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Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

YANGON, 29 July — Mr Thompson Sunday Olufunso Olumoko, newly accredited Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyintha at

10 am today.

Also present on the occasion were State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department.

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Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets Nigerian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Thompson Sunday Olufunso Olumoko. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Morocco

YANGON, 30 July— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty King Mohammed VI of the Kingdom of Morocco, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Morocco which falls on 30 July 2005.

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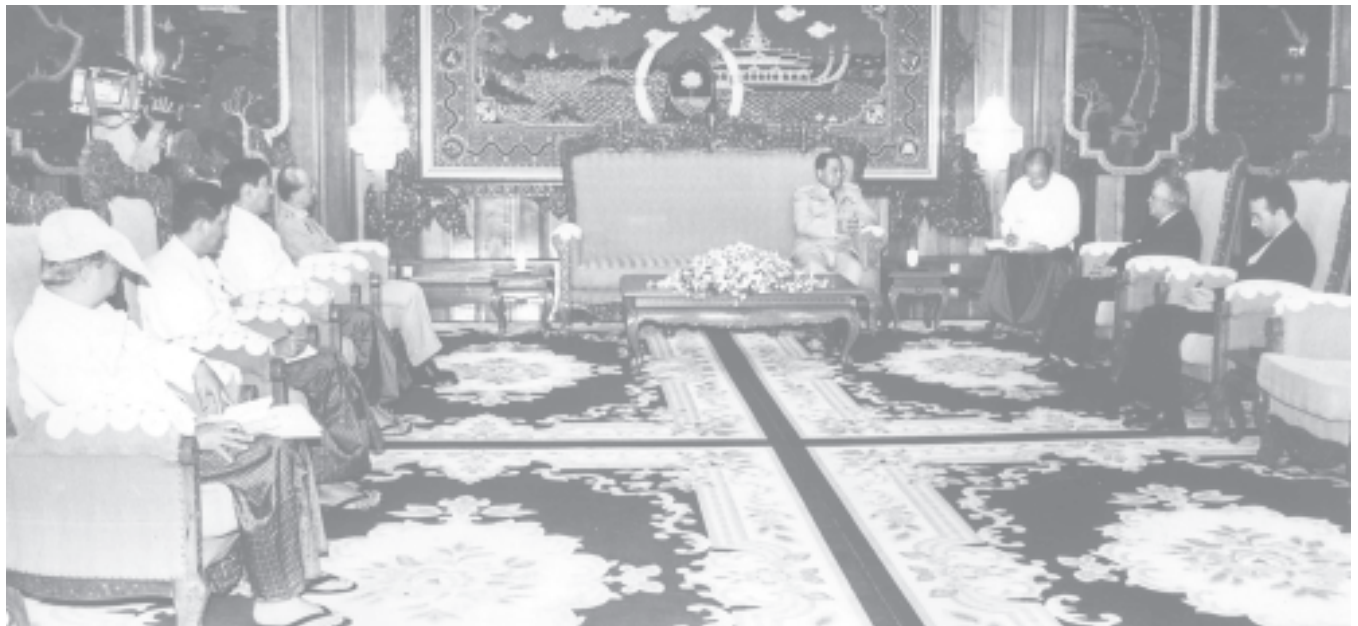
State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran

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of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyintha at 10.30 am today.

Also present on the occasion were State Peace

and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department. —MNA



Senior General Than Shwe receives Iranian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mohsen Pak Aein at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyintha. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 30 July, 2005

Strive for boosting agricultural production

Today is the time when the government, the Tatmadaw and the people are making relentless efforts for bringing about harmonious and equitable development the length and breadth of the nation and for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Unprecedented progress has been made across the nation thanks to strenuous efforts and correct policy of the government.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has always given guidance on boosting the agricultural production of the nation. In particular, the Head of State has given guidance on construction of more dams and reservoirs in arid regions, where water is scarce, for agricultural purpose in the interest of the people.

In accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, constant efforts are being made for the development of the agricultural sector. As a result, altogether 176 dams and reservoirs have now been built and opened in the nation.

Myohla (Tatkon) Dam opened on 25 July in Tatkon Township is the 176th of its kind in the nation. It was built with the aim of boosting the agricultural production and greening the environs of the facility.

Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing Divisions are in the arid zone with a scanty rainfall. Apart from the regions where there are dams and reservoirs, there has been scarcity or insufficiency of water for agricultural and drinking purposes. Thus, these divisions in the past lagged behind in health, social and economic sectors when compared with others.

To overcome those obstacles and difficulties, the government has laid down and is implementing projects for supply of water in the arid zone, spending a large amount of funds for development of the agricultural sector and greening the environs.

Nowadays, there have emerged 44 dams and reservoirs in Mandalay Divisions and the facilities are now benefiting over 372,866 acres of farmland. With the emergence of those irrigated facilities, local people of the division are now fully engaged in agriculture.

The local people will be able to further serve the interest of the State and their own, making better use of the development infrastructures created by the government.

Therefore, we would like to call upon the farmers and officials to make concerted efforts for boosting the agricultural production, making the most of those irrigated facilities constructed by the government.

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

Education facilities, USDA activities inspected in Mandalay Division



USDA Secretary-General Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo meets USDA members at Mandalay Division USDA office. —A & I

YANGON, 29 July — Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and USDA Secretary-General Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected construction of self-reliant building for Cetana BEPS in Hsegyi Village in Tatkon Township on 25 July.

USDA Secretary-General Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo instructed USDA members to participate in the regional development tasks.

At night, the secretary-general met with secretaries and executives of Mandalay Division, District and seven township USDAs at Mandalay Division USDA Office. Division Secretary U Tin Maung

Oo reported on social and regional development activities.

Joint-Secretary U Sein Myint, Executive U Tint Lwin Oo and Executive U Aung Kyaw briefed the secretary-general on experience in leadership diploma course, youth affairs and regional economy.

Speaking on the occasion, Maj-Gen Htay Oo said that USDA members are building the nation, joining hands with the Government, the Tatmadaw and the people. The USDA members upholding Our Three Main National Causes are to participate in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation in cooperation with the people through Union Spirit. — MNA

Inter-department table tennis tourney opens

YANGON, 29 July— The second inter-department table tennis tournament of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue commenced at Aung San stadium, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Hla Thein Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, departmental heads under the ministry, officials, managers, coaches and athletes.

First, the minister gave a speech. Myanmar

Investment and Commercial Bank team (men) and Myanma Economic Bank team (women) returned the championship shields they won in the previous year's tournament to the minister. Chairman of the Table Tennis Subcommittee of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue Managing Director of MICB made cash donations to Myanmar Table Tennis Federation through MTF President U Kyaw Kyaw.

A total of 12 men's teams and nine women's teams are contending for the championship shields of the trouney that continues till 31 July. — MNA

Meeting of Hlinethaya Industrial City Management Committee held

YANGON, 29 July— The meeting of the Hlinethaya Industrial City Management Committee was held yesterday at the office of the committee.

Director-General U Aung Win of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development, Chairman of Yangon North District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myat Min and Chairman of the committee U Myat Thin

Aung made speeches. Next, Secretary of the committee Dr Pwint Hsan presented financial report for the period from 1 April 2002 to 31 March

2005. Those present unanimously approved the report.

After the announcement of the resignation of old mem-

bers of the committee, the list of new 27 members was read out. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the chairman. —MNA

Hlinethaya Industrial City Management Committee Chairman U Myat Thin Aung makes a speech. UMFCCI



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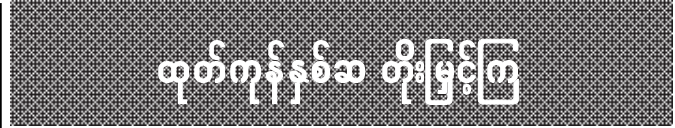
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Toshiyuki Shiga, left, chief operating officer of Nissan Motor Co, Ltd, and a South Korean model pose with a Infiniti M45 during the opening ceremony of first Infiniti showroom in Seoul, South Korea, on 28 July, 2005. —INTERNET



ASEAN investment in Vietnam soars

HANOI, 28 July—Investment from members of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Vietnam has sharply risen since the country joined the block in July 1995.

ASEAN members have pledged to pour 11.3 billion US dollars into 700 investment projects in Vietnam since 1995, accounting for 23 per cent of the country's total foreign investment, and 12 per cent of foreign-invested projects, according to the Vietnamese Ministry of Planning and Investment on Wednesday.

Before 1995, the ASEAN members had only nine projects worth over 100 million dollars in Vietnam. The block

comprises Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar and the Philippines.

Now, the biggest ASEAN investor in Vietnam is Singapore which has 366 valid projects with total registered capital of over 8.1 billion dollars. The city state is also the biggest investor out of 70 countries and regions having projects in Vietnam.

MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN+3 Foreign Ministers welcome resumption of six-party talks

VIENTIANE, 28 July—Foreign ministers from The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China, Japan and South Korea on Wednesday expressed their welcome to the recent resumption of the six-party talks in Beijing.

