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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

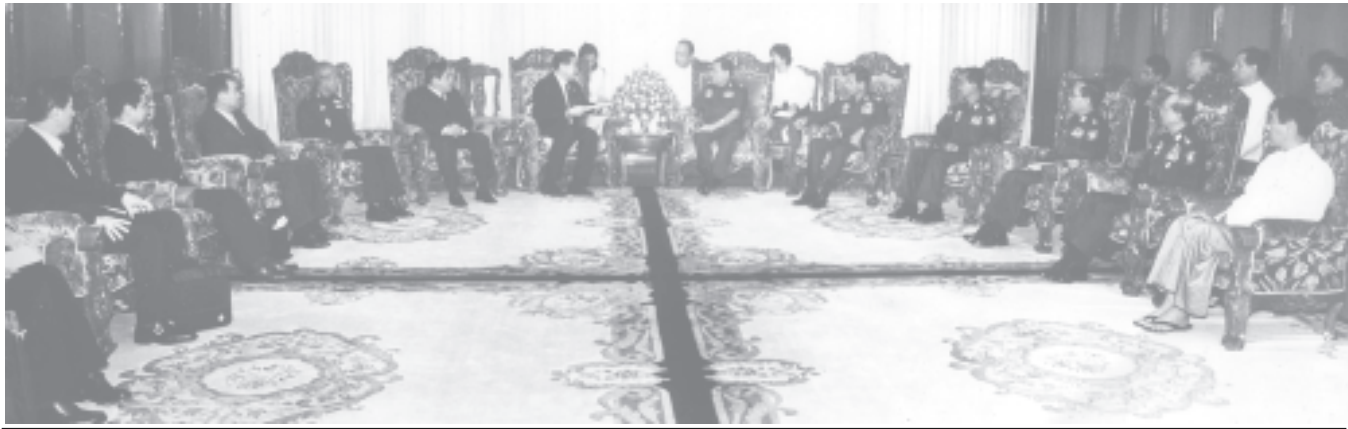
Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Maldives

YANGON, 26 July— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, President of the Republic of Maldives on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Maldives, which falls on 26 July 2005. —MNA

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe receives special envoy of Thai Prime Minister, Thai Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe receives special envoy of Thai PM and party

YANGON, 25 July—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe received special envoy of Thai Prime Minister, Thai Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai and party at Credentials Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building on Pyay Road here this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, member of State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Soe Win, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Deputy Ministers for Foreign

Affairs U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of Protocol Department, and the guests were accompanied by Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal to the Union of Myanmar.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and party pose for documentary photo together with special envoy of Thai Prime Minister, Thai Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 26 July, 2005

Forge national unity and safeguard the State

It is a bounden duty for all the Union-born nationals to safeguard and defend their motherland with full national spirit as long as they live in order that independence and sovereignty of the State last forever. And now is the time when all the national brethren are constantly striving for the perpetual existence of the State and for more and more consolidated national unity.

The history of Myanmar shows that the national people became suspicious of one another due to the divide-and-rule policy of the colonialists. However, armed groups of national races who realized the good intentions of the government, the Tatmadaw and the people and futility of armed struggle line have returned to the legal fold and are now taking an active and enthusiastic part in the regional development tasks.

Out of the armed groups that have come to the legal fold differentiating right from wrong and good from bad, SSNA Brigade 11 led by U Kan Na, Brigade 19 led by U Gon Khay and PSLA group led by U Aik Mone made bold decisions and unconditionally exchanged arms for peace. In the same way, SSNA Brigade 6 led by U Sai Ku and the SSA breakaway group led by U Sai Yee, who had returned to the legal fold since 1995, unconditionally exchanged arms for peace in Lashio, Shan State (North), on 23 July.

The national brethren's return to the legal fold and unconditional exchange of arms for peace like this is a milestone in the history of the Union of Myanmar. It is good deed for which both the government and the entire national people should be proud of. This has proved that the national brethren are becoming more and more united in spite of the attempts of neocolonialists and their lackeys to drive a wedge, destabilize the nation, hamper its development and weaken national unity.

We would like to call on the national people to forge the national unity stronger and stronger and to safeguard and defend the State, hand in hand with the government and the Tatmadaw.

Cyber Game Exhibition on MICT Park

YANGON, 25 July— With the aim of contributing to development of Myanmar ICT and enabling Myanmar youth to take part in international e-Sport, Cyber Game Exhibition 2005, the first ever in Myanmar, will be held with the assistance of Smart Computer Technology (MSI) and Loi Hein Co from 27 to 31 July on MICT Park in Hlaing Township. The games will be held in two categories— amateur and professional levels. Those interested may view the games held from 27 to 30 July free of charge and prizes will be presented on 31 July after the final matches.

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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

FM to attend meetings in Laos

YANGON, 25 July— At the invitation of Chairman of the 38th ASEAN Standing Committee Deputy Prime Minister and also Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win left here for Vientiane to attend the 38th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting, 12th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), ASEAN+3 Foreign Ministers' Meeting and meeting between ASEAN and dialogue partners to be held from 25 to 29 July in Vientiane, LPDR.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs was seen off at the airport by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, ambassadors of ASEAN countries and officials of MOFA.

Together with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Myanmar Ambassador to LPDR U Tin Oo, Director-General U Thuang Tun of Political Department,



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win before his departure for Vientiane. — MNA

Waso robes offered in Myingyan

YANGON, 25 July — A ceremony to offer Waso robes to Sandhatawpyi Pagoda was held for the fifth time in Myingyan on 20 July.

Present on the occasion were Presiding Sayadaw of Myingyan Township Zetalingaya Pariyatti Sarthintaik Joint-Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kitti and members of the Sangha, Secretary of Myingyan Township Peace and Development Council U Mya Aung and executives, members of board of trustees and wellwishers.

First, the congregation received the Eight Precepts from the presiding Sayadaw and shared merits gained. Next, the congregation offered Waso robes to four Buddha Images and 185 members of the Sangha.

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Director-General U Aung Bwa of ASEAN Affairs Department, Col Thein Lwin of the Ministry of Defence, Director U Tun Ohn and Assistant Director U Nyi Soe of ASEAN Affairs Department and First Secretary U Min Thein of Myanmar embassy in Vientiane will also attend the meetings. —MNA

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Maldives

YANGON, 26 July— On the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Maldives, which falls on 26 July 2005, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Fathulla Jameel, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives. — MNA

Rice trading course opened

YANGON, 25 July— Under the supervision of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Rice Trading Course (Program-2) conducted by Myanmar Rice Growers Association was opened this afternoon at UMFCCI Training centre on Bo Sun Pat Street, here.

Secretary-General of UMFCCI President of MRGA U Sein Win Hlaing made an opening speech. Next, CEC member U Nyein of UMFCCI explained facts about the course. The two-week course is being attended by 40 trainees. — MNA



Secretary-General of UMFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing makes an opening speech at the UMFCCI Training centre on Bo Sunpat Street. — MNA

Myanmar stands first in Invitational Archery Contest



Silver medalist Myanmar archery team in women's team compound event. — NLM

YANGON, 25 July— Myanmar archery team participating in the 29th International Invitational Archery Contest held in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia bagged one silver in women's team compound event, one bronze in men's team recurve event in the final day of the competitions today. After the final matches, Myanmar archers won five gold, seven silver and six bronze and stood first among competing six countries.

The victorious Myanmar archery team led by President of Myanmar Archery Federation Dr Khin Shwe and Vice-President Dr Zaw Tun will arrive back here on 27th July. — NLM

Export to contribute less to China's economic boom

BELING, 24 July — China's foreign trade is unlikely to surge as fast as it did in the first half of this year, and it will play a less important role in China's economic growth later this year, an economist said on Friday.

Citing official figures from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Zuo Xiaolei, chief economist of China Galaxy Securities Company, said that China enjoyed a trade surplus of almost 39.6 billion US dollars the first half of the year, as against a trade deficit of 6.8 billion US dollars in the same period last year, increasing 46.4 billion US dollars year-on-year.

