 4-0 win over Guatemala last Sunday, four-time Gold Cup

champion Mexico took a 1-0 lead in the 18th minute after Gerardo Galindo lobbed a pass up the middle to Albert Medina, who took it 35 metres out and raced in to score from 15 metres.

South Africa played out its second straight draw after a 3-3 stalemate against Jamaica on Sunday, as Guatemala took a 1-0 lead in the 37th minute with a goal from Gonzalo Romero and South Africa tied it in the 45th minute when Solace Nkosi turned a pass from Siyabanga Nomvete into score. — MNA/Xinhua

Armstrong, Sorenstam win ESPY Awards

WASHINGTON, 16 July— Six-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong and golfer Annika Sorenstam won the male and female athlete of the year respectively at the 13th annual ESPY Awards on Wednesday.

It is the third consecutive time for Armstrong to win the honour. He won over Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, golfer Vijay Singh, Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps and Olympic skier Bode Miller.

The cyclist also received the professional grade play award.

Sorenstam's victory gave her seven career ESPYs, breaking a tie with Barry Bonds for second

on the all-time list. She beat out former Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova, Olympic swimmer Natalie Coughlin and LSU basketball star Seimone Augustus.

Tiger Woods, returning to his winning ways after being shut out last year for the first time since 1999, won best golfer, his record 16th honour at the made-for-TV awards.

MNA/Xinhua

Vieira to join Juventus

LONDON, 16 July— Arsenal accepted Juventus' 13.75-million-pound offer for Patrick Vieira on Friday and the French international is now discussing personal terms with the Italian side. A statement issued by Arsenal said: "We can confirm that terms have been agreed for the transfer of Patrick Vieira to Juventus for a total fee of 20 million euros".

Vieira, who has been at Highbury since 1996, has flown to Turin and will undergo a medical on Friday.

The 29-year-old midfielder, who is expected to sign a five-year deal with Juve, was the first signing for manager Arsene Wenger when he arrived at the club.

Reports in Italy suggest Juventus will pay an initial instalment of 6.88 million pounds, with payments of 3.44 million to follow in July 2006 and July 2007.

Wenger said: "I share the sadness with our supporters that Patrick has left us."

"But on the other hand I would say to them 'trust us and support us'. The sad thing is he leaves us, but the good thing is that he leaves us on a high."

"Patrick was a great player for us, one of the greatest in the club's history and I feel I had a special relationship with him because I made him come here."

"I think his impact, not only at Arsenal but in English football overall, was just tremendous."

Vieira has been linked with a move away from Highbury for the last few summers, and was said to be close to a 23-million-pound switch to Madrid last summer. But he admitted he is in need of a new challenge after nine years with the north London club.

MNA/Xinhua

56 judokas to participate in Pan-American tournament

RIO DE JANEIRO, 16 July— Over 56 judokas from Argentina, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, United States and Venezuela will take part in the Pan-American Cup in Rio de Janeiro, slated on 23-24 July, said Thursday the Brazilian Olympic Committee (COB).

The Pan-American Judo Cup is sponsored by the Organizing Committee of the Rio 2007 Pan-American Games, in association with the Brazilian Judo Confederation.

The competition will take place at Tijuca Tennis Club, north of Rio de Janeiro, in which the participating teams will start arriving Wednesday.

This contest will serve participants to prepare for the Pan-American Games of next year, according to the organizers.

MNA/Xinhua

Cold war between Robinho, Santos continues

SAO PAULO, 16 July— Robinho's continual absence from Santos training court for 14 consecutive day finally made Santos fine the Brazilian brilliant star, official said in a statement on Thursday.

Santos said Robinho is to be fined for his immature behaviour, but the detailed amount refused to disclose.

"He still is a Santos' employee," club spokesman Aldo Neto said. "We will keep fining him for missing work until he decides to show up again."

Since his return from the Confederations Cup in late June, Robinho has not appeared on the training field. He said he will continue until club agree to negotiate with Spain's Real Madrid for his transfer.

Santos president Marcelo Teixeira has said that Robinho will stay until next year's World Cup unless a club pays 50 million US dollars (euro 41 million) that is stipulated in Robinho's contract, which runs until 2008.

Robinho said recently that Teixeira last year has agreed to release him for only 25 million US dollars (euro 20 million), which is the exact amount Real Madrid has reportedly offered to Santos.

