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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

State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe receives Chinese Foreign Minister and party

YANGON, 28 July— Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe received Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China Mr Li Zhaoxing and party at Credentials Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw building on Pyay Road, here, at 10 am today.

Together with Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Soe Win, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council 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 and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Chinese Foreign Minister and party were accompanied by Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun. MNA



Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets Chinese Foreign Minister Mr Li Zhaoxing at Pyithu Hluttaw building.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe receives Chinese Foreign Minister Mr Li Zhaoxing and party at Credentials Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw building.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Crush internal and external destructive elements as common enemy

The State Peace and Development Council has been exerting endeavours day in, day out to put into reality the national goal — emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

The people who have realized the benevolent attitude of the government are taking part in implementation of the State's objectives hand in hand with social organizations formed as strong national forces.

But, internal and external destructive elements in collusion are manufacturing exaggerated stories with the intention of bringing crises to the nation. Certain big nations are coercing the nation finding various types of pretext to get the nation under their thumb.

At such a time when the government and the people are making harmonious efforts with heart and soul to shape the brighter future of the State, the onus is put on all to ward off all saboteurs relying on external elements and resorting to various means to hinder the progress of the State.

The mass meeting focusing "Guard against the danger posed by destructionists through united strength of people" was held at the Myanmar Convention Centre in Yangon the other day. Social organizations dealt with guarding against the danger of destructionists through united strength of people and actively participating in implementation of the seven-point Road Map, and endeavours made for stability of the State and nation-building tasks upholding Our Three Main National Causes with Union Spirit. Those present approved the decisions with one voice.

The destructive elements who are allergic to the national progress are speeding up their attempt to cause disruption to the national development, so national brethren, townsenders and representatives of social organizations held discussions to seek ways to prevent and crush the dangers of the destructionists.

National people do not let the interests of the nation and the people lose sight and have been protecting and safeguarding the motherland, while braving the alien interference, pressure and disruption. The national people are to be well convinced the conception that the strength of the nation lies within and to be fully equipped with the spirit of cherishing the Union, national solidarity spirit, and patriotic fervour to surmount possible dangers of the destructive elements through national unity.

The entire national people are therefore urged to effectively crush those who betray the national cause and all internal and external destructive elements trying to jeopardize the national progress as the common enemy.

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

Commander and Minister discuss regional development matters

YANGON, 28 July— Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Central Executive Committee member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, on 26 July, met with officials and discussed matters on organizational and regional development tasks at the office of Myanma Salt and Marine Chemicals Enterprise in Mawlamyine.

Next, the CEC member proceeded to No 1 Basic Education High School in Mudon and inspected renovation of school buildings and gave instructions to teachers on paying attention to turning out of outstanding students with high efficiency.

At the Mudon Township USDA office, the CEC member met with Township USDA secretary and executives and urged them to participate in organizational, social, educational and regional development tasks.

Yesterday morning, the CEC member met state, district and township secretaries of USDA and discussed matters on organizational tasks of the as-

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 28 July — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Aung Win	Director-General Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development Ministry of Construction
(b) U Yu Lwin Aung	Director-General Central Inland Freight Handling Committee Ministry of Labour

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sociation, participation in successful implementation of the seven-point policy programme of the State and nation-building tasks. He also urged them to strive to become outstanding ones on whom the State can rely.

At Bilin Township USDA office, he also met with USDA members and urged them to actively participate in nation-building tasks.— MNA

Minister receives Thai guests

YANGON, 28 July— Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang received President of Mahasup International Co.Ltd, Thai Tapioca Starch Association Mr Preecha Temporn and party at his office yesterday.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun, the directors-general and managing directors under the ministry.—MNA



Minister U Aung Thuang meets Mr Preecha Temporn and party. INDUSTRY-1

English Course for Hockey Umpires and Coaches opened



Brig-Gen Myo Myint presents certificate of honour to U Kyaw Htay Thein (Kyaw Construction). — MHF

YANGON, 28 July — The opening ceremony of English Course for Hockey Umpires and Coaches, co-organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Hockey Federation, was held at Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon) this morning, attended by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

President of MHF Brig-Gen Myo Myint explained the purpose of opening the course.

The minister presented certificates of honour to the officials who have sponsored the course and the president of MHF gave away certificates to nine wellwishers.

The minister then attended the talks on sport education and skills demonstration of Wushu athletes Swe Swe Thant and Karate-do athlete Wan Ko Ko Oo at Bahan BEHS No 2. The two athletes recounted their sports experiences. The minister donated sports gear to the headmistress of the school.

President of Myanmar Sports Writers Federation Dr Tin Tun Oo presented sports and health magazines to Headmistress Daw Khin Hla Myint.

Managing Director U Ko Ko Aye of National Golf Training Course (Thuwunna) donated K 1.5 million to the school. Later, Wushu, Karatedo and Judo athletes performed demonstration of their skills and the headmistress then expressed thanks.—MNA

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All this needs to be known

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

38th ASEAN ministerial meeting concludes

VIETIANE, 27 July— The 38th ASEAN ministerial meeting closed here on Tuesday afternoon with fruitful achievements obtained on a number of commonly concerned international and regional issues.

The annual ministerial meeting, attended by foreign ministers of ASEAN member states and foreign ministers from Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste, agreed to establish ASEAN Development Fund, serving as the bloc's common pool of finance resource to support the implementation of the Vientiane Action Programme (VAP) and the ASEAN Community.

Consensus has been reached among the ministers on mapping out ASEAN Charter, a key document with legal binding force to its members. The draft of the charter will be submitted to 11th ASEAN Leadership Summit in Malaysia later this year.

The meeting agreed to streamline and reform the procedures of ASEAN conferences in order to boost effectiveness and reduce expenditure of the organization.

Southeast Asian countries on Tuesday invited Australia, New Zealand and India to attend the inaugural East Asia Summit in Malaysia later this year, aiming for a big regional trade bloc.

Australia and New Zealand this year agreed to sign a non-aggression pact with ASEAN, a precondition for countries wished to attend the summit. India already signed the pact in 2003.

MNA/Xinhua



Surfers take advantage of high waves caused by coming powerful tropical storm in Enoshima beach on the outskirts of Tokyo, on 26 July, 2005. —INTERNET

UNESCO, Cambodia sign two agreements to protect ballet, temple

PHNOM PENH, 27 July — The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) signed two agreements with Cambodia on Tuesday to protecting its Cambodian royal ballet and one of the Angkor temples.

The visiting UNESCO Director-General Matsuura Koichiro and Cambodia's Minister of Council of Ministers Sok An signed the documents in the Council of Ministers.

Matsuura said the agreements reflect the international recognition of Cambodia's world cultural monuments and the valuable contribution of Cambodian culture to the history of humanity.

Under the agreements, UNESCO will use about 2.5 million US dollars offered by Japan to help Cambodia to preserve the Bayon Temple in Angkor Thom, part of the sprawling Angkor Wat temples and Cambodia's royal ballet.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on Tuesday met with visiting Matsuura Koichiro, focusing on access to education, preservation of the World Her-

itage-listed Angkor and other cultural monuments.

Matsuura thanked Cambodia for its efforts to preserve Angkor Wat temples and other world cultural monuments, saying that " Cambodia has made great progress on political, cultural, education and other areas in last 10 years."

Matsuura, arrived here on Monday for a two-day visit, was also granted a royal audience with King Norodom Sihamoni, who had worked in Paris as Cambodia's ambassador to the UNESCO before he took the throne in October last year. — MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

Thai Deputy PM meets CPC delegation

BANGKOK, 27 July — It is a fixed policy for the Thai Government and the ruling Thai Rak Thai Party to further the friendly relations with China, said Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister Phinij Jarusombat.

The Thai Deputy PM made the above remarks on Monday when meeting with a visiting Communist Party of China (CPC) delegation headed by Hu Jiayan, deputy secretary of the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Regional Committee of the CPC.

The Thai Rak Thai Party has also put great importance to maintaining good relations with the CPC, a statement issued by the CPC delegation on Tuesday quoted Phinij as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Algerian diplomats murdered in Iraq after abduction

BAGHDAD, 27 July —Two Algerian diplomats taken captive in Iraq last week were killed, their government and the United Nations confirmed today.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan told reporters in New York that the envoys had been slain and he called their deaths "senseless and brutal." Annan said such "barbaric" violence should spur governments to reach a comprehensive agreement aimed at combating terrorism. Algeria's ambassador to the UN, Abdallah Baali, also confirmed the murders.

A statement posted on a Web site by al-Qaeda in Iraq, led by the Jordanian fugitive Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, said the diplomats were killed because of the repression of Muslims in their country, according to the Associated Press. Balarousi Ali, Algeria's charge d'affaires, or chief of mission, and Azzedine Ben Kadi, were dragged from their car 21 July by gunmen in Baghdad, the Iraqi capital.

The killings underscored the threat against Arab diplomats operating in Iraq amid a violent, anti-US insurgency. Egypt's first diplomat to Iraq since the toppling of Saddam Hussein's regime, Ihab al-Sherif, was abducted and killed this month in Baghdad. Zarqawi's al-Qaeda-linked outfit claimed responsibility for the murder and described the Egyptian as "the ambassador of the infidels."

Internet

Five US soldiers killed, five wounded in two incidents in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 28 July— Separate attacks in Iraq over the last few days have left five US soldiers dead and five others wounded, military officials in Baghdad reported.

One soldier was killed and five were wounded today when an improvised

explosive device detonated near a combat patrol in Salah Ad Din province at about 11. The wounded Task Force Liberty soldiers were taken to a coalition forces medical treatment facility.

In southwest Baghdad on 24 July, four Task

Force Baghdad soldiers were killed when their vehicle struck a roadside bomb at 7:15 pm.

The incidents are under investigation, and the names of the deceased soldiers are being withheld pending notification of next of kin. —Internet



An Iraqi man raises his arms as an unidentified US soldier of the army infantry from the Stryker Brigade enters his house during a patrol in Mosul, northern Iraq, on 26 July, 2005.

INTERNET

Vietnam appeals for investment in its iron ore mine

HANOI, 27 July — Vietnam is calling for foreign and local businesses to make pre-feasibility studies about its biggest iron ore mine in central Ha Tinh Province, which is expected to house a large metallurgy complex in the next few years.