"Since each percentage point comes from over 62 billion yuan (7.64 billion US dollars), the increased surplus may have contributed some five out of the 9.5 percentage points of the GDP growth. In other words, a major part of the GDP growth derived from the exports, which deserves our concern," she said.

"The favourable balance of 16 billion US dollars had a lot to do with the global textile liberalization this January that triggered the trade disputes between China and the Europe Union. We have to face the fact that the global market is not without limits," she warned. "Agreements between governments also indicate the possible slowdown of export growth in the second half of the year. Therefore, the surge of exports is unlikely to continue for long," she added.

"To maintain smooth and healthy economic growth, China should not focus on restraining investment in overheated industries. Instead, emphasis should be on supporting industries short of funds with capital and preferential treatment," she suggested.—MNA/Xinhua

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Smoke rises after a powerful bomb exploded in central Baghdad on early 25 July, 2005.—INTERNET

Straw backs down on denial of Iraq connection

LONDON, 24 July—Jack Straw, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday stepped back from his earlier denials that the war on Iraq had nothing to do with the terror attacks in London.

Prime Minister, Tony Blair, was believed to be incensed at Mr Straw's refusal to admit that the two events could be linked last week, as he believed this clashed with wider public opinion.

Political sensitivities over the bombings are at an all-time high and were underlined by a poll which showed that support for Mr Blair's handling of the crisis had dropped by 14 per cent in just two weeks.

Yesterday, Mr Straw said he did not rule out the possibility that Iraq may have increased the threat of terrorism for Britain. "It is impossible to say for certain," he told BBC radio. However, Mr Straw stressed that bombings and terrorist atrocities had been carried out long before the war on Iraq or Afghanistan.

High-level Cabinet meetings were held last week to discuss the potential political fall-out from further attacks in London.

Mr Blair was also alarmed at the comments from Mr Straw that there had been no connection between terrorism and the war in Iraq.—Internet



US soldiers of the army infantry from the Stryker Brigade interrogate an Iraqi woman during a patrol in the town of Arij, near Mosul, in northern Iraq, on 23 July, 2005.—INTERNET

Indian PM rejects incentive-base population control

NEW DELHI, 24 July —Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Saturday that his government's policy did not encourage incentive-based population control measures and coercion of any control to achieve it would not be acceptable.

Chairing the first meeting of the reconstituted National Commission on Population here, the Prime Minister called for a three-pronged strategy focusing on the welfare of women and children, improving health and educational levels and balancing regional development to stabilize population. "I would like to make it clear that our policy does not encourage incentives and disincentives as they have, at best, only a marginal impact and sometimes may even cause resentment and non-acceptance of the programme," Manmohan Singh said. Pointing out that coercion of any kind to achieve population stabilization was unacceptable in a free society, he said his government would evolve a development strategy focusing its attention on

elimination of poverty and empowerment of women, keeping fertility reduction in the broader context.

He said human resource was an inevitable asset to a developing nation, and therefore there should be limits to the population in such a way that the environment should be able to sustain in the long run. "Sustainability of development processes requires a degree of population stabilization," he said.

He added, "We must not mistake population stabilization to be population control. There is widespread consensus that population stabilization entails a holistic, comprehensive approach towards education and healthcare, particularly of our women and children." —MNA/Xinhua

1,777 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 24 July—As of Sunday, 24 July, 2005, at least 1,777 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,365 died as a result of hostile action. The figures include five military civilians.

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

The British military has reported 92 deaths; Italy, 25; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,638 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,256 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet

Car bombs kill 14 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq, 25 July — Fourteen Iraqis were killed on Monday in two separate suicide car bombings in the country's capital, police officials and the Ministry of Defence reported.

In the first attack, 12 Iraqis died and 16 were wounded when a suicide car bomb detonated near a checkpoint leading to a hotel in Baghdad, a Defence Ministry statement said.

The bomber drove his vehicle into the checkpoint for the Sadeer Hotel around 6.15 am (10.15 pm ET Sunday), police said. The vehicle exploded near a building housing guards for the hotel. Several guards were among the casualties, police said.

The same area was targeted March

9 when a suicide bomber drove an explosives-laden garbage truck into a courtyard near the hotel. Two people died in that blast.

More than two hours later Monday, a suicide car bomb was detonated at an Iraqi police commando checkpoint, killing two commandos and wounding 11, according to an official with the Baghdad emergency police.

The official said the attack occurred on Kindi Street in west-central Baghdad.

Internet

Three injured in Kabul blast

KABUL, 25 July — A bomb hit Kabul on Monday morning, two police and one civilian were injured in the blast.

Mahbob Amiri, commander of Rapid Reaction Force, said the blast occurred at about 7:30 am, when a UN vehicle went past a checkpoint at No 9 District, a crowded resident area in Kabul. Two police at the checkpoint and a civilian passing by were injured, he said.

The checkpoint is on the way to an airport, which is used heavily by the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force and US-led coalition forces.

It was not clear whether Taleban was behind the blast, while Amiri blamed it on "the enemy of Afghanistan".

MNA/Xinhua

Provisions donated to monasteries, nunneries in Yangon East, West Districts



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and congregation share merits at the ceremony to donate provisions to monasteries and nunneries in Dagon Myothit (East). —MNA

YANGON, 24 July — Families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers today donated rice, edible oil, salt, medicine, beans, and cash to 15 monasteries and 2 nunneries in four Dagon Myothit townships Yangon East District.

At the donation ceremony held at Nikaya Monastery in Dagon Myothit (South) Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and officials presented offertories to the members of the Sangha and nuns led by Sayadaw of Nikaya Monastery Dhamma Bandagarika Bhaddanta Silakhandabhivansa.

On behalf of the families of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air), Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and General Staff Officer (Grade I) (Air) Lt-Col Than Swe presented provisions to the Sayadaws.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe donated rice provided by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council.

Ministry of Religious Affairs, Yangon City Development Committee, Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd, Yangon East District Peace and Development Council, Yangon East District Supervisory Committee for

Hla Shwe, senior military officers, local authorities and members of social organizations.

After receiving the Five Precepts from the Presiding Sayadaw, the congregation led by Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

Next, on behalf of families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and well-wishers, Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and Chief

eration of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Yangon West District and Bahan Township Peace and Development Councils, OK Rice Brokerage, Sandi Traditional Medicine, Myanmar Salt and Marine Chemical Enterprise, Yangon Division Salt Entrepreneurs Association, the Ministry of Health, the Traditional Medicines Department, Hmancho Medical House, Kaythipan Medical House, Tun Shwe Wah Medical House and Htetlin Medical House

Agriculture, K 150,000 by Winyada Passenger Transport, K 100,000 each by Tun Shwe Wah Traditional Medicine, Htetlin Medical House, Kaythipan Medical House and San Myanmar Co, K 100,000 by Asia World Express, K 65,000 by Chanmyae Store and K 52,000 by Hmancho Medical House.

Next, Col Chan Maung explained the purpose of the donations.

Later, Presiding Sayadaw of Chaukhtatgyi Phayagyi Kyaungtaik



Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Indigenous Medicine Department of the Ministry of Health, Myanmar Salt and Marine Chemicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Mines, private medical houses, Myanmar Martial Art Federation and Myanmar Marine products and Export Association made provisions for the monasteries and nunneries at the ceremony.

Next, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and General Staff Officer (Grade-I) (Air) Lt-Col Than Swe presented provisions to nuns. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and officials accepted cash donated by wellwishers for the nunneries. Sayadaw Bhaddantasilakhandabhivansa delivered a sermon and the congregation shared the merits gained.

Today's donation included 384 bags of rice, 160 viss of edible oil, 288 viss of gram, 1,601 viss of iodized salt, 320 tubes of tooth

paste, 50 viss of dried fish, 4420 bottles of traditional medicines, 398 packages of tea mix and coffee mix, 3,201 cakes of soap and K 15,310,070. Likewise, the ceremony to donate provisions was held at Mingalarzay Dhammayon on Gyatawya Road in Bahan Township this afternoon.

