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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends 15th Waso robes offering ceremony of SPDC office

YANGON, 30 July — Families of the State Peace and Development Council Office held the 15th Waso robes offering ceremony at Aletawya Sanpya Sarhintaik on Dhamma Zedi Road in Bahan Township here this morning. Secretary-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony and offered Waso robes and alms to monks.

Present on the occasion were Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Chairman Agga Maha Saddhama Jotika Bhaddanta Kosalla, members of Sangha Nayaka Committees of Bahan and Kamayut townships, Presiding Sayadaw of Aletawya Sanpya Sarhintaik Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha



The presiding Sayadaw of Aletawya Sanpya Monastery delivers a sermon at the Waso robes offering ceremony. — MNA

Gantha-vasaka Pandita Bhaddanta Ganta Malarbhivamsa and members of the Sangha, SPDC Office Director General Lt-Col Pe Nyein, heads of depart-

ment, guests and wellwishers.

Before the ceremony, the Secretary-1 and party offered 'soon' (dawn meal) to the Sayadaws and members

of the Sangha.

At the ceremony, the Sayadaw of Aletawya Sanpya Sarhintaik administered the Five Precepts to the congregation. Next, the

members of the Sangha recited parittas. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein offered Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaw of Aletawya Sanpya Sarhintaik.

Lt-Col Pe Nyein and departmental heads, staff families and wellwishers also offered Waso robes and alms to the Sayadaws and members of the Sangha. Later, the Aletawya Sanpya Sarhintaik Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained, and the ceremony concluded. — MNA

INSIDE

The First World War left 17 million people dead and a large number of factories and mills destroyed. Germany, Italy and Japan, which suffered economic deprivation due to the war, produced dictators in the form of fascism and Nazism. Thanks to proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system at the end of the Second World War, fascism and Nazism faded away and met with their end.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and congregation sharing merits gained at the ceremony to offer Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Guard against destructive elements

The Union of Myanmar is home to over 100 national races. In the course of Myanmar history, the entire national races have been protecting and safeguarding the independence and sovereignty in unison.

In the present period also, Myanmar has never taken shelter of any big nations and has always decisively stood by the truth in dealing with the world nations. So the nation has been able to stand tall in dignity among the global nations.

Some big nations, which want to put Myanmar under their domination, are constantly attacking Myanmar by putting pressure and imposing economic sanctions on her to undermine national unity instead of helping her.

In his address at the conclusion ceremony of the Special Refresher Course No 7 for Faculty Members of Universities and Colleges held at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township, Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that at a time when there is a rivalry between constructive forces who are building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation and destructive elements who are resorting to various means and ways to jeopardize national unity and the Union and to put the nation under alien domination, it is absolutely needed to further cement the unity of the government, the Tatmadaw and the people.

In this context, the entire national people including youths need to widen the horizons of knowledge on international affairs and modern science and technology. Moreover, they should be endowed with patriotism and Union Spirit. Only then will they be able to safeguard the nation in accord with the four-point people's desire.

To keep pace with changes and development, the government is making constant efforts to create an education system capable of facing a series of challenges through development of human resources equipped with advanced technologies and skills.

At a time when remarkable progress has been made in various sectors of the nation, it is incumbent upon constructive forces to exert greater efforts to guard against perpetration of destructive elements with national awareness.

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

Foreign Minister back from Lao PDR

YANGON, 30 July— Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back here this evening from Lao People's Democratic Republic after attending the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting and other related meetings held in Vientiane LPDR, from 25 to 29 July.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs was welcomed back at the airport by Minister at the Prime Minister's Office U Than Shwe, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, directors-general of MOFA and officials. — MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win being welcomed back at the airport.— MNA

Myanmar and Thailand discuss anti-money laundering matters

YANGON, 30 July— Thai Minister of Judiciary Mr Suwat Liptapanlop and party called on Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo at the latter's office this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe,

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Governor Thailand of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Director-General U Aung Saw Win of Bureau of Special Operation, Deputy Director-General

of MPF Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win, Police Chief of Staff Police Brig-Gen Win Myaing, Head of CCDAC and Anti-narcotics Department Police Col Kham Aung and Head of Department for Transnational Crime Police Col Sit Aye.

A signing ceremony of Memorandum

of Understanding between Central Control Board CCB of Myanmar and Anti-Money Laundering Office-AMLO of Thailand on exchanging information on financial intelligence related to money laundering took place at Sedona Hotel, here.

The MoU was signed by Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi and Secretary-General of AMLO Police Maj-Gen Peeraphan Prempooti.

A coordination meeting on anti-money laundering was held at the hotel. Myanmar and Thai delegates led by Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi and Police Maj-Gen Peeraphan Prempooti discussed matters on exchanging information on money laundering.

MNA



Bri-Gen Khin Yi and Secretary-General of AMLO Police Maj-Gen Peeraphan Prempooti sign MoU on cooperation in exchange of financial intelligence related to money laundering.— HOME AFFAIRS

Pabedan Township WVO provides cash assistance to its members

YANGON, 30 July— A ceremony to recall the experience of the conference of Myanmar War Veterans Organization 2005 was held in conjunction with the ceremony to provide cash assistance to WVO members at Pabedan Township WVO office on Anawrahta road this morning.

First, Chairman of Pabedan Township WVO Maj Tun Myint (Retd) made a speech and recalled the experience of the MWVO conference.

Next, the chairman of Township Peace and Development Council made a speech.

Afterwards, the chairman and vice-chairman of Pabedan Township WVO presented K 10,000 each to nine 75-year-old and above members, K 50,000 to a disabled WVO member and K 30,000 to a student of a disabled member. The cash assistance was provided by Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee. — MNA

Wood-based Technology Courses conclude

YANGON, 30 July— Wood-based Technology Course Nos 3 and 4 conducted by Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association concluded at Wood-based Technology Training School in Panglong Road in Ward 36, Dagon Myothit (North) Township yesterday morning.

Vice-Chairman of MTEA U Than Htay made a speech and Principal of the school U Kaung Yin explained facts about the courses. Next, a trainee recalled his experience.

Chairman of MTEA U Aung Lwin presented certificate of honour to Sanfoco Wood Industries Limited which has provided necessary assistance to the training. Vice-Chairman U Htein Win presented gifts to instructors of Myanma Timber Enterprise.

Managing Director U Win Tun of MTE presented awards to outstanding trainees, followed by presenting of course completion certificates to trainees. The four-week course was attended by 33 trainees. — MNA

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A South Korean child looks at 'finger fishes' in an aquarium which is installed in a vending machine at 'Aqua gallery' in Seoul on 28 July, 2005. The exhibition shows daily life goods like mail box, vending machine, television and cook-pot converted to aquariums to attract visitors.
INTERNET



Defence Minister says India not to fall in US trap

NEW DELHI, 29 July — India said on Thursday that it would not fall in the trap of the United States by signing the new framework on defence cooperation.

"Any participation of Indian troops in multinational operations outside the UN framework would be guided by national interests," Indian Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee said in the Parliament on Thursday.

Asserting there was no move to deploy Indian troops in near future in any theatre; Mukherjee told Lok Sabha, (Lower House) during question hour that though the new framework on defence co-operation signed with the United States provided for collaboration in multinational operations, it did not commit India to any specific action that is not in our national interest. He said India would not fall in the trap of the United

States by signing the new framework while asserting that it was absolutely in conformity with the common minimum programme (CMP) of the UPA government.

The United States wants Indian troops' participation in dealing with the war-ravaged Iraq. India has the fourth-largest military in the world and has taken part in UN-directed peacekeeping operations in Somalia, Cambodia and Angola.

However, the country's Left Parties, which have a sizable number of Members of Parliament and are supporting the coalition government in New Delhi, are bitterly opposed to any participation of Indian troops in Iraq.

"There is no deviation from the CMP. We are not falling in any trap... We are mature enough not to fall in trap... India's foreign policy is well-known and so is our stand on sending troops to Iraq," Mukherjee said. No clause of the agreement can compel India to take a decision which is not in the nation's interest, he stressed.

Responding to question whether the framework would imply that Indian Armed Forces would participate in any military action initiated by the United States against international terrorism, he said no such participation is contemplated or implied in the arrangement.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore scientists discover schizophrenia-related protein

SINGAPORE, 29 July — Singapore scientists have discovered a new type of protein which is believed to control the development of specialized brain cells relating to the nerve signalling network, according to a local report.

Naming the protein "juxtandin," the nine-member team from the Medicine School of the National University of Singapore (NUS) said this fundamental discovery will help them

better understand neurological disorders such as schizophrenia and multiple sclerosis.

The report by *Today*, a local English newspaper, quoted the scientists as explaining that "if these brain cells develop abnormally, the shield protecting nerve fibres can dysfunction or get destroyed," thus, "nerve pathways are affected and neurological disorders occur."

MNA/Xinhua

US charges Dutch man for planning attacks in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 29 July — The US Justice Department on Friday charged a Dutch citizen with planning attacks on Americans based in Iraq, the first US criminal charges filed in connection with terrorist activities in the country.

The department said Wesam Al Delaema, an Iraqi-born Dutch citizen, was charged in a four-count criminal complaint with conspiracy to attack Americans in Iraq. The process of extraditing him from the Netherlands was underway.

The charges included conspiracy to kill US citizens abroad, conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction and possession of explosives during a crime of violence. Delaema, 32, was born in

Fallujah, Iraq. He was arrested by Dutch officials in May and faces similar charges in the Netherlands.

According to a criminal complaint, Delaema traveled from the Netherlands to Iraq in October 2003 with a group calling itself the "Fighters of Fallujah."

The complaint said the group had "declared their intentions to kill Americans in Iraq using destructive devices and other means."

According to the complaint, Delaema and others hid explosives and detonating cords in a road in the Fallujah area in October 2003.

"This prosecution serves notice that we will make full use of the laws and resources of our criminal justice system to defend Americans, and particularly members of our armed forces, against terrorist insurgents in Iraq and elsewhere," said US Attorney Kenneth Weinstein. —Internet

Two bombs explode on Spanish roads

MADRID, 30 July — Two explosions were reported on Friday in south Spain after separatist group Basque Homeland and Freedom (ETA) warned of placing two bombs on roads of Extremadura and Puerto Lapice.