In a Chairman's statement at the end of the Sixth ASEAN+3 Foreign Ministers Meeting, held here on 27 July, in Vientiane, Laos, the ministers hoped that the concerned parties would find solutions acceptable to all sides toward a nuclear weapon-free Korean Peninsula on the basis of the principle of mutual respect for sovereignty and equality for the maintenance of peace, security and stability in the wider Asia Pacific Region.

They also welcomed the recent resumption of the inter-Korean dialogue and the thaw in the inter-Korean relations, which will be a major step towards achieving peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula. The ministers expressed their concern over the continued violence in Iraq and condemned the re-

cent increase in terrorist attacks, including the attacks in London and Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt.

They welcomed the recent positive developments in the Middle East and recognized the need to carry out the implementation of the Roadmap and the relevant UN resolutions so as to realize the vision of Israel and Palestine living side by side in peace within secure and recognized borders.

The ministers reiterated their support for the UN reform and agreed that the reform should be comprehensive and consider the needs of the developing countries. They attached importance to effective leadership of the United Nations to address the needs and aspirations of all people, particularly those in the developing world.—MNA/Xinhua

At least 26 dead in Iraq suicide attack

BAGHDAD, 29 July—A suicide bomber killed at least 26 people on Friday in an attack on an army recruiting center in the northern Iraqi town of Rubia, police told CNN. The bomber blew himself up among a group of recruits, police said.

At least 30 people were wounded, police said. Rubia is near the Syrian border, and the spokesman said that authorities temporarily closed border crossings after the attack.

Iraqi police and army facilities have been a frequent target of guerillas attacks.

On Thursday, two Marines were killed when guerillas fired small arms and rocket-propelled grenades at their unit during combat operations in Cykla, the US military said in a statement issued on Friday.

Cykla —located in Anbar province about 120 miles west of Baghdad — is the same village where Marines launched an airstrike Thursday against guerillas after they and Iraqi forces were ambushed while on patrol.

Nine armed group, including five identified as Syrians, were killed in the clash.

The military did not say whether the two Marines were killed in the same incident.

Also, a Task Force Baghdad soldier died about 11:30 pm. Thursday when the vehicle he was driving was involved in a single-vehicle accident off base in central Baghdad.

He was pronounced dead at an Iraqi hospital. The deaths bring the number of US service members killed in Iraq to 1,786.—Internet

Philippines to carry out largest national earthquake exercise

MANILA, 28 July—Around two million Philippine schoolchildren will take part in the world's largest national earthquake drill on Thursday as part of the National Disaster Coordinating Council's (NDCC) disaster preparedness programme, local newspaper reported on Wednesday.

All public elementary and high schools in Metro Manila and selected schools in every region of the country will simultaneously conduct the drill at 10 am.

Under the plan, schoolchildren will execute the earthquake safety and preparedness evacuation plan formulated by the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology and the Office of Civil Defence (OCD) with the help of the Department of Education.—MNA/Xinhua

1,786 US soldier killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 28 July—As of Thursday, 28 July, 2005, at least 1,786 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,380 died as a result of hostile action. The figures include five military civilians.

The *AP* count is four lower than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT on Thursday.

The British military has reported 92 deaths; Italy, 25; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each. Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,647 US military members have died, according to *AP's* count. That includes at least 1,271 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet

Roadside bomb kills two US troops in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 28 July—Roadside bombs killed two American soldiers in northern Baghdad and ignited a train carrying fuel in the south of Iraq's capital, killing two Iraqis and wounding six others, officials said on Thursday.

The bombing that killed the two US soldiers came Wednesday during a patrol by soldiers assigned to the Army's Task Force Baghdad, the military said on Thursday. Another US soldier was wounded.

Their deaths brought to three the number of American soldiers killed in central Iraq on Wednesday; seven have been killed since Sunday night. In the other Wednesday attack, a roadside bomb killed an American soldier and wounded five others in Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, the US command said. On Sunday, four American soldiers from Task Force Baghdad were killed when their vehicle ran over a road-

side bomb in southwest Baghdad.

As of Wednesday, at least 1,782 members of the US military had died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. On Thursday, a train carrying fuel exploded into flames when it was hit by a roadside bomb in southern Baghdad, killing two people and wounding six others, police said.

Internet



A US soldier secures the area during a raid by joint US-Iraqi forces in a neighbourhood of Baquba City, in Diyala Province on 27 July, 2005.—INTERNET

March towards a healthy country

Dr Khun Soe Moe

The Ministry of Health has to take responsibilities for public health care with a huge amount of expenditure of the State. It is said that such a prudent drive is an investment, and out of different types of investments, the investment in health yields greater benefit than any others.

Per capita income of national people is used as the yardstick to evaluate the development of a nation. Having high per capita income is due to the fact that a nation has an adequate number of educated human resources, its people are healthy, and they can do their work with might and main. Supposing the people of a nation are in good health, such a nation needs to spend just a little amount of expenditure on raising the health standard of the people and taking preventive measures against the diseases. That is why it is said the investment in health produces the greatest benefit.

In this regard, it is necessary for the Ministry of Health to cooperate with other related ministries for ensuring sustainable health of the entire people. Cooperation between ministries yields mutual benefits. Cooperation is essential whether it is between one individual and another or between one organization and another so long as it is mutually beneficial and there is no strings attached. The Ministry of Health is mainly responsible for promotion of the health standard of the people, but it has to cooperate with other related ministries, organizations for women's affairs, youth organizations, non-governmental organizations, religious and social organizations, and all international NGOs. The Ministry of Health has been making efforts in collaboration with 27 international NGOs and nine internal NGOs for the motherland to become a healthy country. In doing so, the ministry has to carry out tasks under the supervision, instructions and assistance of the National Health Committee led by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein. Here, one should be clearly convinced of why the ministry has to discharge such duties.

1. Cooperation between ministries leads to healthy life of the people and helps achieve sustainable success.
2. Views can be exchanged and benefits, shared by ministries concerned in addressing health issues.
3. A ministry can take lessons from strong points and fulfil requirements of others through mutual trust and respect. All have to share knowledge about both advantages and disadvantages of the cooperation. Every activity must be done based on the system of equally sharing the outcomes. Only then, will the synergy be achieved.

The methods comprise advocacy, giving health education talks, consultation, conducting seminars, seeking ways collectively, and practical activities.

The government established the Myanmar Academy of Medical Sciences to raise the role of the medical experts who are still in service and who have retired from respective departments, thereby contributing much towards the health sector of the State. The major purposes of the drive are to promote public health care, and to catch up with the international standard in doing research, producing medical staff, and constantly giving health education talks to the people.

With the emergence of the Myanmar medicine and medical equipment trading association in 1999, the merchants abide by the national drugs law by importing and distributing medicine and medical equipment needed for the public health care.

Now, success has been achieved in raising the health standard of rural areas thanks to the drive being implemented by the Ministry of Health in harness with other related ministries. However, there have still left many measures to be taken to meet the goal. Water supply projects have led to the agricultural development, but it is still needed to take more steps for ensuring safe agricultural produce and better health care for agricultural workers. Unsystematic use of pesticides makes the products unfit for consumption and endangers the workers. The ministry hand in hand with the agricultural service is conducting courses to ensure systematic use of pesticides. The Food and Drug Administration Committee under the Ministry of Health is constantly examining edible products. It indicates the farsightedness

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of the Head of State to establish food poisoning control centres in Yangon and Mandalay that have been taking surveillance tasks for prevention of food poisoning and making necessary arrangements for giving medical treatments to patients in case of food poisoning. The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs have striven for supply of clean water in concert with the Ministry of Health, reducing the expenditure on treatments as well as the number of the outbreak of the diseases that occur because of contaminated water. The diseases are such as diarrhoea, skin diseases, and trachoma. Part of the health expenditure goes to control and prevention of diseases. Besides, production can be boosted with healthy and strong personnel.

Today, rapid dissemination of information and facts about the diseases play a vital role in taking preventive measures. The ministry has taken necessary steps for better communications between its departments to get information in time, carry out surveillance tasks, transfer of patients, and send medical staff to proper places in time. In this regard, it has to cooperate with the ministry concerned in order that the people can get to health care centres at ease and to stay away from traffic accidents.

Due to the cooperation with the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Health can learn facts about the outbreak of diseases in keeping abreast of the time and can take precautionary measures. It can effectively disseminate knowledge of health care to the people in a short time by means of presenting health education programmes through media. The Ministry of Health has to join hands with the Mi-

nistry of Information in presenting programmes on health care and educative talks on common diseases, traffic safety, and systematic use of insecticides to the people in time.

The Ministry of Mines distributes iodized salt to the people, and as a result, the number of those suffering diseases resulting from iodine deficiency can be reduced markedly.

Every citizen needs to have education and hygiene for better health. They also need to be taught lessons on basic health care services. School lessons on health care help raise the health standard of the mass of women and disseminate food preparation methods. The literacy campaign plays an important role in the drive. The Ministry of Education is helping the Ministry of Health carry out tasks for ensuring healthy school compounds by prescribing lessons on health care in the curriculum of basic education, establishing tobacco free areas in school compounds, supplying clean water, and building fly-proof latrines.