Led by Robinho, Santos has won national titles in 2002 and 2004, which is the team's only significant championships since the late 1960. — MNA/Xinhua



Gennadiy Golovkin (R) of Kazakhstan punches Yordanis Despaigne Herrera of Cuba during the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA) World Cup in the weight category of 75 kg in Moscow, on 16 July, 2005. —INTERNET

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၁။ ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာသည် စနစ်တကျ အသုံးမပြုပါက ပါဝင်သည့် အပင်အာဟာရ နိုက်ထရိုဂျင် ဓာတ် (၆၀) မှ (၈၀) ရာခိုင်နှုန်းအထိ လေလွင့်ဆုံးရှုံးစေနိုင်ပါသည်။ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုကြောင့် စပါးတစ်စက်လျှင် ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာ (နှစ်) အိတ်သုံးပါက (၅) ပုံ (၁) ပုံသာ အပင်မှ ရရှိနိုင်ပါသည်။

၂။ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုသည် (၁) အမိုးနီးယမ်အိုင်ယွန်း (NH₄⁺) အဖြစ် စီးဆင်းရေနှင့် ပါသွားသည်။ (၂) အမိုးနီးယားဓာတ်ငွေ့ (NH₃) အဖြစ် လေထဲတွင် အငွေ့ပျံ့ဆုံးရှုံးသွားသည်။ (၃) နိုက်ထရိုဂျင်ဓာတ် (N₂) အဖြစ် လေထဲသို့ အငွေ့ပျံ့သည်။ အပူချိန်နိမ့်သော နံနက်ပိုင်းတွင် စပါးခင်းများ မြေရေပြင်ဓာတ် (pH₂) ဝန်းကျင်တွင်ရှိသော်လည်း နေလည်ပိုင်းအပူချိန်မြင့်တက်လာပါက မြေအချဉ်ဓာတ်မှာ (pH₁) ထိ ရှိလာပြီး အမိုးနီးယားဓာတ်ငွေ့ (NH₃) အဖြစ် ပြောင်းလဲကာ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုများစေသည်။

၃။ သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာ အကျိုးရှိရှိ အသုံးပြုနိုင်ရန်အတွက် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း စနစ်တကျ သုံးစွဲရန် နိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်-

(က) စပါးပင်သက်တမ်း တစ်လျှောက်လုံးအတွက် တစ်စက်လျှင် ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာတစ်အိတ်နှင့် သဘာဝမြေဩဇာ (နွားချေး/ မြေဆွေး/ အမှိုက်ဆွေး/ တိုက်ရိုက်) သုံးအိတ် သုံးစွဲပါ။

(ခ) သုံးစွဲမည့် ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာနှင့် သဘာဝမြေဩဇာကို တစ်ကြိမ်တည်းမသုံးစွဲဘဲ စပါးပင်မှ နိုက်ထရိုဂျင်ဓာတ် လိုအပ်ချိန်မှာ ဖြစ်သည့် ကောက်ပင်လှန်ချိန်၊ ပင်ပွားအများဆုံး ထွက်ချိန်၊ မှိုကပ်ချိန် (သို့မဟုတ်) ရောင်စဉ်ကတ်ကို သုံး၍ အပင်လိုအပ်ချိန်တွင် ထည့်သွင်းပါ။

(ဂ) တစ်ကြိမ်လျှင် ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာ တစ်အိတ်၏ သုံးပုံတစ်ပုံကို သဘာဝမြေဩဇာ တစ်အိတ်နှင့် သမအောင်ရေပေါ်။ ရေစပ် ရာတွင် အစိုဓာတ်များ မများလွန်းစေဘဲ သင့်တင့်သော အစိုဓာတ်သာရှိအောင် ဂရုပြု၍ အပေါ်မှ ပလပ်စတစ်၊ ဂုန်နီအိတ်၊ ဖျာစသည်တို့ဖြင့် လုံခြုံစွာ ဖုံးအုပ်၍ တစ်ညနှပ်ထားပါ။

