

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

General Thura Shwe Mann receives Deputy Commander of Yunnan Provincial Command and party

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence received Deputy Commander of Yunnan Provincial Command Maj-Gen Lin Tinggui and party of the People's Republic of China at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence, here, at 3 pm today.

Also present at the call were Military Affairs Security Chief Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Chief of Staff (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Vice-Quartermaster-



General Thura Shwe Mann receives Deputy Commander of Yunnan Provincial Command Maj-Gen Lin Tinggui and party. —MNA

General Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tun and senior military officers. *MNA*

Storm News

YANGON, 29 June — According to the observation at 12.30 hour MST today, the tropical depression over the West Central and adjoining Northwest Bay has crossed the Orissa Coast near Puri, India. — *MNA*

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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 30 June, 2007

Maintain urban and rural roads for durability

Smooth and secure transport plays an important role in national development. Only when there is easy access between one region and another will the social-economic life of local people develop.

The Development Affairs Department is engaged in building rural roads, village-to-town roads and district-to-district roads. With better transport in rural regions, products of those region can easily be transported to markets, thereby bringing about harmonious development the length and breadth of the nation.

More district-to-district roads are being built for the people to be able to travel from one township to another as well as from one district to another crossing remote and far-flung villages.

The government is building No 1 District-to-District Road running through Mandalay Division, Magway Division, Bago Division (West) and Yangon Division, and No 2 District-to-District Road linking Mandalay Division, Bago Division and Mon State. As many as 54 miles of tarred road and 323 miles of gravel road coupled with 100 wooden bridges have been completed on No 1 District-to-District Road while three miles of tarred road, 52 miles of gravel roads and 163 miles of earth road complete with 75 wooden bridges have been built on No 2 District-to-District Road.

Therefore, the Development Affairs Department is to continue upgrading earth roads into gravel ones and gravel roads into tarred ones, while maintaining the existing ones for durability.



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Peoples' Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Commander meets Deputy Commander of Yunnan Provincial Command

YANGON, 29 June — Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut met Major General Lin Tinggui, Deputy Commander of Yunnan Provincial Command of the People's Republic of China and party at Shweli Yeiktha in North-

East Command Headquarters yesterday.

Present also at the call were Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint and military officers.

In the evening, the commander hosted a dinner to the visiting deputy commander and party at Shweli Yeiktha of the command. — MNA

MEPE, IGE Pte Ltd ink contract on supply of materials for Thebyu (Yeni) Power Station

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June — A ceremony to sign a contract on supply of necessary materials for 230/33/11 kv, 110 mva Thebyu (Yeni) power station was held at Shwe Myanmar Hotel, here, on 26 June evening.

Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint delivered an address.

Managing Director U Win Kyaing of IGE

Pte Ltd and Managing Director Dr San Oo of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise inked the contract and exchanged the notes.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min and Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and departmental heads. — MNA

LPDR delegation concludes visit

YANGON, 29 June — The delegation led by Director-General Mr Boun Nhang Xaysanavong of Department for International Relations of Mass Organizations of Commission for External Relations of the Central Committee of Lao Revolutionary Party of the Lao People's Democratic Republic left Yangon International Airport for LPDR this morning.

The Laotian delegation was seen off at the airport by Central Executive Committee member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Maung Pa and responsible persons of the association, Laotian Ambassador Mr Kouily A Soupha Khet and embassy staff. — MNA



The Laos delegation headed by Director-General Mr Boun Nhang Xaysanavong being seen off by officials. — MNA

Fire breaks out in Myingyan

YANGON, 29 June — A hut, two warehouses and nine houses were destroyed by a fire on 27 June.

The fire broke out in No 1 Ward of Myingyan, Mandalay Division at 11 pm and it was due to negligence. A total of 13 households were left homeless. — MNA

Departmental staff taking part in mass walk to mark International Olympic Day for 2007 on Friday. — MNA



Mass walk to mark IOC Day in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June — The mass walk sports in commemoration of the International Olympic

Day 2007 was held near Myoma Market, here, this morning.