Under the assistance of UNICEF and the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education has inserted the School Based Healthy Living and AIDS Prevention Education (SHAPE) in the curriculum from fourth to ninth standards in over 4,000 schools in 50 townships.

The people and the staff of the Development Affairs Department are cooperating in the drive for sprucing up the environment and for proper drainage. Car exhaust and burning rubbish cause air pollution. Throwing away litter from driving automobiles and discarding garbage into drains are improper acts.

The law and legislation department has helped draw and promulgate laws on health.

The Health Department is cooperating with related departments in creating healthy environment for an employee of a State-owned factory, and preventing air and water pollution, and occupational hazards.

Emphasis has thus to be placed on public health standard for national development and serious attention paid to better health of low-income people. The expenditure on health care is contributed mostly by the State and partly by social security board, entrepreneurs and wellwishers. International community are also contributing donations to the nation's health promotion plan.

The following table shows part of the success.

	1995	2000
1. Giving vaccines	75%	90%
2. Clean water supply	18%	72%
3. Fly-proof latrines	32%	63%
4. Under-1 year child mortality rate (each 1000)	80%	60%

The achievement is due to political commitment of the State, departmental cooperation, contribution of NGOs, and participation of the people from all walks of life.

With a fine tradition of cooperating with related organizations, the Ministry of Health has a good reputation in World Health Organization. Every citizen is thus urged to enhance personal hygiene and participate in sanitation tasks so as to contribute towards the drive for marching towards a healthy country.

Translation: MS

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MMCWA donates medicines, medical equipment to Health Department, hospitals

YANGON, 29 July — A ceremony to donate medicines and medical equipment from Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association to the Ministry of Health was held at the building of MMCWA in South Okkalapa Township this afternoon.

MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win made a speech on the occasion. Next, she presented CVS Cath Lab to Director-General Dr U Tin Win Maung of Health Department.

Afterwards, President Daw Khin Khin Win accepted exercise books



MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win speaking at the donation ceremony.— MNA

and stationery donated by Shwe Min Tha General Services and gave away certificate of honour to

the wellwisher. Vice-President Daw Tin Lin Myint donated medicines and medical

equipment to Medical Superintendent Dr Nyunt Hlaing of Orthopaedic Specialist Hospital and

Medical Superintendent Dr Mu Mu Nyo of Maternal and Children's Hospital of South Okkalapa Town-

ship. Later, Director-General Dr U Tin Win Maung expressed gratitude.

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MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win presents CVS Cath Lab to Director-General Dr U Tin Win Maung of Health Department.— MNA



MMCWA Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint gives away medicines and medical equipment to Medical Superintendent Dr Mu Mu Nyo of South Okkalapa Maternal and Children's Hospital.— MNA

Consolation course for women concludes

YANGON, 29 July — The consolation course for women organized by the work committee for rehabilitation and integration of women of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, concluded at the meeting hall of the federation on Thanlwin Road in Bahan Township yesterday with

a speech by Leader of the work committee Daw Khin Aye.

Afterwards, Secretariat Member of MWF Htoo Yaw submitted the report of the concluding course and Leader of the work committee Daw Khin Aye presented the certificates of comple-

tion. The course was opened from 26 to 28 July and the professors and associate professors from the Psychology Department of Yangon University gave a lecture at the course.

Altogether 26 members of MWF completed the course.

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Doh Kyeywa journal comes out

YANGON, 29 July — Doh Kyeywa journal came out today with various topics focusing on knowledge of agricultural methods.

Those interested may send manuscripts to No 30-32, 10th Street,

and for further information dial phone numbers 371342, 252452 and 379768. Manuscripts from states and divisions may be sent through Information and Public Relations Departments in respective states, divi-

sions, districts and townships.

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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

Announcement for Public Awareness

1. The following drugs sold in the markets are substandard and counterfeit (fake) drugs which have no efficacy-

Serial No.	Name of Drug	Manufacturing Company and Address
(a)	S-Mox-250 (Amoxycillin Capsule BP 250 mg)	SYSTEMIC PHARMACEUTICAL Industrial Estate Baroda-16
(b)	Ampicillin Capsule IP (Ampicillin Trihydrate IP Equivalent to Ampicillin 250 mg)	CADICHEM Pharma W/86 MIDC Industrial Estate Mumbai

2. The above mentioned drugs are not registered in Myanmar.
3. S-Mox-250 Capsule was found to be counterfeit (fake) after laboratory analysis revealed corn starch only and did not contain any Amoxycillin power.
4. The Ampicillin Capsule IP was found to be substandard, as the laboratory analysis revealed that instead of containing Ampicillin 250mg, it contained 10mg. (only 4% of the specified amount.)
5. Patients treated with the above counterfeit (fake) and substandard drugs, will not have their diseases cured and even may develop more hazardous conditions in spite of the high cost spent.
6. The drug importing and distributing companies and drug selling shops shall not import distribute or sell the counterfeit (fake), substandard and un-registered drugs in Myanmar. Those who do not abide will be prosecuted according to the National Drug Law.
7. The public shall buy and use only those drugs which are registered in Myanmar, as only registered drugs shall give guarantee for their quality, efficacy and safety.

Ministry of Health

Actively participate in implementation of the seven-point Road Map, Nation-building tasks with Union Spirit and patriotism upholding Our Three Main National Causes sharing weal and woe

YANGON, 29 July — Mass meeting focusing “Guard against the danger posed by internal and external destructive elements through united strength of people” was held at the state hall in Mawlamyine, Mon State, on 27 July morning.

Present on the occasion were departmental

sociation, Myanmar Rice Dealers Association, Myanmar Trawlers Association, Myanmar Industrialists Association, Myanmar Medical Association and video organization, employees from factories, nurses, workers, teachers and local people. Mon State USDA Executive Dr Khin Maung Thwin

Company of Mudon Township, Deputy Commanding Officer U Tun Tun Soe of Mon State Red Cross Society and townselder Nai Tin Hla.

Mi Thet Mon and Daw Win Win Mon emceed the mass meeting.

First, those present saluted the State Flag.

Next, meeting chair-



Panel of chairmen seen at the mass meeting to guard against the danger posed by internal and external destructionists through united strength of people in Mawlamyine.— MNA

With a view to enhancing education and health facilities, the Government built universities and colleges, technological universities and colleges, computer universities and colleges including basic education structures in all States and Divisions to turn out intellectuals and intelligentsia for ensuring development of human resources.



Meeting chairman Dr U Khin Maung Thwin speaking at the mass meeting in Mawlamyine.— MNA

personnel at Mon State, District and Township levels, members of USDA, MWA, MCWA, WVO, Red Cross, Auxiliary Fire Brigade, Myanmar Music Asiayon, Myanmar Thabin Asiayon, Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Asiayon, UMFCCI, Myanmar Truck Entrepreneurs As-

sociation, Myanmar Rice Dealers Association, Myanmar Trawlers Association, Myanmar Industrialists Association, Myanmar Medical Association and video organization, employees from factories, nurses, workers, teachers and local people. Mon State USDA Executive Dr Khin Maung Thwin

man Dr Khin Maung Thwin delivered an opening address, saying that the State Peace and Development Council, the Tatmadaw Government prevented against deterioration of the country in 1988 and restored peace and stability of the State day and night. At the same time, the Government, the

people and the Tatmadaw made concerted efforts for development and uplift of the living standard of the people under the correct leadership and guidance of the Head of State. Therefore, progress in construction of roads, bridges and dams, facilities of education and health and economic

growth had been made in a short time. In building a peaceful, modern and developed nation with might and main, internal and external destructionists who do not want to see the development of the Union of Myanmar disturb progress of the nation resorting to all possible means and ways, relying on some western countries. But, the entire people must build the peaceful, modern and developed nation through united strength by overcoming hindrances. All are to uphold Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. While restoring peace and stability of the State, the Tatmadaw Government laid down and implemented short-term plans for economic development in accord with the four economic objectives. Average 7.5 per cent of GDP increased in the period of the short-term plan beginning 1992. In the

second five-year short-term plan starting 1996, GDP of the nation rose till average 8.5 per cent. In implementing the third five-year plan, progress of the nation met with 13.6 per cent of GDP in 2004-2005 and per capita income was K 167,202. Furthermore, natural resources are being employed for economic development.

In the agriculture, forestry, fish and meat, energy and mining sectors, ministries concerned made efforts for raising income of local and foreign exchange. The Ministry of Electric Power built Paunglaung Hydel Power Plant, Tikyit Coal-fired Power Plant and Mone Creek Hydel Power Plant for supply of electricity.

In addition, Yeywa hydel power project that can generate 790 megawatt is being implemented. Similarly, Shweli, Thaukyekhat and Shwegyin hydel power (See page 7)



Representatives attend the mass meeting to guard against the danger posed by internal and external destructionists through united strength of people in Mawlamyine.— MNA

It is time to crush all the destructive elements with the strength and unity of the entire people



USDA representative Dr Toe Toe Aung. MNA

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plants are under construction. Furthermore, efforts are being made for implementing Htamanthi Hydel Power Project that can produce 1,200-megawatt. It is obvious that while the Government is carrying out sector-wise development tasks, some western countries and ILO are imposing economic sanctions against the nation.