It was attended by members of the Sangha led by Presiding Sayadaw of Pali Tekkatho Nyaungdon Kyaungtaik Abhidhaja Maharatha Guru Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sobhana, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen

of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun presented provisions to 23 monasteries, 7 nunneries and the Hninhzigon Home for the Aged.

After that, Com-

mander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presented provisions and requisites donated by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council.

Next, donations made by the Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Union of Myanmar Fed-

eration of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Yangon West District and Bahan Township Peace and Development Councils, OK Rice Brokerage, Sandi Traditional Medicine, Myanmar Salt and Marine Chemical Enterprise, Yangon Division Salt Entrepreneurs Association, the Ministry of Health, the Traditional Medicines Department, Hmancho Medical House, Kaythipan Medical House, Tun Shwe Wah Medical House and Htetlin Medical House

were presented. Next, well-wishers presented cash and kind including K 310,000 by families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air), K 155,000 by Yangon

Bhaddanta Jagara delivered a sermon and the congregation shared merits accrued and the ceremony ended.

Provisions and requisites donated to 23



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe offers alms to a Sayadaw at the ceremony to donate provisions to monasteries and nunneries. —MNA

Division PDC, K 810,000 by U Than Naing-Daw Kyi Kyi Swe (Thamada Thingantaik), K 200,000 by Gold Uni Co, K 300,000 by Bagan Hotel, K 200,000 by Myanmar Pyithar KM Co, K 220,070 by Sandi Traditional Medicine, K 200,000 by BTB Co, K 200,000 Myintmyat

monasteries, 7 nunneries and the Hninhzigon Home for the Aged are 890 bags of rice, 346 viss of edible oil, 692 viss of gram, 3462 bags of iodized salt, 692 tubes of toothpaste, 5,015 bottles of traditional medicines, 50 viss of dried fish and K 3,672,070.

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Government creating a constant learning society to keep pace with changes and developments of Information Technology

Myanmar Education Committee held its meeting 1/2005



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses Myanmar Education Committee meeting. — MNA

YANGON, 25 July— The Myanmar Education Committee held its meeting 1/2005 at the meeting hall of Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthathar here at 3 pm today with an address by Chairman of the Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Present on the occasion were the ministers, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department and others.

In his address, Chairman of the Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that economic development plays a critical role in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

As the national economy is based on agriculture, short-term and

long-term economic plans have been laid down and are being implemented in agriculture, forest and fish and meat sectors that are related to agriculture.

Only when the country is transformed into an industrialised one will it be prosperous and will the living standard of the people enhance, he noted.

To be able to do so, capital and intellectuals and technocrats are required. In this connection, the education sector is to nurture and produce human resources, such as intellectuals and technocrats.

Therefore, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe had given guidance which calls for laying down and implementing the 30-year long-term plans in the education sector like agriculture, forest and fish and meat sectors, he stressed.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Education under the lead-

ership of Myanmar Education Committee has laid down and is implementing the 30-year long-term plan along with the special four-year plan in basic education and higher education sectors, and it has now entered the last year of the first five-year short-term plan.

At a time when science and technology is advancing in leaps and bounds, the world has turned out to be a global village. A wave of economy, education, health, politics and military affairs of the world nations is spreading at a fast pace. Only when the nation is able to fully apply the IT will it be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with the world community.

Therefore, the government is creating a constant learning society to keep pace with changes and developments of the IT.

In the process, it has been making efforts for the emergence of an education system to cre-

ate a constant learning society capable of facing the challenges of the Knowledge Age since 2001-2002.

The education sector is divided into two—basic education sector and higher education sector. The basic education sector plays the most fundamental role in the education sector.

The Inclusive Education Programme is to be introduced widely in basic education sector with the aim of taking systematic steps on teaching and learning in post-primary schools, increasing number of students in middle and high schools, of enabling students to attend school with full attendance, and of nurturing the outstanding students.

In the same way, the 30-year long-term plan is being implemented in the higher education sector like the basic education sector.

In the past, students were able to pursue higher education only in Yangon and Mandalay. In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, the 24 development zones have been designated and universities and colleges were established in those regions to enable the local youths to pursue higher education within their reach. The number of higher learning insti-

tutions has now increased up to 156. Over 200,000 students are pursuing higher education at those institutions.

The government opened more basic education schools and higher learning institutions in states and divisions for human resources development and for every citizen to have the opportunity to pursue education. It is incumbent upon the education staff to make all-out efforts for success of the short-term and long-term education plans to produce an adequate number of qualified human resources.

In keeping pace

Spirit.

Next, Secretary of MEC Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt reported on the previous meeting's minutes for approval.

After that, members of MEC ministers and officials dealt with arrangements for teaching and learning, opening of the National Management College, measures taken for basic education and higher education sector, work carried out for all school-age children to complete primary education, the 2005-2006 basic literacy campaign, international cooperation related to forestry sector



Minister U Than Aung discusses matters at the meeting.

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with developments of the present world, the country has to communicate with other nations. Therefore, there may be a lot of changes, he said. He urged the people to preserve the national value and the national character with the Union

and academic matters of universities under the Ministry of Culture.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Chairman of the Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.—MNA

Secretary-1 inspects regional development in North East Command



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects an opium substitute crop farm in Lashio. — MNA

YANGON, 25 July—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, the ministers, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of department left here by air and arrived at Lashio Airport on 23 July.

They were welcomed by Chairman of Shan (North) State Peace and Development Council Commander of North East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint, senior military officers of NE Command, departmental heads and national race leaders from Shan State (North).

The Secretary-1, the commander and party attended the ceremony to unconditionally exchange arms for peace of the Brigade 6 of SSNA and SSA (breakaway group) in Lashio Township on 23 July.

The Secretary-1 and the commander inspected the plantations of Hsinshweli maize, sunflower and soybean of NE Command and bee keeping.

Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint reported on cultivation of Hsinshweli maize. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo gave supplementary reports.

The Secretary-1 and party arrived at seed zone in irrigated area of Humon Dam. Officials concerned reported on cultivation of Hsinshweli paddy on 761 acres.

Next, Secretary of Shan State Peace and Development Council (North) Lt-Col Kyaw Shwe reported on cultivation of Hsinshweli paddy. He said departments concerned and farmers are making efforts for development of agriculture sector in Shan State (North) under the leadership of the commander of NE Command. Emphasis is being placed on sufficiency of rice in the region in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. Percentage of sufficiency of rice increased year after year. In 2004-2005, quality strains were grown on 108,088 acres and production exceeded the targets.

He called for distribution of quality paddy, maize, sugarcane, soybean, sunflower and endeavours for

improvement of the living standards of farmers.

Next, member-2 of Shan State Peace and Development Council (North) additional Shan State Police Commander Police Col Win Naing and officials reported on provision of assistance to farmers and work done in districts and pilot plantation of rice.

Secretary-1 said out of the important basic needs — food, clothing and shelter, food is essential for living.

In an effort to ensure food sufficiency in the country, the government has extended cultivation. Now,

mental officials and farmers, regional food sufficiency in Shan State (North) increased from 67 per cent in 2001-2002 to 103 per cent in 2004-2005.

Having a lot of hills hampered the extended cultivation in the region. However, cultivated areas have been extended as much as possible and have been sown with quality strains. Therefore, production of rice in the region is more than sufficiency today.

The Secretary-1 added that it is necessary to grow cash crops such as tea, coffee, orange, mango and rubber on a commercial scale in the region and to



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein at 100-acre Hsinshweli maize plantation of North-East Command. — MNA

the increase in food production resulted in excess of sufficiency.

There are over 14 million acres of monsoon paddy and three million acres of summer paddy in a year. Therefore, the State nearly reaches its target of over 12000 million baskets of paddy per year.

