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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

The Tatmadaw has been working overtime to carry out the gigantic task covering a wide array of sectors from internal peace to fulfilling the basic needs of the people

Only the ones who uphold Our Three Main National Causes can develop and defend the Union

YANGON, 11 Aug — Myanmar and International Studies Course No 9 of Union Solidarity and Development Association opened at the Pyidaungsu Hall of USDA Training School in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, this

morning. Speaking on the occasion, member of the panel of central patrons of USDA Prime Minister General Soe Win said that the USDA formed with new generation youths, has been in the service of public interest

since its establishment. The association has been nurturing youths to enhance their ability, vitalize their Union Spirit and the spirit to preserve the national characters, and to further improve their qualifications, while conducting various kinds of

courses for them. The Myanmar and International Studies course covers the subjects on national politics, national security, economics, social affairs and international affairs.

For hundreds of years, Myanmar had been an independent and sovereign nation. The nation stood as the First Myanmar Empire in Bagan period, the Second Myanmar Empire in Toungoo period and the Third Myanmar Empire in Konbound period when unity was strong and the nation was powerful. Myanmar lost independence after the three aggressive wars launched

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Prime Minister General Soe Win delivers an address at opening of Myanmar and International Studies Course No 9 of USDA. — MNA

Myanmar lost independence after the three aggressive wars launched by the colonialists. During the over 100 years of subjugation, the political, economic and social sectors, human rights, national characters and social standard were in a state of decline due to the exploitation of the occupiers. The nation lost her independence in a matter of days. But the people had to sacrifice lots of blood, sweat and lives to regain independence. All should take it as a lesson of history.



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Boosting paddy production integral to national economic development

In the Union of Myanmar, the majority of national people are engaged in the agricultural sector, on which the nation relies for its sustainable economic development.

In the agricultural sector, sown acreage of paddy, the staple crop of the nation, is more than that of any other crops. The government is implementing the two lofty aims "Ensure paddy surplus", and "Boosting paddy production is a national duty" for food security of the growing population.

In this regard, it is needed to effectively apply the four agricultural methods to achieve these aims. One of these four methods is application of correct cultivation method, without which it is virtually impossible to meet the per-acre yield target.

The second method is the use of high-yield strain. To highlight the importance of this method, high-yield paddy strain Hsinthwelat was used in Yangon Division last summer, and as a result the paddy per-acre yield touched over 150 baskets.

The third method is the mixed use of natural and chemical fertilizers. The last one is increasing the acreage of paddy to be cultivated at the most appropriate time in the rainy season. The Myanmar Agriculture Service has demonstrated these four methods at the beginning of this rainy season, and so farmers are to effectively apply the methods. In compliance with the four agricultural methods initiated by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, the in-row direct seeding method is being put into practice as part of the correct cultivation method, and that will contribute towards boosting per-acre yield and reduction of the expenses on cultivation of paddy.

Efforts are to be made to meet the per acre yield target in applying the transplanting method suitable in some regions. In conformity with the motto "ensuring the most appropriate space between transplanted seedlings is in the hands of paddy transplanters", farmers are to take all necessary measures to achieve the goals.

In addition, they are to place much reliance on effective use of farm implements and machinery in growing and harvesting paddy and other crops, and only then can the traditional farming be transformed into the mechanized farming in a short time. They are also to be convinced that they are a reliable force to increase the nation's paddy production.

The national farmers' endeavours in employing the four agricultural methods in earnest to boost paddy output are indeed integral to the drive for the improvement of national economy, and they are, in other words, implementing the national duty with strong patriotic fervour.

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

U Tin Oo Lwin appointed Ambassador to Sri Lanka

YANGON, 12 Aug— The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tin Oo Lwin as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 11 Aug — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence as Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office as from 4 August 2005 when he assumed charge of his duties on probation.

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Wellwishers invited to renovate Bagan ancient pagodas

YANGON, 11 Aug — With the supervision of Archaeology Department under the Ministry of Culture, ancient pagodas and religious buildings in Bagan Archaeological Region are being renovated as of 1996. According to the lists on renovation, 1,173 out of 1,175 pagodas were already renovated and only two were left.

The two remaining pagodas are No 1370 and No 1304, south of Shwesantaw Pagoda in Bagan. Renovation of Pagoda No 1370 will cost K 4.2 million and No 1304, K 26.5 million.

There was a total of 982 mounds after the collapse of pagodas. Out of them 689 were already renovated and only 203 were left. The cost for reno-

vating a pagoda will be calculated only after a mound is excavated.

Wellwishers may donate cash individually or in groups at Ministry of Culture, No 131, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township (Tel: 541767, 541768, 543233 and 543234) and Archaeology Department (Tel: 512137, 512139, 512140 and 514485).

MNA

19th gems and jade sales continue

YANGON, 11 Aug — The 19th gems and jade sales 2005 of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd continued for the third day at Myanmar Gems Mart from 9 am to 5 pm today.

Altogether 1,255 local gem merchants and those from abroad visited the mart.

For selling gems and jade through bargain system, proposals are to be put into the boxes not later than 7 am on 12 August.

The 19th gem and jade sales of UMEHL will



Gem merchants at home and abroad view jade lots displaying at the 19th gems and jades sales 2005.—MNA

continue tomorrow and gem lots will be sold through the bargain and auction systems and jade lots through bargain system. — MNA

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UMFCCI OFFICIAL LEAVES FOR MALAYSIA: General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on 10 August left here by air for Malaysia to attend Malaysia International Jewellery Fair 2005 to be held from 11 to 14 August in Kuala Lumpur. He is seen off at Yangon International Airport by UMFCCI President U Win Myint, CEC members and officials.

MNA



A Filipino promotion personnel displays a newly launched oil product—coconut methyl ester blended with diesel—at a petrol station in Manila, on 11 August, 2005. —INTERNET

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Koizumi's support ratings rise after dissolution of Lower House

TOKYO, 10 Aug — Support ratings for Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi rebounded following his dissolving the Lower House, media surveys showed on Wednesday.

The leading *Asahi Shimbun* daily showed that the approval rate for his Cabinet rose 5 percentage points to 46 per cent, while the disapproval rate dropped 4 points to 38 per cent.

In another major newspaper *Mainichi Shimbun*, the support rate shot up 9 points to 46 per cent, while the dis-

approval rate fell 3 points to 37 per cent.

The Premier dissolved the Lower House on Monday immediately after his postal reform bills failed to get through the Upper House, which is not subject to dissolution.

The setback was mainly due to rebellion from his own Liberal

Democratic Party as many members were worried about losing support from the influential postal service system.

The surveys in the two newspapers and the *Yomiuri Shimbun* found that the people who supported the dissolution well exceeded those who were against the move.

MNA/Xinhua

8.53 million Chinese people find jobs in first six months

BEIJING, 10 Aug — In the first six months of this year, governments at different levels have made hard efforts to deal with the issue of employment and helped 8.53 million people find jobs, according to official sources.

Of these newly-employed, 5.95 million found their jobs for the first time and the rest 2.58 million were re-employed workers who had been laid off by state-owned companies.

Of these re-employed, 660,000 were aged between 40 and 50 years, who are called "The 4050 Army" in China.

As of the end of June, the number of registered jobless people stood at 8.32 million. The registered unemployment rate was 4.2 per cent, which is equivalent to last year's.

This year, the government has stepped up efforts to assist the jobless and improve their working capabilities by providing information on

employment, sponsoring training programmes and holding specific job fairs for people of different categories such as layoffs and university graduates.

In the first six months, 3.85 million people participated in appraisals of professional skills, and of them, 3.28 million received a certificate. Meanwhile, 2.6 million layoffs were

trained on re-employment and 170,000 attended trainings for starting up their own business.

Moreover, special efforts were made to help transient labourers from rural areas. Over 4,500 job fairs were held and over four million positions were recommended for 1.1 million job-seekers from rural areas.

MNA/Xinhua

One US soldier, 16 guerillas killed in south Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 Aug — At least 16 Afghan guerillas and one US soldier were killed Monday during a fight in the southern province of Zabul, the US-led coalition said on Tuesday.

The US soldier was killed when an Afghan and US patrol conducting operations aimed at routing insurgents from the Deh Chopan area of Zabul came under attack by insurgents with small-arms fire and rocket propelled grenades.

US and coalition aircraft arrived at the scene and provided continuous close air support, the coalition said in a new release.

Afghan and US forces would continue the search and attack mission to ensure there would be no enemy safe havens in the region, Brigadier-General James G Champion, Combined Joint Task Force-76 Deputy Commanding General, was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq war makes US Army unattractive

BAGHDAD, 10 Aug—The US Army, hard pressed to attract new soldiers amid the Iraq war, seems doomed to miss its target for the year.

The Iraq war marks the first test of the all-volunteer US military during a protracted war, and army officials have conceded that all three components of the army will likely miss their recruiting goals for fiscal 2005, which ends on 30 September.

The army, aiming to get 80,000 recruits this year, stood 11% behind its year-to-date goal at the end of July, with just two months left to overcome a shortfall of more than 7000. It has not missed an annual recruiting goal since 1999.