With a view to enhancing education and health facilities, the Government built universities and colleges, technological universities and colleges, computer universi-

healthier and their living standard become higher than the past. The Government is realizing the seven-point Road Map for building a peaceful, modern and developed nation that the people long for. If the entire people keep on striving with momentum and united strength, it is certain to meet the goal of the people, which is within their reach.

Due to all-out efforts with Union Spirit, patriotic spirit and the spirit of sharing, progress has been made in the nation. But, the assistance of western countries to traitors and destruction-



Daw Kyawt Shin of Mon State MCWA. MNA

ties and colleges including basic education structures in all States and Divisions to turn out intellectuals and intelligentsia for ensuring development of human resources.

The Government has built hospitals and dispensaries in states and divisions including rural areas to provide health care services to the people. Therefore, it can be seen that the people are

ists, making accusations against Myanmar through media and economic sanctions, cause the hindrance to State's stability and economic development.

In conclusion, he stressed the need to guard against the danger posed by internal and external destructive elements through united strength of the people.

He urged the entire

people to uphold Our Three Main National Causes for building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, actively and harmoniously participate in implementation of the seven-point Road Map with the national concept and wipe out the danger of the destructionists within and without the nation.

In his discussion, Dr Toe Toe Aung said it is high time for all citizens to protect the nation from the dangers of de-

been collaborating with the Government in regional development tasks. After laying down the seven-point Road Map, the national convention is well under way.

Therefore, In accord with the four-point people's desires, the national races and the people will have to crush all internal and external destructive elements interests of the public and the State.

Dr Aung Kyaw



Mon State WAO representative Daw Ohnma Khin Moe. MNA

structive elements through might and main of all national people. That is why, he said, as a saying goes by 'blood is thicker than water', all the people are urged to cooperate in shaping a peace-

Tun of Mawlamyine District USDA discussed the proposal of "Guard against the danger posed by destructionists through united strength of the people" submitted by Dr Toe Toe Aung of USDA and



Mon State WVO representative U Thauang Shwe. MNA

ful, modern and developed democratic nation with Union Spirit by upholding 'Our Three Main National Causes'.

Daw Ohn Mar Khin Moe Moe said that the government is striving for realization of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The 17 national race armed groups have

Daw Ohn Mar Khin Moe of MAAF.

Daw Kyawt Shin of Mon 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 National Causes with Union Spirit.

In her discussion, she said Myanmar has good national characteristics in safeguarding the interests of the State. Our

nation is genuine inheritance of the ancestors. The national inborn duty is that all are to preserve that inheritance.

The Head of State gave guidance in Myanmar and International Affairs Study Course No 7 that the direction of the nation building is to be a peaceful, prosperous and democratic nation.

It is the history of the successive generations of the Union of Myanmar.

race armed groups are participating in nation-building tasks hand in hand with the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. They are also taking part in the National Convention to shape the future of the nation. Therefore, it is sure that the goal is near as the entire national people are striving for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

He quoted Senior General Than Shwe as saying at the ceremony of



U Aung Kyaw Tun of Mawlamyine District USDA. MNA

Only those who uphold Our Three Main National Causes can make progress of the nation.

In accordance with the guidance of the Head of the State, dams and river pumping projects have been mushrooming in the State. Over 240,000 acres of rubber have been cultivated as well.

To sum up, all are to actively participate in implementation of the seven-point Road Map of the State and endeavors of nation-building tasks with Union Spirit and patriotism upholding Our Three Main National Causes sharing weal and woe.

Next, Mon State WVO representative U Thauang Shwe said that nowadays, the 17 national

Armed Forces Day in 1998 that the Tatmadaw is extending the olive branch and keeping the door open for the remnants. Which-ever parties or organizations aboveground are of our citizens, our nationals.

Though our beliefs and commitments may not be the same, he said, there is no reason to bear any grudge. Conditions may not permit today but we must, at one time, strive for the unity of our nation's political groups, he said.

Nowadays, the Tatmadaw government is striving for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation upholding Our Three Main National Causes and has been (See page 10)

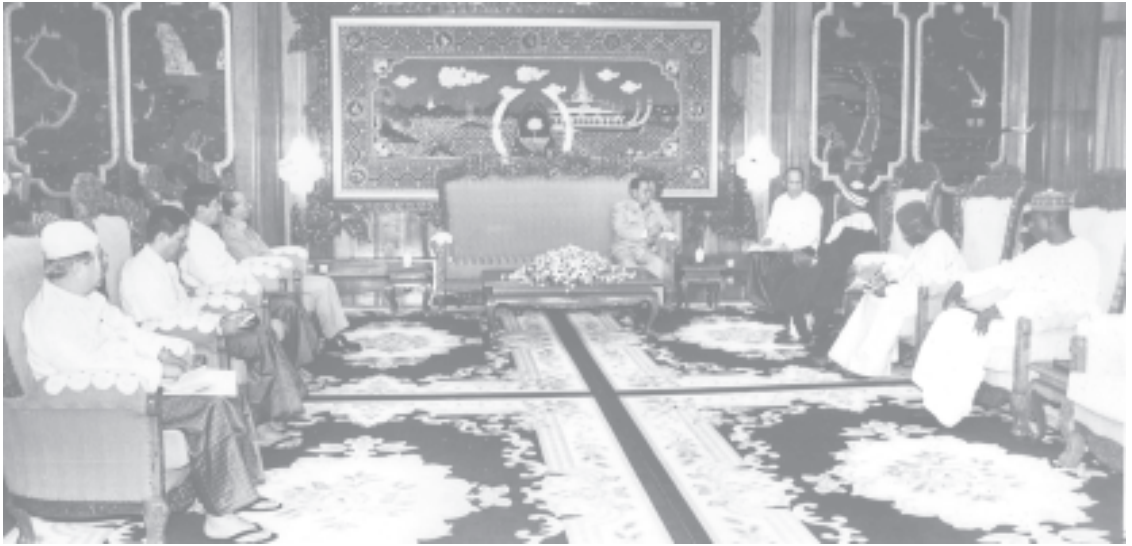


Mon State USDA representative Daw Khin Myo. MNA

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Senior General
Than Shwe
receives Nigerian
Ambassador to
Myanmar
Mr Thompson
Sunday Olufunso
Olumoko.
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The entire national people are to be imbued with national immunity

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Myanmar Thabin Asiayon, Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Asiayon, maestros and guests.

Prime Minister General Soe Win delivered an address, saying that the government has been holding the Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions since 1993 with the aim of perpetuating and flourishing of Myanmar performing arts such as Myanmar music, Myanmar dance and Myanmar

new generation artistes, of revitalizing national prestige and integrity. The competition has now entered its 13th year.

Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts, which was endowed with essence of fine arts, has existed for years countable by the thousand. In the time

of the Sasana and royal courts.

In the time of Konbaung era, there emerged different types of Myanmar classical songs celebrating a particular theme along with marionette and dramas. At the same time, a variety of songs on the basis of

Myanmar has been dealing with neighbouring nations with high civilization and the vast number of population since yore. However, it has been able to stand tall among them without losing its own culture, own literature and own national character.



Prime Minister General Soe Win addresses the first meeting of Leading Committee for Organizing 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA



Thabin in all parts of the nation, of ensuring the constant emergence of

of the successive Myanmar kings, the cultural fine arts flourished under the shades

rural folks and those based on national races emerged.

Myanmar fine arts of high standard, which had existed since time immemorial, was able to depict Myanmar lifestyle and character. Myanmar has been dealing with neighbouring nations with high civilization and the vast number of population since yore. However, it has been able to stand tall among them without losing its own culture, own literature and own national character.

Thanks to good attitude, courage, diligence and efforts of our ancestors, Myanmar traditional

fine arts has been flourishing with own national prestige and integrity. It is incumbent upon the entire national people to hand down this heritage to new generations.

As such a time like this, most of the world nations have been making all-out efforts to safeguard their own culture and traditions by their own ways. Hence, the duties of those who are engaged in safeguarding Myanmar culture and traditions are noble and subtle. At a time when efforts are being made for safeguarding

Myanmar culture and traditions, various kinds of Western music and dance are penetrating into Myanmar at a steady pace by means of VCD, CD, Internet and satellite disc.

In reality, modern music and culture are to be accepted in conformity with Myanmar traditions and customs. In doing so, the entire national people including artistes need to be united and patriotic. In other words, the entire national people are to be imbued with national immunity.

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Accordion U Ohn Kyaw presents K 1 million donated by Myanmar Music Asiayon to Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe. — MNA

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implementing it based on the conviction it had gained by combining the nation's true situations and the lessons the nation and the people had taken throughout the history.

The government hoped that with a correct outlook on the situations and challenges faced by the State, and the government's efforts and future plans, the trainees would take a more active role in the national duties in the education sector through correct reviews, thoughts and strength.