Thanks to the efforts of Tatmadawmen, depart-

work harder to improve the quality of life.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party viewed thriving Hsinshweli paddy cultivation in catchment area of Humon Dam.

In the afternoon, they inspected the construction work of Yangdaingaug Pagoda on Mandalay-Lashio Road. (See page 7)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein visits a fish farm. — MNA



The opening ceremony of the new building of Shan State (North) Women's Affairs Organization and Shan State (North) MCWA Supervisory Committee in progress. — MNA

Secretary-1 inspects regional development in North East Command

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Chairman of the construction committee Police Col Win Naing and an official reported on tasks being carried out and expenditures.

After hearing reports, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gave instructions on construction work meeting the set

Kaungkha Hydel Power Station in Kutkai Township and inaugurated it. Secretary-1 and party arrived back here in the evening.

Secretary-General of the USDA Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo and CEC members Minister Maj-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone visited

officials, the minister said departmental staff are to strive for the successful implementation of the objectives of the ministry. In screening documentary films priority is to be given to the regions where they have never been screened. arrangements are to be made for the maintenance of rented cinema halls, for extended broadcasting



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveils the signboard of the new building of Shan State (North) Women's Affairs Organization and Shan State (North) MCWA Supervisory Committee. — MNA

standards.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party attended the inauguration ceremony of the new building of Shan State (North) Women's Affairs Organization and Shan State (North) Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee.

At the ceremony, Patron of Shan State (North) Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson of Shan State (North) Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee Daw Khin Thant Sin and Chairperson Shan State (North) WAO Daw Khin Mya Mya formally opened the building.

Next, the Secretary-1 unveiled the signboard of the building. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party view around the new building.

The new two-storey building is located on Railway Station Road, Ward-1, Lashio. It is 80 feet in length and 48 feet in width. The secretary-1 and party yesterday went to 1000 acres of opium substitute crops in Lashio and inspected the cultivation of 110 acres of coffee and 10,000 coffee saplings.

Afterwards, the secretary-1 and party inspected the fish breeding pond No 3 where 4,440 tilapia and 12,000 *Shwewa Ngagyin* are bred. Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party put 50,000 fingerlings into the pond.

Next, they also inspected thriving macadamia and fish pond No 1.

Secretary-1 attended the opening ceremony of

Shan State (North) USDA Office in Lashio and met with members of the State and Lashio Township USDAs. They stressed the need for successful implementation of the work programmes of the association and improvement of the efficiency of individual member. Next, the CEC members of Shan State (North) USDA reported on par-

of TV retransmission stations and for extended opening of newspaper advertisement sections in big townships in the region. The minister said arrangements are to be made for increased circulation of newspaper from Lashio Sub-printing House. He also instructed the officials to organize the people to donate more cash and books for



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo meeting with USDA members in Lashio at Shan State (North) USDA Office. — MNA

ticipation of the members in nation-building and regional development tasks. Similarly, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan who accompanied the Secretary-1 met departmental personnel of the ministry at Lashio District Information and Public Relations Department on 23 July afternoon. At the office he viewed wall magazines, TV and reading rooms. In response to reports of the

opening of all libraries in 2006 as targeted in cooperation with local authorities. He added arrangements are to be made to supply TVs and radios in every village. He said security and fire preventive measures are to be taken at the departments and offices. The minister also visited the office of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise (Branch).

On 23 July morning, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw went to Lashio Motel and inspected motel services. Next, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected the communication station and exchange in Lashio and inspected communication services and use of machinery. Similarly, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min on 23 July afternoon visited the office of the joint-education officer and met with departmental staff. At the BEHS No-6 in Lashio he met with the township education officer and school heads and 508 teachers and briefed them on academic matters.

Likewise, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo visited the nurses training school and the people's hospital in Lashio on the same day and left necessary instructions there. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meeting with service personnel at Lashio District IPRD. — MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann receives Thai Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta. (News on Page 16) —MNA

General Thura Shwe Mann hosts luncheon in honour of Thai guests

YANGON, 25 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence hosted a luncheon in honour of the visiting special envoy of the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai and party at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were Chief of Military Affairs Security Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein



Nyunt, Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint, senior military

officers and officials. Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai was accom-

panied by Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhira-kaosal.

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General Thura Shwe Mann hosts a luncheon in honour of Thai Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai and party at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta.—MNA

Special envoy of the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai arrives

YANGON, 25 July — Special envoy of the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai and party arrived here by the special aircraft this morning to pay a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar.

They were welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and officials, Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhira-kaosal and embassy staff.—MNA



Dr Surakiart Sathirathai and party seen at the Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand Dr Surakiart Sathirathai leaves for Mandalay

YANGON, 25 July — Special envoy of the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai and party who are paying a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar left here by special aircraft for Mandalay at 3.30 pm today.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and officials, Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhira-kaosal and embassy staff.—MNA



Dr Surakiart Sathirathai and party seen at the Yangon International Airport before departure for Mandalay.—MNA

Daw Mya Mya San attends merit sharing ceremony of...

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Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Daw Khin Saw Hnin, wife of member of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and wife Daw Wai Wai Khine, Daw Khin Pyone Win, wife of the Commander of Central Command, Daw Khin Yi, wife of the Minister for Industry-1, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tin Maung Ohn and

senior military officers, local authorities, social organizations and others.

First, the ceremony was opened with the three-time recitation of Namo tassa.

Presiding Sayadaw of Maha Jotika Yama Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Kavinda administered the Five Precepts to the congregation.

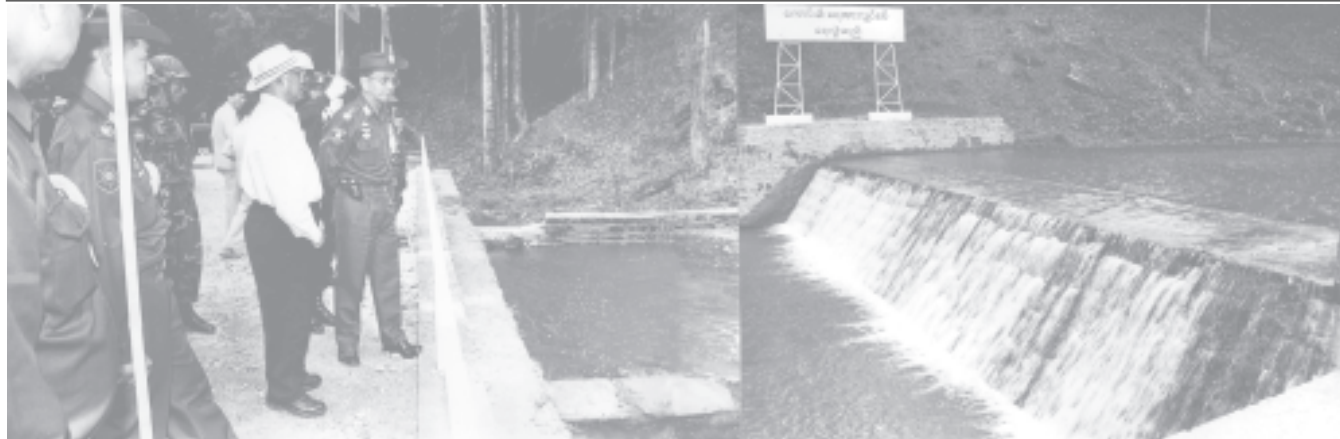
Daw Mya Mya San, wife of the Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and the wellwishers offered provisions to the Sayadaws.

On behalf of the wellwishers, Daw Mya Mya San, donated K 6,680,000 to Commander Maj-Gen

Tha Aye for the education fund of the Sarthintaik, shared merits gained and offered 'soon' to the Sayadaws.