The Thach Khe mine, estimated to house 550 million tons of iron ores, accounting for 60 per cent of Vietnam's total iron ore reserves, has favourable conditions for exploitation and construction of a metallurgy complex, according to the local newspaper Pioneer on Tuesday. Investment for exploiting the mine and building the complex in the province is estimated at over three billion US dollars. With an amount of 300-350 million US dollars, the first batch of iron ores will come out after three-five years of investment, said local experts. —MNA/Xinhua

Philippine merchandise imports up 2.7% in May

MANILA, 27 July — Philippine merchandise imports increased 2.7 per cent year-on-year to 3.37 billion US dollars in May, the National Statistics Office (NSO) said on Tuesday.

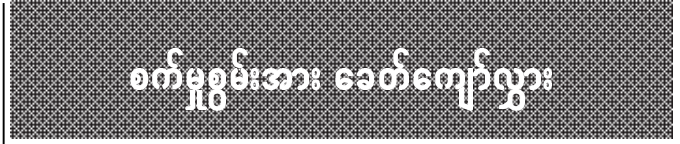
The NSO said in a statement that the figure in May led the total imports in the first five months of the year to decline 0.2 per cent year-on-year to 16.44 billion dollars. Electronics imports in May were valued at 1.39 billion dollars, down 1.7 per cent year-on-year and down 5.8 per cent from April, accounting for 41.3 per cent of the total, the NSO said.

According to the office, imports of mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials rose 35.6 per cent year-on-year in May to 493.92 million US dollars.

Industrial machinery and equipment imports were down 14.8 per cent at 128.91 million US dollars, and payments for raw materials and intermediate goods were up 6.4 per cent at 1.35 billion US dollars.— MNA/Xinhua



Indians walk through a flooded street following continuous heavy rain as traffic gets jammed in Mumbai on 27 July, 2005.—INTERNET



ASEAN welcomes resumption of six-party talks in Beijing

VIENTIANE, 27 July — Foreign Ministers from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) expressed their welcome to the recent resumption of the six-party talks on the nuclear issue of the Korean Peninsula in Beijing.

In a final joint communique issued Tuesday at the end of the 38th ASEAN ministerial meeting here, the foreign ministers hoped that concerned parties could find solutions acceptable to all sides, toward a nuclear weapon-free Korean Peninsula, on the basis of the principles of mutual respect for sovereignty and equality which will contribute to the maintenance of peace, security and stability in the wider Asia Pacific Region.

"ASEAN reaffirmed its support to the process and reiterated the potential role of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), as the primary forum for dialogue on peace and security issues in the region, in contributing to the momentum of finding a resolution to the Korean Peninsula issue," the ministers said.

MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN establishes ASEAN-China Joint Working Group on South China Sea

VIENTIANE, 27 July — Foreign Ministers from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) have endorsed the establishment of the ASEAN-China Joint Working Group to study and recommend measures to translate the provisions of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DoC) into concrete cooperative activities.

This was contained in a joint communique issued on Tuesday at the end of one-day ASEAN ministerial meeting in Vientiane, Laos.

"We looked forward to the 1st meeting of the working group on the implementation of DoC to be held in Manila in August 2005, as a concrete step toward the full implementation of the DoC," the ministers said.

The ministers welcomed China's view underscoring that a regional code of conduct in the South China Sea is essential, as conveyed during the 11th ASEAN China Senior Officials Consultations in Shanghai,

China, in April 2005.

"We encouraged all parties concerned to continue to exercise of self-restraint and to continue to undertake confidence-building measures that would contribute to the maintenance of peace and stability in the region.

"We also reaffirmed our commitment to resolve the dispute in the South China Sea through peaceful means in accordance with international conventions including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea," the communique said.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam's export turnover rises in first seven months

HANOI, 27 July — Vietnam is estimated to reach export turnovers of 17.4 billion US dollars in the first seven months of this year, posting a year-on-year surge of 18.1 per cent.

Items recording high growth in export value include woodwork, rising 47.8 per cent to 843 million dollars; and rice, up 35.9 per cent to 869 million dollars, according to the country's General Statistics Office on Tuesday.

Crude oil, one of Vietnam's biggest foreign currency earners, is set to bring in four billion US dollars in the first seven months, marking an increase of 34.4 per cent.

Other key items such as textile and garment products, seafood, and footwear are estimated to post export growths of 0.2 per cent, 2.9 per cent and 0.2 per cent, respectively, the office said.

Vietnam finds it difficult to boost exports of seafood, mainly due to effects of increased oil prices.

The Ministry of Fisheries decided to lower its seafood export target to 2.4 billion US dollars this year from the initial 2.5 billion US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

US military dog handlers face Abu Ghraib hearing

FORTMEADE (Maryland), 27 July — US Army dog handlers in Iraq's Abu Ghraib Prison used unmuzzled dogs to threaten naked prisoners and competed to see who could make inmates urinate on themselves, according to testimony at a military hearing on Tuesday.

Sergeant Santos Cardona, 31, and Sergeant Michael Smith, 24, are accused of mistreating detainees at the infamous Baghdad prison between November 2003 and January 2004 during the height of the prison-abuse scandal.

Tuesday's legal proceedings for the dog handlers at Fort Meade military base outside Washington were part of an Article 32 hearing, the military equivalent of a pretrial hearing that determines whether the two sergeants face courts-martial.

Disturbing photos of dogs barking and growling at inmates were broadcast worldwide in the abuse scandal. In other trials, several US soldiers have already been sentenced for abusing inmates, with jail terms up to 10 years.

Smith and Cardona told investigators last year military intelligence personnel asked them to bring their dogs to prison interrogation sites. The use of unmuzzled dogs to humiliate and intimidate detainees is a violation of the Geneva Conventions.

Under Islam, dogs are considered ritually unclean so their use against Islamic detainees could add a deeper layer of fear and apprehension for the prisoners.

Private Ivan Frederick, convicted of abusing prisoners at Abu Ghraib, testified via telephone that in one instance Cardona's dog bit a naked inmate twice on the left and right thighs.

MNA/Reuters

Americans believe war in Iraq can't be won, nor democracy established

WASHINGTON, 27 July — A majority of Americans believe the United States cannot win the war nor establish a democratic government in Iraq, according to a USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll published today.

Fifty-one per cent also believe the administration of US President George W Bush deliberately misled the public about whether Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, the central premise for the 2003 US-led war on Iraq.

Thirty-two per cent believe outright that the United States cannot win the war in Iraq, 21 per cent believe the war could be won but in the end will not be

won, while 43 per cent predict a victory. By a 58-to-37-per cent margin, Americans said their government would not be able to establish a democratic government in Iraq.

USA Today, which published the poll results, did not provide the date or the number of people that took part in the survey.

Internet



A US soldier from the Stryker Brigade patrols a street in Mosul, northern Iraq, on 26 July, 2005.—INTERNET

ASEAN strongly condemns terrorism

VIENIANE, 27 July—Foreign Ministers from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) have expressed outrage at the series of terrorist attacks in Britain and Egypt that resulted in the loss of innocent lives.

In a joint communique issued Tuesday at the end of ASEAN ministerial meeting here, the foreign ministers strongly condemn such acts of terror and extend their sympathies to the victims and their families. "We reiterated our strong condemnation of all acts of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and emphasized the need to address the root causes of terrorism. We continue to reject any attempt to associate terrorism with any race, region, nationality or ethnic group.

"In this context, we are fully committed to enhance our cooperative efforts to combat international terrorism at national, regional and international levels," the communique said.

The ministers looked forward to continuing their determination to enhance coordination and cooperation with the international community in combating

international terrorism. "We believe this will ensure peace and stability, create an environment conducive to our efforts to attain sustainable development, progress and prosperity in ASEAN."

On transnational crimes, the ministers emphasized the important role of ASEAN in regional initiatives to combat transnational crimes identified under the Work Programme to implement the ASEAN Plan of Action to Combat Transnational Crime. "We welcomed the endorsement of the ASEAN Plus Three Concept Plan to implement cooperation in combating terrorism and transnational crime and the efforts of the ASEAN Plus Three countries (China, Japan and South Korea) to develop work programmes to implement cooperation in the specific areas identified," the ministers said.

MNA/Xinhua

Japan FM likely to skip Laos to lobby for UNSC seat

TOKYO, 27 July—Japanese Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura looked likely on Tuesday to skip a regional gathering in Laos this week in favour of seeking support in New York for Japan's bid for a permanent membership on the United Nations Security Council.

Machimura and foreign ministers from Brazil, Germany and India agreed at talks in London on Monday to work with African countries to formulate a joint proposal for Council expansion.

The move came after the four — contenders for new permanent seats on the United Nation's elite decision-making body — failed to win support from the African Union for their own plan.

A Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said Machimura had expressed his intention to go to New York and was thus unlikely to attend a series of regional meetings that start in Laos from Wednesday, including one on Asia-Pacific security, a decision that other Asian countries might see as a snub.

"There is disappointment," Thai Foreign Minister Kantathi Suphamongkhon said in

Vientiane on Tuesday.

"We understand our Japanese counterpart cannot join us because of the G-4 situation. Of course we are disappointed."

Japan this year stepped up its decade-old drive for a permanent seat, eager to win diplomatic recognition equal to its economic clout and what it sees as a well-deserved position since it foots about 20 per cent of the world body's bills.

But the campaign has faced opposition from China and received only halfhearted support from Tokyo's close ally, the United States. UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has said he wanted the General Assembly to decide by the time of a UN summit in September, arguing that the Council's make-up reflects the balance of power at the end of World War II and must be updated.—MNA/Reuters



Children look at tropical fish swimming in a huge aquarium set up at Tokyo's Sony Square in downtown Tokyo on 27 July, 2005.—INTERNET

Chinese women expect to fly space mission by 2010

BEIJING, 27 July—Chinese women astronauts will soon be reaching for the stars along with their male counterparts, on Tuesday's *China Daily* quoted an official with China's space programme as saying.