Throughout the history of the Union of Myanmar, home to over 100 national races, it never accepted any alien domination, but had been protecting and safeguarding the independence and sovereignty of the nation in unison.

nations that want to put Myanmar under their domination, instead of giving assistance.

Moreover, certain big nations are constantly perpetrating instigation and deception to break up national solidarity and spurring destructive acts. So there occasionally have colonialists' lackeys who never hesitate to harm the national interests for their own. Such lackeys' rivalry for power and tricking the nation's political affairs led to deterioration of national unity and internal armed strife. Subsequently, the nation was hovering on the verge of collapse and it lagged behind in development. Such evil consequences have always overshadowed the nation's history.

According to the nation's historic evidences

and Development Association, that the aim of the government is to build peace and stability, solidarity, development and a democratic nation. So, construction is the history of the Union of Myanmar and many generations. Only those with the concepts of Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty — can create the history of the nation and can defend the Union. Our Three Main National Causes is the foundation of Union Spirit.

In compliance with the guidance, the government is exerting earnest endeavours with added momentum for fulfilling fundamental requirements — stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, national progress, national solidarity, and national economy — while building a new enduring democratic nation.

It has been already known to the trainees that the national education policy has been laid down to produce qualified human resources capable of



Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials from Iranian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mohsen Pak Ain at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta. (News on page 1) — MNA

poses of neo-colonialists and their lackeys inside and outside the nation are to undermine stability, peace and development of the nation and to create 1988 anarchy-like unrest in the nation to oust the present government

to destroy national solidarity and the Union and to put the nation under alien domination, it is absolutely needed to further enhance the unity and constructive attitude of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw.

with the four-point people's desire.

The Secretary-1 said it has been known to the trainees that education sector plays an important part in striving for the perpetuation of the Union. Nowadays, conventional



MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents diligence award to Assistant Lecturer U Kye Myint of Cooperative College (Phaunggyi). — MNA

In the present period, it has never taken shelter of any big nations and had always decisively stood for the truth in dealing with the world nations. So the nation had been able to stand tall with high national prestige among the global nations.

Throughout successive periods, the nation has experienced aggressiveness, pressures and wedges driven among the national people in an attempt to undermine the national unity by some big

and prevailing situations, community peace and tranquillity, national development, national unity and perpetual existence of the State's independence and sovereignty, and raising the national prestige and integrity.

He cited the guidance given by Head of State Senior Than Shwe at the opening of the Myanmar and International Studies Course No 7 conducted by the Union Solidarity

attending to the basic requirements of the nation.

All can be aware of the fact that at a time when the government's efforts are bearing fruit, destructive elements inside and outside the nation are speeding up their attempts in collusion to break up the fine foundations.

The people have witnessed that some big nations and destructive elements are stepping up their wicked means such as imposing economic sanctions, putting pressures, inciting unrest, plots to secede from the Union, and detonation of bombs with the intention of overthrowing the ruling government.

It is visible that the pur-

through a wide range of wicked means.

At a time when there is a rivalry between constructive forces that are building up a discipline-flourishing peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation and destructive elements that are resorting to all possible ways

In this context, the entire national people including youths need to have the knowledge of international affairs and modern science and technology. In addition, they should be armed with patriotism and Union Spirit. Only then will they safeguard the nation in accord

education system is no longer effective. So, the government has laid down and is implementing national education promotion plans for the development of the country.

To deal with today's challenges facing the world, the State is trying to build an education system through which technologies of the nation and human resources can be improved. That is why the national duty in the education sector is to train the people including the youths to know things from the international point of view. At the same time, the spirit and abilities of the citizens need to be improved in serving the interests of the State and safeguarding the national character, national heritage and social values in accordance with the objectives of the national education promotion plans. He said now is the time when the State is building a peaceful, modern and developed

It is natural that when a nation is on its way to development, there usually come destructive acts. But, the nation only needs to continue its development drive with added momentum



MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents model hostel award to the leader of trainees from No 2 Hostel of women company-2. — MNA

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Therefore, in the time of the State Peace and Development Council, the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts competitions are held yearly to preserve national heritage, prestige and integrity. Moreover, culture universities in Yangon and Mandalay were opened, while safeguarding and encouraging dances and music of national races.

Thanks to integrated and well-coordinated efforts of the government, the people, doyen artistes of various fields and officials from states and divisions, the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts competitions were successfully held. At present, officials concerned are to try their ut-

most for successful holding of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts competitions on a grand scale.

In building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, it is needed to narrow development gap among states and divisions. Efforts are to be made to bring about equitable development in political, economic, education and health sectors of different parts of the nation, while striving for development of national immunity. Therefore, those present at the meeting are to present what is needed for successful holding of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts competitions.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called on those present to make ef-

orts for forging national unity which is based on good attitude, abiding by discipline, fitness and capability in the interest of the State and the people.

The Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts competition will surely be a driving force in fostering national unity for the future of the Union. That is why they are being held to be able to set up the milestones of national culture and traditions and all those present are to coordinate and make preparations for successful holding of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts competitions.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe reported on arrangements for organizing the competitions with seven objectives, training on singing, dancing, composing and mu-

sic of instructors of the Fine Arts Department and maestros in States and Divisions and preparations for successful holding of the competitions.

Secretary of the Leading Committee No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan briefed them on setting up of organizing committees and sub-committees, and tasks for holding the competitions.

Director-General U Ngwe Tun of Fine Arts Department submitted reports on seven aims of the competitions, duration and places, level of contests and subjects, selection of marionette event as Min Ku Tha Drama for professional level and Vidhura Drama for Drama Contest, aims of the drama contest and marionette contest, presentation of prizes and selection of songs for the singing and music contests.

Patron of the Leading Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, maestros Brig-Gen Khin Ohn (Retd) (Thutethi Yamanya Ko KoNaing) and others participated in the discussions.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe explains arrangements for holding the Performing Arts Competitions.
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The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions. Next, Chairman of Myanmar Music Asiayon U Ohn Kyaw presented K 1 million to the commander.

Lecturer U Than Myint of University of Culture (Yangon), Violinist U Tin Yi and First Year student Maung Aung Cheint of University of Culture (Yangon) presented 13 violins and K 27,500 donated by 13 wellwishers to Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung.

After the meeting, the Prime Minister cordially greeted the maestros.

Next, the Prime

Minister viewed the violins donated and cordially greeted the violinists.

The 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will be held with seven objectives — to vitalize patriotism and nationalism; to preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage; to perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts; to preserve Myanmar national character; to nurture spiritual development of the youths; to prevent influence of alien culture; and to strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.

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implementing the seven-point Road Map.

At a time when all are engaging in nation-building tasks, hinderences made by internal destructive elements and neo-colonialists surfaced. He continued to say that the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have realized the acts to disintegrate the Union and undermine Our Three Main National Causes and thus it is time to crush all the destructive elements with the strenght

and unity of the entire people.

The government has been making all out efforts for developemnt of all parts of the country. In the past, there were only Khawachaung bridge, Yechaung bridge and Bilinchaung bridge with the lenght of 180 feet and above in Mon State. But now, thanks to the efforts made by the government, Winphanon bridge, Hnipadaw bridge, Kumkyaik bridge and Thephyuchaung bridge have emerged one after

another.

Moreover, Zarthabyin bridge and Attaran bridge, Koemaing bridge, Donthami bridge and Ye bridge in Ye Township have been built under special project. The most significant one is Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) with the length of over two miles and it is the railcum-road one. He, on behalf of the people of Mon State, expressed thanks to the government and pledged to maintain the facilities.

Next, representa-



Members of the Panel of Chairmen chanting slogans at the concluding of the mass meeting in Mawlamyine.— MNA

tive of Mon State USDA Daw Khin Myo Myo seconded the motion tabled by Daw Kyawt Kyawt Shin and U Thaug Shwe Tin.

Next, the chairman sought the approval of those present on guarding against the danger posed by destructionists through united strength of people and actively participating in implementation of the Seven-point programme of the State, endeavours made for stability of the State and nation-building tasks upholding Our Three

Main National Causes with Union Spirit. Those present unanimously approved the matters and the chairman declared the dis-

cussions were approved. The mass meeting successfully ended with chanting of slogans.

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Representatives chanting slogans at the conclusion of the mass meeting in Mawlamyine.— MNA



Mi Thet Mon and Daw Win Win Mon emcee the mass meeting.— MNA

It is natural that when the...