The army provides the bulk of ground troops in the Iraq war, in which about 1840 US troops have been killed and nearly 14,000 wounded. It achieved its second-straight monthly goal - sending 8,085 new soldiers into boot camp in July, topping its goal by 9% — after falling short in the previous four months, according to figures released by the Pentagon on Wednesday.

The situation was bleaker in the part-time Guard and Reserve, used heavily in Iraq as the Pentagon seeks to maintain troop levels.

"I know our recruiters are going to do what they can to close the gap, but right now it looks like we will miss both active and reserve (goals) at the end of the year," said Army Recruiting Command spokesman Douglas Smith.

The Reserve missed its July recruiting target by 18%, getting 2131 recruits with a goal of 2585, and stood 20% behind its year-to-date target. It had a shortfall of about 4700 recruits toward its 2005 goal of 28,485. The Army National Guard has missed every monthly goal in fiscal 2005 after falling short in 2004 and 2003, the Pentagon said. It missed its July goal by 20% - getting 4,712 recruits with a quota of 2,585 - and was 23% behind its year-to-date target.

Internet

1,841 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug—As of Wednesday, 10 Aug, 2005, at least 1,841 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,424 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is two higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT on Wednesday. The British military has reported 93 deaths; Italy, 26; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia,

three; El Salvador, Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat

operations in Iraq had ended, 1,702 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,315 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.— *Internet*

Japan's Central Bank upbeat on economy

TOKYO, 10 Aug — Bank of Japan Governor Toshihiko Fukui said Tuesday the Japanese economy has "almost" pulled out of a pause as adjustments in information technology-related sectors are close to end.

The remarks came along with the central bank's monthly report which said the economy "continues to recover".

"We can judge that the economy has almost moved out of a pause," Fukui said during a news conference after a two-day policy meeting.

"The economy is moving in a good direction both in terms of prices and real economic conditions," Fukui said.

MNA/Xinhua



Residents look at the remains of a vehicle used by a suicide bomber following an attack in Baghdad on 10 Aug, 2005.—INTERNET

Japan's fractured LDP faces uphill battle in poll

TOKYO, 10 Aug—Japan's long-ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) had grand plans to mark the 50th anniversary of its founding in November, but there may be little to celebrate after next month's general election.

At the very least, the bitterly divided party seems set for a major shake-up. Almost just as possible, analysts say, the LDP could not only lose power but disintegrate.

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi called a snap election on Monday after 22 members of his own party voted in the Upper House to help defeat bills to privatize Japan Post, a behemoth with three trillion US dollars in assets including savings and insurance businesses.

Koizumi, who is also LDP president, said he hoped to secure the approval of voters for his plans to sell off the post office, which he sees as crucial to his goal of cutting wasteful public spending and reducing the role of government in business.

"This election is about accepting or rejecting postal privatization, and I believe many Japanese people will show they accept privatisation," Koizumi said

on Tuesday. But winning the election, let alone securing a majority, will not be easy, analysts and some politicians say.

Three main scenarios have emerged, including one in which the opposition Democratic Party wrests power away from the LDP, which has ruled Japan almost uninterrupted for the past half century.

Analysts agree that the dissent-ridden LDP is vulnerable, and some say the election is the Democrats' to lose. "The Democrats would have to run a really bad election to lose, but they are quite capable of doing it," said Steven Reed, a political science professor at Chuo University. But a poll conducted after the dissolution of the Lower House and released on Tuesday by Kyodo news agency showed that support for Koizumi's Cabinet rose to 47.3 per cent, up 4.7 percentage points from the previous poll in July.—MNA/Reuters



The Singapore registered tanker 'Resolve' is berthed at an oil depot in Sydney Harbour, on 9 August, 2005. — INTERNET

Despite armour, more Iraq troops dying in Humvees

BAGHDAD, 10 Aug—A Humvee carrying Pennsylvania National Guard soldiers had no chance against the improvised explosive hidden on the shoulder of the road, even though the vehicle was protected with added-on armour.

The deaths Saturday of Army Sgt Brahim Jeffcoat, 25, and Spc Kurk Kraut, 43, added to a tragic trend in the Iraq war. A growing proportion of US troops are dying in Humvees in Iraq, even as more of the vehicles are protected by extra armour. At the start of the year, about one in five soldier deaths was associated with the utilitarian vehicle. In the spring, that death toll began to rise and reached nearly one in two this summer, according to a Scripps Howard News Service casualty database. In June, for instance, Humvees were involved in at least 37 of the 78 deaths. In July, the Humvee toll was 27 of 51 fatalities. The count includes combat attacks on troops in the vehicles, as well as several fatal accidents. In all, from the war's start in 2003 through the end of July, at least 528 troops of the overall 1,783 dead have been associated with Humvees.—Internet



An Iraqi woman having trouble breathing during a massive sandstorm seeks treatment at the Yarmouk hospital, on 8 Aug, 2005, in Baghdad, Iraq.

INTERNET

Vietnamese garment producers face losses due to higher input cost

HANOI, 10 Aug—Many Vietnamese textile and garment makers are encountering losses, mainly due to rising input cost and loan interest rates.

In the first half of this year, some local textile and garment companies reported a combined loss of nearly 500,000 US dollars, according to the Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association (Vitas) on Tuesday.

Increasing prices of oil, raw materials and accessories in the world market pushed input cost of local textile and garment enterprises up 5-10 per cent in mid this year compared with late last year.

The average interest rate for medium-term loans has rose to 9.3 per cent now from some 8 per cent last year, the Vitas said, adding that local textile and garment producers had to pay a total loan interests of over 13.6 million US dollars in the

first half of this year.

With the high input cost, export prices of local textile and garment products are 5-10 per cent higher than the similar products of other regional countries.

Vietnam earned more than 2.5 billion US dollars from exporting garments and textiles to over 100 countries and regions, including the European Union, the United States and Japan, in the first seven months of this year, posting a year-on-year rise of 0.2 per cent.

It has targeted total garment and textile export turnovers of 5 to 5.2 billion US dollars this year, up from nearly 4.4 billion US dollars last year.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam sees strong imports from China

HANOI, 10 Aug—Vietnam spent 2.7 billion US dollars importing Chinese goods in the first half of this year, posting a sharp increase over the same period last year, according to the Vietnamese Trade Ministry on Tuesday.

In the first half, most of the goods were machines, equipment, petroleum products, fertilizers, cloths, steel, and materials and accessories for production of garments and textiles. Meanwhile, Vietnam earned over 1.3 billion US dollars from exporting commodities, mainly crude oil, coal and farm products to China, experiencing a year-on-year decline of 1.3 per cent.

Under a draft plan on boosting export to China recently worked out by the ministry, Vietnam is likely to increase exports to its neighbour country from 2.7 billion dollars in 2004 to three billion

US dollars in 2005, 3.4 billion US dollars in 2006, 3.9 billion US dollars in 2007, 4.4 billion US dollars in 2008, 4.9 billion US dollars in 2009, and 5.5 billion US dollars in 2010.

To this end, Vietnam will maintain strong export of such key items as crude oil, coal, rubber and cashew nuts to China, approach major Chinese suppliers, processors and distributors of farm produce and seafood, and set up long-term sales networks in big urban areas and showrooms in such cities of Kunming, Nanning, Guangzhou and Shanghai, the ministry said.—MNA/Xinhua

China's English int'l channel on air in Vanuatu

WELLINGTON, 10 Aug—The Chinese TV channel, CCTV-9, started transmitting in Vanuatu as part of the local VBTC network on Tuesday evening, according to reports from Vanuatu on Wednesday.

The chairman of the Vanuatu Broadcasting & Television Corporation, Patrick Crowley, presided the launching ceremony at the Le Lagon Hotel of Port-Vila. The service is financed by the Chinese State Administration of Radio, Film and Television.

CCTV-9, the English international channel of CCTV, provides English-speaking viewers in China and around the world with a wide array of news and current affairs programmes 24 hours a day.

MNA/Xinhua

Japanese couple claim to be world's oldest

TOKYO, 11 Aug—A Japanese man aged 104 and his 103-year-old wife plan to claim the title of world's oldest married couple after hearing it had been awarded to two Americans.

Yoichi and Kazono Gomi, married 72 years, appeared to have difficulty recalling their ages during a televised news conference in their hometown of Yokohama this week.

But family members said their

combined age of 207 should entitle them to the record.

Philadelphia residents Herbert and Magda Brown, registered by the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the world's oldest couple, are 105 and 100 respectively, giving them an aggregate age of 205.

The couple have three children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

MNA/Reuters

Thai Queen receives first world "Food Safety Award"

BANGKOK, 10 Aug— Her Majesty Queen Sirikit of Thailand has been presented the world's first "Food Safety Award" from the World Health Organization (WHO), reported the *Thai News Agency* on Wednesday.

Her Majesty the Queen was conferred the honorary award by WHO Director Lee Jong-Wook at a gracious ceremony held at the Ananta Samakom Throne Hall here on Tuesday evening.

The WHO's compliment is to honour the Queen for her devotion and contribution to the promotion of food safety among the Thai people, particularly those living in remote areas, for the sake of their good health, the Public Health Minister Suchai Charoentranakul was quoted by the agency as saying.