They will embark on a space mission no later than 2010, working as flight commanders or on-board engineers, said Hu Shixiang, deputy chief commander of China's Manned Space Programme. He said at least four women astronauts will be chosen during the selection process, which is to formally start in 2006. This year, China's Air Force has selected around 30 women pilots, some of whom are reportedly intended to be future astronauts, the paper said.

"It is true women aviators have some advantages in terms of flight experience and physique, but we need payload experts with strong science and engineering background to do experiments in outer space," Hu said.—MNA/Xinhua

Floods kill dozens in India as Mumbai under water

MUMBAI, 28 July—Landslides and floods killed at least 30 people in India's western state of Maharashtra, leaving dozens more missing, and crippled normal life in the nation's financial hub, Mumbai, a state official said on Wednesday.

Most fatalities in the industrial powerhouse state were in the coastal districts of Raigad and Ratnagiri, where several villages were cut off after heavy monsoon rains.

Maharashtra's relief secretary, Krishna Vatsa, said the government had called in the Army, Navy and Air Force to assist thousands of people who were stranded and to pull out possible survivors of landslides.

"We have not been

able to reach some villages where more than several dozen people may be missing in landslides," Vatsa told *Reuters*, confirming at least 30 deaths in Raigad and Ratnagiri and adding that electricity, telephone links and transport connections had been cut off to those districts.

Press Trust of India reported 54 fatalities in Raigad District alone due to floods and landslides. In coastal Maharashtra,

officials and media reported more than 1,700 people had been rescued since Tuesday.

Trading on Mumbai's bond and currency markets was cancelled and Maharashtra Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh declared a state holiday saying conditions were very bad. The government asked people to stay at home as further heavy rains were forecast.

MNA/Reuters

Gunmen kill up to 17 in Baghdad bus ambush

BAGHDAD, 27 July—Gunmen opened fire on a bus carrying employees home from a factory in Abu Ghraib, west of Baghdad, on Tuesday, killing up to 17 people, police and hospital sources said.

A source at a nearby Baghdad hospital said it had received the bodies of 17 people killed in the attack. Police sources said 12 people had been killed.

"We were on the bus going home. Two cars with about 10 guerillas opened fire on us. We don't know why; we are just workers," said Adil Zamal, being treated for multiple gunshot wounds to the back at the An Noor

Hospital, which received 20 wounded patients from the attack.

He said about 36 workers had been on the bus.

The dead were taken to another hospital.

A police source said the al-Faris factory worked on reconstruction projects. Guerillas often target Iraqis seen as working for the US-backed authorities.—MNA/Reuters

China, Zimbabwe willing to continue traditional friendship

BEIJING, 27 July—China and Zimbabwe are willing to continue their traditional friendship, according to their foreign ministers here on Tuesday.

Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing met with his Zimbabwean counterpart Simbarashe Samuel Mumbengegwi on Tuesday and they exchanged views on bilateral relations and issues of common concerns.

Accompanying Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, Mumbengegwi arrived in Beijing on 23 July for a week-long visit.

Li said, since the two

countries forged diplomatic relations 25 years ago, bilateral relations went on smoothly, with frequent high-level exchanges, fruitful economic and trade cooperation, and sound cooperation in international affairs.

The visit by Zimbabwean President Mugabe is a symbol of the deepening of bilateral traditional friendship and will en-

hance their friendly cooperation, he said.

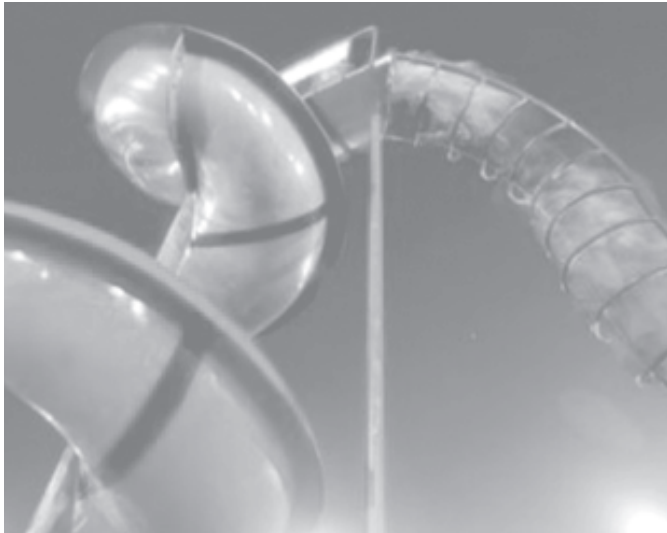
China is willing to work with Zimbabwe to implement the consensus that leaders of the two countries have reached, Li said.

Mumbengegwi said the two countries enjoy a traditional friendship and China has offered a great support to the Zimbabwean people during their national liberation.

MNA/Xinhua



Two Iraqi women carrying their baby walk past a US armoured Humvee along a street during a raid operated by joint US-Iraqi forces in the neighborhood of Baquba City, in Diyala Province on 27 July 2005.—INTERNET



Children play on a slide at an amusement park in New Delhi, on 27 July, 2005. Amusement parks are mushrooming in the country.—INTERNET

Malaysia sees growth for natural gas vehicles in APR

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 July — The potential for natural gas vehicles (NGVs) is growing in the Asia-Pacific Region, a senior Malaysian official said here on Tuesday.

“Already we can see a rapid rise in the number of natural gas vehicles in the different countries in this region,” said Dato’ Sri Chan Kong Choy, Malaysia’s Transport Minister, in a speech to open the First Asia-Pacific Natural Gas Vehicles Association’s Conference and Exhibition (ANGVA).

Currently, some 540,000 natural gas vehicles run in Pakistan, and more than 160,000 travels in India, and in Malaysia there are also over 14,500 such vehicles, the official told the conference held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

The Malaysia Government has been supporting and encouraging the NGV

industry through various incentives, lower retail price of natural gas for vehicles, exemption of import duty and sales tax for the import of conversion kits, and lower road tax for bi-fuel vehicles and monofuel natural gas vehicles, he said. Malaysia has also been encouraging the development of the local NGV and the related technology, he added.

There are more than 7.4 million vehicles (excluding motorcycles) in Malaysia, and the market potential is huge, he stressed, adding that the country will increase the number of natural gas filling stations to serve 54,000 vehicles by the Year 2010. — MNA/Xinhua

Roh Moo-hyun accepts resignation of top envoy to US

SEOUL, 27 July — South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun decided to accept the resignation of South Korea’s Ambassador to the United States Hong Seok-hyun, who expressed intention to step down one day earlier, according to Roh’s spokesman Kim Man-soo on Tuesday.

Roh, however, will allow Hong to continue his job for the time being before officially accepting his resignation, the spokesman said in a news release of the Presidential Office.

The timing of the acceptance of his resignation will depend on the settlement of his job as the ambassador to the United States,” said Kim.

Hong made a phone call from Washington to Chief of Staff of the South

Korean Presidential Office Kim Woo-sik on Monday night, expressing his intention to resign, according to Kim.

Hong’s resignation came after local political parties and civic groups requested him to step down for alleged involvement in a slush fund scandal.

MBC, a major local broadcasting company, released parts of an eavesdropped conversation in which Hong allegedly discussed with a

senior Samsung Group official to donate slush fund to candidate of the Grand National Party (GNP) Lee Hoi-chang in the 1997 presidential election.

Hong was president of *JoongAng Daily*, one of three most influential newspapers in South Korea, at that time. He took the office as South Korean ambassador to the United States five months ago.

But Lee was defeated by Kim Dae-jung,

candidate of the National Congress for New Politics which later turned to the Millennium Democratic Party (MDP).

The taped conversation, allegedly made by a team from the nation’s top intelligence agency in 1997, was leaked to the media last Thursday.

Both ruling and opposition political parties urged Hong to resign to take responsibility for the scandal.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesian “OV-10 Broncos” grounded following crash

JAKARTA, 27 July — The Indonesian Air Force decided on Tuesday to suspend the operations of the remaining nine light attack aircraft *OV-10 Broncos* following the crash of a *Bronco* last Thursday that killed two pilots.

The US-made aircraft were grounded pending results of the ongoing investigation into the accident, said First Marshall Yushan Sayuti, commander of the East Java-based Albulrahman Saleh Air Force base. The *Broncos* belong to the Squadron 21 based in the East Java town of Malang. “Investigation is underway,” Yushan was

quoted by the Detikcom online news service as saying. He said the investigation may take a long time because the ill-fated plane did have cabin voice recording known as black box. Yushan confirmed that the Indonesian Military (TNI) will not dismiss the Squadron 21 due to the suspension.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam to intensify auto part production

HANOI, 27 July — Vietnam will increase the proportion of locally-made parts in assembled automobiles, especially light trucks and buses in the next five years, and export vehicles and their spare parts by 2020.

In the 2005-2006 period, the country is focusing on raising the local content in light truck’s engines to some 33 per cent, and that in light trucks and buses’ bodies to 40-50 per cent, according to the Industry Ministry on Tuesday.

The ministry said by 2010, Vietnam will increase the local content in engines of all kinds of automobiles, excluding cars, to some 50 per cent, that in gearboxes of the vehicles to over 75 per cent, and that in bodies of light trucks and buses to nearly 100 per cent.

Now, none of 90 automobile assembling facilities in the country have poured sufficient investment into manufacturing important parts such as engines and

gearboxes.

Under a strategy on developing Vietnam’s automobile industry, the country will encourage all economic sectors to produce components, especially those of engines, on large scale. Projects on manufacturing common- and special-use vehicles like buses, light lorries, tank trucks and ambulances are to enjoy incentives in terms of land, loan, technology transfer, and research and development.

Automakers in Vietnam sold a total of 16,128 vehicles in the first half of this year, posting a year-on-year rise of 26.1 per cent, the Vietnam Automobile Manufacturers Association told *Xinhua* recently.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia to send blood sample for bird flu test

JAKARTA, 27 July — Blood samples from two Indonesians hospitalized in Jakarta will be tested for the bird flu virus even though initial results showed both have typhoid, health officials said on Monday.

The two men, including a news photographer who had recently photographed chicken farms, are under close observation following the recent deaths of three members of a family from the virus, officials said. The samples would be sent to Hong Kong, they said.