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, departmental heads, officials and service personnel, totalling 1,500 participated in the activity.

They took the designated place at 5 am. At 6 am, they started the mass walk sports near Myoma Market and arrived back at the market along Taungnyo-Pyinmana Road and Thabyaygon roundabout. — MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Kuwait lashes US human rights report

KUWAIT CITY, 28 June—A Kuwaiti justice committee on Wednesday rejected a recent US human rights report charging Kuwait with human trafficking.

Considering the report as “divorced from reality”, the committee, affiliated to the Ministry of Justice, said in a news release that the allegation by the US report was a “blatant and designed distortion of

facts”.

The UN agreements inked by Kuwait on the fight against organized crimes and human trafficking have become an irrevocable law in Kuwait, the committee said.

The committee said that it has already supplied the US Department of State with the number of cases falling within the concept of human trafficking. “Now that

such facts that emanate from reality and law have been illustrated, allegations of human trafficking in Kuwait become meaningless,” the statement said.

Rejecting the accusation made by the US report saying Kuwait is running human trafficking in an excuse of reducing global joblessness, the committee said in the statement that “The State of Kuwait opens its arms to those incoming workers and even provides them with all available job opportunities, unlike many other countries which combat and deport them on the grounds of fighting illegal immigration.”

“By doing so, Kuwait ought to be commended, appreciated and even placed on an honours list,” it added.—MNA/Xinhua

A member of the National Anticrime Force takes up position near a worker during an operation against drug gangs at Complexo do Alemao slum in Rio de Janeiro on 28 June, 2007. — INTERNET



Man held in France over \$48m lottery fraud

PARIS, 28 June—French police are holding a man for questioning on suspicion of cheating a lottery winner out of a 35.5-million-euro (47.8-million-US-dollar) win last month, a police source said on Tuesday.

The man is suspected of having collaborated with a couple working at a tobacco shop selling the Euro Millions tickets.—MNA/Reuters

Israeli Army strikes on Gaza Strip kill 12 Palestinians

GAZA, 28 June—Twelve Palestinians were killed in an Israeli military actions on Gaza Strip Wednesday morning in eastern Gaza City, said medics and eyewitnesses.

New York City power restores but subways snarled

NEW YORK, 28 June—A power outage struck Manhattan’s wealthy Upper East Side during a heat wave on Wednesday, snarling subway service during rush hour in another embarrassment for utility Con Edison.

The outage left half a million New Yorkers without power for 50 minutes. Traffic signals died, classrooms went dark, the fire department rescued people from elevators and the Metropolitan Museum of Art was evacuated in scenes

that raised fears of another major summer blackout.

Grumpy New Yorkers recalled epic blackouts of the past on the second humid day in a row of temperatures topping 90 degrees F (32 C).

Consolidated Edison

Inc. said some 136,700 customers were without electricity in the Upper East Side and in the Bronx, including the neighbourhood around Yankee Stadium, after a transmission disturbance. It was investigating the cause.—MNA/Reuters



People sit on the stairs of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City after a brief power outage forced an evacuation of the building on 27 June, 2007. —INTERNET

Bomb blast kills two in southern Thailand

BANGKOK, 28 June —A huge roadside bomb exploded in Thailand’s southern province of Yala late Wednesday, killing at least two residents and injuring 20 others, local radio reported.

The remote-controlled bomb, weighing some five kilos, was planted nearby a food stall in Yala’s Muang District and triggered by mobile phone signal at about 6:00 pm local time (1100 GMT).

The report said at least two local residents were killed on the spot and 20 others were injured. Several of them were in critical condition.

Thailand’s three southernmost provinces — Yala, Narathiwat and Pattani have been troubled with insurgency-related violence which has claimed more than 2,300 lives since 2004. — MNA/Xinhua

Fans wearing Harry Potter’s consume wait for the arrival of the British actor Daniel Radcliffe before the Japan premiere of his new movie “Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix” in Tokyo on 28 June, 2007.