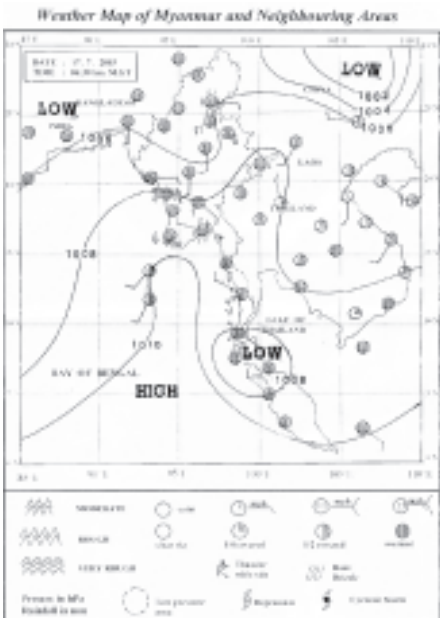
(ဃ) မိုးအုံ့ပါက နေလယ်ပိုင်းတွင် မြေဩဇာအရောကို ကြိပ်ကိုင်နိုင်သော်လည်း နေပူပြင်းပါက နံနက်ပိုင်း (၇) နာရီမှ (၉) နာရီအတွင်းနှင့် ညနေ (၃) နာရီနောက်ပိုင်းမှ ကြိပ်ပါ။

(င) မြေဩဇာအရောကို စပါးခင်းတွင် ကြိပ်ကိုင်ထည့်ပြီးတိုင်း တမန်းဖြင့်အောက်သို့ ရောက်ရှိရန် မြေဖြင့်နှင်းမြှုပ်၍ သော်လည်းကောင်း၊ ပေါင်းလိုက်တမန်းနိုး ကိရိယာအသုံးပြု၍သော်လည်းကောင်း တမန်း အောက်ရောက်အောင် ဆောင်ရွက်ပေးခြင်းဖြင့် ပိုမိုထိရောက်နိုင်ပါသည်။

လယ်ယာစိုက်ပျိုးရေးနှင့် ဆည်မြောင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepts the cash donation donated by a wellwisher recently for Sasana promotion and propagation. — H



WEATHER

Sunday, 17 July, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Shan State, scattered in Kachin and Rakhine States, isolated in Chin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bahmo and Thaton (0.43) inch each and Kawthong (0.39) inch.

Maximum temperature on 16-7-2005 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 17-7-2005 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 17-7-2005 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 16-7-2005 was (2.4) hours approx. Rainfalls on 17-7-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye, central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (37.36 inches) at Mingaladon, (34.57 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (40.32 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (9) mph from southwest at (14:00) hours MST on 16-7-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 18-7-2005: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be widespread in Kachin and Shan States, scattered in Rakhine State, and Ayeyawady Division and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 60%.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 18-7-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 18-7-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Counterfeit drugs pose threat to Zimbabwe

HARARE, 17 July — The fight against use of counterfeit drugs has been compounded by shortage of drugs and the high cost of health services, which eroded gains made in the public health sector of Zimbabwe, an official said on Friday.

Speaking at a belated commemoration of International Nurses Day, with the theme of "Nurses for patients: targeting counterfeit and substandard drugs", the Minister of Health and Child Welfare, David Parirenyatwa said the HIV/AIDS pandemic had worsened the problem.

"The challenge from counterfeit medicines is a growing problem which, if not curbed, will see all our gains in the public health sector and phar-

macology eroded," the minister said.

"This problem is further compounded by the HIV/AIDS pandemic where everybody seeks instant remedy."

Counterfeits, he said, made up more than 10 per cent of the global medicines available in the market and were found in both developed and developing nations.

To counter the problem, the government had established an effective control body in the Medi-

cines Control Authority of Zimbabwe, which ensured that the appropriate medicines were sold by the right people in the right places.

Consumers were also an important part in the bid to counter the manufacture, sale and consumption of fake drugs, the minister said.

International Nurses Day is commemorated on 12 May every year. This year's campaign aims to increase awareness of the existence of counterfeit

medicines, provide the tools to identify them and to encourage nurses and other health professionals to lobby the government and regulatory authorities to pay increased attention to the existence of such drugs.