Both men have been treated at a hospital in North Jakarta and are suffering from high fever and flu symptoms. “The temporary diagnosis is typhoid. We have sent specimens to the WHO this morning for further tests,” said Evi Zelvino, a spokeswoman

at the Jakarta health agency, referring to the World Health Organization. The WHO’s spokeswoman in Indonesia, Sari Setiogi, said they planned to send the samples to a laboratory in Hong Kong for testing and results should be known in 7-10 days. — MNA/Reuters

Number of leprosy cases in Vietnam drops

HANOI, 27 July — Vietnam reported the rate of leprosy cases nationwide dropped to an average of 0.1 per 10,000 residents in 2004 from 0.7 per 10,000 in 1995.

With the drop, Vietnam attained the World Health Organization’s leprosy elimination target of less than 1 per 10,000 population, according to the *Vietnam News Agency* on Monday.

Over the past decade, nearly 23,370 leprosy patients have been cured, while more than 10,000 disabled others have been given annual functional rehabilitation, said the agency. To eliminate the disease totally in the country, the Health Ministry will increase social involvement in combating the disease, give high-risk remote and rural areas greater access to leprosy control services and improve functional rehabilitation services for disabled patients.

MNA/Xinhua



Pakistani labourers arrange sacks of Indian garlic which arrived through the Wagah Border Checkpost, at a market in Lahore on 27 July, 2005.—INTERNET

East is East and West is West

Chit Naing (Psychology)

Information and communication technology began to develop with high acceleration towards the end of the 20th century. The ICT is now covering the whole world. Some scholars say that the world is not round anymore, but has become flat, ensuring equal opportunity for all as changes in the ICT age are much faster than those in the agricultural and industrial ages.

We will have to agree that man has not seen any mutual penetration of thoughts, human values, lifestyles, tastes, habits, and behaviours across the boundaries as strong and fast as in the present age during the past 2,000 years. Unlike in the past, literature, music, films, plays and paintings are reaching every part of the world within seconds from the satellite and through the Internet and websites, leading to the formation of a blend of cultures. Lifestyles are changing with high velocity that some are even speaking and writing against the tradition of dining with bare hand, starting to describe it as an unhealthy and out-dated habit. They are advocating the use of chopsticks and fork and spoon as a healthy and modern eating style. (I have no objection or otherwise to their suggestion. Every person can choose any style he likes. There cannot be a single or uniform style of eating in the whole world).

The mode of dressing is changing significantly almost every ten years in Myanmar or any other global country. The culture of wearing jeans or skirts, dyeing hair blonde and changing hair styles has already reached even the villages because of the actors and actresses and models youths have watched in films, video and TV plays and fashion shows. But the tradition of wearing thanakha exists till today in both the rural and urban areas.

Twenty years ago, an American expert in political science said that ideological wars will end

in the 21st century. His words were true to some extent. But he continued to say that rivalry or the fight for global supremacy will be fought on the cultural front in the 21st century. With the intention of gaining the upper hand on the front, powers of the West including the US and England drew the strategy to launch a continuous offensive, and since 20 years ago, they have been in the process of organizing the global peoples to assume that only the western films, pop music and songs, literature and art are of the high class, and that those of the orient and Africa are of the low-class, outdated and worth-

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less types to be discarded.

People with less knowledge begin to accept the western culture and styles higher in level than the culture of any other region of the world.

Ten years ago, a man built a large and grand hotel in Yangon at a huge cost. As the hotel was built with the European design and architectural style, it did not suit to the weather of Yangon, which is

hot in summer and has a lot of rain in the rainy season. The hotel was too hot in summer. The roof of the hotel was too flat that it leaked during the rainy season and gaves were too short that they could not give the hotel shelter against splashing rain drops. It had very few guests in summer and rainy season. The owner had to rely only on winter. And the facilities of the hotel were fast deteriorating because of the rain water that leaked or splashed into it. So, it had to be resold. A retired officer who had inspected the hotel once told me that it was wrong to assume that the western style or design was superior than that of the east in all aspects. A race must value its own characters and traits.

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All need to understand clearly that East is East and West is West. In this regard, the people should try to widen their knowledge.

We do not need to accept all the foreign models. We must take the good parts and discard the parts that do not suit to our traditions and culture. We will have to Myanmarize the foreign model to be adaptable and acceptable to our nation. The spirit and act of Myanmarization has started since the Bagan period while preserving the race, its characters and lineage. It is a fine tradition existing till at present.

(Translation: TMT)

Kyemon+Myanma Alin: 28.7.2005.



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin cordially converse with local people at the dengue hemorrhagic fever control campaign on 9th Minye Kyawswa Street in Ward 3 of Hlinethaya Township on 27-7-2005.—YCDC

Russia relieved at US shuttle return to space

Moscow, 28 July — Russia welcomed on Wednesday the return of the US shuttle to space, saying it would bring financial relief to Moscow after a lone, two-year fight to keep humans in orbit. "We regard this extremely

positively," Konstantin Kredenko, spokesman of the Roskosmos space agency, said after the shuttle Discovery blasted off from Cape Canaveral. Since the shuttles were grounded in February 2003 after one disinte-

grated on re-entry, killing seven astronauts, only Russia has sent people and cargo to the International Space Station (ISS) from its Baikonur cosmodrome in neighbouring Kazakhstan.

MNA/Reuters

အများပြည်သူ သိရှိရန်အသိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်

၁။ ရောဂါကုသရေးတွင် ရောင်းချနေသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါဆေးဝါးများမှာ ဆေးဝါးအတုနှင့် စမညီဆေးဝါးဖြစ်ပါသဖြင့် လုံးဝအာနိသင်မရှိပါကြောင်း အသိပေးအပ်ပါသည်။

စဉ်	ဆေးအမည်	ထုတ်လုပ်သည့်ကုမ္ပဏီနှင့်လိပ်စာ
(က)	S-Mox-250 (Amoxycillin Capsule BP 250 mg)	SYSTEMIC PHARMACEUTICAL Industrial Estate Baroda-16
(ခ)	Ampicillin Capsule IP (Ampicillin Trihydrate IP Equivalent to Ampicillin 250 mg)	CADICHEM Pharma W/86 MIDC Industrial Estate Mumbai

၂။ အထက်ဖော်ပြပါဆေးဝါးများမှာ မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားခြင်း(မရှိ)သော ဆေးဝါးများ ဖြစ်ပါကြောင်း ဖော်ပြအပ်ပါသည်။

၃။ (S-Mox-250) ဆေးတောင်တွင်ပါရှိသောဆေးမှုန့်မှာ သတ်မှတ်ဖော်ပြထားသည့် (Amoxycillin)ဆေးမှုန့်လုံးဝမဟုတ်ဘဲ ပြောင်းကော်မှုန့်များသာဖြစ်သဖြင့် ဆေးဝါးအတု ဖြစ်ကြောင်း ဓာတ်ခွဲစစ်ဆေးတွေ့ရှိရပါသည်။

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၆။ ဆေးဝါးတင်သွင်းဖြန့်ဖြူးသည့် ကုမ္ပဏီ၊ ဆေးဝါးရောင်းချသည့်ဆေးဆိုင်များသည် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားခြင်းမရှိသော ဆေးဝါးများ၊ ဆေးဝါးအတု၊ စမညီဆေးဝါးများ တင်သွင်းဖြန့်ဖြူး ရောင်းချခြင်းလုံးဝမပြုပါရန်နှင့် တွေ့ရှိပါက အမျိုးသားဆေးဝါးဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူခံရမည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေးအပ်ပါသည်။

၇။ အများပြည်သူများသည် ဆေးဝါးစစ်မှန်မှု၊ အရည်အသွေးပြည့်ဝမှုနှင့် အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစင်မှု အတွက် အာမခံချက်ရှိသော မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ရရှိထားသည့် ဆေးဝါးများကိုသာ စူးစမ်းဝယ်ယူသုံးစွဲကြပါရန် နိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာနမှ



Senior General Than Shwe and party pose for documentary photo together with Chinese Foreign Minister Mr Li Zhaoxing and party at Pyithu Hluttaw building. (News on page 1)—MNA

Actively and unitedly participate in realization of seven-point Road Map with Union Spirit

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Hpa-an Township USDA Daw Amy Kyaw and Daw Nan Ta Kaw Awa acted as masters of ceremonies.

Next, the meeting chairman, members of the panel of chairmen and those present saluted the State flag.

Afterwards, the meeting chairman delivered an address on the occasion. In his speech he said prevalence of peace and stability is sine

time immemorial. But internal and external destructive elements and some big nations are still putting pressure on Myanmar. Myanmar could take cooperative measures with neighbouring countries in the region. It is building three powers, namely, political, economy and defence by means of the collaboration of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. As a result, all the entire people can witness



Members of the panel of chairmen at the mass meeting. — MNA

to the international community that it is exerting all-out efforts for the emergence of a new mod-

ern, a group led by a son of late Nyaungshwe sawbwa from abroad declared formation of Shan

Thanks to the efforts of the government joining hands with the people, the national people

are now enjoying fruitful results of the development endeavours.

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Kayin State USDA Executive U Saw Myat Htut Win presides over the mass meeting. MNA

qua non for building a modern and developed democratic nation. Union Spirit is also a key factor for peace and stability in the state. Union Spirit means that all national races are living through thick and thin as long as the world exists. This spirit was constantly embedded in the hearts of national races since

Myanmar heading for a new modern and developed nation.

Today's government is carrying out security, stability, peace and development tasks round the clock while it is stepping up implementation of the seven-point Road Map to hand over the State's power to the people. The government made known

ern the developed democratic nation.

So, he urged those present to actively and unitedly participate in realization of the seven-point Road Map through Union Spirit and patriotic spirit upholding the national policies which are inborn national duties.

Afterwards, Executive of Kayin State USDA U Kyaw Nyunt Win said that in an attempt to cause disintegration of the Un-

state government and independence of Shan State through foreign media. They betrayed the Union and it was an attempt to disturb the stability and tranquillity in Shan State. On behalf of the national people, U Kyaw Nyunt Win pledged to oppose the acts of expatriates which could lead to disintegration of the Union and harm Our Three Main National Causes.