An anonymous call

was received at 17:15 hours, local time, by Basque daily *Gara* to warn the placing of two explosive devices, the first of which exploded at 18:00 hours, local time, on kilometre 75 of N-5 road of Extremadura, near the locality of Maqueda.

The second bomb

exploded minutes later on kilometre 132 of N-IV road, at the end of Puerto Lapice (Ciudad Real). In the cases there were not victims.

The placing of the bombs coincides with the arrival of summer vacationers.

MNA/Xinhua

Two US Marines killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 30 July — Two US Marines were killed in clashes with guerillas in western Iraq, the US military said in a statement on Friday.

The two, assigned to Regimental Combat Team-2 of the 2nd Marine Division, were killed on Thursday by guerillas who used small arms and rocket-propelled grenade

fire in a village west of Haditha City, some 250 kilometres west of Baghdad. The names of the victims were being withheld pending notification of next of kin, the statement said.

In another statement, the US military said clashes erupted between US-Iraqi forces and guerillas, who attacked pa-

trols in the same village.

US warplanes responded with an airstrike, which destroyed buildings used by guerillas as safe houses and firing positions, the statement said. "Iraqi security forces and coalition forces killed nine terrorists, five of whom were reportedly Syrian nationals," it said.

MNA/Xinhua

Six Iraqi soldiers killed in clashes

BAQUBA (Iraq), 29 July — Six Iraqi soldiers were killed in clashes with guerillas in two towns north of Baghdad on Thursday, security sources said.

The fighting began when guerillas fired mortars and light arms at three checkpoints in Baquba and two in Khan Bani Saad, the sources said.

Guerillas have killed hundreds of policemen, security forces and soldiers in a bid to topple Iraq's US-backed government. — MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi firefighter watches the flames as others douse a tanker wagon following an explosion along the train tracks, in southern Baghdad recently. The seven-tanker convoy was approaching the Dura oil refinery carrying petroleum products when it exploded. — INTERNET

China, Laos to deepen all-round friendly ties

VIENTIANE, 28 July — Visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing and Lao Prime Minister Bounnhang Vorachith on Wednesday pledged to expand bilateral cooperation in various fields to boost friendly ties.

During a meeting at the Prime Minister's house on Wednesday, Li reviewed the smooth development of Sino-Lao friendly relations over the recent years under the principle of "all-round cooperative relations of long-term stability, friendly neighbouring ties and mutual trust".

China is willing to carry out the consensus reached with Laos in deepening communication and cooperation in economy and trade, education, security and human resources, and to enhance their coordination in both international and regional affairs.

On China's relations with the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Li said new advances have been made continuously in promoting their strategic partnership, which contributed greatly to regional peace, stabil-

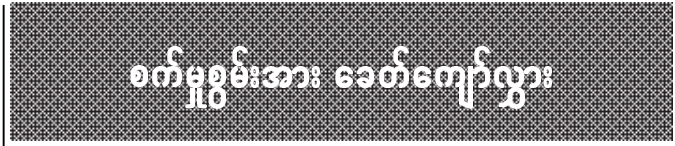
ity and development.

China appreciates the endeavour Laos has made in consolidating and promoting China-ASEAN relations and is willing to push forward the strategic ties with ASEAN members, noted Li.

For his part, Bounnhang said high-level contacts between Laos and China have become more frequent in recent years, which enhanced the mutual-political trust and mutual-beneficial cooperation. He thanked China for the help it has extended to Laos over the past years and appreciated the efforts China has made to solve the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula.

Bounnhang said Laos firmly supports China's stand on the Taiwan issue and would always pursue "One-China Policy".

MNA/Xinhua



A Filipino farmer gathers rice seedlings in a village on the Marinduque Island, south of Manila on 29 July, 2005.—INTERNET

Iraqi PM calls for speedy withdrawal of US troops

BAGHDAD, 28 July — Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari on Wednesday called for speedy and coordinated withdrawal of the US troops from the war-torn country.

At a joint Press conference held with visiting US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Jaafari said it is time to work on a coordinated transition of military control in the country from Americans to Iraqis.

"Firstly, we should quicken the pace of training the Iraqi security forces, and secondly, there should be a close coordination in planning between the US-led coalition and the Iraqi Government on security transition," Jaafari said.

"We do not want to be surprised by a withdrawal that is not in connection with our Iraqi timing," he added. For his part, Rumsfeld said there is no exact timetable for the US troops withdrawal, but he also said "we confirm and we desire speed in that regard".

MNA/Xinhua

China's performing arts market opens wider to foreign investment

BEIJING, 28 July — "China's performing arts market will further open to foreign investment, with a newly revised regulation to be launched this September," Wang Yongqing, deputy director with the Office of Legislative Affairs under the State Council, told Xinhua here on Wednesday.

The revised regulation makes remarkable changes to the Regulations Governing Commercial Art Performances issues published eight years ago, Wang said, adding the regulation allows foreign investment to establish brokerage agencies and take part in their management as well as that of companies and theatres.

"Foreign investors can build Sino-foreign cooperative enterprises and Sino-foreign joint ventures on brokerage or theatres with Chinese partners, but foreign investment is still banned from establishing performing troupes," says the newly revised regulation.

The regulation also stipulates that Chinese partner's investment ratio should not be lower than 51 per cent in the joint ventures and that in all of the

companies Chinese should take the leading role.

"China's performance arts industry is now stepping into the international market wet behind the ears, therefore we are opening it to foreign investment only to a certain extent," said Meng Xiaosi, Vice-Minister of Culture.

The new regulations give self-employed actors the right to host commercial performances independently, and allows theatre owners to stage commercial performance independently. "The new regulation will enhance the benign development of the performing arts industry, controlling the normal high ticket prices caused by the monopoly before," Meng said. "China's performing arts industry has seen a boom over the past few years, as it has changed from wholly closed up to the now opening up," Meng added. — MNA/Xinhua

Death toll of western India's floods rises to near 900

MUMBAI, 28 July — A series of landslides triggered by heavy monsoon rains have killed near 900 people in India's western state of Maharashtra in the past three days, police and relief officials said on Thursday.

"More than half the people dead are in Mumbai. The figures could still rise as we are still collecting details," a relief official told Reuters.

Police said efforts were on to recover the bodies of an estimated 100 people buried under an avalanche of mud in a village 150 kilometres (95 miles) south of Mumbai.—MNA/Reuters

US soldier sentenced for refusing return to Iraq

FORT STEWART, 28 July—An Army mechanic who refused to go to Iraq while he sought conscientious objector status was acquitted of desertion but found guilty of a lesser charge during a court-martial Thursday.

Sgt. Kevin Benderman, 40, was sentenced to 15 months in prison on the charge of missing movement. He also was given a dishonorable discharge from the military and a reduction in rank to private. If he had been found guilty of desertion, he could have faced five years in prison.—Internet



A policeman walks outside a train compartment affected in a bomb explosion near the town of Jaunpur, about 640 kilometers (400 miles) east of New Delhi, in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, on 29 July, 2005.—INTERNET

Iraq affecting mental health of troops

WASHINGTON, 28 July—Thirty percent of US troops surveyed have developed stress-related mental health problems three to four months after coming home from the Iraq war, the Army's surgeon general said on Thursday.

The survey of 1,000 troops found problems including anxiety, depression, nightmares, anger and an inability to concentrate, said Lt Gen Kevin Kiley and other military medical officials.

A smaller number of troops, often with more severe symptoms, were diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, a serious mental illness.

The 30 percent figure is in contrast to the 3 percent to 5 percent diagnosed with a significant mental health issues immediately after they leave the war theater, according to Col Elspeth Ritchie, a military psychiatrist on Kiley's staff.

A study of troops who were still in the combat zone in 2004 found 13 percent experienced significant mental health problems.

Soldiers departing a war zone are typically given a health evaluation as they leave combat, but the Army is only now instituting a program for follow-up screenings three to six months later, said Kiley, speaking to reporters at a breakfast meeting.

Internet

China says to allow markets to decide yuan rates

SHANGHAI, 28 July— China's Central Bank will allow market forces to decide its yuan exchange rates following a 2.1-per-cent revaluation of the currency last week, the official Shanghai Securities News said on Thursday.

Wu Xiaoling, vice governor of the central People's Bank of China, said Beijing was preparing to launch foreign exchange derivatives, including options and futures, but did not offer a timeframe, the paper said.

"The foreign exchange rates will move along with changes in supply and demand on the markets, and you cannot expect the central bank to control its fluctuations," Wu was quoted as saying by the paper.

"So we will prepare to launch forex derivatives as tools for financial institutions and enterprises to control risks."

After keeping the yuan, also known as the renminbi, virtually fixed near 8.28 per dollar since 1996, Beijing adjusted its value to 8.11 after trading closed last Thursday and said it was tying it to a basket of currencies of its main trading partners.

But to play down speculation of further moves, the central bank posted a statement on Tuesday saying the revaluation did not mean there would be more adjustments.

Wu said investment growth in the country was slowing although there were no signs of deflation for now. She did not specify the type of investment. Wu said China would count on domestic consumption to drive economic growth and reduce the potential of trade disputes.

She added that money supply growth was returning to "reasonable" levels, implying Beijing will not strengthen its efforts to cool the economy.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese FM stresses East Asian cooperation

VIENTIANE, 28 July— Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing reiterated here on Wednesday China's views and proposals on strengthening regional cooperation in East Asia under the new circumstance during a meeting of ASEAN foreign ministers plus that from China, South Korea and Japan.

Li affirmed the notable achievement made toward the intensification of East Asian regional cooperation over the past years. He said fruitful results had been achieved in deepening the relation between ASEAN and Plus Three countries, which further promoted the common development of East Asian nations.

Li pointed out that arduous efforts need to be made in realizing the long term target to build East Asian Community and proposed ASEAN Plus Three should be served as the main channel in reinforcing East Asian regional cooperation since it is the most dynamic and potential cooperation mechanism in the Asian region.