INTERNET



A screenshot of Mochila.com, taken on 28 June, 2007. Internet content syndication marketplace company Mochila said on Thursday it has landed deals to make photographs from the catalogs of three major photo agencies available to editors and independent Web sites. — INTERNET

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Gordon Brown takes over as British Prime Minister

LONDON, 28 June — Gordon Brown replaced Tony Blair as Britain's Prime Minister on Wednesday after years of waiting and promised sweeping changes in style and policy to restore trust in a government damaged by the Iraq war.

Queen Elizabeth

asked the long-serving Finance Minister to form a government after Blair resigned at Buckingham Palace on a day of ceremony and emotion in which political foes put their rivalries aside.

Blair, Prime Minister for a decade, signed off by answering questions in

Parliament for the last time, giving an emotional performance that brought one minister to tears and the assembly to its feet.

Less than two hours after Blair left the Prime Minister's 10 Downing Street residence for Buckingham Palace, Brown stood posing for photographs at the same black front door, every move captured by a throng of cameramen and photographers.

Onlookers and anti-Iraq war protesters gathered outside Downing Street while a crowd formed outside the palace.

Downing Street staff applauded Brown in and he got down to business, calling US President George W Bush for a 10-minute "cordial and constructive" conversation, Brown's spokesman said.—MNA/Reuters

ADB approves rehabilitation project in Solomon Islands

MANILA, 29 June— The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved on Wednesday a 4.95-million-US-dollar grant to help finance the Emergency Assistance Project which will rehabilitate essential infrastructure in tsunami-affected Solomon Islands.

"The goal of the Emergency Assistance Project is to restore the economic and social activities in affected areas to pre-disaster levels through the rehabilitation of essential infrastructure. Restoring roads, wharves, and bridges, will facilitate recovery, rural development, poverty reduction, and economic growth," said Philip Erquiaga, director-general of ADB's Pacific Department.

ADB said the Emergency Assistance Project will be implemented over two years. Specifically it will rebuild and rehabilitate essential infrastructure that was damaged or destroyed by the earthquake and subsequent tsunami, including about 35 kilometres of rural and town roads, 19 bridges, five wharves and jetties, and facilitate the repair of the Gizo Town water supply and sanitation system. On 2 April, 2007, a massive undersea earthquake triggered a tsunami that devastated parts of western and Choiseul provinces in Solomon Islands. Fifty two people were killed, and islands in both provinces suffered considerable damage to housing, infrastructure, schools and clinics.

MNA/Xinhua



Pakistan Airforce's C-130 airplanes reach Pasni airbase with relief goods after tropical storm hit coastal areas of Sindh and Balochistan in Pasni, some 550 km (342 miles) west of Karachi on 28 June, 2007. — INTERNET

UN declares Ecuador's Galapagos islands in danger

QUITO, 28 June— The United Nations on Tuesday declared Ecuador's Galapagos islands in danger as booming tourism and immigration threaten giant tortoises and blue-footed boobies unique to the archipelago.

"They are threatened by invasive species, growing tourism and immigration," UNESCO's world heri-

tage committee meeting in New Zealand said a statement.

The volcanic islands, located 625 miles (1,000 kilometres) west of Ecuador's coast, inspired British naturalist Charles Darwin's theory of evolution.

Ecuadorean Foreign Minister Maria Espinosa said the committee's

statement "will help the government's efforts to solve the complex problems of the Galapagos".

President Rafael Correa declared the islands at risk in April and has vowed to impose more rigorous population restrictions and temporarily suspend some tourism permits.

MNA/Reuters

Lightning strikes kill 193 Chinese so far this year

BEIJING, 28 June — Lightning strikes have killed 193 Chinese people from January to 25 June this year, 78 more than during the same period last year, the China Meteorological Administration (CMA) said on Wednesday. It noted that the most obvious increase in the death toll was evident in Jiangxi, Yunnan, Sichuan and Chongqing Municipality.

Statistics showed that from January to 24 June, 34 and 23 people died from lightning strikes in Jiangxi and Yunnan respectively. Between 24 and 25 June alone, 21 people in Jiangxi and eight people in east China's Zhejiang Province died from lightning disasters.