"The WHO's compliment is a great proud of the Thai Kingdom and all Thais," he said. The auspicious occasion coincides with the kingdom's host of the 6th Global Conference on Health Promotion at the United Nations regional headquarters in Bangkok from 7-11 August.

Nearly 800 delegates from 120 countries and regions across the world, most of whom are public health ministers, are taking part in the five-day conference. *MNA/Xinhua*



A worker flattens 1,000 tons of white sand acquired from China to make a beach in front of the national gymnasium in Tokyo during preparations ahead of a nine-day event called 'Tokyo Plage.'—INTERNET

Indonesia expects Chinese investment in palm plantation

JAKARTA, 10 Aug— Chinese investors are expected to materialize investment worth eight billion US dollars in palm plantation on Indonesia's Kalimantan Island, a local newspaper reported on Tuesday.

The plantation will be located near border with Malaysia and is expected to employ 500,000 workers, reported *Bisnis Indonesia*.

"The project is supposed to begin in 2006 or 2007 with the targeted output of 10 million tons of palm a year," Raden Pardede, head of the financing team for infrastructure development, was quoted as saying.

Since the government hosted the infrastructure summit early this year, only Chinese investors have given positive response, he added.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Malaysia alerts Malacca Strait ships to haze risks

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Aug— Ships plying the Strait of Malacca face a navigational hazard after a thick haze blanketing the Malaysian Peninsula cut visibility to less than one kilometre (1,100 yards) in parts of the vital sea lane, officials said on Tuesday.

Acrid white smoke from forest fires in neighbouring Indonesia has covered parts of Malaysia for almost a week, prompting environment officials to ban open fires until the end of a dry spell they say has aggravated the situation.

National news agency *Bernama* quoted meteorological officials as saying that the haze had hit visibility in the Strait, which carries a quarter of global trade, and posed a hazard especially to vessels without navigational aids.

Noel Choong, head of the Piracy Reporting Centre in Kuala Lumpur, said that if the haze persisted, pirates could use it as a screen from behind which to launch

attacks on shipping.

"Generally the haze won't affect the pirates in the southern end of the Strait, but the northern part may be more dangerous, since the haze will make it difficult for the ship to spot the pirates until they are very close," Choong told *Reuters*.

Pirates operating at the northern end of the Strait used more sophisticated weapons and tended to attack during the day, he said, but the less organized gangs in the southern stretch preferred to attack under cover of night. "Not all the boats can be detected by radar," Choong added. "Wooden boats would probably escape detection."—*MNA/Reuters*

Australia, China to start negotiations on nuclear cooperation

CANBERRA, 10 Aug— The Australian Government announced on Tuesday to start negotiations with China on a bilateral nuclear cooperation agreement.

"I am pleased to announce Australia will formally commence negotiations on a nuclear cooperation agreement with China," Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said in a statement.

"The agreement will establish safeguards arrangements to ensure Australian uranium supplied to China is used exclusively for peaceful purposes," he said.

Australian and Chinese officials have already held exploratory talks on the proposed agreement, according to Downer.

Australia has an estimated 40 per cent of the world's low-cost uranium resources, while China has great energy needs in context of rapid economic development. *MNA/Xinhua*

Four US soldiers and a Marine killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 Aug— Four soldiers operating with a New York-based Army National Guard division were killed on Tuesday, and five soldiers and an American military contractor were wounded when guerillas attacked a patrol near Baiji, in northern Iraq, the American military said on Wednesday.

The American command also disclosed that a member of the Second Marine Division was killed Tuesday by small arms fire while on patrol near Habbaniya, a predominantly Sunni town west of Falluja, in Anbar Province, a redoubt for the insurgency. A roadside bomb struck the American patrol in Baiji, an oil refining town, while it was investigating an earlier explosion in the area, said Sgt First Class David Rhodes,

a spokesman for the 42nd Infantry Division. The division has been overseeing security in four northern provinces since February.

As soldiers tended to the casualties, the patrol came under attack by small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades, the spokesman said. The contractor wounded in the attack was a dog handler, he said; dogs are often used by the military to detect explosives.—*Internet*



An employee of Japan's electronics giant Sony packs digital cameras into a container for shipment. Japan's current account surplus fell by an unexpectedly wide margin in June as soaring oil prices boosted the costs of imports and demand dwindled abroad for Japanese electronics on 11 Aug, 2005. INTERNET

India seeks Pakistan's support for South Asian Free Trade Area

NEW DELHI, 10 Aug— India sought Pakistan's support in making the South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFAT) operational by 1 January, 2006 at a two-day trade talks between the two countries held here on Tuesday.

"The time has come to address some of our crucial economic and commercial issues in order to make substantive progress and boost our trade relations," Commerce Secretary SN Menon, who led the Indian side, told *Indo-Asian News Services*.

India also called for measures to make shipment of goods by rail and road easier to boost economic ties between the two countries.

Pakistan has been exploring ways to increase its trade with India, said Syed Asif Shah, Pakistan's Acting Commerce Secretary who led his side at the meeting. The Pakistani Government had made a decision few months ago to allow import of onions, potatoes, garlic, live animals and halal meat from India by roads through the Wagah border, which had been blocked for more than five decades.

It also lifted import bans on raw sugar from India through the land route last week.

But Shah said that trade growth will be sustainable only if it is mutually beneficial to the two sides.

"We have come to this meeting with an open mind as we have a desire to move forward on all components of the composite dialogue in a constructive manner," he said. He also added that it was equally important for the two sides to resolve all political issues.

"Unresolved political issues have had a discernable impact on the building of long-term trading relations between business communities of the two sides," he said, emphasizing on a peaceful and enabling political climate to push trade. India and Pakistan held their first bilateral talks on economic and commercial cooperation under the composite dialogue process in Islamabad last August.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Performing Arts Competitions that help raise national prestige

Swe Thant Ko

The government has been holding the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions annually for the flourishing of the spirit to love and cherish performing arts in the minds of Myanmar people.

The Competitions are endowed with the virtues of high cultural standard and delicate art, and full with national essence, helping raise the dignity of Myanmar. The holding of the Competitions started in 1993, with the lofty aims — perpetuation of the Myanmar performing arts including music, dance and theatrical art and for their flourishing in all states and divisions of the Union; continuous emergence of new generation artistes; and ever flourishing of the national character and lineage.

The government will hold the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions in Yangon in October this year. Since many years ago, the traditional cultural performing arts have taken root in Myanmar and played an important role in the society reflecting the traditions and culture of the Myanmar people.

As the performing arts have endured through the various eras and conditions, they now have higher artistic value than ever.

The Myanmar traditional performing arts have existed as an independent branch of culture that is different from the cultures of other nations and free from all the influence and domination of big countries. Myanmar has

meeting on 29 July 2005.

At the meeting, the Committee Patron Prime Minister General Soe Win said, "Thanks to the high spirit, great courage, correct thoughts, strong perseverance and high ability of our forefathers,

We are really happy to hear that all the states and divisions of the Union are making arrangements for the participants and officials concerned to successfully organize the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions in accordance with the objectives.

lived under their own monarchs and set up their own significant style of performing arts since time immemorial.

The Leading Committee to Organize the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held its first

Myanmar culture and performing arts have flourished in their own traditional form and style. It is a bounden and historic duty of the present-day people to safeguard and preserve the national characters and hand them down to the new genera-



A national race damsel takes part in higher educational level women's violin contest in the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

tion. The world nations at present are striving to preserve their culture and lineage, especially, at this age of globalization. In this regard, it is true that the duty of the present-day people is noble and enormous."

As the words of the Prime Minister reflect the essence of Myanmar performing arts, we all should accept them in all seriousness.

The government has been cautioning the people and taking preventive measures against the penetration of alien culture into the nation because of the ever changing conditions in the world.

But the western performing arts and culture are spreading like wild fire among the youths in Myanmar through foreign VCD, CD, satellite TV, and Internet, despite the government's effective preservation and protection programmes. Thus, it is the duty of all who love the country, race and the Union to ward off the alien cultural penetration, with the power of nationalism.

We need to have the ability to harmonize our efforts to preserve our culture and to apply innovative ideas in doing so. It is important for the race to uplift the national prestige and integrity and preserve and safeguard cultural heritage and national character, while introducing innovations



A boy gives performance in basic education level boys' dance contest (aged 5-10) of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

and new means and ideas that do not harm the very existence and essence of our traditions and culture.

We are really happy to hear that all the states and divisions of the Union are making arrangements for the participants and officials concerned to successfully organize the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions in accordance with the objectives.

The 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will be held according to the following seven objectives:

- To vitalize patriotism and nationalism in all citizens
- To preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage
- To promote and propagate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts

- To preserve Myanmar national character
- To nurture spiritual development of the youths
- To prevent influence of alien culture
- To further strengthen national unity and vitalize Union Spirit.

The Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions are so effective in helping raise the dignity of the nationalities and cement the united strength of the Union of Myanmar. Hence, all the people should take part in their respective sectors for successfully holding the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions on a grand scale according to the lofty objectives.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on inspection tour of Kangyidaunt Township

YANGON, 11 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, met with departmental officials, local authorities and social organization members at Ayeya Thiri Thukha Hall in Kangyidaunt on 9 August morning after attending the ceremony to mark the conclusion of monsoon paddy cultivation and seeding cer-



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets with departmental officials, local authorities and social organization members at Ayeya Thiri Thukha Hall in Kangyidaunt. — MNA

PDC U Aung Kyaw reported on matters concerning the township and its progress. Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen

ment of human resources are essential for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing demo-

rural development tasks are being implemented with momentum for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the

down by the government. On arrival at the briefing hall of Bo Myat Tun Bridge, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard re-

sources and Improvement of River Systems U Hla Myint Thein briefed him on arrangements for changing the waterway, and Director of Irrigation U Tint Hsan the flow of water into the river. The commander gave a supplementary report. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected the flow of water under the bridge and maintenance of the bridge. Director U Hla Myint Thein of DWRIRS reported on prevention against bank erosion. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than left necessary instructions.

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Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects flow of water under Bo Myat Tun Bridge. — MNA



emony for 2005-06 in Kwinya Village in Kangyidaunt Township. Chairman of Kangyidaunt Township

Khin Maung Than said that peace and stability and prevalence of law and order, the booming economy and develop-

cratic nation. It is known to all that the 24 special development region plan, the border region development plan and the five-

country. He urged those present to make concerted efforts for gaining success in implementation of the plans laid

ports on maintenance of the bridge by District Senior Engineer U Sai Kyaw Moe. Director of Directorate of Water Re-

Higher education level Performing Arts Competitions held in Yangon Division

YANGON, 11 Aug — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe attended the ceremony to open the higher education level the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon Division at University of Culture (Yangon) in

Dagon Myothit (South) Township this morning. Rector U Kyaw Myint Oo of Dagon University explained the purpose of holding the competitions and formally opened it. Students of University of Culture (Yangon) and artistes presented traditional dances and songs. The commander presented a flower basket

to them. Rector of University of Culture (Yangon) U Tin Soe presented an embroidery painting in commemoration of the competitions to the commander. Altogether 78 students of universities and colleges are taking part in the competitions to be held till 12 August.

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Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents a flower basket to Rector U Kyaw Myint Oo (Dagon University). — MNA



Maj-Gen Myint Swe attends entertainment of Culture Students (Yangon) and artistes at the opening ceremony of the higher education level 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

The mass meetings in the states and divisions show strong resolve of the people to serve national interest

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with the objective conditions. It has given priority to peace, stability, and the rule of law and national consolidation. It has placed in the fore Our Three Main National Causes and is implementing the tasks according to the 12 objectives.

The Tatmadaw has been working overtime to carry out the gigantic task covering a wide array of sectors from internal peace to fulfilling the basic needs of the people. It is implementing the 24-development zone special project and the five rural development tasks for equitable

progress of the whole nation. The Tatmadaw and the people are harmoniously striving to build infrastructures for the future nation.

The task of ensuring national unity and progress, and building a democratic state is the historic duty of the generations. Our Three Main National Causes is the foundation of Union Spirit. Only the ones who uphold Our Three Main National Causes can develop and defend the Union. In addition, only the persons with deep political conviction can actually develop the nation. The nation is practis-

ing the five principles of peaceful co-existence — mutual respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty; non-aggression; non-interference; equality and mutual benefit; and peaceful co-existence. It is also cooperating with UN agencies, ASEAN, BIMSTEC and GMS.

As the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have made harmonious efforts according to Our Three Main National Causes and the 12 objectives, the nation is achieving peace, stability and unity and the national economy and human resources are also

developing. The government has been also implementing the seven-point Road Map. The youths are taking part in the national development endeavours with conviction under the correct leadership of the government. The USDA has been cooperating with the government, the people and the Tatmadaw as a national force that is able to defend the Union and build a modern and developed nation.

The mass meetings at the states and divisions show the strong resolve of the people to serve the national interest while placing in the fore Our Three Main National Causes, to build the nation and decisively crush the internal and external destructionists. The national force willing to serve the public interest, social organizations, the ardent will of the people and unity will build a

peaceful, modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Some nations and a handful of internal and external destructive elements are trying to interfere in the nation's internal affairs and put pressures on and blackmail her with human rights and democracy as excuses. In reality, they are the persons trying to tarnish the image of the characters, culture and the stand of the nation possessing fine historical traditions.

In conclusion, he urged the USDA members to place in the fore Our Three Main National Causes and to participate in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation according to the 12

objectives; to strive for dynamism of Union Spirit, and ensuring of peace, stability, unity and progress; to ward off the destructive elements from inside and outside the country with the united strength of the people; and to strive for the success of the future work programmes of the association.

Also present on the occasion were the secretary-general and members of the secretariat of USDA, central executive committee members, guests, course in-charge Lt-Col Khin Win, and course instructors.

The Prime Minister cordially greeted the trainees.

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Committee for Printing and Distribution of School Textbooks meets



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivering a speech at the coordination meeting. — MNA

YANGON, 11 Aug—The Committee for Printing and Distribution of School Textbooks held its meeting No 2/2005 at the Ministry of Information on Theinbyu Road here this afternoon to deal with matters on distribution of school textbooks in 2006-2007.

It was attended by Chairman of the Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Chairman of the Subcommittee for Printing of School Textbooks Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Chairman of the Subcommittee for Distribution of School Textbooks Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, members of the committee and subcommittees and officials.

The minister in his speech said that the Ministry of Information will continue the tasks for ensuring timely completion of printing school textbooks for 2006-2007 academic year for the Ministry of Education. The two ministries and relevant ministries are making coordinated efforts to achieve the aims ranging from the printing of school textbooks to distribution of them to the students.

Officials concerned are to supervise tasks for

maintenance of remnant school textbooks stored in the warehouses. Those present are to collectively deal with matters for ensuring completion of printing textbooks by March 2006 and distributing them to students at reasonable prices.

Committee Secretary Managing Director of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise Col Aung Nyein reported on progress in implementing the resolutions passed at the meeting No 1/2005; Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, on number of books to be printed for 2006-2007 academic year, arrangements for printing textbooks in presses in Yangon and Mandalay under the Information Ministry, and requirements; Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, on distribution of textbooks printed in 2005-2006 through coordination between the Information Ministry and the Education Ministry, estimated number of students for 2006-2007 academic year, and arrangements for ensuring timely distribution of textbooks to the students. It was followed by a general round of discussions.

Next, the minister gave the concluding remarks.— MNA

3rd Japan Cup Judo Championship for 2005 commences

YANGON, 11 Aug — A ceremony to open the 3th Japan Cup Judo Championship for 2005 was held in Aung San Stadium here this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, officials of the Ministry of Sports, the president of Central Work Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation and patrons in-charge, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Nobutake Odano and embassy staff, Vice-President of Myanmar Judo Federation Daw Kyu Kyu and executives, guests, students and fans.

First, the minister made a speech on the occasion and formally opened the tournament. Next, Mr Nobutake Odano extended greetings and Mr Shimoyama of MJF and U Zaw Lwin demonstrated judo skills. The tournament continues at 10 am tomorrow. — MNA

Myanmar team on track to semifinal with a 2-1 victory over Malaysia

YANGON, 11 Aug — The AFF U-20 Youth Championship 2005 continued in Palembang of Indonesia at 6.45 pm local time.

Myanmar selected youth team beat Malaysian selected youth team 2-1 in the match of Group (A). In 23rd minute, Aung Myint Aye scored an opening goal. The second goal for Myanmar team came through Aung Moe in 42nd minute. In the first half, Myanmar team led of the match with 2-0.

In the second half, while players of Myanmar team were struggling hard to score more goals, one of the strikers from Malaysian team was rewarded to shoot the first goal.

Afterwards, Myanmar team pressed hard till the final whistle, and Myanmar beat Malaysia 2-1.

Myanmar selected youth team beat Brunei team 3-0, Thai team 1-0 and Malaysian team 2-1. Therefore, Myanmar team is sure to cruise to the semifinal with nine points in three matches. On 13 August, Myanmar selected youth team will play against host Indonesian team in the final match of the Group (A).

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

U Win Myint presents credentials to Singaporean President

YANGON, 12 Aug— U Win Myint, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Singapore, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Sellapan Ramanathan, President of the Republic of Singapore, on 29 July 2005 in Singapore. — MNA

U Myo Lwin presents credentials to President of ROK

YANGON, 12 Aug— U Myo Lwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Korea, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Roh Moo-hyun, President of the Republic of Korea, on 25 July 2005 in Seoul.—MNA

All must guard against the danger posed by destructionists through united strength of the people



Union Solidarity and Development Association Representative Daw Man Din. MNA

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Members of the panel of chairman and those present saluted the State Flag.

Next, U Ngun San Aung delivered an address. He said national people have been living together since yore through thick and thin. The British subjugated Myanmar and ruled over 100 years. Because of the divide-and-rule policy of the British, insurgencies broke out in some parts of the country.

The Tatmadaw Government assumed the State's responsibility in 1988. Since then, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, the government has been making efforts to strengthen national solidarity.

After realizing the genuine goodwill of the government, 17 armed groups returned to the legal fold and have been carrying out the nation-building tasks joining hands with the Tatmadaw Government.