The ASEAN, as the initiator of East Asian cooperation, should play a major role in boosting cooperation among East Asian nations, which needs to be expanded in various fields under a "win-win" principle with economic cooperation as the core, said Li.

ASEAN Plus Three cooperation should be co-existed with other cooperation mechanism in the Asian region to boost the common development of the entire region. The direction, key fields and specific development programme of the ASEAN Plus Three need to be mapped out pragmatically with improvement on the mechanism, he suggested.

Li pledged that China would continue to support and participate in the East Asian cooperation and exert unremitting efforts in opening up a more bright cooperation prospect.

On Wednesday, Li also met Myanmar's Foreign Minister and South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon. Li and Nyan agreed to carry out the shared views of the two countries and deepen their comprehensive and multi-tier cooperation. — MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam to see greater fertilizer demand next year

HANOI, 28 July — Vietnam is likely to consume 6.3 million tons of chemical fertilizers next year, up from estimated 5.35 million tons this year, the Vietnam Fertilizer Association told Xinhua on Wednesday.

In 2006, the country is estimated to use 1.9 million tons of urea, 2.5 million tons of nitrogen-phosphate-potassium (NPK) fertilizer, 700,000 tons of diammonium phosphate (DAP), 700,000 tons of potassium fertilizer, and 500,000 tons of sulfate ammonium (SA).

The respective figures predicted for 2005 are two million tons, 500,000 tons, 400,000 tons and 450,000 tons.

MNA/Xinhua



A South Korean student Sul Da-un, left, places a white stone while her South Korean opponent, Hwa Ju-wan, waits to place a black one during a final preliminary match of the World Elementary School Student Go game, the ancient Chinese board game, competition in Seoul, on 29 July, 2005.—INTERNET

Indonesian motorcycle production up 35% in first semester

JAKARTA, 28 July— Motorcycle production of seven leading manufacturers in Indonesia surged by 35.48 per cent to 2.46 million units in the first half of the year when compared to the year-ago period, an economic daily reported on Wednesday.

Honda recorded output of 1.28 million to maintain lead over six other producers grouping in the Indonesian Motorcycle Industries Association (AISI), said *Bisnis Indonesia*. The six include Yamaha with first-half production of 566,326 units, Suzuki (556,577 units), Kawasaki (37,868 units), Kymco (9,968 units), Kanzen (9,275 units) and Piaggio (537 units). — MNA/Xinhua

California guard unit probed for abuse in Iraq

LOS ANGELES, 28 July — At least 23 members of a California National Guard battalion serving in Iraq are under investigation for the alleged abuse of Iraqi detainees and for a 30,000-US-dollar extortion scheme involving promises to protect shopkeepers from guerillas, the *Los Angeles Times* reported on Wednesday.

Citing military officials and unnamed members of the unit, the newspaper said the abuse allegations focused on an incident in which a stun gun was apparently used to torture Iraqi detainees after an guerillas attack in June on a Baghdad area power plant. At least 17 soldiers are under investigation.

The allegations involve members of the 1st Battalion of the 184th Infantry Regiment, which is based out-

side Baghdad.

The paper quoted California state Guard spokesman Colonel David Baldwin as confirming that investigations were underway into reports of extortion and mistreatment but declining to give details. One soldier told the *Los Angeles Times* that the stun gun incident — apparently used on a man who was handcuffed and blindfolded — had been captured on videotape. — MNA/Reuters

Security costs sap Iraq's rebuilding funds

WASHINGTON, 28 July—A tenuous security environment in Iraq has hindered reconstruction efforts there, with crude oil production and power generation still not reaching prewar levels of 2003 as of May, a report released on Thursday found.

The Government Accountability Office also said \$1.8 billion intended for major electricity and water projects during the 2004 fiscal year had to be shifted to cover urgent security and law enforcement needs.

In a separate report, the agency said the United States missed some reconstruction and economic objectives in Afghanistan during that same period because of security problems and the illicit drug industry.

"Deteriorating security

in some regions rendered large areas effectively inaccessible to the assistance community; despite efforts by US, Afghan, and international forces, attacks against aid workers, Afghan security forces, and international forces increased," the report said. "Further, a continued rise in opium production undermined legitimate economic activities and the establishment of the rule of law."

It found the United States had planned to rehabilitate or build 286

schools in a year in Afghanistan but it completed only 8 new structures, while another 77 were refurbished. Likewise, despite a goal of 253 new health clinics, only 15 were built and none were refurbished.

In Iraq, guerillas fighting democratization have attacked oil, water and electric infrastructure, threatened workers, compromised the ability to safely transport materials and blocked access to work sites, the agency found.—Internet



An Iraqi crosses a street in front of a US military vehicle on patrol in Mosul, northern Iraq, on 28 July, 2005. —INTERNET



Comic fans cosplay from the comics at the Hong Kong Comics Festival in Hong Kong on 29 July, 2005. The five-day festival starting on 29 July is expected to attract 400,000 visitors. — INTERNET

5-day work week to boost domestic tourism earnings in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 July — The implementation of the five-day work week in the Malaysian Government from 1 July is expected to boost annual domestic tourism earnings by 400 million ringgit (108.1 million US dollars), Deputy Tourism Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said on Wednesday.

Under the new work day system, the domestic tourism industry will contribute 5 billion ringgit (1.35 billion US dollars) to the economy in the year 2005, compared with 4.6 billion ringgit (1.24 billion US dollars) last year, Hamidi said.

According to a survey, people who enjoyed a five-day work week are inclined to travel five times in a

year while those who work six days of the week travel 4.3 times, Hamidi told reporters after launching a travel programme here.

"We hope the tourism industry can contribute more than 10 per cent to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and domestic tourism can contribute more than 5 billion ringgit (1.35 billion US dollars)," he said.

Malaysian Government decided in June to implement the five-day work system for public servants beginning on 1 July, but employees in some departments, including National Registration Department, Immigration Department and Road Transport Department, have to prolong their working hours during the five work days.

MNA/Xinhua

China endeavours to reduce dependency on overseas resources

BELING, 28 July — China, a country suffering more and more blame for its surging demand for energy resources, is launching an unprecedented large-scale move to increase energy efficiency around the country.

In recent months, a storm of building a more energy-efficient society swept the central government to individuals.

At the 23th collective study of members of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee held last month, international energy, the resource situation and China's energy and resources strategy were earnestly discussed by top leaders of the country.

Soon after Premier

Wen Jiabao made remarks at a video-phone meeting on recent major works of building more energy-efficient society on June 30, a notice was issued by the State Council demanding to do well those works around the country.

"It shows China's decision to avoid a road featured by large investment, much energy consumption and serious pollution which many developed countries had taken during their

industrialization process," said Zhang Yansheng, director of research institute of foreign economy of the National Development and Reform Commission.

"A completely new economic growth mode, that is a mode of high-efficient use of energy, soil and other resources has been taken by the country as the only rational road in designing its development," said Zhang.

China's booming economy is accompanied

by highly dependency on large consumption of energy and other resources.

According to statistics, China produced a 4 per cent of the world GDP by consuming 31 per cent of world coal, 29 per cent of world steel, 8 per cent of world crude oil and 45 per cent of world cement in 2004.

China imported 122.72 million tons of crude in 2004 and became the second largest oil consumer in the world.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam's rice export surges in first seven months

HANOI, 28 July — Vietnam has so far this year sold overseas more than 3.1 million tons of rice worth 869 million US dollars in the first 7 months of this year, representing year-on-year respective rises of 13.4 per cent and 35.9 per cent.

Vietnamese enterprises have just won a tender opened by the Philippines on July 21 to export 185,000 tons of rice to the foreign country, the Vietnam Food Association said on Wednesday.

Local companies have so far inked contracts on exporting 3.8 million tons of rice, the maximum permitted by the Vietnamese Government for the whole year, the

association said, noting that the volume does not include 300,000 tons being delivered to the Philippines under tenders won by them.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has recently asked the government to raise the rice export cap, designated to ensure national food security, to 4.1 million tons, citing good crops as the main reason. — MNA/Xinhua

Suicide bomber kills at least 5 in Baghdad attack

BAGHDAD, 30 July — A suicide car bomb exploded at an Iraqi police checkpoint in Baghdad on Saturday killing at least five people and wounding 20, the police said.

The bomb exploded at a checkpoint set up near the National Theatre in the Kareda district in the centre of the capital.

No further details were immediately available.

On Friday, a suicide bomber strapped with explosives blew himself up among a group of Iraqi army recruits in the town of Kabla, in the far northwest of Iraq near the Syrian border killing 40 people and wounding 57, police said.

MNA/Reuters

Tornado kills 15 in E China province

HEFEI, 30 July — At least 15 were killed and 37 others were injured by a tornado that ravaged an east China county on Saturday, according to local civil affairs department.

The tornado began to lash Lingbi County of Anhui Province at 0:40 pm Saturday. Eight of the victims lost their lives on the spot when a township factory was flattened and pulled down by the powerful tornado, sources with the department said.

The overall loss remains unknown so far, but local governments are are going all out to direct and carry out rescue work for the victimized people.

MNA/Xinhua

Jakarta wants old cars off street

JAKARTA, 28 July — Jakarta authorities are considering banning old cars on the capital's roads, blaming aged vehicles for traffic congestion and pollution, a local newspaper reported on Wednesday.

The announcement of the plan was made by Jakarta Police on Tuesday, which in the near future could refuse to renew registration for old cars in Jakarta, said *The Jakarta Post*.

Instead, the police will transfer the registration process to regions outside Jakarta.

"We won't renew registration documents of old cars here in Jakarta. We will transfer the registration process for old cars to outlying areas, such as Bogor and Bekasi," Jakarta Police Chief Inspector-General Firman Gani was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



South Korean children play at a water fountain to cool off in front of the City Hall in Seoul, on 29 July, 2005. South Korea is set for soaring temperatures this weekend with the hottest day of the year so far predicted. — INTERNET

16 Killed in Mumbai stampede after rumours of dam burst

NEW DELHI, 29 July — At least 16 people, including seven children, died in a stampede on Thursday night after rumours spread in suburban Mumbai that heavy rains have burst a dam, the *Press Trust of India* (PTI) reported.