Expatriates and some western countries have tried to drive a wedge aiming at causing disintegration of the Union

Kayin State USDA Executive U Kyaw Nyunt Win discusses guarding against the danger of destructive elements through national unity. MNA



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After realizing the genuine goodwill of the government, 17 armed groups returned to the legal fold. Since then, they have been participating in nation-building tasks in cooperation with the national people.

Expatriates and

past history, the government has paid emphasis on consolidation of national unity. And with the unity of the Tatmadaw and the people, the State is also trying to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

As soon as Myanmar had regained her inde-

went on to say that while the government is cooperating with the public in the interests of the State and the people, member of ABSDF are picking up armed struggle line and committing destructive acts in the nation. It can be witnessed that lives and property of many

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some western countries have tried to drive a wedge aiming at causing disintegration of the Union. Therefore, there were hindrances to the development of the State.

pendence, she became a member of the United Nations on 18 May. And Myanmar has been cooperating with the ILO so far. She said before 1988, there was no accusations

people have been destroyed due to their inhumane acts. She said the ABSDF is an insurgent group that was formed in the border region where insurgents are operating.

Prime Minister General Soe Win cordially greets Chinese Foreign Minister Mr Li Zhaoxing at Zeyathiri Beikman.. MNA



Myanmar had to shut down about 160 garment factories, and more than 80,000 workers lost their jobs

However, the State overcame the hindrances and difficulties through the united strength of the government, the Tatmadaw and the people. In conclusion, U Kyaw Nyunt Win called on the national people for guarding against the danger posed by internal and external elements, through united strength of people.

In her discussion, Daw Nan Than Htay, member of Kayin State Women's Affairs Organization, said looking back to the past history of Myanmar, it can clearly be seen that there prevailed national solidarity, Union Spirit and anti-colonialist sentiment in the country. Now is the time when the State is striving to build a discipline-flourishing democratic nation, she said. Taking lessons from the

like this against Myanmar. But, after the assumption of the State duties, Myanmar was accused by the ICFTU of committing forced labour. So, the government had to tackle the problem. Despite that, the ILO persistently demanded that Myanmar did not live up to the convention-29 of the ILO and still practised forced labour, she added.

It formed an inquiry commission, and made investigation only along the border areas, ignoring the correct situation and sources of Myanmar. Owing to their pressures, Myanmar had to shut down about 160 garment factories, and more than 80,000 workers lost their jobs. Consequently, the economy and education of 400,000 families or so were affected.

Daw Nan Than Htay

All in all, she said, all national people opposed and condemned the destructive acts of the members of FTUB, ABSDF and NCGUB who are lackeys of the West Bloc and gaining political profit under the pretext of democracy.

U Tin Ko Latt, executive of Hpa-an Township USDA, tabled a motion calling for guarding against internal and external destructionists

tional Causes with Union Spirit.

She said FTUB, ABSDF and NCGUB that have been inciting imposition of economic sanctions on Myanmar making false accusations against the Government.

They have colluded to secede from the Union and put pressure on the Tatmadaw serving the interests of the people and the country in successive periods in order that the

Kayin State Women's Affairs Organization member Daw Nan Than Htay. MNA



Hpa-an Township USDA executive U Tin Ko Latt. MNA



to maintain Our three main national causes.

Holding the mass meeting is to root out the rumours on the government and the State.

She said that all are collaborating to make efforts for safeguarding the interests of the national races and the Union.

Capt Thiha (Retd) of Township WVO said that the government has implemented short-term and long-term plans systematically for the development of border areas after making peace with national race armed groups so that

they could return to the legal fold to ensure stability of the State and community peace.

It is also carrying out sector-wise implementation of the State's seven-point programme for non-disintegration of the Union and emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Now, the National Convention is being held for emergence of a new enduring State Constitution.

Now, the nation has seen tranquillity, peace (See page 10)

Kayin State Maternal and Child Welfare Association member Daw Nan Hla Yin May. MNA



through united strength of the people to the mass meeting.

Afterwards, Daw Nan Hla Yin May, member of Kayin State MMCWA, discussed active participation in implementation of the seven-point Road Map of the State and endeavours made for stability of the State and nation-building tasks upholding Our Three Main Na-

people will misunderstand the Tatmadaw.

MMCWA has been making endeavours

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and economic development due to the drive of the government for building of a peaceful, modern developed nation and implementation of political, economic and social objectives.

At such a time when the government is fulfilling all requirements for gentle transition from the nation's old system to a new one, certain big nations are putting pressure, imposing economic sanction and levelling accusations against the nation.

He said war veterans sincerely believed that only when the people make strenuous efforts

pline-flourishing peaceful, stable and all-round developed democratic nation in accord with the aspirations of the people.

As is known to all that some nations are resorting to various means to put Myanmar rich in national recourses under their domination. He said they will never stand for conditions that harm the success the nation has achieved.

It is incumbent upon all Myanmar national people to protect and safeguard the discipline-flourishing democratic nation for its perpetual existence.

National solidarity and Union Spirit are a

should try to become ones capable of building a new nation through correct conviction and conception. The mass of WVO members are absolutely convinced that the national policy, Our Three Main National Causes, is the most crucial concern of all the people as well as the authentic Union Spirit.

Mi Htet Htet Aung, member of Kayin State USDA, tabled a motion calling for approval of the discussions by the



The meeting chairman and members of the panel of chairmen chanting slogans at the conclusion of the mass meeting. — MNA

FTUB, ABSDF and NCGUB that have been inciting imposition of economic sanctions on Myanmar making false accusations against the Government. They have colluded to secede from the Union and put pressure on the Tatmadaw serving the interests of the people and the country in successive periods in order that the people will misunderstand the Tatmadaw.



Captain Thiha (Retd) of Hpa-an Township War Veterans Organization. MNA

on self-reliance with Union Spirit, will it be possible to achieve the goal of building a disci-

must to overcome the danger of the saboteurs. All those who are imbued with patriotic spirit

mass meeting. Next, U Win Tin, representative of workers, said that the number of industries increased from 27430 by the end of March, 1988 to 56,890 in March 2005. So, 29,460 more industries have been set up than the past. Unprecedented development has been made to date.

chinery for industries, and creating fruitful results for transition to the industrial country. It reflects the goodwill of the Head of State for the nation, and the entire national people should realize it.

Being an agro-based country, the five aims — enhancement of agricultural mechanization, ex-

Kayin State USDA member Mi Htet Htet Aung, tables a motion to the mass meeting. MNA



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U Win Tin, representative of workers, tables a motion to the mass meeting. MNA

For ensuring development of agro-based industry, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on 4 July 1995 to lay down the five objectives for development of agro-based industries, enhancement of quality and quantity of industrial products, boosting production of new industrial items, manufacturing of ma-

tension of new factories, running and producing of present factories at full capacity, effective and rapid development of industrial zones and extension of new zones, and development of private industrial sector — are being implemented.

On behalf of the local people of Kayin State, he thanked the Government for continuous efforts for development of the industrial

sector in Kayin State as well as other states and divisions. Next, the meeting chairman sought the approval of those present

and approved the two resolutions.

Later, the meeting ended with the chanting of the slogans.

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Hpa-an Township USDA members Daw Amy Kyaw and Daw Nan Ta Kaw Awa emcee the mass meeting. — MNA

Monsoon paddy cultivation concludes in Yangon North District

YANGON, 28 July — A ceremony to conclude cultivation of monsoon paddy for 2005-06 was held in Kalagon Village of Hmawby Township yesterday morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Director-General U Tun Tin of Agricultural Mechanization Department, No 1 Military Region Commander Col Myat Thu, Hmawby Station Commander Lt-Col Tin Oo, local authorities and departmental officials.

Chairman of Yangon North District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myat Min briefed him on completion of growing monsoon paddy in townships of the district.

Head of Yangon North District Settlement



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents prize and cash award to Hmawby team, first prize winner. — YGN COMMAND

and Land Records Department U Mya Maung explained rules of the seeding skills competition.

The commander and officials viewed participation of contestants from eight townships in the competition.

After the competition, Managing Director U Than Lwin of Steel Stone Co presented K 100,000 to the all the teams through Mingala-

don Township Myanma Agriculture Service Manager U Zaw Lin. Officials also presented second and third prizes to Hlegu and Taikkyi township teams.

The commander awarded medal and cash prize to Hmawby Township team.

Next, the commander and officials inspected new model of Leyar-16 power-tiller, formula of EM Bokarshi,

sample plot of Hsinthwelatt paddy strain.

At the ceremony to free fish into the paddy fields, the commander and officials participated in it.

Yangon North District has put 287,128 acres of land under monsoon paddy against the target of 375,449 acres and grown 231695 acres of monsoon paddy. ^{°MNA}

Irrigation facilities inspected in Pyawbwe, Thazi

YANGON, 28 July — Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo heard reports on flow of water into Chaunggauk Dam and supply of water to Lunngin Dam through canal presented by officials in Pyawbwe Township on 25 July.

Chaunggauk Dam can store 12,500 acres-feet of water at the highest level and now it stores 6,800 acres-feet of water.

The commander and the minister inspected irrigation facilities at the two dams.

At Nyaunggon Dam, Deputy Director U Myo Tun of Irrigation Department reported to the commander and the minister on arrangements made for supply of water from Chaunggauk Dam to Meiktila Lake through Nyaunggon Dam.

The commander and the minister oversaw upgrading of Kontaung Dam in Thazi Township. —MNA

Minister visits private poultry farms in Taunggyi

YANGON, 28 July — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, accompanied by Director-General of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department U Maung Maung Nyunt and officials concerned visited poultry farms of U Moe Thant, Dr Ma Yin Nwe and viewed breeding of chicken this morning.

After inspecting an office of Shan State Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Head of Shan State LBVD Dr Than Aye reported to them on departmental functions. Next, the minister gave necessary instructions to officials.

Afterwards, the commander of Eastern Command, the minister and party held discussions on breeding tasks with entrepreneurs at the hall of Taunggyi.