Myanmar has a population of about 54 million and is rich in natural resources. There was a lack of internal peace, a legacy left by the British and so it lagged behind in development. If all national people exploit natural resources effectively and join hands with one another, Myanmar will develop in a decade. The government has built infrastructures which are necessary for development.

Being jealous of the achievements of Myanmar that is on track for development, some neo-colonialist countries and their minions have made false accusations against Myanmar. At a time when they put pressure upon the country and interfered in internal affairs, their minions in the country tried to destroy the interests of the people.

The government has stepped up its efforts for national solidarity and for development of the State despite hindrances and danger posed by internal and external destructive elements. In conclusion, U Ngun San Aung urged those present to guard against the

danger posed by destructionists through united strength of the people.

USDA delegate Daw Man Din reported on 'Guard against the danger posed by destructionists through united strength of the people'. She said ABSDF in collusion with insurgent armed groups hiding along eastern border of the country was constantly committing a series of terrorist acts against the public as they were incapable of fighting Tatmadaw.

ABSDF committed time bomb attack at Kaba Aye Maha Pasana Cave where Buddha's Sacred Tooth Relic conveyed from China was kept on 25 December 1996 and it killed monks and innocent people. Moreover further information indicated that ABSDF in collusion with other destructionists conspired to commit bomb blasts in three crowded places in Yangon on 7

May. The two main groups NCGUB and FUTB were also terrorists tarnishing the interests of the State and the people. Eight Hlutaw delegates including expatriate Sein Win were declared as fugitives. They illegally formed a parallel government on the pretext of Democratic Force of Burma. Fugitive Sein Win and his accomplices based in some big nations were wandering in European countries.

They were begging money from their masters while dancing to the latter's tunes. They were carrying out destructive acts and tarnishing the image of Myanmar to the liking of neo-colonialists. Some big nations accused Myanmar of violating human rights in order to impose sanctions on it.

It was obvious that there occurred parcel bomb blast in the country many years ago that was committed by Sein Win and his accomplices. By using various ways, some western big nations were attempting to install their puppet governments in developing countries and to exploit the mineral resources of the countries.

In conclusion, she said all must guard against the danger posed by destructionists through united strength of the people in building peaceful, modern democratic nation with our won style.

Daw Yin Yin Htwe, representative of Chin State WAO, said that Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation is standing tall as an NGO from 1966 to date with the lofty objectives of enabling Myanmar women to enhance their role in society.

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Chin State Women's Affairs Organization Representative Daw Yin Yin Htwe. MNA



Mass meeting to guard against the dangers posed by internal and external destructive elements through the united strength of the people in progress in Haka, Chin State. —MNA

All must guard against the danger...

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The aims of MWF are to promote the role of women in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation; to safeguard women's rights; to develop economic, health and education sectors of women and to safeguard their social security; to nurture women to cherish and value the traditional culture and customs of the national races; to system-

erable number of workers from other 40 factories were laid off. Over 80,000 employees including over 70,000 women workers became jobless.

Dr Luc Mon Pagniea of France and Dr Robert Gello of the US found HIV disease in 1983. The disease broke out in Myanmar after that period. UNIDO, UNDP, UNODC and UNAIDS declared that the accusa-

State, the Tatmadaw Government had laid down Our Three Main National Causes, four political objectives, four economic objectives and four social objectives and is marching to realize them. Furthermore, the Government upholding the four-point people's desire, and six resolutions laid down at the mass meeting held in Bagan and has laid down and is implement-



Members of the panel of chairmen chanting slogans at the mass meeting held in Haka, Chin State. — MNA



Those present chanting slogans at the mass meeting on guarding against the danger of internal and external destructionists through united strength of the people in Haka, Chin State. — MNA

atically carry out tasks for prevention of violence against women and rehabilitation; to carry out eradication of trafficking in women and children as a national duty, and to cooperate with international, regional, internal and external organizations in carrying out matters on women's rights in accord with traditional culture & customs of national races.

Western bloc allowed national traitor terrorist Maung Maung (a Pyithit Nyunt Wai to attend the conference of International Labour Or-

tions of western bloc against Myanmar that HIV/AIDS disease originated in Myanmar was wrong. In conclusion, he urged all to guard against the danger posed by internal and external destructive elements through the united strength of the people. USDA representative U Kaul Lyan Thang seconded the motions tabled by USDA representative Daw Mann Ding and Chin State WAO representative Daw Yin Yin Htwe.

Chin State MCWA representative Daw Van Ei Yan Kywe said that

ing the seven-point Road Map. Thanks to correct policy and genuine goodwill of the Tatmadaw Government, all enjoy peace and fruitful results in all sectors.

MCWA members are to actively take part in respective sectors in building a modern and developed nation conscientiously and realizing the seven-point Road Map, upholding Our Three Main National Causes. In addition, all are to harmoniously wipe out internal and external destructionists who do not want to see

endeavours, 17 national races armed groups had returned to the legal fold by guarding against hindrances and instigation of some western countries through the Union Spirit of the people. At present, the seven-point Road Map is being implemented for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

The National Convention, the first stage of the Road Map, was reconvened on 17 May 2004. Some neo-colonialists and national traitors are making accusations that were designed to destroy Myanmar also include the slanders which say that Myanmar is using minors as soldiers. Myanmar Tatmadaw has never ac-

Members of WVO upholding Our Three Main National Causes will actively participate in realizing the national objectives under the leadership of the Tatmadaw and in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

In conclusion, he urged all to guard against the dangers of internal and external destructive elements through the united strength of the people.

USDA representative U Kham Swam Mon seconded the motions tabled by Chin State MCWA representative Daw Van Ei Yan Kywe and Chin State WVO representative Captain Soe Win (Retd). The meeting chairman sought the approvals from the mass meeting which passed the



U Kaul Lyan Thang. — MNA



Daw Van Ei Yan Kywe. — MNA

welfare sector and the social affairs and welfare sector.

Nowadays, Tatmadaw is safeguarding the nation upholding Our Three Main National Causes. So also, all the citizens are to perform the duties of perpetual existence of the Union of Myanmar as national duty.

The national reconsolidation is essential in building a peaceful, modern, developed and democratic nation, joining hands with the people. Due to genuine goodwill of the Tatmadaw Government and its nation-building

cepted those who do not meet the set standard of age. Therefore, these were baseless accusations.

two resolutions. The meeting ended with the chanting the slogans.

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Capt Soe Win (Retd). — MNA



U Kham Swam Mon. — MNA

ganization as representative of ICFTU. Due to his conspiracy, western bloc put pressure on the nation. Therefore, about 160 garment factories in Yangon Division were closed down and consid-

mothers and children, the largest number of the population of the nation, would like to enjoy peace and tranquillity of the State for creating glorious future. After taking over responsibilities of the

the emergence of a new peaceful, modern, discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Captain Soe Win (Retd), representative of the Chin State WVO, explained five sectors of the



Daw Tar Ling Par and Daw Si Si Lyar emcee the mass meeting. — MNA

Tailoring course of MMCWA concludes

YANGON, 11 Aug — The concluding ceremony of tailoring course 37/2005 organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held at MMCWA at the corner of Parami Road and Thanthuma Road in South Okkalapa Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win, Vice-President Daw Tin Lin Myint, CEC members, course instructors and trainees.

First, MMCWA CEC member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt made a concluding speech.

Next, the MMCWA president awarded the prizes to the outstanding trainees.

Afterwards, the vice-president and CEC members presented completion certificates to the trainees.

Later, on behalf of trainees, a trainee expressed thanks. Altogether 40 trainees attended the course. The course keeps on opening once in two months with reasonable fee and enthusiasts may enlist to attend the course. — MNA



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MMCWA CEC member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt addresses the concluding ceremony of tailoring course 37/2005. — MNA

MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win presents a prize to an outstanding trainee of the tailoring course No 37/2005. — MNA



320 drug-related cases exposed in July

YANGON, 11 Aug — Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and Customs Department managed to expose 310 drugs-related cases in July 2005.

The drug-related cases exposed were 69.9286 kilos of opium in 36 cases, 10.7714 kilos of heroin in 142 cases, 4.1927 kilos of opium oil in nine cases, 6.6267 kilos of low-grade opium in 16 cases, 10.3389 kilos of marijuana in 20 cases, 62844 tablets of stimulant tablets in 77 cases, 9.459 kilos of speciosa in four cases, 0.015 kilo of stimulant iced in one case, 3683 tablets of ecstasy in two cases, seven cases for failure to register and six others.

In connection with the cases, action was taken against 468 persons — 383 men and 85 women.

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Dams and cultivation of irrigated crops in Sagaing Division inspected

YANGON, 11 Aug — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo arrived at Myothit Dam built by the Irrigation Department, in Budalin Township, Sagaing Division on 8 August and heard reports on water storage and dam maintenance. Myothit Dam is 2,600 feet long and 60 feet high.

Afterwards, the minister and party proceeded to Aisha Dam Project in Ayadaw Township and inspected the construction works. At the briefing hall, the minister gave necessary instructions after hearing reports on the aim of implementing the project, the measures being taken, the regional development and the irrigated areas to benefit.