Daw Mya Mya San, wife of the Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Daw Khin Saw Hnin, wife of member of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and officials also planted the Bo Trees at designated places and poured scented water on them. Altogether 18 religious buildings were built in Shwetaung-U Tipitaka Dhamma Pala Maha Vihara.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects the diversion weir at Kaungkha hydel power station in Kutkai.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents gift to Chairman of KDA group U Ma Htu Naw.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents gift to Kaungkha Station hospital in-charge Dr Tint Lwin Ko. —MNA

Hydel power station commissioned into...

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remember the evil sufferings resulting from the armed conflicts that destroyed villages, schools, hospitals, roads and bridges. Now the Kaungkha region is free from all sufferings, but enjoying the fruits of peace and stability — emergence of infrastructures in various sectors. In addition to health, education and social activities, the electricity generated by the station can be used in extending the cottage industry of the region. Myanmar was enslaved by the colonialists for over 100 years. Because of the racial and ideological prejudices, armed opposition broke out three months after the regaining of independence according to the scheme of the colonialists. There was no security in many parts of the nation, and the people had to live in fear.

When the Tatmadaw assumed the State duties in 1988, it began to carry out the task of transferring the power back to the people systematically and (See page 10)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspect Kaungkha Power Station. —MNA



Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at the opening ceremony of Kaungkha Hydel Power Station in Kutkai. — MNA

Hydel power station...

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gently in addition to its normal duties. Soon after taking over the State duties, the Tatmadaw laid down Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty — as the national policy. It also laid down and is implementing the four political objectives, the four economic objectives, and the four social objectives to systematically

peace since its assumption, 17 armed groups including the KDA have returned to the legal fold. As the members of the groups are joining hands with the Tatmadaw and the people, all regions including Kaungkha region are enjoying rapid development and peace and stability is prevailing there. As peace and stability prevails in the whole nation, the government has been concentrating its efforts on ensuring proportionate progress in

conformity with the traditions and culture of the people. A large number of national race delegates including representatives of the peace groups are attending the Convention and presenting discussions, suggestions and proposals for emergence of a new constitution, the life blood of the nation. Due to her experiences of the past successive eras, the nation sees the national solidarity, stability of the State and the rule of law as essential needs for national development, democracy transition and flourishing of democracy.

A 66 feet long and eight feet high diversion weir was built on Nanhumon creek near Loikham village of Kaungkha town to run the two 75-kilowatt turbines to generate 0.6 million kilowatt hours of electricity annually. As the power gen-

interests together with the government.

Lt-Gen Thein Sein and U Mahtu Naw exchanged gifts. The Secretary-1 also presented gifts to the headmasters of Kaungkha Basic Education Middle School and Loikham BEMS and the medical su-

veiled the signboard. He also pushed the button to start supplying power to Kaungkha and Loikham regions.

The Ministry of Electric Power erected the station according to the project to boost power generation for development of Kaungkha region of Shan State (North) Special Region 5.

The project was initiated by the WCDBANR of the State Peace and Development Council.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of State (North) Peace and

Nowadays, the nation is witnessing the further flourishing of the spirit of unity and unprecedented progress in the State stability, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law. All the nationalities will have to safeguard the sound foundations to endure till the time of posterity.



Minister Col Thein Nyunt, U Ma Htu Naw and Dr San Oo formally open the Kaungkha Hydel Power Station in Kutkai. — MNA



and gently transfer the power back to the people.

The four political objectives states "Stability of the State; community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order; national reconciliation; emergence of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution".

And when we study the objectives we can know that since its assumption of the State duties, the Tatmadaw has been in the process of building a new democratic nation according to the people's wish and transferring the power back to the people. As it has been trying to restore internal

the entire nation. Thus, it has been building infrastructures in all sectors to develop the national economy.

It is boosting the agricultural production region-wide and nation-wide for ensuring food sufficiency for all the nationalities. In addition, the government is trying to acquire capital for Myanmar to become an industrial nation.

At the same time, the government laid down the seven-point Road Map and has been in the process of holding the National Convention, the first step of the Road Map, to build a discipline—flourishing democratic state that is in

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eration of the facility exceeds the local consumption, the surplus power can be used by cottage industries of the region.

Chairman of KDA of Shan State (North) Special Region 5 U Mahtu Naw thanked the government for the facility, pledging to always serve the national and regional

perintendent of Kaungkha Station Hospital.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Managing Director of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise Dr San Oo and U Mahtu Naw formally opened the station.

The Secretary-1 un-

Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, ministers, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments, national race leaders, social organizations and local nationalities totalling over 2,500.

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Dr San Oo.—MNA



U Zaw Maw.—MNA



U Mahtu Naw.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party view tractors and fire engines presented by the State to Palaung national race leader U Aik Mone and Shan national race leader U Kan Na. (News reported)—MNA

Documentary photos of unconditional exchange of arms for peace of SSNA Brigade-6 led by U Sai Ku and SSA breakaway group led by U Sai Yee



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party view piglets presented by the State to Palaung national race leader U Aik Mone of Mongtong region, Shan national race leader U Gon Khay of SeU, Kunkauk region and Shan national race leader U Sai Ku. (News reported)—MNA



National people warmly welcome members of Brigade-6 of SSNA led by U Sai Ku and SSA breakaway group led by U Sai Yee. (News reported)—MNA



Assorted arms and ammunition handed over by SSNA Brigade-11 seen at the ceremony to unconditionally exchange arms for peace by SSNA Brigade-6 led by U Sai Ku and SSA breakaway group led by U Sai Yee. (News reported)—MNA



Assorted arms and ammunition handed over by SSNA Brigade-19 seen at the ceremony to unconditionally exchange arms for peace by SSNA Brigade-6 led by U Sai Ku and SSA breakaway group led by U Sai Yee. (News reported)—MNA



Assorted arms and ammunition handed over by PSLA seen at the ceremony to unconditionally exchange arms for peace by SSNA Brigade-6 led by U Sai Ku and SSA breakaway group led by U Sai Yee. (News reported)—MNA

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Stronger yuan will not help US deficit much

BEIJING, 24 July—This week's revaluation of China's yuan currency will help smooth out global trade imbalances but will not have a big impact on America's trade deficit, the head of the Chinese central bank said on Saturday.

Zhou Xiaochuan, the governor of the People's Bank of China, was making his first public remarks since Beijing revalued the yuan, or Renminbi, by 2.1 per cent on Thursday in a move long anticipated in financial markets.

At the same time, China scrapped the currency's decade-long peg to the dollar and replaced it with a system under which its value will be managed with reference to a basket of currencies.

"After the change in the exchange rate, export companies should probably increase their prices. That can help correct imbalances in global trade in an orderly way," Zhou told a banking conference.

Zhou, smiling and looking relaxed, said China had made the shift not because of foreign pressure but because it would promote China's long-term growth and stability.

Three killed, one missing in north China tornado

HONHOT, 24 July—As of Friday afternoon, the tornado and rainstorms in Morin Dawa Daur Autonomous Banner, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region left three killed and one missing. The local government said the banner was hit by a disastrous tornado at 10:00 pm, July 16.

The tornado and ensuing rainstorms destroyed houses and farmland, causing a direct economic loss of 87 million yuan (about 10 million US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua



A worker arranges T-shirts near a to-be fixed price board at pre-opening media day event at Wal-Mart store on Monday, 25 July, 2005 in Shanghai, China. The world's largest retailer, Wal-Mart, will open its first store in Shanghai on 28 July.—INTERNET

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India says Iran gas pipeline a risky proposal

NEW DELHI, 24 July—India's Oil Minister said on Saturday a proposed gas pipeline from Iran across rival Pakistan was a risky venture that would be difficult to finance, but added talks on the 7-billion-US-dollar project should continue.

"The pipeline proposal is, as the Prime Minister stated, fraught with terrible risks," Mani Shankar Aiyar told a news conference.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh expressed concerns about the project during his visit to the United States this week, when President George Bush recognized India as a responsible nuclear state and promised cooperation with its civilian atomic power programme.