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discipline-flourishing democratic nation in accord with the seven-point Road Map with a view to keeping abreast of global nations and safeguarding the perpetuation of the nation. In so doing, public cooperation is much needed, said the Secretary-1. Genuine democracy must be focused on the respect of laws and disciplines of individual citizens and their codes of conduct. To shape democracy, peace and stability and economic and social infrastructures of the nation are also prerequisites for the nation, and democracy cannot be practised overnight, he added. So, the entire national people are urged to participate in the nation-building tasks. In doing so, he said, the education sector is held responsible for improving the abilities

and efficiency of the people. The Union of Myanmar had been standing tall with its high culture among the world's nations for successive eras. However, the nation had to pass the history experiencing unforgettable evil legacies after the occupation of colonialists. The nation today is still facing the interferences of neo-colonialists. But the country overcame all the difficulties through the strength of national unity in order not to cause the disintegration of the Union. At present also, the government side by side with the Tatmadaw and the people is defending the nation through the strength of national unity. Despite pressures and interferences, the nation has now enjoyed peace and stability, national solidarity and fruits of de-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets trainee teachers of the special refresher course for faculty members. —MNA

velopment due to its efforts based on the three main national causes. The Secretary-1 said it is natural that when the nation is on its way to development, there usually come destructive acts. But, the nation only needs to continue its development drive with

added momentum, he urged.

Faculty members are to strive for the improvement of national education and for ensuring peace and stability of the State, national solidarity and Union Spirit. All in all, he urged the faculty members to strive for the nation to stand tall among the global nations with its pride and dignity through the uplift of national education. They are also urged to play their part in the successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map to shape

a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented the best trainee awards to the winners.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepted K 397,350 presented by the trainees donated to the funds of Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image, extension of Central Institute of Civil Service, renovation and maintenance of Bagan ancient pagodas, National Convention, the fund of Un-

ion Solidarity and Development Association, basic education post-primary school at Central Institute of Civil Service, Phaunggyi BEHS and basic education pre-primary school at CICS. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented completion certificates to the trainers and the concluding ceremony of the training course ended.

After the ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greeted the trainees and faculty members of the institute.

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Faculty members are to strive for the improvement of national education and for ensuring of peace and stability of the State, national solidarity and Union Spirit. All in all, the faculty members are urged to strive for the nation to stand tall among the global nations with its pride and dignity through the promotion of national education.

Myanmar awarded for Environmental and Wildlife Conservation



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung speaking at the ceremony. —(FORESTRY)

YANGON, 29 July — The prize distribution ceremony for Environmental and Wildlife Conservation presented by American-based Alexander Abraham Foundation took place at Micasa Hotel yesterday evening.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, the directors-general and managing directors of the departments under the Ministry, the guests, Director Dr Alan Rabinowitz of New York based Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and others.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivered a speech. Dr Alan Rabinowitz explained that the prize has awarded to those who had been outstandingly striving in the tasks of environmental and wildlife conservation. Out of the ASEAN nations, Myanmar is awarded for the first time.

Dr Alan Rabinowitz of WCS then presented the prize to Director U Saw Han (Retd) and Director U Khin Maung Zaw of the Forestry Department, who expressed thanks.—MNA

Prize presentation for Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s shield shooting contest held

YANGON, 29 July— The prize presentation ceremony for Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s shield shooting contest was held at the Naval Training Command Headquarters this morning in Thanlyin

Station. Present on the occasion were Commander of the headquarters Commodore Maung Oo Lwin, officers and other ranks and athletes.

After the matches,

Commodore Maung Oo Lwin, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) presented championship shield to the Naval Training Command Headquarters team. MNA

Refresher course for clerks concludes

YANGON, 29 July— Refresher Course No 1/2005 for Clerks conducted by Internal Revenue Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue concluded this morning with an address by Director-General U Hsan Tun of IRD. Present on the occasion were Deputy Director-General U Aye Ko and the directors, officials and trainees. The 18-day course was attended by 35 trainees.—MNA

Meeting to boost production of gold, tin and tungsten held

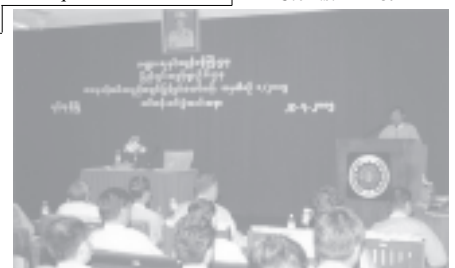
YANGON, 29 July— The Ministry of Mines and gold, tin, tungsten entrepreneurs of joint venture industries held a meeting to boost production at the Ministry of Mines, here, this morning.

Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint instructed those present to exceed the target of production of gold, tin and tungsten for 2005-06 being undertaken by joint venture organizations in accord with the mining

law and regulations, and urged the entrepreneurs to carry out their tasks with the assistance of the Ministry of Mines and local authorities. The Managing Director of No 2 Mining Enterprise briefed the minister on the target and production of gold, tin and tungsten in states and divisions. The entrepreneurs also reported on their tasks and requirements. Deputy Minister U Myint Thein gave a supplementary report. Later, the minister explained endeavours of the Government and matters relating to the Mining Law and regulations.

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Internal Revenue Department DG U San Tun speaks at the Refresher Course No 1/2005 for Clerks. — F&R



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4.	Power Tiller Raw Materials	1 Lot

2. **Tender closing date (10.8.2005) (Wednesday) (12.00 hr)**
 3. Tender documents are available at the Factory and Research Section of Agricultural Mechanization Department, Bayintnaung Road, Insein Township, Yangon during the office hours.
 4. For further details please call 680959, 682046 Ext. 323.
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World's highest railway station enters key construction period

AMDO (Tibet), 28 July— Construction has entered the key phase on the Tanggula Station, which at 5,068 metres above sea level is the highest in the world, the Qinghai-Tibet Railway Project Headquarters said on Wednesday.

Twenty-nine reinforced concrete pillars are being erected in holes dug in frozen earth to support the station, said Zhang Lianyu, chief engineer of the Qinghai-Tibet Railway Project Headquarters under the China Railways No 19 Bureau Group.

The station, on the southern face of the Tanggula Mountain range in southwest Tibet, is part of the Qinghai-Tibet railway and is due to be completed by August.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV SEA BRIGHT VOY: NO (715)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA BRIGHT VOY NO (715) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 31-7-2005 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Spain calls shooting of Brazilian in London "serious mistake"

MADRID, 28 July— Spanish Interior Minister Jose Antonio Alonso on Wednesday described as "a serious mistake" the British Government's ordering the fatal shooting of a terrorist suspect in London.

Shoot-to-kill, "in any democratic country", is something under any perspective inadmissible,

Alonso said in a statement issued in the wake of Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero's visit to London.

Brazilian electrician Jean Charles de Menezes was fatally shot by the British police who mistook him for a suicidal bomber in London last Friday.

However, Alonso said the British Government "is interested in clearing up the case, and does whatever it takes to prevent a similar situation from happening".

Dealing with terrorism "cannot affect the general task, evidently a democratic one" of the British police, he said.

"What a democratic

French PM calls for "true economic patriotism"

PARIS, 28 July — French Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin called Wednesday for "a true economic patriotism" to defend French companies' interests.

Speaking at his second news conference since the May 31 government reshuffle, Villepin urged the French to "summon all their strength" and to rally round a "real economic patriotism".

"I know that is not a common expression but when times are hard, when the world is changing it is a question of gathering our strengths... and defending France and things French," he said.

Besides a decree to be published in Septem-

ber to better control foreign investments in the fields of security and defence, the Prime Minister announced France would adopt the European directive, which, approved in November 2003 in Brussels, aims at harmonizing the takeover rules among the bloc's 25 members.

Villepin said he had asked the Finance Ministry to take measures to encourage investors to maintain long-term stakes in companies.

He made the remark in the wake of recent speculation that American beverage giant PepsiCo was planning a hostile takeover bid for French food group Danone, which generated resistance from

forces and civilians, and the fighting between government forces and separatist rebels there have spilled over into nearby regions including Dagestan.

The Russian Government has intensified operations to rein in separatists in the breakaway republic since the Beslan school siege, which killed over 330 people last September in the southern republic of North Ossetia.

Putin urged the Interior Ministry to give priority to protecting people's rights and freedom, preventing attempts to infringe on their legitimate property and building a favourable business climate in Russia.

The recent attacks in London, Egypt and in Russia's Caucasus region show "terrorism remains one of the main threats to the world", and Russia will play an important part in the joint work to fight terrorism, Putin said.

Russia's Chechen republic has been plagued by frequent rebel attacks on law enforcement

Earlier in the day President Jacques Chirac warned in a Cabinet meeting that the "instability" of capital of some big French companies threatened jobs and the nation's industry, according to government spokesman Jean-Francois Cope said.

"There is obviously no question of opposing in principle any purchase of French companies," Chirac said, noting "We must reinforce the measure of protection to our strategic companies, and examine whether changes are necessary, in terms of company law or accounting standards, in order to encourage long-term holdings."—MNA/Xinhua

Putin demands preemptive action in fighting terrorism

Moscow, 28 July— Russian President Vladimir Putin told the country's military and law enforcement officers on Wednesday to take preemptive actions in fighting terrorism, which he said remains a major threat to the world.

"Your activities in this area should be preemptive in nature," Putin told top military, law enforcement and security officers at a meeting in the Kremlin, the *Interfax* news agency reported.

"We perfectly understand how serious the tasks are that face Russia's law enforcement and security agencies," primarily police and interior forces, Putin said.

The recent attacks in London, Egypt and in Russia's Caucasus region show "terrorism remains one of the main threats to the world", and Russia will play an important part in the joint work to fight terrorism, Putin said.