After that, the minister and party inspected Tetchaung Feedstuff Factory in Ayethaya Industrial Zone and gave necessary instructions to entrepreneurs.

On arrival at a poultry farm of Dr Thein Sein in Kandaunt Village, Nyaungshwe Township, the minister was conducted by Dr Thein Sein round the poultry farm and the minister made arrangements to fulfill the requirements. — MNA

PRC Foreign Minister concludes visit

YANGON, 28 July — The visiting Chinese delegation led by Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China Mr Li Zhaoxing, accompanied by officials, visited the Shwedagon Pagoda this morning.

First, the guests offered flowers, lights and joss sticks to the pagoda and signed the visitors' book.

Next, the visiting Chinese Minister made cash donations to the funds of the pagoda to members of the pagoda board of trustees, who then presented a picture of the pagoda as a token of Dhamma present.

Then the guests



Minister U Soe Tha hosts a luncheon to Chinese Foreign Minister Mr Li Zhaoxing and party at the Sedona Hotel. — MNA

viewed the religious buildings at the pagoda. In the afternoon, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha hosted

lunch in honour of the delegation.

The guest also visited Myanma Gems Museum.

In the evening, the

Chinese delegation left here by air. They were seen off at the airport by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, and officials, the Chinese Ambassador and staff members.

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Chinese Foreign Minister Mr Li Zhaoxing and party being seen off by officials at Yangon International Airport.

MNA



Nyaungdon oil and gas field produces 98 million cubic feet of natural gas daily

YANGON, 28 July — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected the site for construction of Fertilizer Plant near Asugyi Village of Kyonpyaw Township on 26 July.

Chief Engineer (Drilling) U Kan Myint Gyi of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise reported on successful drilling of new well No 25 in Nyaungdon and production process, Director U Kyaw Hlaing on prospects of oil and gas production in Nyaungdon region, and Chief Geologist U Min Han on seismic works. Managing Director U San Lwin gave a supplementary report.

The minister instructed them to make efforts for drilling more new wells in Nyaungdon region and similar geographical area such as Maubin, Yaylegale and Dedaye regions. He decided to place the drilling machine and laid down the plan to boost production of oil and gas.

Next, Brig-Gen Lun Thi presented cash prize to the employees. Afterwards, he inspected completion of drilling works and productivity. Well No 25 pumps out over 5 million cubic-feet of natural gas and 24 barrels of condensate daily.

Now, 21 wells in Nyaungdon oil and gas field produce 98 million cubic feet of natural gas and about 800 barrels of condensate daily. — MNA

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"Gert" kills one, affects thousands in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 27 July— One person had been killed in floods in Mexico's northern state of Nuevo Leon caused by tropical storm Gert which touched down in the Tamaulipas State Sunday, local media reported on Tuesday.

The victim's body was found entangled in

branches and trees, one kilometres away from the spot where he was caught by water of La Silla River, the report said.

According to the Civil Protection Office in Nuevo Leon, rains will continue affecting several states in northern Mexico in the coming hours.

MNA/Xinhua

London bomb suspect convicted robber

LONDON, 27 July— A prime suspect wanted for last week's attempted London bombings had served a jail sentence for knifepoint robberies and grew to hate the British system after his conviction, newspapers reported on Wednesday.

Muktar Said Ibrahim, 27, whom police say planted a bomb on a bus in last week's attempted attacks, was jailed for 5 years in 1996 for mugging people when he was part of a teenage gang, the *Daily Telegraph* said.

The *Sun* tabloid said Ibrahim arrived in Britain from the East African country of Eritrea in 1992.

"He was very bitter

about getting five years (in jail)," the *Sun* quoted an unnamed associate as saying. "He was never the same person after."

Newspapers said Ibrahim and another of the four suspected bombers came to Britain as child refugees from East Africa and had received state welfare payments.

The *Times* called them "the benefit bombers who repaid help with hatred", while the *Daily Mail* said Britain had lost control of its borders and was "at the mercy of murderous fanatics".

The Home Office (interior ministry) and police declined to comment on the reports.—MNA/Reuters

Germany, Poland set up foundation at university

BERLIN, 27 July— Germany and Poland opened a new arena towards reconciliation of bilateral relations by setting up a 55-million-euro (66-million-US-dollar) foundation Monday for a multilingual university.

The foundation is aimed to fund the Viadrina European University in the eastern German city of Frankfurt on the Oder, where one third of the 5,000 students are Polish.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and visiting Polish President Alexander Kwasniewski agreed that a shred scholarship would help ease strains in the bilateral relations. "We want to put this cooperation by teachers and professors on a solid basis," Schroeder said after meeting with Kwasniewski.

Kwasniewski believed the new generation of students at the university was putting European unity into practice.

MNA/Xinhua

Swiss hydrogen-powered car sets record in fuel efficiency

GENEVA, 27 July— A special hydrogen-powered car invented by Swiss scientists has set a new world record in economical fuel consumption, the official web site swissinfo said on Monday.

The PAC 11 car came in first at the recent Shell Eco-Marathon in Ladoux, France, completing a 25-kilometre circuit using only one gram of

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Heat wave sweeps across US, kills dozens

WASHINGTON, 27 July— A relentless heat wave has swept across the Midwest and the East Coast of the United States since last week, causing record-high temperatures in many areas and claiming dozens of lives.

The National Weather Service reported on Tuesday that nearly 200 cities in the West hit daily record highs last week, including Las Vegas at around 47-degree Celsius and Death Valley soared to 53-degree Celsius.

In Washington DC and nearby Maryland, residents are expected to

experience the hottest weather of this year on Tuesday afternoon as temperature will probably hit 38-degree Celsius.

The National Weather Service have issued warnings from Nebraska to Washington DC and from Illinois to Louisiana, telling people to drink plenty of water, remain inside air-conditioned rooms and stay out of the sun.

The relentless heat, combined with high humidity, has took dozens of lives in recent days, including 24 in Phoenix, Arizona, alone.

In Missouri, Okla-

Russia to offer trip around the moon for \$100m

Moscow, 27 July — Russian space officials want to offer tourists a trip around the Moon for 100 million US dollars, a newspaper reported on Tuesday. Energiya, the Russian company that helps build and fly Moscow's space-ships, presented the plans to the Federal Space Agency on Monday, the daily *Izvestia* said.

A space tourist would blast off from Baikonur in Kazakhstan on a *Soyuz* rocket, spend a week on the *International Space Station* (ISS) and then leave the ISS to travel around the Moon before returning to Earth, the paper said.

Russia's Space Agency, which is eager to attract extra funds, has sent two tourists into space — US businessman Dennis Tito and South African Mark Shuttleworth — on week-long trips. Tickets for those trips cost a reported 20 million US dollars.—MNA/Reuters

homa and New Jersey, the heat has caused at least 11 deaths.

To relieve their suffering, people relied heavily on the air conditioners or tried to find a cool place such as swimming pools and fountains.

Demand for electricity to run air conditioners hit record high on Monday in Ohio and Tennessee.

The good news is that a break in the heat is already on the way, at least for the Midwest. Some areas will begin to feel relief on Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua

the real hard engineering stuff."

The project's main sponsor was the Federal Energy Office of Switzerland, which hopes to promote energy efficient systems and renewable energy.

But experts estimate that Switzerland is decades away from developing the PAC-Car on a commercial scale, because hydrogen is not produced industrially and cannot be easily stored.

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Chinese astronaut Yang Liwei on how to be qualified astronaut

BEIJING, 27 July — Chinese astronaut Yang Liwei on Tuesday told hundreds of young space fans that devotion, dedication and readiness of sacrifice are some of the major elements that make a qualified astronaut.

Addressing the students at the 16th Conference of Young Astronauts International, the Chinese astronaut said people with those elements will be able to persist in a long-term period of training to become a qualified astronaut.

Yang, who circled the earth in October 2003 aboard a Chinese-made

spaceship for about 21 hours on the country's maiden space flight, said that is his answer to the question he was frequently asked by children on the secrets to become an astronaut.

About 350 primary and middle school students from China, the United States and South Korea were among those

present at the opening ceremony of the six-day event.

Also present at the ceremony were three retired US astronauts — Charles Duke, who landed on the moon in 1972, Charles Bolden, who deployed the Hubble space telescope on a 1990 mission, and Mae Jemison, the first black American astronaut.

The three astronauts are here as guest of the Chinese Society of Astronautics (CSA) on a two-week China tour, which began on 29 July.

They will visit China's space research and development institutes, including those that develop China's spaceships, satellites and carrier rockets.—MNA/Xinhua

“Discovery” launched successfully

CAPE CANAVAREL (Florida, the United States), 27 July — The US space shuttle Discovery was launched just as scheduled Tuesday morning two and a half years after the Columbia disintegration grounded NASA's shuttle fleet.

Amid heavy white smoke, glaring red flames and huge roars, the shuttle rocketed into the sky at exactly 10:39 am EDT (1439 GMT) as planned, leaving a straight column of smoke behind.

The shuttle separated from the twin rocket boosters at 2 minutes 5 seconds into flight, and shut down the main engines after reaching the space 8 minutes and 23 seconds into flight, all as planned.

NASA Administrator Michael Griffin described the liftoff as with "power and majesty".

However, he and other NASA officials at the news conference about one and a half hour after the shuttle liftoff restrained from calling the mission now a successful flight. The flight would not be successful until after Discovery's 12-day mission and landing, said officials.

"We had a very, very clean countdown," but only after the 12-day mission and landing could we be comfortable, said shuttle launch director Mike Leinbach.

"We've still got a lot of work to do," said Bill Parsons, shuttle programme manager.

Almost 2,500 guests of NASA, including First Lady Laura Bush and Florida Governor Jeb Bush, witnessed the shuttle liftoff about five kilometres away from the launch pad, NASA said.

It added that the First Lady went to the launch command centre where she hugged and congratulated workers there. "Thank you so much for your hard work. You're inspiring everybody," she said.

NASA workers at the command centre later gathered for traditional beans and cornbread to celebrate the launch success.

MNA/Xinhua

Michael Jackson

hospitalized after trial

LONDON, 27 July— Michael Jackson went to hospital suffering from dehydration and weight loss after jurors acquitted the singer of child molestation last month, his lawyer said on Tuesday.