The accident occurred in the Nehru Nagar slum, where another 18 people were also injured following rumours that a dam on nearby Pawai Lake had burst, according to PTI. Official efforts have failed to quell the panic.

Devastating incessant rains have wreaked havoc in India's western state of Maharashtra since Tuesday and brought the life in Mumbai, the state capital, almost to a standstill. So far hundreds of people have died and hundreds of others are still missing from the disaster. — MNA/Xinhua

Three major tasks for emergence of Myanma democracy

Maung Nyattara

When a boat moves upstream, the helmsman and the boat's crew need to make coordinated and concerted efforts to move on and reach their destination. If the helmsman or the boat's crew fail to do their bit, they will not reach their destination.

Similarly, to win a battle, a commander and soldiers are to perform their respective duties based on discipline, unity, courage, obeying orders and skills. Otherwise, they will not win the battle.

Likewise, the people are like crew or the Tatmadawmen and the government is like the helmsman or the commander in building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Only when each and every one is dutiful will the destination be reached.

According to social science, nothing can be achieved without the public. Individual security, social development and prosperity cannot be realized without making any efforts.

In today's world, stability of the State, national solidarity and proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system are imperative in ensuring the emergence of a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

There cannot be stability of the State without national solidarity. So also, proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system cannot be assured without stability of the State and national solidarity. Democracy cannot be brought about without proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system. In democracy, there are politics, economy and military affairs in form and freedom, equality and justice in essence. Private goods production is the economic democracy while multi-party system and parliamentary administration is the political democracy. Building the Tatmadaw and relationship between battalions and units is military democracy. There are two different forms of freedom—one form that is free from political, economic and military subjugation of alien nations; and another form that is free from reliance on others or reliance on economy of others. Equality means equally enjoying the human rights among the people. Only when there is freedom and equality will there be justice.

Struggle to be free from the yoke of colonialists could be achieved by fighting. But, struggle to be free from reliance on others and equally enjoying the human rights cannot be realized by just enacting law and awarding an individual.

Therefore, democracy is human rights which can be obtained only through proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system. So, it is required to boost production forces quantitatively and qualitatively through relentless efforts of the people under the leadership of the government.

The market-oriented economic system is a competitive production and sale of goods by the private sector. So, the capitalists constantly extended productive forces (factories and mills) to be able to make more profits. And the value of a product has been created by the volume of labour of the workers who are engaged in production of the products. The capitalists have been constantly inventing machines, which can automatically produce goods, instead of employing men to reduce the capital to be able to beat their competitors. Therefore, productive force is always developing quantitatively and qualitatively in the market-oriented economic system.

The social science states that there is a force which could not be suppressed by any other powers in the relationship between productive forces and productive relation. In other words, that productive relation (democracy and human rights) has to be in conformity with productive forces. It means that with a boost in the amount of raw materials the number of factories and mills increased. And the number of workers also increased. At the same time, the basic

capitalism faded away, the economic system of capitalism and parliamentary democracy emerged.

The First World War left 17 million people dead and a large number of factories and mills destroyed. Germany, Italy and Japan, which suffered economic deprivation due to the war, produced dictators in the form of fascism and Nazism. Thanks to proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system at the end of the Second World War, fascism and Nazism faded away and met with their end.

That is why the proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system has contributed to eliminating dictatorship and ensuring the emergence of democracy. Only when there is proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system in the nation will dictatorship meet its end. The US government, which is advocating democracy and human rights, intruded into Iraq with the sole intention of exploiting its oil, far from helping the latter for the emergence of proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system in the nation. As Saddam Hussein government was ousted and a government under its influence was installed, Iraqi people were in trouble and misery.

The US government imposed economic sanctions against over 60 countries. However, no country has yet become a democratic nation due to its economic sanctions.

When Myanmar regained its independence in 1948 democracy was conceived. At the time, multicoloured insurgency broke out under the sinister schemes of colonialists and national capitalists. In 1958, the country was out of control, for the ruling AFPFL split into two. And the caretaker government had to assume the State responsibilities and held the election. But, the AFPFL was in no position to keep the State under control and the parties that were opposed to the AFPFL were unable to lead the nation.

That was why the Tatmadaw had to assume the State responsibilities in 1962 for ensuring non-disintegration of the Union and perpetuation of sovereignty.

At that time, the market-oriented system was regarded as a reactionary system. Warding off capitalism and establishment of socialism were deeply in the minds of those in power and out of power, political parties and the people of Myanmar and those of the world. Hence, the Revolution Council Government practised the centralized economic system and the one party system with the introduction of Socialist System.

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salary increased along with cultural values and political awareness of workers. This condition has brought about a better relationship between employers and employees. Based on this condition, democracy and human rights, which guarantee the rights of voting, freedom of press and expression and freedom of organizing and assembly will flourish.

The modern political science and economics states that in the world history, productive forces and productive relation were contradictory in the feudalistic period of England and the US. The form of productive relation often became an obstacle to productive forces.

At the time, there broke out a major revolution. With the changing of economic foundation, superstructures such as politics, administration and judicial system had to undergo a change sooner or later. Accordingly, when the economic system of feu-

Energy Ministry offers Waso Robes

YANGON, 30 July— The 14th Waso robes offering ceremony of the Ministry of Energy took place at Energy Dhammayon on Kaba Aye Pagoda road this morning.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of members of the Sangha led by Kyimyindine Township Salin Monastery Pitakatkyang Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Joitikhadhaja Bhaddanta Kundalabhivamsa. Also present were the Minister for Energy

and wife, the deputy minister and wife, invited guests and family members.

The Sayadaw invested the congregation with the Five Precepts and members of the Sangha recited Paritta.

The congregation offered Waso robes to members of the Sangha and shared the merits gained.

After the ceremony, "soon" was offered to the members of the Sangha.

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Terrorist acts of external and internal destructive elements undermine peace and stability in the country

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of external and internal destructive elements undermine peace and stability in the country and create bitter experiences for the people.

Efforts are to be made for strong political, economic and defence powers in building a nation. If the political situation is good, the nation is peaceful. This contributes towards the economic progress.

If economic situation is strong, defence power can be built. The defence power also benefits political power. Therefore, politics, economy and defence are inter-dependent. Strong economy is important and economic growth makes many sectors of the country strong. Therefore, the government has laid down yearly plans for economic development and is undertaking them with greater momentum.

In conclusion, he said at a time when the government is striving to build a democratic nation in conformity with historical tradition, national characters and own culture, the people are well aware of the danger of internal and external destructive ele-



The meeting chairman and members of the panel of chairmen seen at the mass meeting in Bago.— MNA



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ments trying to encroach on the nation's territorial integrity. Therefore, he urged the people to crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy with the united strength of the people.

Daw Win Mar Shwe, executive of Bago Division USDA, took part in the discussions on "Guard against the danger posed by destructionists through united strength of the people".

She said Myanmar has been a sovereign state for many centuries. In the late 19th century, she lost her independence and sovereignty after she was colonized under the aggressive wars. With the strength of the people and Union spirit, she regained independence in the mid-20th century. Political, economic

infrastructures for strong economy and human resource development. The government is also paving the way for discipline-flourishing democracy, she added.

In her discussion, Daw Phyu Pya Soe, representative of Bago Division Women's Affairs Organization, said members of ABSDF, NCGUB and FTUB in alliance with insurgents operating in the border regions committed destructive acts such as armed opposition against the government, kidnap-

ping of airplane, raiding of Myanmar Embassy in Thailand and planting of bombs at the ceremony at which the Buddha's tooth relic conveyed from the People's Republic of China was kept for public obeisance.

They also blasted bombs on the ground floor of Zaycho Market in Mandalay on 26 April this year and at some supermarkets and the Myanmar-Thai Trade Fair on 7 May. Many people were killed and wounded in the bomb blasts. She said the FTUB is an organization formed with only a handful of people, which is begging international cash assist-

ance under the pretext of representing Myanmar.

As Myanmar people have a tradition of living together in the country in unity and amity with its own monarchs and culture, they hate to interfere in the affairs of others. And they will not accept others' interferences either. In addition, all national people have been committed to crushing all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy, she said.

Efforts are to be made for strong political, economic and defence powers in building a nation

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The mass meeting on guarding against the danger posed by internal and external destructionists through united strength of people in progress in Bago.— MNA



The desire of the people is to live peacefully, to have food sufficiency and to improve their living standard



Bago Division USDA Executive
Daw Win Mar Shwe.—MNA



Bago Division WAO representative
Daw Phyu Pyar Soe.—MNA

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Bago Township USDA Joint-Secretary U Win Khaing seconded the motions tabled by representative of Bago Division USDA executive Daw Win Mar Shwe and representative of Bago Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Phyu Pyar Soe calling for guarding against the danger posed by internal and external destructionists through united strength of the people.

Next, Representative of Bago Division MCWA Dr Cho Cho Win said that the present government emphasized

on restoring stability of the State and realizing national reconsolidation. Therefore, 17 armed groups had returned to the legal fold and they are joining hands with the government in regional development tasks.

The Government gives priority to development of the border areas. It is known to all that development plans were laid down to narrow the gap between the rural and urban and among the regions.

Now, the 24 development regions plan, the rural development plan and the border areas and

national races development plans are being implemented for ensuring equitable development among all regions of the union.

Today's principle is to develop all the regions of the Union. Likewise, the government is carrying out the tasks to develop the nation through agricultural capability.

At present, agricultural sector is facilitated with supply of water. In this regard, the Government has built 18 dams and reservoirs in Bago Division. There were 38 bridges 180 feet

and above long in Bago Division, but a total of 50 bridges have been built in the division.

From 1988 to date, the roads stretching over 216 miles were extended in the division. Similarly, the government has built new railroads. Furthermore, the entire nation was installed with telecommunications facilities applying modern technologies. Therefore, progress of communication networks have been made.

During over 10-year period, 767 megawatt could be generated in the electric power sector. In the future, Mone, Yenwe, Yeywa, Pyu Creek and Shwegyin hydel power projects will facilitate more power

duction of natural gas.