MNA/Xinhua

Hungry jackals force Indian villagers to flee

PANATA (India), 28 June— At least 150 villagers fled their homes in eastern India after a pack of hungry jackals attacked them, officials said on Wednesday.

At least a dozen jackals emerged from nearby forests in search of food and attacked six villages in the state of Bihar on Tuesday, biting at least 50 people.

"Many victims said they could only watch as the jackals unleashed terror and bit them on their hands and feet," Krishna Murari Prasad, a local surgeon said. Officials blamed the villagers in Gopalganj District, near the state capital Patna, for the behaviour of the jackals, saying local people had depleted the natural habitat of the animals by cutting down forests. — MNA/Reuters



Elk Grove firefighter John Michelini puts out a hot spot in a residential area that evacuated on Sunday for the Angora wildfire near South Lake Tahoe, Calif, on 27 June, 2007. — INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Russian FM says weapons sales to Syria under strict control

JERUSALEM, 28 June — Visiting Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told his Israeli counterpart Tzipi Livni that Russia's weaponry sales to Syria were subject to strict internal control and complied with Russia's international commitments, local popular daily *Ha'aretz* reported on Wednesday.

Lavrov told Livni during their meeting in Tel Aviv on Tuesday night that Russia's weapons sales to Syria were completely transparent, for defensive purposes only, and did not alter the balance of forces in the region.

Lavrov, however, warned that the current regional military balance

was no guarantee of peace, and he expressed hopes that archfoe Israel and Syria would eventually reach a peace agreement.

Last week, the Russian daily *Kommersant* reported that Russia has started shipments of five advanced fighter jets to Syria. But the report was denied by Russian state arms exporter.

Regarding the Palestinian issue, Lavrov denounced what certain "extremists" did in the Gaza Strip during Hamas' takeover of the strip, but stressed that Russia did not believe in a divide-and-rule policy toward Hamas and Fatah.

He warned that Israel would be facing tough

challenges if the Palestinians remained divided between Hamas in Gaza and Fatah in the West Bank. "We do not want Palestine to be torn apart by a civil war," *Ha'aretz* quote him as saying.

"A united Palestine is needed by the Palestinians. Otherwise, it would be impossible to resolve problems," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



British girl band The Spice Girls (L-R) Victoria Beckham, Melanie Chisholm, Gerri Halliwell, Emma Bunton and Melanie Brown pose for the media as they arrive at the Greenwich Royal Observatory in London, on 28 June, 2007. — XINHUA

Israel invents smallest robot to deliver drugs through blood vessels

JERUSALEM, 28 June—Israeli scientists have invented a kind of miniature robot which can travel the blood stream and deliver drugs throughout

the human body.

It is the smallest robot yet developed and unprecedented both in miniaturization as well as in its ability to be

controlled for an unlimited amount of time while in the body, according to the inventors of the robot, Israeli scientists of the Haifa's Technion Univer-

sity and the College of Judea and Samaria.

"At a size of one millimetre in diameter and four millimetres in length, it is the smallest miniature robot (of its kind) made to date," Nir Shvalb, a researcher at the mechanical electronics lab of the College of Judea and Samaria in Ariel, said in an interview with *Xinhua*, noting that the robot crawled rather than swam through blood vessels to give it more control.

The next smallest robot of this type was developed by researchers at the Kyoto University and measures one centimetre in diameter.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia's police seized over 20,000 pirated, pornographic discs

KUALA LUMPUR, 28 June—Malaysia's Police seized over 20,000 pirated and pornographic discs from two stores in a shopping complex in Pulau Tikus, the northwestern state of Penang on Wednesday.

The discs worth about 100,000 ringgit (29,412 US dollars), according to the report by Malaysia's national news agency *Bernama*. Police also arrested four men in their 20s to assist investigations, said Rosli Ab Rahman, chief assistant commissioner of police (ACP) of Penang Commercial Criminal Investigation Department (CID).— MNA/Xinhua



Protesters chant slogans during a rally against the South Korea-US free trade agreement (FTA) talks in front of the Central Government Complex in Seoul on 28 June, 2007. — INTERNET

UAE, Bulgaria sign agreement to avoid double taxation

ABU DHABI, 28 June—The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bulgaria

signed on Wednesday an agreement on avoidance of double taxation and restriction of income and capital tax evasion, *Emirates News Agency* reported.