Russia's Chechen republic has been plagued by frequent rebel attacks on law enforcement

forces and civilians, and the fighting between government forces and separatist rebels there have spilled over into nearby regions including Dagestan.

The Russian Government has intensified operations to rein in separatists in the breakaway republic since the Beslan school siege, which killed over 330 people last September in the southern republic of North Ossetia.

Putin urged the Interior Ministry to give priority to protecting people's rights and freedom, preventing attempts to infringe on their legitimate property and building a favourable business climate in Russia.

MNA/Xinhua

Bolivia makes remarkable achievements in combating drugs

LIMA, 28 July — The Special Drug Police Force of Bolivia issued a communique on Tuesday saying a total of 36.97 tons of drugs has been seized in 3,376 anti-drug operations

in the first half of 2005, according to information from La Paz.

The communique said since the founding in July 1988, the Special Drug Police Force has carried out 57,600 operations, seized 227.8 tons of drugs and captured 46,300 suspected drug traffickers.

Meanwhile, the organization has lost 70 of its members in the actions. The communique also said in the 17 years, in addition to drugs seized, the force has also smashed 25,400 drug processing shops and seized 164 tons of coca leaves and quantities of other chemicals used for making drugs.—MNA/Xinhua



A Ugandan trader arranges his banana stocks in his stall at the Makerere Kuvulu slum market in Kampala, Uganda, on 27 July, 2005.—INTERNET

Brazil, Botswana sign agreement on AIDS prevention

BRASILIA, 28 July — Brazil and Botswana signed here on Tuesday an agreement on technical cooperation to prevent AIDS.

The accord, signed by Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and his Botswanian counterpart Festus Mogae, established the regulations that the two countries will follow in future projects.

Lula said the public awareness of the epidemic ought to be "one of the key elements in fighting the evil of HIV".

The Brazilian President praised Botswana for its solidarity with the African continent in fighting the disease. The two leaders also discussed the issues of hunger, poverty, finance and trade.—MNA/Xinhua

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Astronauts perform first shuttle damage inspection

HOUSTON, 28 July—Astronauts on the shuttle *Discovery* slowly scanned the wings and nose of their spacecraft with a laser-equipped robot arm on Wednesday in a critical safety inspection never before performed on a shuttle mission.

Manoeuvring the computer-aided arm from within the orbiter, the astronauts looked for cracks that could endanger the shuttle when it returns to the Earth's atmosphere for landing on 7 August and builds up temperatures up to 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit.

Television shots from space showed the procedure from the perspective of the laser, which is accompanied by a television camera, as the robot arm crept along the black edge of the wing.

Almost halfway through the inspection, which was expected to take seven hours, no signs of damage had been apparent. At one point, engineers on the ground asked for a second look at a suspect spot, but astronauts went back over the area with the camera at a different angle and it showed nothing. "Everything has gone exceptionally well," NASA spokesman Rob Navias said.

The painstaking inspection is one of many safety measures put in

place after the fatal *Columbia* disaster on 1 February, 2003, when a loose chunk of insulating foam at launch damaged the wing and caused the shuttle to disintegrate on re-entry over Texas, killing its seven astronauts.

Discovery launched on Tuesday from Florida in the first shuttle flight since *Columbia*.

The launch was smooth but not flawless. Video from one of an array of cameras at the take-off showed a nick in heat-protective tiles near the

nose landing gear and an unexplained piece of debris falling away from the exterior fuel tank.

The debris did not strike the shuttle, but the one-inch (2.5 centimeter) gouge in the tile would require further study, said flight operations manager John Shannon.

Because of schedule constraints, Wednesday's inspection would not include a look at the damaged tile, Shannon said. That likely would not happen until Friday, he said.—MNA/Reuters

Wu Yi highlights importance of preventive medicine for public health

BEIJING, 28 July—Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi has called for whole society to help guarantee public health by promoting public health policy and preventive medicine.

The Vice-Premier praised the China Preventive Medicine Association (CPMA) for its vital contribution to public health at its Fourth Congress.

In recent years, the country has achieved greater strides in the building of a public medical service system based on the emergency responses to accidents in the public health sector, the prevention and control of diseases, and public health law-enforcement, Wu

said. To speed up the reform of the health sector and vigorous development of public health, the Vice-Premier acknowledged, joint efforts from the entire society are required, and CPMA should make its due contribution in this regard.

The CPMA, founded in 1987, now has more than 70,000 members and 38 branches and special committees.

MNA/Xinhua

Canada issues warning to drug users

OTTAWA, 28 July—Users of drugs treating impotence and erectile dysfunction should seek immediate medical attention if they experience vision problems, Health Canada warned on Tuesday.

Men who take the drugs Viagra, Cialis or Levitra are at risk of a rare side-effect called nonarteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy (NAION), caused by a sudden blockage of blood flow to the optic nerve, the Federal Health Ministry said in a statement.

Symptoms of NAION include sudden and painless loss of vision in one or both eyes. Those who experience one episode are at greater risk of experiencing a second episode affecting the other eye. While in some cases the condition

may improve over time, there is a possibility of irreversible damage.

Smokers, men over 50, and those suffering from heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, or certain pre-existing eye problems, are more prone to suffering from the side-effect.

Health Canada is reviewing two Canadian reports of vision problems in patients using Viagra that may be consistent with the affliction, but it said it has not yet confirmed whether those problems are related

to use of the medications.

"It is difficult to determine whether the use of Viagra, Cialis or Levitra is causing (the eye problems), as individuals who have erectile problems often have high blood pressure, diabetes or other conditions that put them at increased risk," Health Canada said in the statement. Health Canada said it was monitoring the drugs and has requested additional safety information from all three manufacturers — Pfizer (Viagra), Eli Lilly (Cialis), and Bayer AG/GlaxoSmithKline (Levitra).—MNA/Xinhua



A man donating blood. A 79-year-old South African beat his Guinness World record by donating blood for the 350th time and said he wanted to carry on doing so for at least 15 more times.—INTERNET

Swiss expert warns of shuttle fleet's old age

GENEVA, 28 July—Though welcoming the launch of the space shuttle *Discovery* by the United States, a Swiss expert warned that the shuttle fleet was now showing its age.

Rudolf von Steiger, a director at Switzerland's International Space Science Institute, pointed out Wednesday that there are some problems with the current system, although he believes that *Discovery* now is "as safe as it can reasonably be".

"The shuttle system was set up and designed in the 1970s, the first shuttle flew in the 1980s — it's more than 20 years since then and the shuttle system is quite old now," he told the official web site Swissinfo.

"We have also found out that the system has a very fundamental and serious flaw, which is that cargo and humans are packaged in the same envelope and this makes it very large and vulnerable to security risks which are deadly for humans," he said, adding that this had to be changed in a future system.

Discovery was launched from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida shortly before 11 am local time (1500 GMT) on Tuesday after a two-week delay.

MNA/Xinhua

HK launches Parent-child "IT" Summer Camp

HONG KONG, 28 July—A Parent-child IT Summer Camp 2005 was launched here on Wednesday at the Hong Kong Institute of Education.

Jointly organized by the Education and Manpower Bureau, the Hong Kong Education City and other educational organizations, the camp aims to provide opportunities for primary school children and their parents to experience the use of IT.

The camp will also help enhance parent-child communication through various IT workshops and parent-child activities.

Activities include Lego Robots and Movie Production workshops, visits to Fire Services Communication Centre, parent-child adventurous activities and interactive talks on Cyber Ethics and

Internet Safety.

As introduced, parents and their children can work together and produce a short movie on their journey at the camp; using icon-based programming tool and pre-assembled mechanical parts, the participants will be able to develop their creativity, and analytical and problem-solving abilities. Through adventurous activities, and the method of adventure-based counselling and experiential learning model to help improve campers' self-concept, facilitate personal development and enhance parent-child communication as a whole.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese university confers honorary professorship on Mugabe

BEIJING, 28 July—A Chinese university on Tuesday conferred honorary professorship on visiting Zimbabwean President Robert Gabriel Mugabe.

"It is in recognition of the outstanding research and remarkable contribution in the work of diplomacy and international relations by his excellency," said An Yongyu, Party secretary of China's Foreign Affairs University.

The university, founded in 1955, is under the auspices of China's Foreign Ministry and renowned for being "the cradle of Chinese diplomats".

"We know that people know very well that the President is a man of strong will and achieve-

ments, a man safeguarding world peace wholeheartedly, and a good friend of the Chinese people," An said.

Mugabe is on a state visit to China from 23 to 28 July, at the invitation of Chinese President Hu Jintao.—MNA/Xinhua

British police arrest three women in bomb probe

LONDON, 28 July—British police arrested three women on Wednesday on suspicion of harbouring offenders in a raid linked to last week's failed attempt to bomb London's transport system, a police spokeswoman said.

The women were held after an armed raid on a public housing estate in the Stockwell area of south London, close to the underground train station where a Brazilian man was mistakenly shot dead by

police as a suspected suicide bomber last week.