With regard to the education sector, the literacy rate of the nation reaches over 93 per cent due to implementation of the education for all plan. In addition, the Government is placing emphasis on carrying out the school enrolment plan. Universities, colleges and basic education structures are widespread throughout the nation.

Owing to raising the school enrolment rate, the Myanmar Education System emerges through collaboration of the entire people. In the past, students could learn the education at Arts and Science University, Technological University, Institute of Medicine and Institute of Forestry.

tives University for enabling the students to study the specialized subjects.

That is why, the modern nation will be built through education for the emergence of advanced human resources that the State needs.

In the health sector, the government has built more 13 station hospitals and 18 rural health care units in Bago Division.

And, WHO also provided medical equipment and sent medical technicians to Myanmar and helped to conduct pharmacological courses for the trainees.

Similarly, UNDP in collaboration with the Government adopted the plans and is implement-



Bago Division USDA Joint-Secretary
U Win Khaing.—MNA



Bago Division MCWA representative
Dr Daw Cho Cho Win.—MNA

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supply to the people. That is why, it can be said that the industrial nation will be established through electric power. At the same time, all-out efforts are being made for exploration and pro-

But, today's higher education sector is facilitated with University of Computer Studies, Myanmar Maritime University, Myanmar Aerospace University, University of Culture, Coopera-

ing the TB control campaign, rehabilitation of leprosy patients, control of malaria, prevention and control of AIDS, supply of drinking water and sanitation tasks.

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Commander and Mayor inspect upgrading of Yangon

YANGON, 30 July— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected tasks being carried out for betterment of drainage system in the city and upgrading of roads. The Commander and the Mayor inspected digging of drains for proper flow of water and laying of tar on roads in Hline Township, Kyimyindine Township, Bahan Township, Tarmwe Township and Thingangyun Township. The commander

and mayor also inspected sanitation tasks carried out by officers and other ranks under the command and Ayeyawady Naval Command Headquarters and gave instructions to officials on cutting the branches of trees touching electric wire and lamp post and timely completion of laying of tar on roads.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein offers Waso robes and provisions to the Aletawya Sanpya monastery presiding Sayadaw. (News on page 1) — MNA

A & I Minister inspects Kon Taung dam

YANGON, 30 July— USDA Secretariat Member Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, accompanied by Meiktila District Peace and Development Council Secretary Maj Myint Thein and township USDA CEC members, arrived at Shwe Hlan village basic education middle school in Thazi Township, Mandalay division and met with townsendors and teachers.

Later, they made cash donation for the school. On arrival at Makyi Pin village in Meiktila Township, the minister and party paid homage to Hman Monastery Sayadaw U Tilawka and offered Waso robes and provisions. Next, wellwishers made cash donations for electric lighting. After paying homage to Lawka Yannaing Ancient Pagoda, they met with villagers. When the minister and party arrived at the pagoda in Kon Taung village, they offered provisions. Later, the minister inspected the progress of repairing Kon Taung dam and met with departmental staff and USDA members after donating the books for the library in the village and cash for the BEPS in the village. MNA



Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein offers Waso robes and provisions to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Bago District WVO Representative Maj Kyaw Kyaw (Retd). — MNA



Bago Division USDA Representative Executive Daw Lin Lin Thant — MNA

The desire of the people is...

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UNICEF also cooperated with the Ministry of Health in carrying out improvement of children's and women's lives. Except UN agencies, the Government has not taken assistance from abroad and is making efforts for development of the nation through united strength of the Government, the Tatmadaw and the people.
Bago District WVO representative Major Kyaw Kyaw (Retd) said that peace and stability, unity and achievement of the seven-point Road Map are inter-related among them. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe laid down the seven-point Road Map for ensuring the emer-

gence of peace and stability, growth of economy, strength of force and emergence of the democratic society. The Head of State has given guidance that it is necessary to ensure stability and peace, develop the economy of the State and the people and enhance national education in building the democratic nation.
It can be seen that the Government is striving for gaining success in the above-mentioned facts after taking all responsibilities of the State.
Two resolutions were passed at the Bagan mass meeting to achieve success of development of the country and the seven-point Road Map. They are: to actively par-

ticipate in the respective sectors for successful realization of the seven-point Road Map; and honour the utmost efforts of the Government in undertaking development of the country and sustain progress of the nation.
All the people are living in the nation since time immemorial through thick and thin. All are to march to the goal of the discipline-flourishing democratic nation without losing culture and national characteristics of the nation and the people. In doing so, the National Convention is being reconvened in momentum with support of the people in accord with the seven-point Road Map. It is known to all

that the detailed basic principles in sharing of legislative power have been laid down successfully for enduring the new State Constitution. It is necessary to march the correct national path to the national goal with the Union Spirit, patriotic spirit, nationalism and the spirit of national solidarity.
In conclusion, he tabled the motion calling for participation in the nation-building tasks and successful realization of the seven-point Road

Map with the Union Spirit, upholding Our Three Main National Causes.
He urged all to work for perpetuity of national unity, preserve morality, build the nation without being frightened whenever intimidated, safeguard the nation and the people and preserve national characteristics based on the Union Spirit and patriotic spirit.
Next, representative of Bago Division USDA executive Daw Lin Lin Thant seconded

the motions of Bago Division MCWA representative Dr Cho Cho Win and Bago District WVO representative Major Kyaw Kyaw (Retd) and sought the approvals of their motions from the mass meeting.
Afterwards, the meeting chairman sought the approval of the mass meeting which passed the two resolutions.
Later, the meeting ended with chanting of the slogans. MNA

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Bago Township
USDA Executives
Daw Theingi Myint
Yi and Daw Aye Pa
Pa act as masters
of ceremonies.

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New school buildings in Shwepyitha, Hlinethaya handed over to No 3 BED

YANGON, 30 July — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe attended the ceremony to open and hand over buildings of basic education schools in Shwepyitha and Hlinethaya Townships to Education Department this morning.

First, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein and Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min formally opened the building of Post-Primary School No 45 (Wataya) in Shwepyitha Township.

They viewed round the building and classrooms.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min fromally open No 45 post-primary school (Wataya). — YANGON COMMAND

Next, the ceremony to open the building of Hlinethaya BEPS No 14 was held at Kanpyo Village of the township. The commander and the deputy ministers cut the ribbon to open the building.

Director-General U

Aung Win of Department for Human Settlement and Housing Development explained the purpose of constructing the school buildings and regional development tasks at the ceremony to hand over the school building of Wataya Post-Primary School No

45 of Shwepyitha Township and Hlinethaya BEPS No 14.

The deputy director-general of DHSHD handed over the documents related to the school buildings to No 3 BED Director-General U Aye Kyu.

The commander, the deputy ministers and officials accepted K 2.3 million donated by wellwishers.

Hlinethaya Township Education Officer U Tin Maung Oo spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, the

commander, the deputy ministers and party inspected the site for construction of Technical High School near Yakhainkonlay Village in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone and progress in construction of the retaining walls at Hline River.

Rural dispensary in Twantay township opens

YANGON, 30 July — USDA CEC Member Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha formally opened the rural dispensary in Khalop village, Twantay Township this morning.

Afterwards, the minister inspected the dispensary and attended to the needs. Later, the minister went to the monastery in the village and offered Waso robes and provisions to sayadaws.

On arrival at Shansu Village, the minister met with those who are carrying out the agricultural tasks and gave instructions on future plans. Next, the minister donated the various kinds

of books for the library in the village.

The minister proceeded to Nyaungdaga Monastery in Twantay and offered the provisions to sayadaws. The minister also visited Shwe San Taw Pagoda in Twantay.

On arrival at township USDA office, he met with USDA members and donated four tailoring machines for the training organized by Shansu Gyi Village Women's Affairs Federation.

On arrival at the office of planning office, the minister met with the staff from the townships in Yangon South District and attended to the needs.

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Minister inspects Paper and Pulp Plant (Thabaung)

YANGON, 30 July — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung together with officials arrived at Paper and Pulp Plant (Thabaung) of Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries near Hlegyi Tat village, Patheingyi Division yesterday morning. The minister and party then inspected the production process of the chlorine dioxide factory.

The minister also oversaw the progress of constructing 50-ton Advanced paper factory and the site for the 60-ton newsprint factory.

At the briefing hall of the Plant, the minister met with the secretary, the executives and organizers of Thabaung Town-



Pulp Plant (Thabaung) . —INDUSTRY-1

ship Union Solidarity and Development Association.

In the afternoon, he also met with the officials of the plant and gave necessary instructions.

This morning, the minister and party looked into the Patheingyi Glass Factory of Myanma Ceramics Industries and left instructions.

At the meeting hall, he met with the officials of the factory and urged them to boost the production, perform the duty well and abide by the rules and regulations.

Accompanied by the minister and party, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West

Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe inspected Win Thuza shop and gave necessary instructions.

The commander and the minister also oversaw the Minister and Ice factory of Myanma Foodstuff Industries.

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MWAF donates books for village education centre in Kayin Seik Model village, Thanlyin

YANGON, 30 July — Dissemination and books donation ceremony for village education centre took place at Aung Mingala monastery in Kayin Seik model village in Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District this morning, attended by leader of social and cultural group of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation Daw Win Shwe.

Present on the occasion were Aung Mingala monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Mandala, the director-general of Myanmar Education Research Bureau, members of Yangon Division WAO, local authorities and the villagers.

Pro-rector of Institute of Education (Yangon) Daw Htoo Htoo Aung

explained the matters on the assistance, given by MWAF to the village education centre.

Headmistress of Kayin Seik village BEMS (Branch) Daw Thi Thi Aye clarified the efforts of the village for opening the centre.

Director-General U Myint Han then attended to the needs.

Daw Win Shwe and Thiri Thudamma Theingi Daw Tin Nwe Oo (Hman Cho medical house) and the wellwishers donated the cash, the newspapers and the books to the centre.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Mandala expressed thanks for the donation and the ceremony ended.—MNA

Prizes presented to winners of C-in-C (Air)'s Chess Tournament

YANGON, 30 July — The prize presentation ceremony of the Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Shield Chess Tournament was held in Toungoo Station on 29 July morning.