The agreement was signed in Bulgarian capital Sofia by UAE Minister of State for Financial and Industrial Affairs Mohammed Khalfan bin Kharbash and Bulgarian Finance Minister Plamen Oresharski, the report said. "This agreement will help

provide equal taxation treatment to investors in the UAE and Bulgaria. Moreover, it provides an environment that stimulates foreign direct investment, encourages business ventures, and enhances the cooperation across the economic growth levels within the two countries," Mohammed Khalfan was quoted as saying. The agreement sets the framework for cooperation in matters

related to taxes for economic and investment activities in the UAE and Bulgaria.

It will apply on personal and corporate income taxes in both countries and any other similar taxes levied by governments of the two countries.

The agreement also provides for income and profit tax exemption regulations granted to national air cargo companies.

MNA/Xinhua



A Turkish girl holds an ice block in a pool in Istanbul on 26 June, 2007. Istanbul Governor Muammer Guler declared a two-day holiday for some public servants as temperatures are expected to soar this week. —INTERNET

Investigator blasts CIA jail silence, says truth will be out

STRASBOURG, 28 June — European governments have built a “wall of silence” surrounding their complicity with a CIA programme that included holding terrorist suspects in secret jails, a Swiss investigator said on Wednesday.

But Dick Marty said he was certain the truth about alleged CIA abuses, including kidnappings and secret transfers of detainees, would emerge before long in the United States itself. “State secrecy is unacceptable when there are violations of human rights,” Marty told the parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe, the continent’s

leading human rights forum.

“We came up against a wall of silence on the part of European governments,” he added in a debate on a June 8 report in which he accused Poland and Romania of allowing the Central Intelligence Agency to host secret prisons on their soil.

Both countries strongly deny the charges, and their parliamentarians lined up to attack Marty in the debate. “It is a far-fetched conspiracy theory spiced up with a generous helping of anti-Americanism,” said Polish Senator Urszula Gacek, describing the report as a “piece of

fiction”. Romanian socialist Vasile Ungureanu said it was “like a film scenario”.

The assembly later approved the report by 124 votes to 37, with eight abstentions. Marty told a news conference he would not conduct any further reports on CIA secret prisons and flights, and it was now up to governments and Parliaments to perform their “duty of truth”. — MNA/Reuters



Indian farmer Srinivas Reddy levels a wet field with a pair of oxen ahead of the planting of paddy in the village of Bommarajupeta, some 30 kms from Hyderabad. India plans an ambitious project to boost flagging agricultural output by 11 percent over the next four years and reduce the need for imports, a top official said on 28 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Magnitude 6.7 quake jolts remote PNG region

SYDNEY, 28 June — A magnitude 6.7 earthquake struck the Bougainville region of Papua New

Guinea on Thursday, the US Geological Survey said on its website.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage from the quake, which had an epicentre of 10 kilometres (six miles) under the sea bed.

USGS said the epicentre was 220 kilometres (135 miles) south south-west of Arawa on Bougainville Island, and about 250 kilometres west of Gizo in the Solomon Islands, where a tsunami killed at least 34 people and destroyed up to 2,500 homes on 2 April.

The Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre’s website said there was no threat of a destructive or widespread tsunami following the quake, based on historical data. — MNA/Reuters

Danish aid agency staff kidnapped in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 28 June — Two Bangladeshi staff working for a Danish development agency have been kidnapped by suspected tribal rebels in Bangladesh, officials said on Tuesday.

Suman Sharif, an employee of the Danish International Development Agency (Danida), and his driver Mohammad Hanif were captured on Monday at a village near Thanchi, some 400 kilometres (250 miles) southeast of the capital Dhaka.