"Michael Jackson was ill from time to time. In fact, people didn't realize he actually entered the hospital after the verdict," Jackson's lawyer Tom Mesereau told BBC radio in an interview. "He was dehydrated, he had lost a tremendous amount of weight, he was having trouble keeping food down, he was terrified about what was going happen to his children and he had a recurring back problem," he added.

The child star turned superstar, whose "Thriller" album made him one of the world's best known entertainers, was visibly weak at the end of his four-month trial and his family said he had gone to bed after the verdict. Mesereau said he had not spoken to Jackson in the last few weeks although the two had been in touch after the trial.

MNA/Reuters



Intercepted star tortoises move inside their cage in the southern Indian city of Madras on 27 July, 2005. Nearly a thousand star tortoises were on its way to Malaysia when the Indian smuggler carrying them was arrested by Customs officials at Madras airport international terminal, a Customs official said on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Chinese scientists work out new tool to decode mammal genes

SHANGHAI, 27 July — Chinese scientists have worked out a highly efficient tool to decode information in mammal's genome and hopefully to study more closely the mammalian life cycle, including causes for birth defects and certain diseases.

The findings, a transposition system dubbed PiggyBac and its elements, are "landmark findings with the potential to alter the way mouse genetics is carried out worldwide, and with implications for human gene therapy", say editors with Cell, an authoritative international magazine on

life science. The findings have been summarized into a thesis and will be published on the upcoming issue of the magazine, according to sources with the Shanghai-based Fudan University and Cell's web site.

Entitled "efficient transposition of the

PiggyBac Transposition in Mammalian Cells and Mice", the thesis will make a cover story, said Professor Xu Tian, head of the university's developmental biology institute and leader of the research team.

The first author of the thesis is Ding Sheng, a third-year graduate stu-

dent at Fudan University.

In Chinese, the PiggyBac, a DNA transposon from a moth, is named after "Kua'e", the Hercules in Chinese legends. Its elements can be used for genetic manipulation of mice, including generating transgenic mice.

MNA/Xinhua

Young Thais spend heavily on cigarettes

BANGKOK, 27 July — Young Thais spend billions of baht yearly on smoking and a large number of teenagers have become heavy smokers, said a recent study.

"The amount young people spend on cigarettes is about three times higher than the entire government budget for public health services this year," newspaper Nation on Tuesday quoted economist Suchada Tangthangtham as saying.

Suchada's comment followed a recent study by Suan Dusit Poll, which found young Thais spend as much as 3.2 billion baht (about 80 million US dollars) a year on cigarettes.

MNA/Xinhua

Seven in ten Italians cannot afford a “decent” life

ROME, 27 July — Seventy per cent of Italians feel they do not earn enough to afford a "decent" standard of living, a study released on Monday found — the latest indication that the population is feeling the pinch of a struggling economy.

The proportion of people who are "subjectively poor" — those who say

they can buy necessities but no luxuries — has rocketed from just 50 per cent two years ago, said ISAE, the government-funded economic thinktank which conducted the survey.

"Subjective poverty has increased consistently since the survey began (in 2000), first slowly and then picking up speed. In the last year there has been

a very rapid increase," said ISAE, which questioned 24,000 families on their spending power.

The "subjective poverty" measure reflects how Italians feel their incomes measure up to their aspirations, and the massive rise indicates a widespread feeling that buying power has decreased in the last two years.

The survey adds to a

steady flow of gloomy economic data and Italians' perception of their own wealth and comes as politicians gear up for a general election to be held by next May where the economy will be the overriding issue.

ISAE found the "subjective poverty level" — the minimum monthly income required for a "decent living standard" —

was 1,250 euros (1,508 US dollars) for a single person, 2,600 euros for a large family.

The proportion of "subjectively poor" is about 10 times higher than those under the absolute poverty level, ISAE said. Around 6.8 per cent of households earn less than they need to live on.

MNA/Reuters

S P O R T S

Schalke beat Werder Bremen to reach League Cup final

BERLIN, 28 July— Schalke 04 beat Werder Bremen 2-1 with goals from Zlatan Bajramovic and Ebbe Sand on Wednesday and will face VfB Stuttgart in the League Cup final.

Bajramovic opened the scoring 11 minutes before halftime with a wonderful volley that squeezed in at the near post and Sand took advantage of a mix-up between goalkeeper and defence for the second in the 71st minute.

Nelson Valdez pulled one back in the final minute at the end of a swift break.

Stuttgart beat holders Bayern Munich in the first semifinal of the low-key pre-season tournament on Tuesday. The final takes place in Leipzig on August 2.

Bremen had the best chance of the opening half-hour but Tim Borowski

slipped a shot wide from no more than two metres when he seemed certain to score.

Kevin Kuranyi then shot weakly for Schalke after being put through on goal before the home side took the lead with Bajramovic's perfectly judged volley.

Schalke dominated the second half and Sand managed to nip in ahead of keeper Tim Wiese to seal victory. The Bundesliga season begins on August 5 when Bayern, last season's league and cup winners, host Borussia Moenchengladbach.—MNA/Reuters

Ballack voted Germany's player of the year

BERLIN, 28 July— World star playmaker Michael Ballack has been voted Germany's player of

the year for the 2004-05 season by a poll of sports writer.

It is the third time in

four years that Ballack has won the poll conducted by Kicker magazine, which published the results Wednesday.

Striker Lukas Podolski, who helped FC Cologne gain promotion to the top division and plays for the German national team, received 103 votes to finish second. Brazilian midfielder Marcelinho of Hertha Berlin was third with 99 votes.

Coach of the year was Felix Magath, who guided Bayern to the Bundesliga and German Cup titles in his first year.

Birgit Prinz was female player of the year for the fifth straight year.

MNA/Xinhua



Bayern Munich's soccer player Michael Ballack signs autographs for Japanese fans as he arrives at the New Tokyo international airport in Narita, east of Tokyo, on 27 July, 2005. The German club flew into Japan on Wednesday to play friendly soccer matches against Japan's J-League teams.—INTERNET

Celtic suffer Champions League embarrassment

LONDON, 28 July— Gordon Strachan was humiliated in his first game as Celtic manager when his team lost 5-0 at Artmedia Petržalka of Slovakia in the first leg of their Champions League second qualifying round tie on Wednesday.

The result, one of the worst in the Scottish club's history, left Celtic facing another costly exit from Europe's most lucrative club competition in which they have consistently under-performed in recent seasons.

The 1967 European champions fell behind just before halftime when Juraj Halenar, who went on to complete a hat-trick, put Artmedia in front.

In the second half the Slovakian side ran riot, scoring further goals through Blazej Vascak, Halenar (twice) and Martin Mikulic.

The pick of the goals was Halenar's second, a superb volley straight from a corner, and Celtic's misery was compounded by a suspected cheekbone fracture suffered by striker Chris Sutton.

"I'm still in shock," former Southampton manager Strachan was quoted as saying by the BBC. "None of those players will ever forget that performance. "Embarrassment is the strongest emotion right now and it's difficult to look anyone in the eye."

Shelbourne held Romania's Steaua Bucharest, the 1986 European champions, 0-0 in Ireland.

Goalkeeper Dean Delaney was in fine form and midfielder Ollie Cahill said: "It probably wasn't a great game to watch but that's what European matches are all about. We're very happy and it sets us up for next week."

Serbian striker Igor Bogdanovic scored twice as Hungarian champions Debrecen upset Croatia's Hajduk Split 3-0.

The Serbian forward scored with headers in the 26th and 38th minutes and the visitors were unable to recover. Hungarian striker Zsombor Kerekes added the third in the 58th minute.

A fine individual goal from Obiora Odita gave Serbia and Montenegro champions Partizan Belgrade a 1-0 win over Moldovan side Sheriff Tiraspol. The Nigerian striker took the ball in his stride just outside the penalty area and rifled a half-volley on the turn into the far corner past Sheriff goalkeeper Sebastian Hutan.

MNA/Reuters



Deportivo Coruna's Albert Luque (L) and Newcastle United's Lee Bowyer fight for the ball during their UEFA Intertoto Cup semi-final first leg soccer match at Coruna's Riazor stadium on 27 July, 2005.—INTERNET

Deportivo beat Newcastle 2-1 in Intertoto semifinal

LA CORUNA (Spain), 28 July— Goals from striker Ruben Castro and defender Jorge Andrade gave Deportivo Coruna a 2-1 victory over Newcastle United in the first leg of an Intertoto Cup semifinal at the Riazor on Wednesday.

The English side were given hope of turning the tie around in next week's second leg at St. James' Park thanks to a thundering volley from midfielder Lee Bowyer.

Primera Liga side Deportivo gained an early reward for fielding an attacking line-up when young striker Castro steered home past keeper Shay Given in the 11th minute after lively winger Pedro Munitis had skipped down the right and slipped a neat pass into the area.

Newcastle, who beat Slovakian side Dubnica 5-1 on aggregate in the previous round, were unable to find their rhythm against the Galicians.

But Graeme Souness' men hit back against the run of play three minutes into

the second half when Bowyer smashed home with an unstoppable left-foot volley after Diego Tristan had half-cleared a corner.

Deportivo restored their lead 10 minutes later when Portugal centre back Jorge Andrade made the most of some half-hearted Newcastle defending to stride forward from inside his own half before calmly curling the ball low into the corner of the net to make it 2-1.

The home side were unable to cash in on their domination and Castro missed a fine chance to extend the lead late in the game. The winner of the tie will face the winner of the semifinal between Lazio and Olympique Marseille.

MNA/Reuters

Carew scores hat-trick on Lyon debut

AUXERRE, 28 July— Striker John Carew marked his Olympique Lyon debut in style with a hat-trick as they demolished AJ Auxerre 4-1 in the French season's curtain-raiser, the Trophy of the Champions, on Wednesday.

Norway's Carew, who joined the Ligue 1 title holders from Besiktas last month, scored twice inside five minutes after the break to help Lyon lift the trophy for a fourth consecutive time.