Officials gave away first, second and third prizes to the respective teams in the novice event, the senior event and the team rapid event.

On behalf of the

Commander-in-Chief (Air), Brig-Gen Kyaw Aung of Toungoo Station presented championship shield to Mingaladon Air Force team.

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Exxon Mobil second-quarter profit up sharply

NEW YORK, 29 July—Exxon Mobil Corp said Thursday that second-quarter earnings rose 32 per cent to 7.64 billion US dollars as crude oil prices climbed.

Exxon Mobil, the world's largest publicly traded oil company, reported that profit from oil and natural-gas sales jumped 28 cents to 4.9 billion US dollars, or about two-thirds of company's profits.

Other oil companies also made profits from surging crude prices. BP Plc, the world's second-largest oil company, said profit climbed 29 per cent to 4.98 billion US dollars, while Royal Dutch Shell Plc, the world's third-largest oil company, reported profit rose 26 per cent to

4.63 billion US dollars. ConocoPhillips, the third-largest US oil company, said net income rose 51 per cent to a record 3.14 billion US dollars, and Chevron Corp, the second-largest US oil company, was scheduled to announce quarterly earnings tomorrow.

Meanwhile, crude oil futures in New York hit a record 62.10 US dollars a barrel on 7 July amid concern about supply disruptions. Prices were still hovering above 59 dollars a barrel.

MNA/Xinhua

Americans say big terrorist attack is likely to occur soon

NEW YORK, 29 July—Eighty-five per cent of American voters believe a terrorist attack causing many deaths is likely to occur soon somewhere in the United States, a poll released on Thursday said.

The Quinnipiac University poll of 920 registered US voters across the country asked how likely people felt "that in the near future there will be a terrorist attack in the United States causing large numbers of lives to be lost?"

Of those polled, 40 per cent said such a scenario was "very likely" while 45 per cent said it was "somewhat likely".

The poll also showed that 64 per cent of Americans wanted Washington to distribute federal security funds based on risk of attack rather than population, as it does now.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and other New York officials have long complained that Washington has not given New York enough cash to help the city protect itself from another attack.

New York has been on high alert since the 11 September, 2001, hijacked plane attacks which felled the World Trade Centre twin towers and killed nearly 3,000 people.

The current federal security funding formula means rural areas with few obvious targets often receive far more cash per capita than high-risk ar-

reas such as New York. Wyoming receives seven times as much money per capita as New York.

The Quinnipiac poll was conducted from 21 to 25 July and has a margin of error of 3.2 percentage points.

Only 7 per cent of those surveyed said they have changed their daily routine following London bombings in London this month that killed more than 50 people. Eighteen per cent said they were less likely to ride mass transit, while 63 per cent said they were still as likely to use mass transit.—MNA/Reuters

Philippine-Malaysia joint navy exercise kicks off

MANILA, 29 July—The Philippine and Malaysian navies officially began their two-week exercise in the Philippine waters, the military said Thursday. The Armed Forces of the Philippines said in a statement that the joint exercise starting on Wednesday, dubbed as MALPHI LAUT 8/2005, is aimed at enhancing interoperability, mutual cooperation and understanding between the two navies through a series of cross training and field training activities.

The Philippine Navy team, composed of three vessels, two aircrafts and one Special Operations Group, and Malaysian team will conduct the exercise in the waters of Cebu, Panay, Bohol and Boracay islands, the statement said.

Navy spokesman Captain Geronimo

Malabanan said that the drills and executions for the three-day exercise includes operations planning, harbour exercises, and in-port training activities for the harbour phase, work-up and tactical sub-phases for the sea phase, and post-exercise activities for the final phase.

According to the military, the 2005 joint exercise is the 8th conducted by the two navies to boost their efforts in combating piracy, smuggling and other crimes in the high seas since the Philippines and Malaysia share a common maritime area.—MNA/Xinhua

Japan may impose duties on US goods

TOKYO, 29 July—Japan is considering imposing retaliatory duties on US goods to counter subsidies paid by Washington to companies under an anti-dumping programme ruled illegal by the World Trade Organization, Japan's top government spokesman said on Thursday.

The Nihon Keizai business daily reported on Thursday the tariffs could amount to some 76 million US dollars on US steel and ball bearing products, and would be imposed from September.

"We are considering the move, in line with WTO regulations," Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda told a news conference. But he declined to say when and what goods would be subject to the levies.

It would be a first for Tokyo to impose retaliatory duties.

The plan is likely to call for a 15-per-cent levy on about 10 steel products from the United States, including ball bearings,

Kyodo news agency said, citing sources familiar with the matter.

It would effectively reduce the value of Japanese imports of US steel products by about 5.6 billion yen (49.80 million US dollars), Kyodo said.

The United States has paid out more than 1 billion to US ball bearing, steel, seafood, pasta, candle and other companies under the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act of 2000—otherwise known as the Byrd Amendment after one of its chief sponsors, Senator Robert Byrd, a West Virginia Democrat.

The programme distributes money raised by duties on imports the United States has determined are

subsidized or unfairly priced to companies that sought the protection.

Previously, those funds went into the general US treasury.

In June, Washington began steps to pay hundreds of millions of dollars in new subsidies under the amendment.

The WTO has declared the programme to be illegal in a challenge brought by the EU, Canada, Japan and other trading partners.

Tokyo plans to keep any levies in place until the Byrd Amendment is repealed, media reports said. In June, Tokyo called on Washington to repeal the amendment by the end of July.

MNA/Xinhua



Orphaned baby elephants are pictured in Nairobi. Angry wildlife activists urged Kenyans to press for a trade boycott with Thailand until the Asian nation publicly denounces plans to import hundreds of wild animals from Kenya and other African nations.—INTERNET

US chopper wrecked by hard landing in Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 July—A US military helicopter was destroyed by a hard landing during an operation to hunt down armed group in Afghanistan, but there were no casualties, the military said on Thursday.

The twin-rotor CH-47 Chinook made the hard landing on Wednesday due to "brown-out conditions" as the crew attempted to land forces near the Pakistani border southwest of the town of Spin Boldak, a military statement said.

"Hostile fire was not involved," it said. "A fire, which is believed to have started from the hard landing, destroyed the aircraft. No one was injured."

Brown-out conditions can refer to a situation in which dust and debris are

kicked up by a helicopter's rotors, obscuring visibility.

US-led forces have lost at least a dozen helicopters in Afghanistan due to technical problems, operating conditions or hostile fire since invading the country to overthrow the fundamentalist Taliban government in late 2001.

In April, a CH-47 Chinook crashed during a dust storm in Ghazni Province, killing 15 American servicemen and three civilian contractors aboard.

Last month an MH-47 helicopter, a special forces version of the CH-47, was shot down during an anti-guerrilla mission in the northeastern Kunar Province, killing all 16 troops on board.

The United States leads a mostly American force of about 20,000 foreign troops in Afghanistan chasing Taliban and allied militants. Thirty-seven US troops have been killed in action this year, the bloodiest so far for US forces in the country.

MNA/Reuters

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The winner of the Miss Indonesia beauty pageant, Nadine Chandrawinata waves at the final in Jakarta on 29 July, 2005. Thirty-eight contestants from 33 provinces in Indonesia took part in the pageant on Friday.—INTERNET

Big Athens forest fire spreads, destroys homes

ATHENS, 29 July — A forest fire near Athens' seaside suburbs burnt down homes and factories and threatened more damage as strong winds drove it towards heavily inhabited coastal areas on Thursday.

Officials said authorities in eastern Athens evacuated houses, summer camps and orphanages as the blaze approached.

Arsonists are believed to have started the fire, which swept through a thick pine forest near the eastern suburb of Rafina and gathered speed, fanned by strong northern winds. A second fire started nearby hours later.

"It certainly seems to be arson," a fire brigade spokesman told Reuters.

Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis, whose private residence is near the site of the fire, met fire officials and inspected operations in the area.

Hundreds of residents armed with waterhoses and buckets tried desperately to save their homes as 15-metre (45-foot) flames raced toward them.

"This is arson. They are destroying everything I built my whole life," a resident of Rafina told reporters in tears. "I now see my house burning down."

Deputy fire brigade chief Andreas Koiss said

hundreds of firefighters rushed to the scene but strong winds hindered them.

"Everything is working against us. The wind is very strong and the fire is spreading too fast for us to fight it," Koiss told reporters.

He could not say whether the fire hurt anyone or how many homes it damaged.

More than 250 firefighters and soldiers, 50 fire trucks, eight airplanes and six helicopters have fought the blaze since Thursday morning.

More troops from around the country were called in to help.

The wealthy area, about 18.6 miles east of the city centre, is scattered with small, lush suburbs and thousands of holiday homes on or close to the sea.

Athens International airport, which lies some 10 kilometres away, shut its western runway and redirected all flights to its eastern runway to help air firefighting operations.

MNA/Reuters

Nicaragua declares state of alert in face of volcano eruption

MANAGUA, 29 July — The Nicaraguan Territorial Studies Institute (Ineter) on Thursday declared a state of "green" alert to warn citizens of a possible large-scale eruption of the Concepcion Volcano, some 120 kilometres southeast of Managua.

People from Ometepe Island in Nicaragua Lake were alarmed by the explosion they heard in the morning coming from the Concepcion Volcano, which sent ash raining down over their houses.

Ineter seismologist Virginia Tenorio told the Press that since Tuesday, the centre started to observe a small increase in the activity inside Concepcion on Ometepe Island. "What concerns us

is that there have not been seismic (tremors) resulting from the volcanic activity, which means a major eruption could happen," Tenorio said.

The 1,620-metre volcano is one of the most active in Nicaragua and has had permanent, low-intensity activity with small seismic tremors, constantly releasing gases and creating small explosions in the crater.

MNA/Xinhua

Scientists say bone marrow proves source of egg cells

WASHINGTON, 29 July — Stem cells from bone marrow may serve as a source of egg cells, at least in mice, and scientists said their study published on Thursday may lead to new fertility treatments if the same proves true in people.

The study, published in the journal Cell, challenges long-held scientific belief that mammals including mice and humans generate egg cells only when they are fetuses—and are born with all the eggs they will ever have.