Some officials suggested India may abandon plans to import Iranian gas in return of a nuclear energy deal with the United States, which has expressed concerns over the Iran-India project because of its opposition to Teheran's nuclear programme.

Aiyar said the issues were not related.

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Austria seizes 97 kilos of cocaine

VIENNA, 24 July— Austrian Interior Minister Liese Prokop said on Friday that Austrian police have seized 97 kilos of cocaine, the third largest cocaine smuggling case in the country's history.

The minister said that Austria has recently strengthened anti-drug cooperation with other European Union members and beefed up surveillance over the so-called Balkan smuggling route, aiming to cut off the routes of drugs and human trafficking via Balkan countries, Hungary and Austria to Western European countries.

Police said that the drugs were found in the gas tank of a truck early this week.

They also said that drug traffickers spread garlic powder around packages of cocaine in order to cheat sniffing-dog and evade detection.

Police arrested a 37-year-old Turkish driver, who admitted trafficking illegal goods but claimed knowing nothing about the drugs. — MNA/Xinhua

High DDT levels found in breastmilk of HK mothers

HONG KONG, 24 July — High levels of DDT were found in the breastmilk of new mothers in Hong Kong even though the pesticide has long been banned in many places, including Hong Kong and China, a scientist said on Friday.

The findings by researchers from Hong Kong's Baptist University suggest that DDT is still being illegally used in Mainland China, on which Hong Kong depends for most of its food supplies, he said.

The study of a group of 37 Hong Kong mothers was carried out between 1999 and 2000, but the researchers who published the study this month said the results still held good.

"When you compare it with similar studies in other

countries, Hong Kong's DDT problem is serious," Chris Wong Kong-chu, a biology associate professor at the Baptist University told Reuters in an interview.

If found in human breastmilk, persistent organic pollutants such as DDT can be fully absorbed by infants.

DDT was banned in 1972 in the United States after it caused reproductive damage to birds such as the brown pelican and bald eagle, but it can remain in the environment for a long time.

It also has been shown to increase the growth of breast cancer cells.

"Even though the samples were taken in 1999 and 2000, the results definitely still apply and are representative," said Chris Wong.

"These pollutant accumulations take place over a very long period of time and even if we collect the samples again from the same subjects, they will show the same level of DDT concentrations," he said.

The team led by biology professor Wong Ming Hung collected breastmilk and fatty tissue from the abdomens of the new mothers.

They found an average of 2.79 microgrammes of DDT per gramme of fat in Hong Kong mothers who were tested, far exceeding levels found in places such as Japan (0.78), Italy (1.98) and the United States (2.52). The situation was only worse in China (7.6) and Mexico (5.66).

MNA/Reuters

Chinese currency revaluation benefits Vietnam's export, tourism

HANOI, 24 July — The revaluation of China's Renminbi (RMB) is beneficial to Vietnam's export and tourism, but has some side-effects on the country, local newspaper *Young People* reported on Saturday.

The appreciation weakens China's exports to the United States and the European Union. That creates favourable conditions for similar Vietnamese exports, especially garments, textiles and footwear, to penetrate more deeply into the two markets.

Changes in the exchange rates of US dollar and Vietnamese dong against RMB will increase Vietnam's export to China, and slow down its import from the neighbour country, resulting in a smaller trade deficit, the report said. Vietnam exported over 2.7 billion US dollars' worth of goods to China last year, and posted a trade deficit of over 1.7 billion US dollars.

The changes will also encourage tourists in

China to visit Vietnam, which welcomed over 1.7 million international arrivals in the first half of this year. The number of visitors from China rose 5.7 per cent to nearly 405,900, becoming Vietnam's biggest tourism market in the period.

However, the appreciation has some negative impacts on Vietnam. Loans to be borrowed from China will rise, the report said, noting that Vietnam received 315

million dollars' worth of official development assistance alone from China. Local organizations and residents may shift to keep RMB instead of Vietnamese dong.

On Thursday, China revalued the exchange rate of the RMB to the US dollar by some 2 per cent to 8.11. Over the past few years, the RMB has been pegged to the US dollar at the rate of one dollar for 8.27 yuan.

MNA/Xinhua

Industrial new orders down by 1.5% in euro-zone

BRUSSELS, 24 July — The euro-zone industrial new orders index fell by 1.5 per cent in May 2005, compared with the previous month, according to statistics released here on Friday by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union (EU).

The index rose by 1.6 per cent in April after a dip of 0.3 per cent in March in the euro-zone.

For the EU25, however, new orders declined by 1.6 per cent in May 2005, after a rise of 2.1 per cent in April and a fall of 1.9 per cent in March, Eurostat reported.

Year-on-year, industrial new orders in May 2005 dropped by 3.3 per cent in the euro-zone and by 1.9 per cent in the EU25.

MNA/Xinhua

Over 300 overseas correspondents to cover six-party talks

BEIJING, 24 July — More than 300 overseas correspondents will report on the fourth round of six-party talks on the nuclear issue of the Korean Peninsula, which is scheduled to open in Beijing on 26 July, said sources from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs here Friday.

The international correspondents include over 100 residing in Beijing and another 200 who have registered with the Chinese Foreign Ministry from abroad.

The total number of domestic and

overseas correspondents to cover the event in Beijing this time is expected to top 500. More than 500 journalists covered the previous round of the six-party talks held in Beijing in June last year.

China will open a Press centre for the six-party talks on the morning of July 25. The Press centre is located at the Diaoyutai Hotel, next to the venue of the talks in Diaoyutai State Guesthouse.

The six parties refer to China, North Korea, Japan, South Korea, Russia and the United States. — MNA/Xinhua

Four killed, 5 missing in ships collision off Japan

TOKYO, 24 July — The death toll in a collision between two ships off Japan's eastern coast early Friday has reached four, with five remaining missing, the Japan Coast Guard said. The accident took place at around 5:10 am (2010 GMT) off Japan's eastern coast about 10 kilometres south-southwest of Cape Inubosaki in the Chiba Prefecture, neighbouring Tokyo in the east.

The *Wei Hang 9*, a 3,947-ton freighter registered in Malta with 21 Chinese crew members, sank, the Coast Guard said. The other ship is a Japanese-registered 499-ton freighter, which survived the accident and no crew member aboard was injured. Although the cause

of the accident has yet to be known, the visibility on the scene was said to be poor because of dense fog.

It was the second time for the Japanese ship to get involved in collision accidents. The ship collided with a freighter in September 2003 off Shizuoka Prefecture, causing the other vessel to sink. — MNA/Xinhua



A man fills his car up at a petrol station in Tokyo. Japan's largest oil producer Arabian Oil said it will sign an accord with Egypt this week to start extracting crude oil in 2007 as part of a 270 million-dollar investment in the Middle East.—INTERNET

Polanski wins libel case against "Vanity Fair"

LONDON, 24 July — Roman Polanski won his libel case against *Vanity Fair* on Friday, ending a week-long trial in which he gave video evidence from Paris to avoid extradition to America where he is wanted for having sex with a girl aged 13.

The film director was awarded 50,000 pounds (87,500 US dollars) in damages, and his solicitors estimate that *Vanity Fair's* bill could run as high as 1.5 million pounds.

The 71-year-old went to court in London to sue the magazine's publishers over an article in July 2002 alleging he had tried to seduce a woman in a New York restaurant while on his way to his slain wife's funeral in August 1969.

Vanity Fair conceded the article was inaccurate, saying the incident actually took place weeks after Sharon Tate's murder by followers of the Charles Manson clan, but maintained the gist of the contested passage in the article was true.

"It goes without saying that, whilst the whole episode is a sad one, I am obviously pleased with the jury's verdict today," Polanski said in a statement.

"Three years of my life have been interrupted. Three years within which I have had no choice but to relive the horrible events of August 1969, the murders of my wife, my unborn child and my friends."