MNA/Xinhua



Monday, 18 July Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -Stay
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: Venus
- 8.50 am National news/ Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: Girl you're my love
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 pm Music
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music -(Music) 3 -Kissing you -Love'll be waiting
- 9.00 pm Spotlight on the Star -Jim Reeves -7 days -Your wedding
- 9.10 pm Article
- 9.20 pm Women's Affairs
- 9.35 pm Golden land melody
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

TV Myanmar

Monday, 18 July View on today:

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara

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. Song of national races

8:00 am

6. Cute little dancers

8:10 am

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

8. ခိုလှုံခြုံရေးအဖွဲ့တီးဝတ်

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Grammar Made Easy

- 4:00 pm**

 1. Martial song

- 4:15 pm**

 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

- 4:30 pm**

 3. Demonstration Exercises For Correct Pronunciation

- 4:45 pm**

 4. Musical programme

- 5:00 pm**

 5. အထူးသတင်းစာအဖွဲ့အစည်းမှ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဝတ်စုံနှင့် (သတ္တဝါ၊ ရုက္ခဗေဒ အထူးပြုများ) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)

- 5:15 pm**

 6. Dance variety

- 5:30 pm**

 7. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းစား ဂီတစား

- 5:40 pm**

 8. Song and dance of national races

- 5:50 pm**

 9. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာအုပ်

- 6:00 pm**

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

- 6:10 pm**

 11. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပုလဲအားပြုလုပ်ဆောင်ရွက်" (အပိုင်း-၅)

- 6:30 pm**

 12. Evening news

- 7:00 pm**

 13. Weather reports

- 7:05 pm**

 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆေးနိဂုံးရေးရန်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၅)

- 7:35 pm**

 15. Musical programme

- 7:45 pm**

 16. Industrial achievement

- 8:00 pm**

 17. News
 18. International news
 19. Weather report
 20. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟောမန်ဆောင်ရွက်" (အပိုင်း-၃၅)
 21. The next day's programme

Local people urged to take part in education, health and human resource development tasks harmoniously Lt-Gen Maung Bo tours Taninthayi Division

YANGON, 17 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, together with Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Col Cho Tun Aung of Ye Station, donated K 100,000 to the funds of Khawza Station Hospital through Dr Tun Tun Soe on 15 July morning.

Next, they viewed round the units at the hospital. In Khawza, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented K 500,000 for development of the region to Khawza Town Administrative Officer U Tint Naing. Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected the office of the town GAD and the site for building Khawza-Meedaingdat Bridge.

At the local battalion, they met with officers, other ranks and family members.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo donated K 1 million for renovation of old Khawza Monastery and the commander 500 bags of cement for construction of the Dhammayon for new Khawza monastery.

At the old monastery, they met with local authorities and people.

They proceeded to Kyaungywa Station. Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Col Cho Tun Aung provided clothes, 100 sets of school uniform, (See page 8)



Lt-Gen Maung Bo presents school uniforms to Headmistress of Kyaungywa Village BEHS (Branch) in Ye Township. —MNA

Taikkyi Township equipped with education and health facilities



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects plantations in special high yield monsoon paddy cultivation zone in Taikkyi Township. — MNA

YANGON, 17 July — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Com-

mander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe attended opening ceremony of new buildings

of BEHS branch Bantwekon and Aingkalaung Station Hospital in conjunction with

cash donation ceremony in Taikkyi Township, Yangon North District this afternoon.

First, Taikkyi Station Commander Col Tint Wai and Director U Ye Lwin Aung of No 3 Basic

Education Department formally opened the new buildings.

Maj-Gen Myint Swe and officials then viewed round them. At the school hall, the commander delivered a speech.

Col Tint Wai and U Ye Lwin Aung explained efforts for building the new ones and expressed thanks for opening them.

At cash donation ceremony, Maj-Gen Myint Swe accepted K 5,009,000 donated by the wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them. The ceremony ended.

(See page 10)

Health minister tours Magway, Bago Divisions

YANGON, 17 July — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, accompanied by Director-General of the Health Department Dr Tin Win Maung, Deputy Director-General of the Medical Science Department (Upper

Myanmar) Maung Maung Wint and Deputy Director-General of Medical Research Department U Than Aung, inspected the people's hospital in Aunglan Township, Magway Division on 15 July.

In the evening, the

minister and party arrived at the construction work site of University of Primary Health in Tawseint village in Salin Township and heard the reports by the officials.

Afterwards, the minister and party proceeded to Minbu District Teaching Hospital and inspected the use of operation equipment, medicine store, the progress of constructing the school building and the site to construct the hospital wards.

(See page 10)



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint inspects construction of University of Primary Health (Magway) in Tawseint Village in Salin. — MNA

Earthquake centres near NyaungU

YANGON, 17 July — An earthquake of moderate intensity 5.5 Richter Scale with its epicentre near NyaungU, about 270 miles north of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 7 hours, 35 minutes and 46 seconds MST today. The earthquake caused no damage. — MNA