Later, the minister inspected the progress of constructing the main dam measuring 2,900 feet in length and 28 feet in height.

On arrival at Ayadaw Dam Project, the minister and party also inspected the construction of the spill-

way of R.C type measuring 1,385 feet long and 40 feet wide. On completion, it will benefit 1,000 acres of irrigated land.

Afterwards, the minister inspected the artisan wells in Myaynet village tract in Ayadaw Township. Next, the minister inspected the reaping of summer paddy and cultivation of monsoon paddy on both sides of Ayadaw-Ywathagy mortar roads in Wetlet Township. —MNA

Outstanding students in Natogyi Tsp honoured

YANGON, 11 Aug — Central Executive Committee members of Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung on 7 August honoured outstanding students in Natogyi Township who passed matriculation exam with flying colours and donated exercise books to the basic education schools in the township.

During his tour of Natogyi Township, the deputy minister went to Kanna Village Basic Education High School, Pyinsi Village BEHS and Bontha Village BEHS and attended the prize presentation ceremonies held at the schools.

At the ceremonies, he presented certificates and cash awards to teachers and outstanding students. He also donated dozens of exercise books to the schools. He also went to BEPSs in the township and donated 100 dozens of exercise books each to the schools.

When he arrived at the villages, the CEC member also met with USDA members and townsenders and urged them to participate in implementing the five rural development tasks.

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Energy Club's Kyaw Khaing Win challenges the defenders of YCDC during the match of Myanmar League Thursday. The match ends in goalless draw.

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Study shows "bad guys", and the "poor" smoke more in movies

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — If someone is trying to make smoking look glamorous, it is not at the movies, US researchers said on Monday. Their analysis of more than 400 blockbuster films shows that villains smoke more than heroes, and the poor light up more often than the rich.

"Most investigators have concluded that smoking is portrayed as glamorous and positive, but our study shows that the exact opposite is true," said Dr. Karan Omidvari of St. Michael's Medical Centre in Newark, New Jersey, who led the study.

"Additionally, different studies in the past have subjectively concluded that movies are attempting to influence different groups of minorities to smoke. We have contradicted these findings as well."

Omidvari and colleagues studied leading characters in box office hits made after 1990 portraying contemporary US society. They included "Armageddon", "There's Something About Mary" and "Jerry Maguire".

They found that 35.7 per cent of antagonists smoked compared to 20.6 per cent of protagonists.

And nearly half of the screen smokers were in the lower socioeconomic class compared to 22.9 per cent in the middle class and 10.5 per cent in the upper class, they reported in the August issue of the journal *Chest*.

Overall, the percentage of characters who smoked was about the same as in real life, about 23 per cent, the study said. Men were more likely to smoke than women, and Whites were more likely to smoke than minorities — again an accurate portrayal of smoking behaviour.—MNA/Reuters

Parmalat suit against Bank of America can proceed

NEW YORK, 10 Aug — A US federal judge has allowed Parmalat Finanziaria SpA to proceed with its 10-billion-US-dollar lawsuit against Bank of America Corp, but threw out most of the Italian dairy company's claims.

Judge Lewis Kaplan of the US District Court in Manhattan granted Bank of America's motion to

dismiss 10 of the 12 claims asserted by Parmalat administrator Enrico Bondi, including fraud, and parts of the two others.

Kaplan also dismissed claims belonging only to Parmalat creditors, saying Bondi lacked standing to assert them. The judge gave Bondi permission to resubmit two of the dismissed claims.

The August 5 deci-

sion is a setback for Bondi, who has sued the two largest US banks, Bank of America and Citigroup Inc, and former auditors Deloitte & Touche and Grant Thornton International for 10 billion US dollars.

MNA/Reuters

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Managing Director,
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

Colombian police seize 100 kilos of cocaine

BOGOTA, 10 Aug — The Colombian police seized 100 kilos of cocaine on the road connecting the city of Bosconia with the city of Valledupar, capital of Cesar Department, the authorities said Tuesday.

In the operation, two persons were captured. Also confiscated were the truck carrying the drugs worth 280,000 US dollars, two cell phones and 800,000 dollars in cash.

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Floods in northern Iran kill about 10, 20 missing

TEHERAN, 10 Aug — Overnight floods caused by heavy rains have killed about 10 people and left 20 missing in the north-eastern Iranian Province of Golestan, an official said on Wednesday.

Red Crescent emergency workers in the area also told Reuters the

floods had caused extensive damage and said it had dispatched helicopters to look for survivors.

"About 10 people died and 20 are missing. We still hope that they fled to the mountains," state radio quoted the head of disaster management in the province as saying.

Roads, farms and buildings had been damaged by the torrents of floodwater rushing through the heavily forested Caspian Sea Province, the radio said.

The Interior Ministry said it had no further details.

MNA/Reuters

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Giant pandas give birth to twins in Shaanxi, one in Sichuan

Xi'AN, 11 Aug—Giant panda Xue Xue gave birth to twins on Saturday at the rare wild animal rescue and research centre of northwest China's Shaanxi Province while a giant panda gave birth to a cub at the China Wolong Giant Panda Protection and Research Centre in Sichuan, on Monday night.

According to Shaanxi's wild animal rescue and research centre, the twins were the first of the kind born in Shaanxi.

The centre authorities said the younger of the twins, a male cub, is weak and is under intensive treatment.

The 18-year-old Xue Xue gave birth to a female baby, weighing 151 grammes, at 17:53 Saturday and the male cub, weighing 122 grammes, came into the world at 18:40, said Ren Jianshe, deputy director of the centre, adding they named the "girl" Da Xin (or joy) and the "boy" Xiao Xing (or prosperity).

Xue Xue turned its back on Xiao Xing soon after it was born as pandas habitually nurture only one cub. But the keepers intervened swiftly and put the baby into the nursery, said Ren.

The centre has invited two experts from the Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding and Research Base in its neighbouring Sichuan Province to help treat the male baby, said Ren.

Besides the newly-born twins, the centre has another 11 pandas, including Xue Xue, who gave birth to the province's first giant panda in 2003, said Ren.

On Monday night at the China Wolong Giant Panda Protection and Research Centre, southwestern Sichuan Province, a giant panda gave birth to a cub.

This is the sixth panda born this year at the centre, where another baby panda was born last Saturday, said Zhang Hemin, director of the centre.

The baby was born at 11:16 p.m. Monday. This is the first time nine-year-old panda Hai Zi (or Lake) gives birth, said Zhang.

"During the first several minutes after the baby was born, Hai Zi tried to pick it up by mouth, but she failed due to inexperience and she even hurt the baby after overturning it for several times by claws," said Zhang, adding the centre has decided to arrange experienced keepers to breed the cub.

Panda gestation lasts 83 to 181 days. As pandas mate only in three or four days between March and May each year, they have a relatively low fertility rate.

MNA/Xinhua

NASA delays Mars orbiter launch at least 24 hours

MAIMI, 10 Aug — NASA has delayed Wednesday's launch of an unmanned spacecraft to Mars because of a technical problem that might affect its launch vehicle, the agency said on Tuesday.

The launch of the two-ton Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter on top of a Lockheed Martin Atlas V rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station will be postponed for at least 24 hours, said spokesman George Diller.

Engineers found a failure in the navigational controls of a similar Atlas V launch vehicle and need to make sure the problem does not affect the one being used for the Mars spacecraft, NASA said.

MNA/Reuters



There is no link between sugar and obesity because health problems linked to weight gain are caused by increased consumption of calories and a lack of exercise, a US sugar industry group said on 10 August, 2005.—INTERNET

Trawler sinks off Britain after collision with tanker

LONDON, 10 Aug — A Greek oil tanker carrying 15,000 tons of fuel oil and a Dutch fishing trawler have collided off the eastern British coast sinking the trawler, the British Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) said on Tuesday.

The MCA said the Greek tanker, the *Shinoussa*, and the Dutch trawler, the *Jacoba Alijda*, struck each other in the early hours of Tuesday, 48 miles off Bacton in the North Sea.

MNA/Reuters

Lions, elephants disturb marathon race in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 10 Aug — Three lions showed up as unexpected guests while a marathon race was underway in South Africa's famed Kruger National Park, forcing runners to stop until the animals left the road, local media reported on Tuesday.

Three participants of the annual Skukuza Sterling Light half-marathon had a big fright on Saturday when they ran into three lions taking a nap in the middle of the road, said daily newspaper *The Citizen*.

A motorcyclist in front of the athletes noticed them just before the 14-kilometres mark and stopped the runners in their tracks.

The nearest field ranger on duty was called and the lions were chased away before the marathon could continue.

But the incident resulted in a large group finishing together, said the newspaper.

On Friday evening, elephants caused havoc in the Skukuza staff Village inside the park, which formed part of the race.

The elephants left the village before the race started, but the athletes had to run around heaps of dung, the newspaper said. — MNA/Xinhua

Russia to buy submarine rescue vehicles from Britain

Moscow, 10 Aug — Russia will buy from Britain two Scorpio underwater rescue vehicles of the type used to rescue a stranded Russian mini-submarine from the Pacific last Sunday, *ITAR-TASS* news agency reported on Tuesday.