Tate was eight-and-a-half months pregnant when she was killed.—MNA/Reuters

S P O R T S

Figo's penalty gives Real 3-2 win in China

BEIJING, 25 July— A late Luis Figo penalty gave Real Madrid a hard-fought 3-2 win over China's Beijing Guo'an in the third match of their lucrative pre-season tour on Saturday.

England captain David Beckham did not play because of a hamstring injury sustained in the United States last week and Real began sluggishly in rain-soaked Beijing.

"The pitch was very difficult to play on tonight because it was so wet," Real coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo told reporters. "It was hard to play to our real level. If the rain

hadn't been so heavy the result might have been different."

Real, who twice trailed on a water-logged pitch, were given a wake-up call when a Lu Jiang header gave the Chinese side a shock lead after 32 minutes.

The Spanish club struck back five minutes later through captain Raul, who dribbled past two defend-

ers before applying a clinical finish.

Serbian forward Branko Jelic restored the home team's lead with a solo effort in the 73rd minute, only for Guti to equalize from close range with just over 10 minutes left.

Substitute Figo, who has been linked with a move away from Madrid, secured victory for the visitors from the penalty spot in the 82nd minute.

The 70,000-capacity Beijing Workers' Stadium was only just over half full for the match despite the enormous hype surrounding Real's visit. Real began their six-match pre-season tour with a 3-1 win over Mexico's Chivas Guadalajara in Chicago and a 2-0 victory against the Los Angeles Galaxy in California.

The Spanish giants play two games in Japan next week before finishing the money-spinning trip with a friendly in Bangkok.

MNA/Reuters



AC Milan's Clarence Seedorf (L) and Chelsea's Claude Makelele go head to head during a friendly match at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Massachusetts. Chelsea won 1-0.—INTERNET

Tomasson leads Trapattoni's Stuttgart to Cup win

BERLIN, 25 July— Denmark striker Jon Dahl Tomasson made an immediate impact for VfB Stuttgart on Saturday, scoring the winning penalty in a 4-3 shootout victory over Hertha Berlin in the pre-season League Cup.

Tomasson, signed from AC Milan earlier this month as a replacement for Schalke 04 recruit Kevin Kuranyi, came on after an hour to make his debut in the second of two quarterfinals played in Duesseldorf.

He missed a good chance to break the deadlock in the 69th minute. But after the match had finished goalless in 90 minutes the Dane stepped up to give new coach Giovanni Trapattoni victory in his first competitive match in charge.

Stuttgart now face Bayern Munich, one of Trapattoni's former clubs, in their semifinal on Tuesday.

Werder Bremen edged Bayer Leverkusen 1-0 in the earlier quarterfinal after Leverkusen keeper Hans-Joerg Butt missed a last-gasp penalty.

Leverkusen, trailing to a 19th-minute goal from Ivan Klasnic, had the chance to equalize in the fourth minute of stoppage time when Tranquillo Barnetta was fouled.—MNA/Reuters

Ponte Preta stay top in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 July— Ponte Preta coach Oswaldo Alvarez announced his resignation on Sunday to move to a Japanese club as Ponte beat Fluminense 2-1 to stay top of the Brazilian championship.

In other matches, players scuffled after third-placed Corinthians won 3-2 at Vasco da Gama and veteran striker Edmundo scored a hat-trick as Figueirense moved off the bottom with a 4-1 win at Juventude.

Alvarez said he was leaving to take over at Tokyo Verde, where former Argentina midfielder Oswaldo Ardiles was fired last week.

"I'm sorry to be leaving because of the directors, the players and the fans," said an emotional Alvarez after the championship's seventh coaching change in a week.

"People said we'd struggle but the result is there for everyone to see."

Substitute Izaia scored a late winner for rank outsiders Ponte after three players were sent off — Preto Casagrande for Fluminense and Angelo and Andre Silva for Ponte.

Ponte, who have 29 points from 14 games, are one ahead of Internacional and Corinthians, who both won away from home.

Fernando scored both goals, the second a penalty, as Internacional travelled north to Belem on the mouth of the Amazon River and won 2-1 at Paysandu.

Eder Ceccon replied in between for the hosts with a spectacular 30-metre free kick.

MNA/Reuters

US sneak past Panama on penalties in Gold Cup final

EAST RUTHERFORD (New Jersey), 25 July— The giants of the United States were taken into a penalty shootout before beating underdogs Panama 3-1 in the CONCACAF Gold Cup final on Sunday.

Panama dominated the second half of normal time but the match ended scoreless after an extra 30 minutes as the sides battled for supremacy in the biennial competition for North and Central America and the Caribbean countries.

US goalkeeper and captain Kasey Keller saved the first Panama penalty from Luis Tejada before the Central American team's second attempt from Jorge Luis Dely Valdes hit the bar.

Although Panama's Felipe Baloy managed to score and goalkeeper Jaime Penedo saved a weak effort by Chris Armas, the match was decided when Alberto Blanco blazed over the bar and Brad Davis beat Penedo in the fourth round of penalties.

Santino Quaranta and Landon Donovan also scored for the Americans.

"The game was very sloppy," said US assistant coach Glenn Myeruck, standing in for head coach Bruce Arena who was suspended for swearing at officials during Thursday's semifinal against Honduras.

"We had a number of guys with poor games today."

Panama, who had beaten South Af-

rica on penalties in the quarterfinals, were disappointed after being edged out in the final.

"Yes we practise them (penalties), but we didn't want it to come to that today because we knew the quality of the goalkeeper we would face," said Panama coach Jose Hernandez.

He added that Panama's advance to the final had given his squad invaluable experience in preparation for the final round of World Cup qualifying.

Mexico and the US are virtually certain to qualify for Germany 2006 while Panama, Trinidad and Tobago, Guatemala and Costa Rica are competing for the final place in the CONCACAF region. However, surprise finalists Panama, who upset Colombia 3-2 in the last four, came close to humbling their hosts who have just climbed to a highest-ever sixth position in the official FIFA world rankings.

In extra time, the Panamanians nearly sealed victory when Dely Valdes forced Keller into a full-length save with a strike from 10 metres and Blanco shot narrowly wide with goal open.

MNA/Reuters

Keane double helps Tottenham beat Lyon to win Peace Cup

SEOUL, 25 July— Robbie Keane scored twice to help Tottenham Hotspur clinch the Peace Cup pre-season tournament with a deserved 3-1 victory over French champions Olympique Lyon on Sunday.

The English Premier League club took the lead in the seventh minute after Lyon defender Jeremy Berthod deflected a cross from Stephen Kelly into his own net.

Two minutes later Ireland forward Keane made it 2-0 after meeting a cross from Mido with a powerful header in sweltering conditions at the Seoul World Cup stadium.

Keane claimed his second in the 45th minute after midfielder Andy Reid sliced open the Lyon defence with a clever pass

through to Mido, who again set up the Irishman up for an easy tap-in.

Lyon upped the tempo in the second half and Hatem Ben Arfa grabbed a goal back from the penalty spot in the 73rd minute after Tottenham captain Ledley King had handled the ball.

Spurs receive 2 million

MNA/Reuters

Troussier takes over as Nigeria coach

LAGOS, 25 July—

Frenchman Philippe Troussier will begin his second spell in eight years on August 1 as the Nigerian national soccer coach, reports said here on Saturday. "The NFA (Nigeria Football Association) board has endorsed the recommendation of Philippe Troussier as the new technical adviser (coach) to the national teams," the Nigerian Football Association (NFA) said in a statement.

MNA/Xinhua



Discovery Channel team rider Lance Armstrong of the US celebrates his victory on the podium with his three children, Luke, Isabelle and Grace, after the 21st and final stage of stage of the 92nd Tour de France cycling race between Corbeil-Essonnes and Paris, on 24 July, 2005. Armstrong is the overall winner of the 92nd Tour de France, claiming his seventh victory.—INTERNET

Police suspect suicide in Berlin plane crash

BERLIN, 25 July — A pilot who died when he crashed a small aircraft near Germany's Parliament building in central Berlin had been questioned about the disappearance of his wife and was probably on a suicide mission, police said on Saturday.