"Here we show that adult mouse ovaries can produce hundreds of new oocytes within 24 hours," the researchers wrote.

They also found evidence that these egg-generating stem cells also exist in human bone

marrow.

"We may be ushering in a new era in the clinical management of female infertility and menopause," said Jonathan Tilly, director of the Vincent Centre for Reproductive Biology at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, who led the study.

"This could lead to new treatment approaches based not on drugs but on regenerative medicine through adult stem cells," he said in a statement.

Cancer patients whose ovaries have been destroyed by chemotherapy or radiation, or women whose ovaries

have been surgically removed, might some day be helped by the finding—although this is a long way off.

Tilly also believes adult stem cells found in bone marrow might turn out to be a source of eggs for therapeutic cloning—a way to generate the more powerful and malleable embryonic stem cells that many researchers want to work with.

One limitation on human embryonic stem cell research is the need for female donors to undergo surgery to provide eggs for the process. Another is a law severely restricting federal funding of such

work—which Congress has so far failed to either overturn or strengthen.

The same team of researchers had earlier been puzzled to report that female mice sterilized with chemotherapy spontaneously regenerated their ovaries and egg cells. They looked in the ovaries but could not find any evidence of oocyte stem cells—immature "master" cells that might be able to give rise to ovary tissue and oocytes. Then they looked in the bone marrow, a rich source of adult stem cells which have matured somewhat, but not as much as fully developed tissue.

MNA/Reuters

"Millennium bomber" gets 22 years in prison

SEATTLE, 29 July — A federal judge on Wednesday sentenced Ahmed Ressam, the "millennium bomber" convicted of plotting to blow up Los Angeles Airport, to 22 years in prison for conspiracy to commit an international terrorist act, explosives smuggling and other criminal counts.

US Western District Judge John Coughenour had been expected to sentence Ressam, who stopped cooperating with federal authorities in 2003, to 35 years behind bars.

Prosecutors had asked for the longer sentence, saying that Ressam's failure to work with them further jeopardized cases they were building against other terror suspects.

Ressam, who will get credit for the more than five years he already has spent in jail, did not speak at the hearing but offered a slight smile as he shook hands

with his attorneys and interpreter after the sentencing.

"This period of confinement recognizes the seriousness of the crimes and the cooperation of Mr. Ressam," Coughenour said in sentencing Ressam, adding that he hoped the decision would reflect the fairness and transparency of the US justice system.

Ressam's earlier deal with prosecutors would have resulted in a 27-year sentence in exchange for his testimony and information about other cases.

"We're disappointed that the court did not accept our recommendation of 35 years," US Attorney John McKay told reporters. The judge also imposed a 5-year period of supervision after Ressam's release.

The 38-year-old Algerian was caught on the US-Canada border in December 1999 with nitroglycerin in the trunk of his rented car, and he told authorities he planned to blow up Los Angeles International Airport on the eve of the new millennium.

MNA/Reuters



Hu Xi dresses a cocker spaniel at a pet shop famous for dog accessories in China's capital Beijing on 29 July, 2005.—INTERNET

S P O R T S

Real Madrid wind up Asia tour with 3-0 win in Thailand

BANGKOK, 30 July— Real Madrid cruised to a 3-0 win over the Thailand Under-23 team on Friday, ending an Asian tour reported to have netted the Spanish giants 25 million US dollars.

Real came out firing and, in front of more than 40,000 fans, Zinedine Zidane scored from the penalty spot in the seventh minute after England striker Michael Owen was brought down.

The Thais threatened little in a first half studded with slick Madrid passing and Brazilian Ronaldo slid in a second goal in the 23rd minute after a brilliant scooped pass from Raul from the half-way line put him clear. Piyawat Thongmaen should have earned a moment of glory just four minutes into the second half when a poor defensive header left the Thai with a clear chance, but the youngster fired wide.

Real began to wilt in the heat, making a rash of substitutions. Ruben de la Red scored a third three minutes from time with a simple header from a cross by Roberto Soldado, after he was put clear thanks to an incisive pass by Luis Figo.

The three goals put money into rehabilitating the Andaman Coast of south-



Real Madrid's Ronaldo(L) is challenged by Thailand's Prat Samakrat during the first half of their exhibition match in Bangkok. Real Madrid defeated Thailand's Under-23s 3-0.—INTERNET

ern Thailand where 5,800 people were killed by the December 26 tsunami.

MNA/Reuters

Man United to play Debrecen or Hajduk Split

NYON (Switzerland), 30 July— Twice European champions Manchester United were drawn on Friday against Hungary's Debrecen or Hajduk Split of Croatia in the Champions League third qualifying round.

European champions Liverpool or FBK Kaunas face Tirana of

Albania or CSKA Sofia of Bulgaria, Inter Milan meet Shakhtar Donetsk of Ukraine and England's Everton take on Spanish side Villarreal.

Germany's Werder Bremen meet Swiss team Basel and Ajax Amsterdam play Georgian side Dinamo Tbilisi or Brondy of Denmark. French club

Monaco take on Spain's Real Betis.

Anderlecht of Belgium or Neftchi Baku of Azerbaijan face Czech side Slavia Prague.

MNA/Reuters

Sevilla sell Baptista to Real Madrid

MADRID, 30 July— Sevilla agreed to sell Brazil forward Julio Baptista to Primera Liga rivals Real Madrid on Friday.

Sevilla said on their website they would receive a transfer fee of 20 million euros (24.20 million US dollars) from Real, rising to 24.5 million based on results and appearances.

Baptista, 23, joined Sevilla from Sao Paulo in 2003 for three million euros.

"Madrid have offered me an opportunity that I can't afford to let go. I hope the Sevilla fans will understand," Baptista told his former club's website.

"I go hoping that one day I will be able to return."

Real confirmed Baptista had signed a five-year deal in Shanghai where Sevilla are on a pre-season tour. He will undergo a medical before being presented

at the Bernabeu on Monday.

Baptista's arrival places a question mark over the future of Real's England striker Michael Owen.

With Santos forward Robinho still a transfer target, Real could end up with five big-name strikers in their squad alongside Brazil's Ronaldo and Baptista and Spain's Raul. Sevilla president Jose Maria del Nido said: "The only logical decision was to sell him."

"Julio's representatives made it clear the player wanted to leave and they explained the new FIFA regulations coming into force after 1 July, 2006 that would affect the relations between clubs and players.—MNA/Reuters

Liverpool avoid Everton in Champions League draw

NYON (Switzerland), 30 July— European champions Liverpool avoided city rivals Everton in Friday's draw and should play CSKA Sofia in the Champions League third qualifying round.

Twice winners Inter Milan face a tricky trip to Ukraine for the first leg against Shakhtar Donetsk, while four-times European champions Ajax Amsterdam are likely to meet Danish double winners Brondby.

Liverpool were forced to start the defence of their title from the first qualifying round after finishing fifth in the Premier League.

They have a 3-1 lead from the away leg of their second qualifying round tie against Lithuania's FBK Kaunas. Bulgarian champions CSKA Sofia also look likely to win through after a 2-0 first leg victory in Tirana.

"The main thing was avoiding Everton

so that's fine," said Liverpool's chief executive Rick Parry. "Inevitably we were relieved not to play someone at the top of the list but it's a long way to travel."

"We treat everyone with respect but not fear."

Twice European champions Manchester United were drawn against the winners of the tie between Debrecen and Hajduk Split of Croatia with the Hungarian champions in the driving seat after a 3-0 win in the first leg.

"Last season was the first time in our history that we won the league title so this is a great reward," Debrecen spokesman Marton Esterhazy said.

MNA/Reuters

Wins for Arsenal, Porto at Amsterdam tournament

AMSTERDAM, 30 July— Substitute Arturo Lupolis cored a late winner to earn Arsenal a 1-0 victory over hosts Ajax on the first day of the Amsterdam four-team tournament on Friday.

Earlier, Porto defeated Argentina's Boca Juniors 2-0 in the opening match.

Arsenal controlled their game and broke through with three minutes to go when Italian Lupoli, who played most of his soccer in the youth and reserve teams late season, netted from the edge of the penalty area after good work by new signing Alexander Hleb.

"It was a difficult match because we played with a closed roof and that is something I really don't like," Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger told reporters.

"We played well against a defensively well-organized team that aimed to play on the break."

"Finally we scored a late goal after missing easier chances earlier in the match."

Ajax coach Danny Blind was not surprised that Arsenal dominated.

"It was interesting to see how we did against a good team," said Blind.

"It taught me a lot about how my team handles these situations and it was logical that Arsenal pushed us back in defence."

Porto, the 2004 European Cup winners, opened the scoring against Boca when a deflected shot by Helder Postiga beat

goalkeeper Roberto Abbondanzieri in the 19th minute.

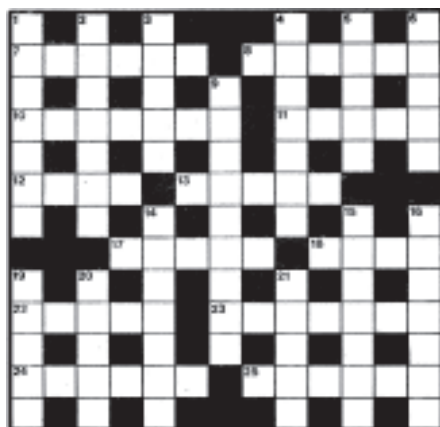
The Portuguese team, coached by former Ajax boss Co Adriaanse, were on top throughout and sealed their win in the 73rd minute.

New signing Fatih Sonkaya broke through on

the right and his cross gave Hugo Almeida the opportunity to set up Brazilian Jorginho for the second goal. "The circumstances were difficult and my team is physically not 100 per cent but our performance satisfied me," said Adriaanse.