It took less than four hours for the unmanned British *Scorpio-45*, airlifted to the Kamchatka Peninsula off Russia's Pacific coast, to free the *AS-28* mini-sub, stranded for three days with its seven-man crew 190 metres (625 feet) down.

"The Defence Minister has also decided to buy all technical equipment needed for these vehicles to operate because they are incompatible with Russian hardware," *TASS* quoted Pacific Fleet commander Admiral Viktor Fyodorov as saying.

The Defence Ministry bought new rescue equipment for the Russian Navy after nuclear submarine *Kursk* sank in the Arctic Barents Sea five years ago with the loss of all its 118 crew.—MNA/Reuters

Royal Navy team recall moment of Russia sub rescue

LONDON, 10 Aug — The British team which helped rescue seven Russian submariners from under the Pacific returned to home soil on Tuesday, recalling the emotional moment when the trapped vessel emerged from the sea.

"At that minute when the Russian vehicle arrived on the surface I cannot ever explain to you properly the feelings of emotion amongst us all," mission leader Commander Ian Riches told reporters at Prestwick Airport in Scotland. "It would be wrong of me to say that grown men do not cry. I can assure you a lot of grown men cried that day."

Riches and his team of eight Royal Navy contractors were greeted after a 10-hour flight by Defence Minister Adam Ingram, who said they had achieved something "truly remarkable".

"What they did was truly magnificent," Ingram said. "I want to pay a very big tribute to all the people involved in

this mission." In all Britain sent 29 personnel to aid the rescue off Russia's Pacific coast, including logistics staff and a translator.

Riches admitted he had been scared ahead of the operation despite publicly saying he was optimistic. "I was scared, but I shouldn't have been, because I have team of professional men who worked damned hard to ensure that the guys on board that Russian submarine got off alive." On Sunday the British team were able to use their unmanned Scorpio rescue underwater robot to cut the Russian submarine free from a snarl of fishing nets and cables after 76 hours underwater. —MNA/Reuters



An Ariane 5 super-rocket is launched in Kourou, French Guiana. A rocket launched from South America was due to deploy a satellite that its Thai operator says will bring broadband Internet access to the remotest corners of Asia.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Martins, Adriano give Inter 2-0 win in Ukraine

DONETSK (Ukraine), 11 Aug — Strikers Obafemi Martins and Adriano notched second-half goals to give Inter Milan a 2-0 victory at Shakhtar Donetsk in the first leg of their Champions League qualifier on Wednesday.

Inter demonstrated almost total control over their hapless Ukrainian hosts and after a quiet first half the Italian team made their class tell.

Nigerian Martins opened the scoring in the 67th minute, collecting an inch-perfect pass from Brazilian strike partner Adriano and putting the ball past Shakhtar goalkeeper Jan Lastuvka.

Martins almost scored again three minutes later before the visitors opened up a two-goal lead in the third qualifying round tie

in the 78th minute when Adriano headed home a cross by Ze Maria.

Shakhtar came closest in stoppage time when Razvan Rat struck a free kick over the crossbar. But the home side was largely powerless and spent most of the match absorbing wave after wave of Inter attacks.

"Inter were much better organized, with better tactics and more experience at European level," Shakhtar coach Mircea Lucescu said.

"We now have to pre-

pare for the UEFA Cup. It is frankly unrealistic for us to score three goals in Milan. Some of our players had suggested they were ready to join Real, Milan or Manchester United. Let's hope this brought them down to earth."

Inter coach Roberto Mancini said: "The return match will be without fans but we won't let that worry us. "We got the result we needed in Donetsk. But we have no intention of letting down our guard."

Shakhtar's defeat, and the elimination of Dynamo Kiev last week by unfancied Swiss side Thun, makes it likely that Ukraine will be left without a side in the group phase of the Champions League for the first time in nine years.

MNA/Reuters

Gerrard again inspires Liverpool victory

SOFIA, 11 Aug — Steven Gerrard provided the killer balls for European champions Liverpool when they beat CSKA Sofia 3-1 in the first leg of their Champions League third qualifying round tie on Wednesday.

Two goals from Fernando Morientes after Djibril Cisse opened the scoring in the 26th minute sealed the match for Liverpool, who were forced to play all three qualifying rounds after finishing fifth in the Premier League last season.

However, the end of the match was marred when Cisse appeared to be targeted for racial abuse by a few CSKA supporters, who were heard to shout monkey noises.

"Always it is a pity to hear such things, but the UEFA official has heard and it has gone in his report," Liverpool coach Rafael Benitez told a news conference.

"The atmosphere in terms of support was good in the ground, but the monkey noises are a pity. We must learn and not do it because it is really bad for football. The UEFA officials have done the report."

Captain Gerrard, who scored seven goals in Liverpool's previous four qualifying games, set up Cisse and did the same five minutes later for Morientes to head home.

Unmarked CSKA midfielder Velizar Dimitrov, who had been out of action since February due to injury, rose to head home from six metres just before the break.

But Morientes' second goal in the 58th minute from six metres out made it safe for the champions.

"(Morientes) has got ability, there's no doubt about it. I think this season's going to be his season. The two goals will give him a lot of confidence," Gerrard said.

"We're confident we can go through after tonight's result. It gives the manager a chance to rest a few players (in the second leg). But we've still got to be professional and get the job done," he told Sky Sports News.

MNA/Reuters



Fernando Morientes from Liverpool celebrates his goal against CSKA Sofia during their third round Champions League Qualifier football match in Sofia. Liverpool won 3-1.

INTERNET

Bremen suffer Basel setback with 2-1 defeat

BASEL (Switzerland), 11 Aug — Werder Bremen's hopes of reaching this year's Champions League were dented on Wednesday when they lost 2-1 to Switzerland's FC Basel in the first leg of their third qualifying round tie.

Struggling to justify their status as favourites in a first half dominated by the home side, Bremen fell behind to a David Degen strike in the 28th minute.

After being left on the bench for the first 45 minutes, Argentine striker Julio Hernan Rossi put the Swiss champions two up — firing through goalkeeper Andreas Reinke's legs seven minutes after the restart.

However, the 2004 Bundesliga champions pulled themselves back into contention in the 73rd minute when German international Miroslav Klose turned deftly in the area before rifling the ball past Basel goalie Pascal Zuberbuehler. — MNA/Reuters



The New York Liberty's Becky Hammon, in front, guards the Connecticut Sun's 7-foot-two-inch centre Margo Dydek, of Poland, during the second half of their WNBA game at Madison Square Garden in New York on 2 Aug, 2005.

INTERNET

China draws Finland 1-1 in 23rd Universiade women's soccer

IZMIL (Turkey), 11 Aug — China tied with Finland 1-1 in the women's soccer tournament here Wednesday, which kicked off one day before the official opening of the 23rd World Universiade.

Neither of the two teams posted a serious offensive for the opponents for the first 60 minutes until Chinese forward Jiang Shixiao scored a right pass off a free kick.

Ten minutes later, Finland attacker Tjeder Daniela fired a powerful long shoot over the left side right into the net to equalize the scoreboard.

China failed in the ball possession, making few attempts for the goal, which is due to the players' lack of experience and confidence in their debut in the international matches, Gao Rongming, coach of the Chinese team, told *Xinhua*.

Same problems also bothered the Chinese men's football team in the Universiade. On Wednesday, the team was crushed 4-1 by Uruguay, the biggest rival

within their Group C.

The two teams battled for 1-1 in the first 70 minutes until China's second central defender Ma Sanbao was severely injured in the ankles.

The Uruguayan made three successful attempts within five minutes and rewrote the scores to 4-1, leaving their Chinese peers in a stun of their sudden loss.

Jin Zhiyang, coach of China's men team, attributed the defeat to the strength disparity and poor preparation work for the unexpected injury of two defenders.

"We will learn well the lesson and prepare for the upcoming game against Italy on Friday", Jin said.

In another first round game within the group, South Africa, playing as a black horse, defeated former runner-up Italy 3-2.

Group A also saw Brazil beating South Korea 2-1 and Morocco stunned host Turkey 2-0. Russia scored the day's biggest victory of 6-1 over Ireland in Group B whereas Japan breezed over Thailand 2-1.

Both Iran and the Czech Republic also savoured their wins over Britain and Mexico 2-1 and 3-1 respectively in Group D. — MNA/Reuters

Late goal secures Rosenborg 1-1 draw against Steaua

BUCHAREST, 11 Aug — A late goal by striker Thorstein Helstad earned Rosenborg Trondheim a 1-1 draw against Steaua Bucharest in the first leg of their Champions League third qualifying round tie on Wednesday.

Steaua forward Victoras Iacob put the Romanian team ahead with a solo effort in the 30th minute before Helstad, against the run of play, equalized five minutes from time.

"We were very lucky to score at the end of a match dominated by a good Steaua team," Rosenborg coach Per Mathias Hoegmo told reporters. "But I couldn't be more satisfied with his draw."

Former European Cup winners Steaua Bucharest, who were without banned strikers Nicolae Dica and Laurentiu Dinita, missed several scoring opportunities.