Officials said they had definitively ruled out the possibility that Friday's crash onto a lawn between the Reichstag building and Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's office was in any way related to terrorism.

"Before taking off, the pilot supposedly spoke of his intention to kill himself," Gerd Neubeck, Berlin's deputy police chief, told a news conference. "Every-

thing points to a suicide."

The single-engine, ultra-light aircraft crashed shortly before 8:30 pm (1830 GMT) on Friday a couple of hundred metres from the glass-domed Reichstag and about the same distance from the Chancellery. Witnesses said the plane, which burst into flames on impact, appeared to be flying out of control. — MNA/Reuters

Strong quake jolts Indian offshore islands

NEW DELHI, 25 July

— The central government of India said Sunday night that there was no cause of any alarm following the earthquake in India's offshore Nicobar Islands region and that it was not issuing any tsunami alert as that could lead to unnecessary panic. "The police and the revenue officials in Andaman and Nicobar Islands are alert and are keeping a close watch on the situation," the Press Trust of India quoted an official as saying.

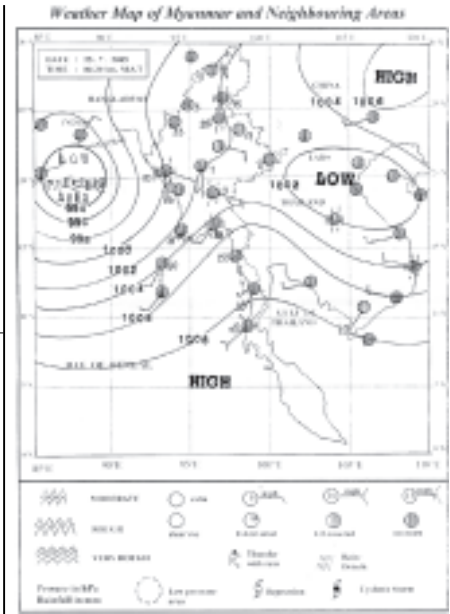
The official said the disaster management control room has been activated and the Home Ministry was in touch with the concerned officials in Andaman and Nicobar and

Tamil Nadu in southeast India.

A strong earthquake measuring 7.2 on the Richter Scale struck the Nicobar Islands Sunday night, but there was no immediate report of death or destruction, Indian Meteorologic Department sources said. The epicentre of the quake, experienced at 9:12 p.m., was Nicobar, which is about 2,000 kilometres east of India's east coast, the Press Trust of India quoted the sources as saying.

The quake was experienced as far as Chennai in southeast India and some other places in south India, Meteorologic sources added.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Monday, 25 July, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain has been scattered in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittway (4.17) inches, Bamo (4.09) inches, Thandwe (3.90) inches, Mawlamyine (3.86) inches, Ye (3.70) inches, Co Co Island (3.54) inches, and Dawei (3.31) inches.

Maximum temperature on 24-7-2005 was 80°F. Minimum temperature on 25-7-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 25-7-2005 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 24-7-2005 was nil. Rainfalls on 25-7-2005 were 0.75 inch at Mingaladon, 1.23 inches at Kaba-Aye, 2.00 inches at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 41.89 inches at Mingaladon, 40.91 inches at Kaba-Aye and 45.98 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 14 mph from Southwest at (04:45) hours MST on 25-7-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over Northwest Bay still persists. Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 26-7-2005: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Chin and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, isolated heavyfalls in Kayin State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Squalls with rough seas will be experienced at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-7-2005: Some rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.


Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-7-2005: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.



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Tuesday, 26 July
View on today:

7:00 am
1. ဂေဟစုရှင် မင်းထွန်းဆရာတော် တရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံသယမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အစည်းတော်ဆောင်ရွက် အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဋ္ဌာရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအေဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မအေတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရီက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိမိတ္တ သာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am
2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရီက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တ သီရိနာ ဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်)ဟောကြား တော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တီ ပါဠိတော်

7:25 am
3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning news

7:40 am
5. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am
6. ကချာနံ့ဥယျာဉ်

8:00 am
7. အကုဗြင်္ဍ

8:10 am
8. Song of yesteryears

8:20 am
9. ဆယ်သွေးတံတား

8:30 am
10. International news

8:45 am
11. Let's Go

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. Musical programme

4:45 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - တတိယနှစ် (ရတုစောအထူးပြု) (ရတုစော)

5:00 pm
5. Dance of national races

5:15 pm
6. မြန်မာစား၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:30 pm
7. မံဇားနားဆင်စားဇာတ်ဝင်

5:40 pm
8. သားငါးဖွံ့ဖြိုး ပြည့်အကျိုး

5:50 pm
9. Sing and Enjoy

6:15 pm
10. နိုင်ငံခြားကာကွယ်ရေးဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရယ်လွင်ဆော့ပြေးပုလွန်အိတ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၈)

6:30 pm
11. Evening news

7:00 pm
12. Weather report

7:05 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချွန်မလေးရဲ့ရုစိမ့်ပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၈)

7:30 pm
14. အာရှ-ဥရောပလူငယ်အားကစား ဖြိုင်ပွဲတွင် မြင်းလှံခတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်

7:35 pm
15. မြန်မာ့စီးရထားနှစ်အား ကျောက်ရေတွင်းနံ့ကျော်တံတား

7:45 pm
16. (၂၃)ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင် အာရှအားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင် ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (ရုရှ)

8:00 pm
17. News

8:10 pm
18. International news

8:20 pm
19. Weather report

8:30 pm
20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ယောမာန်ဆောင်း၏ ချွန်သံစဉ်" (အပိုင်း-၇၉)

8:40 pm
21. The next day's programme



Tuesday, 26 July
Tune in today:

8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music: Sweet dreams
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music: Super natural
8.50 am National news/Slogan
9.00 am Music: Real life
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music: Flash back
1.30 pm New/Slogan
1.40 pm Lunchtime music
-Everytime
-One love
-May be
9.00 pm English Lesson: Level III, Unit (6)
9.15 pm Article/Music
9.25 pm Weekly sports reel
9.35 pm Music for your listening pleasure
-Complicated
-Hearts
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

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Daw Mya Mya San attends merit sharing ceremony of Tipitaka Dhamma Pala Maha Vihara in Yinmabin



The Presiding Sayadaw of Monywa Maha Jotika Rama Monastery administers the Nine Precepts to Daw Mya Mya San and the congregation. — MNA

YANGON, 25 July — Merit sharing ceremony of Tipitaka Dhamma Pala Maha Vihara Monastery at the foot of Shewtaung-U Hill in Yinmabin Township, Sagaing Division took place at Shewtaung-U Pariyati Sarhinteik yesterday morning. It was attended by the Sayadaws, Daw Mya Mya San, wife of the Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services (See page 9)



Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann greets Thai Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta. MNA

General Thura Shwe Mann receives Thai guests

YANGON, 25 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence received the visiting special envoy of the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai and party at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta at 1.30 pm today. Also present on the occasion were Chief of Military Affairs Security Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint, senior military officers, Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials. Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai was accompanied by Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhira-kaosal.—MNA

INSIDE

We would like to call on the national people to forge the national unity stronger and stronger and to safeguard and defend the State, hand in hand with the government and the Tatmadaw.

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PERSPECTIVES

Hydel power station commissioned into service in Kaungkha, Shan State (North)

YANGON, 25 July — Kaungkha Hydel power plant was commissioned into service in Kaungkha town, Kutkai Township, Shan State (North) yesterday with an address by Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein. The Secretary-1 said that ten years ago the region deprived of security because of the armed insurgency. Locals lost lives and property and could not earn their living in peace. They will still (See page 9)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presses the button to generate electricity for Kaungkha and Lwekham regions through Kaungkha hydro-electric power station.—MNA