“They had no security escort, which visitors need in remote areas in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT),” senior government administrative officer Mokhlesur Rahman told Reuters. — MNA/Reuters

Four Iraqi police killed in ambush south of Kirkuk

BAGHDAD, 28 June — Four Iraqi policemen were killed in an ambush on Wednesday near the oil city of Kirkuk when gunmen opened fire on their vehicles, police said.

A fifth policeman was wounded in the attack, which happened south of Kirkuk, a restive city of Sunni and Shiite Arabs, Turkmen and Kurds that lies 250 kilometres (155 miles) north of Baghdad, the police said. — MNA/Reuters

Eight-year-old shot dead in Boston

BOSTON, 28 June — Boston police questioned a 7-year-old boy on Tuesday who shot and killed his 8-year-old cousin with an illegal gun, the latest example of the toll of gun violence in US cities.

The family had told police three armed intruders burst into their home and gunned down LaQuarrie Jefferson, 8, on Sunday night. But after further interviews with family members, the truth emerged on Monday as the boy died in a hospital.

The victim’s mother, Lakeisha Gadson, 30, apologized for lying and said the slaying was a tragic accident. She had briefly disappeared with the 7-year-old and police launched a city-wide search for the two.

The boy was the youngest murder victim in Boston since 2002, when a 3-year-old was killed in gang gunfire. — MNA/Reuters



At least three killed in Baghdad’s market explosion

BAGHDAD, 28 June — An explosion rocked a vegetable market in Baghdad’s northern neighbourhood of Sleikh on Wednesday, killing at least three people and wounding more than 10 others, an Interior Ministry source said.

“An explosion ripped through the Souq al-Semchah vegetable market in the Sleikh neighbourhood, killing at least three people and wounding 10 others,” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

It was unclear so far whether the powerful blast was caused by a booby-trapped car or an explosive charge, the source said.

MNA/Xinhua

A partially submerged mosque sits in flood waters in Pakistan’s cyclone-hit coastal town of Turbat, some 550 kms (330 miles) southwest of Quetta. Military helicopters led efforts to help 800,000 Pakistanis affected by a powerful cyclone on Thursday as floods claimed 23 lives in the northeast and at least 50 in neighbouring Afghanistan. — INTERNET



Afghan policemen at the site of a suicide attack in Kabul. Two suicide car bombs ripped into security vehicles in Afghanistan on 28 June, 2007, killing two foreigners and two Afghans, officials said, also reporting that the Taliban had beheaded three policemen. — INTERNET

From women's development to nation building

Thida Soe (University of Economics)

One of the objectives of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation is to promote the role of Myanmar women in nation-building task and to develop their economy, health and education. Besides, "Lets rally to the constant development of the lives of women" is included in the nine objectives adopted by the annual meeting of MAAF in 2007.

Throughout Myanmar national history, women worked in harmony with their male counterpart. They took part in politics, administration and judicial affairs and were able to show their talent in literature, music and other arts with enthusiasm and vigour.

Prominent and efficient Myanmar women were born and brought up throughout the past successive eras. Some noble women martyrs even sacrificed their lives for national independence. There were Myanmar Thakinmas (patriotic women) who dared slap a British deputy commissioner. The hand that rocks the cradle took up arms to fight back the colonialists for Myanmar's independence.

In that way, Myanmar women participated in nation-building and national defence, strongly opposed all attempts to enslave and destroy Myanmar and served the national interest in the national history. **Noble Myanmar women always observe their fine moral conduct. They stoutly oppose any dishonourable woman.**

In this regard, MAAF has been striving to develop the social status of Myanmar women till becoming historic nation builders and defenders after inheriting the noble moral conduct of their ancestors.

To realize the said goal, MAAF formed the Protection and Rehabilitation Task Force which has Violence Prevention Work Group, Human Trafficking Prevention Work Group, Nurturing and Rehabilitation Work Group and Young Women Work Group under it. The MAAF has been striving on all fronts for development of the women's sector.

If compared with other nations, the number of violence against women in Myanmar is much small. Some democracy powers are trying to interfere in and intrude on the affairs of developing countries

and exert pressures on them. In reality, according to the reports, these powers themselves are facing almost daily the problem of violent sexual assaults against women. Rapes against local young women of host countries by soldiers stationed in that country of a certain power's make the power's democracy and human rights ridiculous in the eyes of others.