Banel Nicolita and Gabriel Bostina, twice, failed to convert gilt-edged chances in the first half before Iacob and Mirel Radoi wasted two more after the break.

MNA/Reuters

Hyypia extends Liverpool deal

LONDON, 11 Aug — Finnish defender Sami Hyypia has agreed a new deal to stay at European champions Liverpool until 2008, the English Premier League club said on Wednesday.

"We have been talking for a few weeks and I had no hesitation in committing my future to Rafael Benitez," the 31-year-old told Liverpool's website.

"Everybody wants to play for Liverpool Football Club at the moment and it's an honour to say that I will be here for at least another three years.

"I have won every single medal at the club apart from the Premiership and it would be very nice if I could win that within the next three years."

MNA/Reuters



Administrative Board of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Joint Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi accepts K 100,000 donated by U Kyaw Win Hlaing-Daw Mi Mi Aung and daughter Ma San Hta Thazin of No 14*(B), 8th Street, Ward 1, Mayangon Township, for construction of three-storey hospital for the aged—H

Haze continues to worsen in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 Aug. — The haze which has been blanketing Kuala Lumpur for nearly one week continues to worsen on Wednesday, with the visibility in downtown area reduced to about one kilometre.

The smell in the air is pungent and most unpleasant.

Many people walking on the streets have to cover their noses with hands and a few are even wearing masks. Heavy smoke and dust particles also hover around other areas in Malaysia. According to the Department of Environment, eight areas in this country registered unhealthy air quality status on Tuesday.

More patients are complaining of respiratory tract infections, red eyes and sore throats in some hospitals of Kuala Lumpur, according to local media reports.

The Meteorological

Services Department warned on Wednesday that the visibility in the central and southern parts of the Straits of Malacca had been reduced to below one kilometre, noting that it would be hazardous for ships without navigation equipment to pass through the waterway.

Malaysian Works Minister Samy Vellu, currently on a tour to India, instructed local road administration to take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of motorists driving on the highways.

"I have asked them to inform drivers of the haze condition at the highways by means of notice boards, electronic sign boards, ra-

Chinese scientists leave for Baikal expedition

TIANJIN, 11 Aug.— A group of Chinese scientists left here Tuesday for Russia's Irkutsk to kick off a scientific expedition on Lake Baikal, the world's deepest and largest freshwater lake.

It is believed to be the largest ever joint scientific expedition between China and Russia. A total of 43 scientists and journalists from both sides will take part.

The scope of study for the current expedition includes zoology and environment, water lives, lake environment, re-

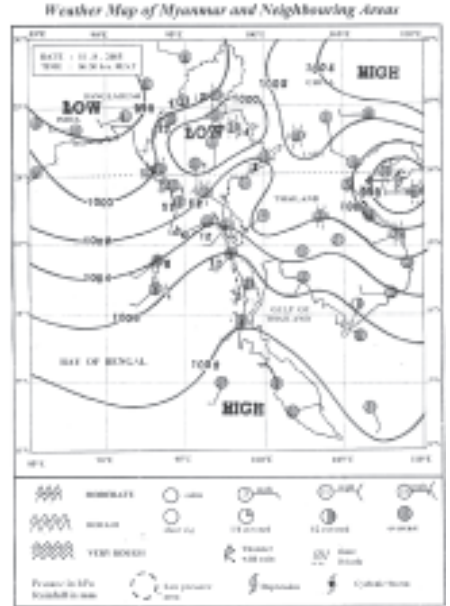
gional economy, remote sensing and geographic information of the lake.

According to Tao Baoxiang, head of the Chinese team, scientists from the two countries will start a two-day lake-surface expedition on 12 August and all the activities are expected to be finished later this month.

Located in southern Siberia, the lake, with a depth of 1,620 metres, lies between the Irkutsk Oblast on the northwest and Buryatia on the southeast. It was put on the world natural heritage list by the United Nations in 1996.

In order to protect the lake from increasing contamination by paper makers and other polluters, Russia adopted a special law in 1998 to protect it from further pollution and two natural reserves have so far been set up to that effect.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Thursday, 11 August, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in Chin and Kayah States, scattered in Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kayin and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Hpa-an (3.15) inches, Mawlamyine (2.99) inches, Taungoo (2.52) inches and Gwa (2.28) inches.

Maximum temperature on 10-8-2005 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 11-8-2005 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 11-8-2005 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 10-8-2005 was (0.3) hour approx. Rainfalls on 11-8-2005 were 0.24 inch at Mingaladon, 0.51 inch at Kaba-Aye, 0.99 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 61.22 inches at Mingaladon, 61.81 inches at Kaba-Aye and 62.95 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 14 mph from Southwest at (13:00) hours MST on 10-8-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12-8-2005: Rain will be isolated in Chin and Kayah States, Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon and Kayin States. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas are likely off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in eastern and central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-8-2005: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-8-2005: Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 40%.


Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hrs MST on 11-8-2005)
According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1142) cm. It is falling slightly and may remain above the danger level (1070) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.



Friday, 12 August
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music:
-I will always be in your heart
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music:
-I breath again
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music:
-Best friend
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music:
-Soda pop
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music
-Making love out of nothing at all
-If I were you
-You & I
- 9.00 pm World of music
-Songs from Japan, Italy, Brunei, Vietnam & Korea
- 9.15 pm Article/Music
- 9.25 pm Music at your request
-I hear you now
-Kissing you
-Love will be waiting
- 10.00 pm PEL



Friday, 12 August
View on today:

7:00 am
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2. To be healthy exercise

7:25 am
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7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am
5. အတိတ်အကျဉ်းချုပ်

8:05 am
6. The mirror images of musical oldies

8:20 am
7. နိဂုံးချုပ်ခြင်း ရေထိန်းတံခါး

8:30 am
8. International news

8:45 am
9. Islands of Dhamma

8:50 am
10. ဘုရားတော်ပါးလ(အဘိဓမ္မာပညာရရှိရေးအတွက် အားပေးပေးပို့ခြင်း)။
11. နိုင်ငံတော်အဖွဲ့များ၏ အဖွဲ့အစည်းများကို အကျဉ်းချုပ်ဖော်ပြခြင်း။

9:05 am
1. Martial song

9:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. ရန်ကင်းတိုင်း အမှတ်(၃) အခြေစိုက်ပညာရေးအဖွဲ့၏ အဖွဲ့အစည်းများကို အကျဉ်းချုပ်ဖော်ပြခြင်း။

4:50 pm
4. အစားအသောက်ကင်းရှင်းရေးအဖွဲ့၏ အဖွဲ့အစည်းများကို အကျဉ်းချုပ်ဖော်ပြခြင်း။

5:15 pm
5. Song of national races

5:25 pm
6. ဝတ်စုံ ဂီတ၊ တေးဂီတအဖွဲ့များ၏ အဖွဲ့အစည်းများကို အကျဉ်းချုပ်ဖော်ပြခြင်း။

လှိုင်ကျေးဇူး အဆိုအကဲအမတ်အဖွဲ့၏ အဖွဲ့အစည်းများကို အကျဉ်းချုပ်ဖော်ပြခြင်း။

Task to safeguard independence and sovereignty duty of successive generations

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by the colonialists. During the over 100 years of subjugation, the political, economic and social sectors, human rights, national characters and social standard were in a state of decline due to the exploitation of the occupiers. The nation lost her independence in a matter of days. But the people had to sacrifice lots of blood, sweat and lives to regain independence. All should take it as a lesson of history.

The nation regained independence thanks to the struggles launched with the united strength of the nationalities, unyielding spirit, Union Spirit and patriotism. Independence and sovereignty are the most important heritage of the nation. The task to safeguard independence and sovereignty for their perpetuation is a national duty that must be discharged by successive generations. After regaining independence, peace, stability and security sectors were weak because of insurgency, unrest, disunity and disagreements resulting from evil legacy and dissension of the colonialists.

At present, the Tatmadaw has been implementing work programmes and policies that are in conformity (See page 8)



Prime Minister General Soe Win cordially greets the trainees after the opening ceremony of USDA Myanmar and International Studies Course No 9. — MNA

Government has stepped up efforts for national solidarity and for development of the State despite hindrances and danger posed by internal and external destructive elements



Chin State Executive U Ngun Hsan Aung speaks at the mass meeting. MNA

YANGON, 11 Aug — The mass meeting focusing “Guard against the danger posed by destructionists through united strength of the people” took place at the City Hall in Haka, Chin State, on 1 August.

It was attended by members of Chin State Union Solidarity and Development Association, Chin State, District and Township Women’s Affairs Organizations, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, War Veterans Organization, Auxiliary Fire Brigade, Red Cross Society and local people.

Executive of Chin State Union Solidarity and Development Association U Ngun Hsan Aung presided over the meeting with Chairperson of Chin State Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Rwe Ja, Joint Secretary of Chin State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw May Yi, Member of

Chin State WVO Major Aung Hsan Oo (Retd), Company Commander U Thein Maung of Haka Township Red Cross Society, Commanding Officer of Auxiliary Fire Brigade U Maung Maung and townselder U Haram Kye O as members of the panel of chairmen.

Member of USDA Daw Tirl Ling Par acted as master of ceremonies with Daw Si Si Lyar. (See page 9)

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