The French champions, bidding for a record fifth

consecutive Ligue 1 title this season, showed why they are hot favourites to claim more domestic honours with their easy victory over the French Cup winners. Teenager Hatem Ben Arfa opened the scoring for Lyon from the penalty spot in the third minute

after Carew was fouled in the area by goalkeeper Fabien Cool.

The Burgundy side equalized thanks to midfielder Lionel Mathis who outmanoeuvred Lyon captain Claudio Capaca before beating Gregory Coupet from close range in the seventh minute.

Lyon took the lead again when Carew marked his debut in French soccer by slotting home just after the half-hour mark.

The towering striker showed he has skill as well as strength when he got past two defenders to net a cross-shot and make the score 3-1 in the 67th minute. Carew put the match beyond doubt thanks to a 72nd-minute goal before he was replaced by young striker Nilmar.—MNA/Reuters

Argentine defender signs for newly promoted Cadiz

MADRID, 28 July— Experienced Argentine centre-back Eduardo Berizzo has signed a one-year deal with newly promoted Cadiz, the Primera Liga side said on Wednesday. The 35-year-old joins last season's Second Division champions on a free transfer after being released by Celta Vigo.

The former Argentine international, who began his career at Newell's Old Boys, signed for Celta from River Plate in 2001 and remained with the club when they were relegated from the top flight in 2004.

Uruguayan forward Fabian Estoyanoff and Portuguese defender Mario Silva are the other leading close-season recruits for the Andalucians as they prepare for their first campaign in the top flight for 12 years.

MNA/Reuters

Australia facing hotter, more volatile weather

CANBERRA, 28 July — Australia could be up to two degrees Celsius warmer by 2030 and face more bushfires, heatwaves and storms despite global efforts to reduce greenhouse gases, a climate change report showed on Tuesday.

Australia is also at risk of stronger cyclones, fewer frosts, changing ocean currents and a more pronounced cycle of prolonged drought and heavy rains, found the government-commissioned report by The Allen Consulting Group.

Environment Minister Ian Campbell said that while Australia — which has refused to sign the Kyoto Protocol on global warming — was focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, it was also important to be prepared to adapt to inevitable climate change.

"The report tells us that some degree of climate change is inevitable because of greenhouse gases al-

ready emitted to the atmosphere and the strong growth of global emissions," Campbell said in a statement.

Campbell said the report on climate change would help Australia's Government, industries and communities begin to respond to the climate changes that were likely over the next two to three decades.

Australia is suffering one of its worst droughts in a century, which Treasurer Peter Costello has said was dampening the country's economic growth.

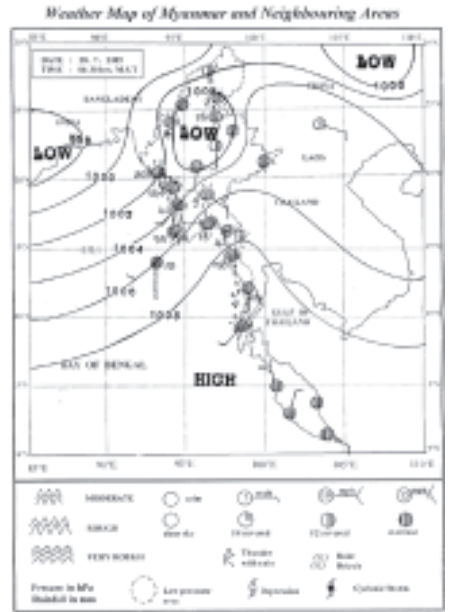
A panel of scientists that advises the United Nations has said world temperatures are likely to rise by 1.4-5.8 Celsius by 2100, triggering more frequent floods, droughts, melting icecaps and driving thousands of species to extinction.

Despite the Australian Government not signing the global Kyoto Protocol because it says the pact unfairly excludes developing nations, Campbell said Australia was on track to meet its Kyoto emissions target.

Kyoto came into force in February after years of delays and a pullout by the United States, the world's top polluter.

Under Kyoto, rich nations are meant to cut emissions of heat-trapping gases from power plants, cars and factories by 5.2 per cent below 1990 levels by 2008-12 to try to slow what many scientists say could be catastrophic climatic changes.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese Foreign Minister Mr Li Zhaoxing and party visit Shwedagon Pagoda. (News on page 11) — MNA

Flood Warning

(Issued at (12:30) hrs MST on 28-7-2005)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation, the water-level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1026) cm. The water-level may reach its danger level (1070) cm during the next 48 hrs commencing noon today.

WEATHER

Thursday, 28 July, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Shan and Kayah States, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Division and isolated heavyfall in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (6.26) inches, Ye (5.24) inches, Gwa (5.04) inches, Sittway (4.06) inches, Myeik (3.70) inches and Maungtaw (2.80) inches.

Maximum temperature on 27-7-2005 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 28-7-2005 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 28-7-2005 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 27-7-2005 was (0.2) hours approx. Rainfalls on 28-7-2005 were 0.43 inch at Mingaladon, 0.59 inch at Kaba-Aye, 0.27 inches at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 45.94 inches at Mingaladon, 45.47 inches at Kaba-Aye and 49.76 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 6 mph from Southwest at (15:05) hours MST on 27-7-2005.

Bay inference: Monsoon is generally strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 29-7-2005: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Shan and Kachin States, Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, Taninthayi Division. 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 35 mph to 40 mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of decrease of rain in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-7-2005: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-7-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 60%.

ASLEEP IN JESUS

The founder and President of Evangelical Free church of Myanmar
Rev. Dr. Lalthanliana

Age-90

Son of Rev. R. Dala left this world of trials and went to be with his beloved Lord and Savior for eternal rest on 28-7-05 (4.50 pm).

The funeral service will be held as follows:

Date: 30th July 05.

Time: 1.00 pm

Place: Rev. Dr. Thana's Hall

Kaya 12th Tingunkyun, Mingaladon Tsp, Yangon. Ph: 727226/247692

Bereaved family



Friday, 29 July

View on today:

7:00 am

- ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကျွန်းဆရာတော်တို့က နိုင်ငံတော်သံယုမဟာနာသကအဖွဲ့အကွဲတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာဂုဏ်ဂုဏ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မတော်တော်၊ တိပိဋကဓမ္မ၊ ဓမ္မာနာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိတ္တ သာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ဝရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

- The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:20 am

- စွန့်ချောင်းရေလှောင်တံခါး

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:15 pm

- Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

- Practice in reading

4:45 pm

- Musical programme

5:00 pm

- အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လေ့လာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - တာဝိယနွမ် (ခေါတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ခါတုဗေဒ)

5:15 pm

- Song of national races

5:30 pm

- လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းအဖွဲ့

5:35 pm

- "သစ်ကောင်းတစ်ပင်" ရုနီနီ၊ ဩဇာနီ၊ တွေ့ရှိရုံ၊ ဟိုနီ၊ မိုးယုတ်၊ ရန်ပိုင်နီ၊ မောင်ဂဏ္ဍနီ၊ ခါရိတ်တာ - မိုးထက်လူ (သစ်ကောင်း)

5:50 pm

- Musical programme

6:00 pm

- ဆုတံခွယ် ဓမ္မာတော်ရှင်

6:30 pm

- Evening news

7:00 pm

- Weather report

7:05 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရုနီတော်" (အပိုင်း-၄)

7:35 pm

- Song of yesteryears

6:45 pm

- (၂၃)ကြိမ်မြောက်အရှေ့တောင်အာရှအားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲအတွက် ပြင်ဆင်ကြိုတင်စီစဉ်ရေးဆွဲထား

8:00 pm

- News

- International news

- Weather report

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

8:00 pm

- "ရုနီတော်" (အပိုင်း-၈)

8:00 pm

- The next day's programme



Friday, 29 July

Tune in today:

8.30 am

- Brief news

8.35 am

- Music: - Baby keep smiling

8.40 am

- Perspectives

8.45 am

- Music: - Saying I love you

8.50 am

- National news/Slogan

9.00 am

- Music: - I wanna be with you

9.05 am

- International news

9.10 am

- Music: - I need love

1.30 pm

- News/Slogan

1.40 pm

- Lunch time music - The closest thing to heaven - If you had my love - Sweet kisses

9.00 pm

- World of music Songs from Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, China and Vietnam dance songs

9.15 pm

- Article/Music

9.25 pm

- Music at your request - Love me tender - Forever - Lucky love

9.45 pm

- News/Slogan

10.00 pm

- PEL

Prime Minister receives Chinese Foreign Minister



Prime Minister General Soe Win receives Chinese Foreign Minister Mr Li Zhaoxing and party at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA

YANGON, 28 July— Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win received visiting Foreign Minister of the People’s Republic of China Mr Li Zhaoxing and party at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyintha, here, at 8 am today.

Together with the Prime Minister on the occa-

sion were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint, Director-General U Soe Tint of the Prime Minister’s Office and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Af-

fairs. The Chinese Foreign Minister and party were accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun.

They exchanged views on matters of mutual interests and bilateral cooperation between the two countries.—MNA

Tatmadaw implementing seven-point Road Map to systematically hand over the State power to the people

YANGON, 28 July — Mass meeting focusing “Guard against the danger posed by destructionists through united strength of people” was held at Zwegabin Hall in Hpa-an, Kayin State, yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were members of Kayin State Union Solidarity and Development Association, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Women’s Affairs Organization, Myanmar War Veterans Organization, Auxiliary Fire Brigade, Red Cross Society, nurses, faculty members of Hpa-an Education College, departmental officials and local people totalling over 1,000.

Executive of Kayin State USDA U Saw Myat Htut Win presided over the meeting together with Chairperson of the Supervisory Committee for

Kayin State MCWA Daw Mar Mar Lu, Chairperson of Kayin State WAO Daw

Tin Sein, Chairman of Organizing Committee for Township WVO U

Thet Oo Shein, Staff Officer (Grade-I) of Kayin State Red Cross Society U

Khun Kyaw Win, Deputy Commanding Officer of Auxiliary Fire Brigade U

San Ko, townselder U Saw Soe Tint. Member of (See page 8)



The mass meeting focusing guard against the danger posed by destructionists through united strength of people in progress at Zwegabin Hall in Hpa-an.— MNA