"The arrests are in connection with the ongoing investigation into the attacks on 21 July," the London police spokeswoman said. She declined

to give further details.

Witnesses told Reuters police armed with automatic weapons and shotguns handcuffed the women before taking them away.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Ronaldo double gives Real 3-1 win in Japan

TOKYO, 28 July — Brazil striker Ronaldo scored twice as Real Madrid beat Japan's Jubilo Iwata 3-1 on Wednesday in the second of two pre-season games in Japan.

Captain Raul had fired the Spanish club ahead in the third minute after Michael Owen's initial effort was deflected into his path.

Ronaldo came close moments later before England striker Owen had a seemingly good goal disallowed after a late off-side flag in the ninth minute.

Shu Naruoka equalized for Jubilo in the 24th minute with a low shot from 25 meters but Ronaldo picked himself up after being fouled to restore Real's lead from the penalty spot in the 28th minute.

Raul squandered a guilt-edged chance 10 min-

utes into the second half following slick build-up play from Guti and Roberto Carlos.

Ronaldo added Real's third in injury time, latching on to substitute Luis Figo's defence-splitting ball to slot the ball through the legs of Jubilo goalkeeper Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi.

England captain David Beckham completed 68 minutes in his second game after pulling a hamstring in the United States last week and received a standing ovation from the crowd of 34,000.

Travel-weary Real suffered an embarrassing 3-0 defeat in a bad-tempered game with Tokyo

Verdy on Monday.

Beckham was involved in a furious tunnel fracas after the first half of that game after accusing a Verdy player of spitting at him.

"After Monday's game some of the players were angry," Real coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo told reporters. "I told them to stay calm today and play their normal game".

The Brazilian added: "The Verdy game was not at all good because the players were tired. We had no time to prepare so we gave away silly goals. Things improved today".

Real won two friendlies in the US before arriving in the Far East. They finish their lucrative trip with a friendly in Bangkok on Friday. The Spanish giants are expected to earn around 25 million US dollars from their six-match pre-season tour.

MNA/Reuters

United jolted by quake, lost to Antlers

TOKYO, 29 July — Manchester United were jolted by an earthquake and a Masashi Motoyama double as they lost 2-1 to Japan's Kashima Antlers in a pre-season friendly on Thursday.

A tremor rattled Tokyo's National Stadium early in the first of United's two matches in Japan and the visitors were also stunned when they went behind after five minutes.

Japan midfielder Motoyama gave J-League leaders Kashima the lead with a superb left-foot volley that gave United goalkeeper Tim Howard no chance. Ryan Giggs swept in a Cristiano Ronaldo cross to equalize three minutes later but Motoyama restored Kashima's lead with a carbon-copy of his first goal in the 24th minute.

"Credit to them — two great goals," Giggs told Reuters. "We had our chances in the second half and the lads looked sharp. It was a good test."

England striker Wayne Rooney went close with a fierce drive on the hour mark and Ronaldo headed wide from point-blank range in the 71st minute as United pressed for an equalizer.

They paid for their

wastefulness, however, with strikers Louis Saha and Ruud van Nistelrooy also guilty of glaring misses.

"We probably got more out of this game than any other game on the tour," said Phil Neville. "We sharpened up in the second half but we just missed chances. It was a good workout for us."

New signing Park Ji-sung came on as a 70th-minute substitute for

Ronaldo and he too missed a simple chance when he blazed over from close range. The South Korea midfielder left the pitch moments later with blood pouring from a cut to his face after colliding with Antlers goalkeeper Hitoshi Sogahata. The 24-year-old needed nine stitches above his left eye and was left nursing a badly swollen face after being caught by Sogahata's elbow.

MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's Ruud Van Nistelrooy (R) follows Kashima Antlers goalkeeper Hitoshi Sogahata during the second half of their exhibition match in Tokyo on 28 July, 2005. The Antlers won 2-1.—INTERNET

England striker Vassell joins Manchester City

LONDON, 28 July — England striker Darius Vassell has joined Manchester City from Premier League rivals Aston Villa, City confirmed on Wednesday.

The 25-year-old completed the two million pounds (3.48 million US dollars) transfer after undergoing a medical.

"The striker flew home from Villa's pre-season tour of Sweden to agree personal terms on the four year contract," City said on their website.

"He successfully concluded a medical on Tuesday afternoon and will join his first training session with his new team mates this morning."

Vassell has scored six goals in 22 internationals but found the net only three times for his club last season when he was out of action for four months because of injury problems.—MNA/Reuters

Haas suffers early exit at LA

LOS ANGELES, 29 July — Defending champion Tommy Haas suffered an early exit at the Los Angeles Cup ATP hardcourt tournament, as the German was upset by Belgian Xavier Malisse in the second round here on Wednesday.

Haas, who had been sidelined for six weeks by torn right ankle ligaments before opening play here on Tuesday, lost to the Malisse 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 to end his personal winning streak over the 25-year-old.

With the help of 18 aces, Malisse overcome the loss of the first set and wrapped the match to reach the quarterfinals.—MNA/Xinhua



Venus Williams of the US serves against Sania Mirza of India during the Bank of the West Classic tennis tournament in Palo Alto, California. Williams won 6-3, 6-2.—INTERNET



Didier Drogba (L) of Chelsea tries to slip past Bobby Boswell (R) of DC United during their World Series of Football match at FedEx Field in Landover, Maryland. Chelsea FC defeated DC United 2-1.—INTERNET

Venus Williams advances to Stanford quarters

WASHINGTON, 29 July — Wimbledon champion Venus Williams breezed past India's Sania Mirza 6-3, 6-2 on Wednesday to advance to the quarterfinals at the Stanford women's singles tournament.

Venus, who declined to show her dominant form that helped her win Wimbledon earlier this month, rode her powerful serve for easy points against the 18-year-old Mirza on Wednesday.

She hit three straight aces in her first service game of the second set, and then gave two more in her next service game.

"My serve definitely picked up," said Williams, who participated in Fed Cup in Moscow after

Wimbledon. "I played a lot better than I expected, but I also didn't feel I played that well." Venus, who won this event in 2000 and 2002 but lost to top-seeded Lindsay Davenport in last year's final, will play Friday against seventh-seeded Jelena Jankovic of Serbia-Montenegro, a 6-0, 6-3 winner over Amy Frazier earlier Wednesday.

Defending champion Davenport plays her first match Thursday against

Davenport retires at Stanford WTA tournament

WASHINGTON, 29 July — Defending champion Lindsay Davenport retired from her opening match at the Stanford Classic on Thursday with a lower back strain, as she was trailing 5-0 in the first set against Germany's Anna-Lena Groenefeld.

The same injury hampered the world number one in the Wimbledon final earlier this month.

Davenport, playing her first match since losing the

longest Wimbledon women's final to Venus Williams, struggled to move around the court in her second-round clash against Groenefeld before conceding the match due to injury.

Groenefeld now plays Frenchwoman Nathalie Dechy in the quarterfinals.

MNA/Xinhua

Ljungberg renews new Arsenal deal

LONDON, 29 July — Arsenal's Freddie Ljungberg has signed an extension to his contract, which will keep him at the club until 2009, the midfielder said on Thursday.

The 28-year-old Swede said: "I have been at Arsenal nearly seven years now and am really happy to have signed a new contract."

"I'm looking forward to the new season, to winning more trophies and also to playing in our new stadium in 2006."

MNA/Xinhua

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

Strive to develop national immunity

Leading Committee for Organizing 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions meets

YANGON, 29 July— Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Prime Minister General Soe Win delivered an address at the first coordination meeting of the Leading Committee at the National Museum on Pyay Road, here, this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were Patrons of the Leading Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Com-

mander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon Mayor, Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung and members heads of departments and the State Peace and Development Council Office, President of Myanmar Red Cross Society, Chairmen of Myanmar Music Asiayon, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, (See page 8)

Prime Minister General Soe Win cordially converses with maestros.— MNA



Conscientious public cooperation much needed for successful implementation of Road Map

YANGON, 29 July—The concluding ceremony of the Special Refresher Course No 7 for Faculty Members conducted by the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township took place at Nawarat Hall of the institute this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the chief jus-

tice, the attorney-general, the chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, the deputy auditor-general, officials, departmental heads, faculty members of the institute, and trainees.

The MEC chairman in his speech said the government believed that the conclusion of the refresher course has brought prospects to the trainees, the education sector, and the State.

He expressed his belief that the trainees would realize real situations of the nation and a variety of challenges faced by the nation and the people as they really are when they could combine the knowledge and experiences gained from the course and their intellectual power and a good habit of viewing things with farsightedness.

By doing so, the trainees would be very clearly convinced of the drive for transition to democracy through the seven-point Road Map, the most appropriate national path for the nation that the government is

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MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses concluding ceremony of Special Refresher Course No 7 for Faculty Members at CICS (Phaunggyi).— MNA

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Under the assistance of UNICEF and the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education has inserted the School Based Healthy Living and AIDS Prevention Education (SHAPE) in the curriculum from fourth to ninth standards in over 4,000 schools in 50 townships.

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