MNA/Reuters

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ACROSS

- 7 Narrow seaway
- 8 Anchor raised
- 10 Hide
- 11 Hours of darkness
- 12 Wild goat
- 13 Grown up
- 17 Take it easy
- 18 None better
- 22 Planetary path
- 23 Opening
- 24 Sidestepped
- 25 Game bird

DOWN

- 1 Clairvoyant
- 2 Allowed
- 3 West African river
- 4 Defraud
- 5 Scorch
- 6 Pale
- 9 Gold tiara (anag.)
- 14 Tanned hide
- 15 Remains
- 16 Guided
- 19 Verbose
- 20 Habitat
- 21 Liquid measure



Dennis Bergkamp, center, of Arsenal follows the path of the ball, after a duel with Hedwiges Maduro, left, and Tomas Galasek, right, of Ajax during their soccer match at the Amsterdam Tournament, the Netherlands, on 29 July, 2005.—INTERNET

Sharon seeks French support on M-E peace

PARIS, 30 July— Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon appealed to France on Thursday to press the Palestinian leadership to crack down on militants, and to push hard to stop Iran developing nuclear weapons.

During a visit to France, Sharon said Paris could use its influence in the Arab world to advance the peace process after Israel's planned pullout from the Gaza Strip next month.

"France can make the Palestinians understand that the negotiations and the fight against terrorism must move forward," he told TF1 television in an interview. "The French... are capable of advancing the peace process." France has voiced its support for Sharon's plan to withdraw from Jewish settlements in the occupied Gaza Strip as a step towards reviving negotiations on peace and Palestinian statehood.

President Jacques Chirac said before meeting Sharon on Wednesday that France was ready to assist in the revival of the peace process.

Sharon also called for a tough line on Iran's nuclear programme to prevent its arch foe from developing nuclear bombs.

"Iran is doing everything to acquire nuclear weapons despite the pressure of the French, the Germans and the British," he told France 3 television.

"There will probably be no alternative but to take this problem to the UN Security Council and take sanctions against Iran," Sharon added.

France is part of a European Union troika, with Germany and Britain, trying to resolve the dispute with Iran.

Teheran says it is not seeking atomic weapons and that its nuclear programme is for electricity.

Iran was "not yet at the point of no return" in efforts to develop nuclear weapons as it still had some technical problems to overcome, Sharon said.

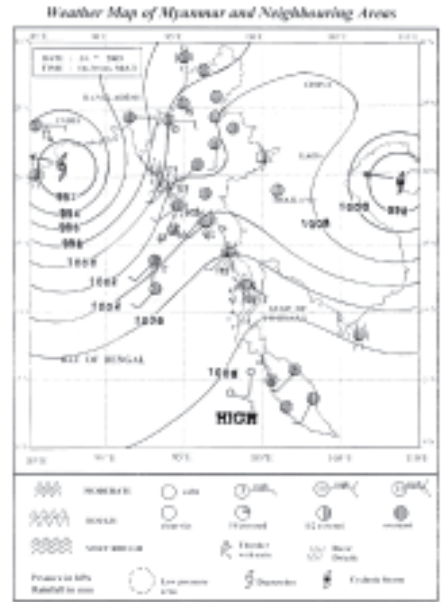
Chirac told Sharon on Wednesday France wanted guarantees that Iran could not produce material usable in nuclear bombs and that it believed the UN Security Council should deal with the issue if this is not the case.

Sharon's visit to Paris followed a row between France and Israel last year, sparked by the Israeli leader urging French Jews to escape anti-Semitism by emigrating.

MNA/Reuters



Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board Treasurer U Aung Than accepts K 200,000 for three-storey hospital for the aged donated by U Kyaw Sein, son Maung Maung Lwin-daughter Ma Win Myat of 199, U Chit Maung Road in Bahan Township in memory of the late Daw Thein Mya.—H



WEATHER

Saturday, 30 July, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan and Kayah States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, isolated heavyfalls in Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Ye (7.60) inches, Belin (6.98) inches, Dawei (6.06) inches, Thandwe (4.61) inches, Gwa (4.53) inches, Thayawaddy (3.78) inches, Mawlamyine (3.62) inches, Kyaukpadaung (3.27) inches and Hmawbi (3.15) inches.

Maximum temperature on 29-7-2005 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 30-7-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 30-7-2005 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 29-7-2005 was (0.8) hour approx. Rainfalls on 30-7-2005 were 2.32 inches at Mingaladon, 2.67 inches at Kaba-Aye, 2.00 inches at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 48.58 inches at Mingaladon, 48.50 inches at Kaba-Aye and 52.28 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 15 mph from Northwest at (15:50) hours MST on 29-7-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09.30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over North Bay has further intensified into a depression and it's centered about (170) miles Southwest of Kolkatta, India. It is forecast to move West-Northwest wards and cross the Orissa Coast, India within next (24) hours commencing this morning. Monsoon is strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Special Features: According to the observations at (09.30) hrs MST today, the tropical depression over the Gulf of Tonkin has centered about (230) miles East of Vinh, Vietnam. It is forecast to move West-Northwest wards.

Forecast valid until evening of 31-7-2005: Rain will be isolated in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Kayah States, Upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-7-2005: Some rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-7-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Storm News

(Issued at 11.00 hrs MST on 30th July 2005)
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Sunday, 31 July
View on today:

- 7:00 am
 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
 5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဖြာ မင်္ဂလာ
- 8:00 am
 6. အရေးကြီးပွဲ
- 8:10 am
 7. မြန်မာ့မီးရထားစွမ်းအား ကျောက်တောင်ရေကန်တံတား
- 8:20 am
 8. အကကြီးပွဲ
- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. Say it in English
- 11:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 11:15 pm
 2. Musical programme

- 11:25 pm
 3. Round up of the week's international news
- 11:30 pm
 4. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "စောရမိစွာနှင့်မိစ္ဆာစွမ်းစား" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
- 12:20 pm
 5. (၂၅) ကြိမ်မြောက် အမျိုးသား တံခွန်ကိုင်အပြိုင်ပြိုင်ဆိုင်ရာ မိတ်ဆက်ပြောပစ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 12:30 pm
 6. Myanmar video feature: "စားလက်နှင့်အကြွင်း" ရေပွေ့ကျော်၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး၊ ကြည့်လို့လဲဦး၊ ဝါရီကီတာ-အောင်ကြွတာ
- 2:25 pm
 7. Musical programme
- 2:35 pm
 8. နဂါးရေလျောင်းတံခံ
- 2:45 pm
 9. International news
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm
 4. သာယာဝါဠအေး (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာစား
- 5:00 pm
 5. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ချစ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ

- ဒုတိယနှင့် (ရတုစေအထူးပြု) (ရတုစေအ)
- 5:15 pm
 6. Dance of national races
- 5:30 pm
 7. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းစား ဂီတစား
- 5:40 pm
 8. Musical programme
- 5:55 pm
 9. Sing and enjoy
- 6:30 pm
 10. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
 11. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
 12. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ရုနီ ဇွန်းစကြွေတစ်ရာတစ်လီ" (အပိုင်း-၄၄)
- 7:35 pm
 13. Musical programme
- 7:45 pm
 14. နို့ချိုဟိုဟိုတာ မိသားစုအစာ ရင်ဆွေးကျွန်းမှာ ချစ်ကြွင်းမှာ
- 8:00 pm
 15. News
- 8:15 pm
 16. International news
- 8:30 pm
 17. Weather report
- 8:45 pm
 18. လပတ်စီမံရေးသေခံစေလေစေ ဓနိမှန်ချက်
- 9:00 pm
 19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်သံသရာ" (အပိုင်း-၆၃)
- 9:15 pm
 20. The next day's programme



Sunday, 31 July
Tune in today:

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Here comes the rain
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: Black bird
- 8:55 am National news/Slogan
- 9:05 am Music: I breath again
- 9:10 am International news
- 9:15 am Cultural images of Myanmar: -Myanma Lacquerware
- 1:30 pm News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm Story of children: -Island of no work
- 1:50 pm Songs for children
- 9:00 pm Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm Music
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Let's improve English through songs -Kiss me honey -I love Rock 'N' Roll
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

At a time when the government is striving to build a democratic nation in conformity with historical tradition, national characters, people need to be well aware of danger of internal and external destructive elements

People are to crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

YANGON, 30 July —The mass meeting focusing “Guard against the danger posed by destructionists through united strength of the people” was held at the division gymnasium on Shwemawdaw Pagoda Road in Bago on 28 July.

Present were members of Division, District and Township Union Solidarity and Development Associations, Women’s Affair’s Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross Society, Fire Brigade and social organizations and local people.

Joint Secretary of Bago Division USDA U Nyi Nyi Myint presided over the meeting with member of Division WAO Daw Yi Yi Ohn Than, member of Division MCWA Dr Daw Soe Soe, Captain Thant Zin (Retd) and National Convention delegate U Kyin Thein, Secretary of Division Red Cross Supervisory Committee Dr Zeya and U Win Myint of Division Fire Brigade as members of the panel of chairmen.

Executive of Bago Township USDA Daw Theingi Myint Yi acted as master of ceremonies with Executive of Division USDA Daw Aye Pa Pa. Members of Panel of Chairmen and those present saluted the State Flag.

Chairman U Nyi Nyi Myint delivered an address. He said achievements and development have been made in economic, social, education, health and transport sectors due to the endeavours of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw with the spirit to



The mass meeting focusing “Guard against the danger posed by destructionists through united strength of the people” is in progress in Bago. — MNA

live in peace and stability and to build the nation with national solidarity spirit, nationalistic spirit.

He said the government is implementing the seven-point Road Map, while fulfilling basic re-

quirements needed for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. At a time when the government and the people are building the nation, a handful of people and some nations are interfering in the internal affairs under the pretext of human rights, democracy and others and they are putting pressures on Myanmar to put her under their domination. It is seen that their acts are not in accord with the international norms. Terrorist acts

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Members of the panel of chairmen chanting slogans at the conclusion of the mass meeting. — MNA

If economic situation is strong, defence power can be built. The defence power also benefits political power. Therefore, politics, economy and defence are inter-dependent. Strong economy is important and economic growth make many sectors of the country strong. Therefore, the government has laid down plans for economic development and is undertaking them with greater momentum.



The attendees chanting slogans at the mass meeting held at the division gymnasium on Shwemawdaw Pagoda Road in Bago, Bago Division. — MNA