Physical assault against women in Myanmar is almost nil if compared with that in other nations. There are very few cases of spiritual violence in Myanmar and most occurred within families, especially between husband and wife. The MAAF is solving such problems through consoling, comforting and educating the families concerned with social development of women and assurance of an lasting happy married life as the base. The said task is winning the trust, respect and reliance of women mass. Women in some big democracies are facing spiritual violence as those countries are embracing the system of living together and unstable and failed marriages. **And it is the real situation of marriages, culture and human rights under the democracy of those big nations.**

Another problem is trafficking in persons that is now rife throughout the world. The problem has become not only local issue but also transnational crime. The government is cooperating with administrative and judicial bodies to protect Myanmar women against the danger of human traffickers. Simultaneously, it, through the organizing method, is carrying out tasks for rehabilitating the ex-women victims subject to physical and mental abuses so that they can return to normality in their society. Members of the central level working committee and leaders of working groups are conducting educative talks and family-type discussions in states and divisions, districts, townships, wards and villages to enable women to understand the dangers of being trafficked and evil consequences. Moreover, they are giving educative talks at basic education schools, factories, departmental courses and ministries.

The role of young women is important in the drive for improving social well-being of women. Educative talks are being organized constantly for enhancing knowledge and thinking power of young

women who are future human resources. Free evening schools for women are opened in states and divisions for young women who cannot pursue education for various reasons.

Here, I would like to present the achievement of the free evening school for women of Mandalay Division Women's Affairs Organization as evidence. Pyigyidagun Women's Affairs Organization in Mandalay Division launched a free evening school for women in 1998-99 academic year. The number of the students in the school who completed basic, middle and high school are as follows:

Sr No	Academic Year	Primary School	Middle School	High School	Total
1.	1998-1999	56	24	-	80
2.	1999-2000	64	45	48	157
3.	2000-2001	92	77	59	208
4.	2001-2002	103	93	27	253
5.	2002-2003	95	101	64	260
6.	2003-2004	74	131	82	287
7.	2004-2005	41	85	68	191
8.	2005-2006	57	125	70	262

The academic year-wise matriculation pass rates of the school are as follows:

Sr No	Year	Number	Candidate	Pass	percentage	Remark
1.	2000	38	37	13	35.14	One maths distinction winner
2.	2001	34	34	18	54.94	
3.	2002	37	35	2	5.41	One Myanmar distinction winner
4.	2003	44	44	17	38.44	
5.	2004	39	39	9	17.81	
6.	2005	42	42	11	23.12	

It is fair to say that the free evening school of Pyigyidagun WAO achieved considerable success in creating educational opportunities for young women who could not enjoy opportunity to pursue education.

Those from the school who passed matriculation examination continued their education in universities and colleges, and they are now serving in basic education primary schools and factories.

In addition, it is conducting basic accountancy course, make-up course, tailoring course and driving course. It is also opening clerical course, Introduction to Internet course and English proficiency course for the women from the school who have passed matriculation exam and are serving in government offices.

The MAAF is working hard for social well-being of the mass of Myanmar women. So, Myanmar women will serve as a strong force in the building of a new nation. It is believed that Myanmar women will see to the national duty as builders and protectors of the new nation.

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Physical assault against women in Myanmar is almost nil if compared with that in other nations. There are very few cases of spiritual violence in Myanmar and most occurred within families, especially between husband and wife. The MAAF is solving such problems through consoling, comforting and educating the families concerned with social development of women and assurance of an lasting happy married life as the base. The said task is winning the trust, respect and reliance of women mass. Women in some big democracies are facing spiritual violence as those countries are embracing the system of living together and unstable and failed marriages. And it is the real situation of marriages, culture and human rights under the democracy of those big nations.

Target of 1500 million baskets of paddy would be achieved in near future

YANGON, 29 June— The Myanmar Rice Millers' Association held its 17th annual general meeting at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Street in Lanmadaw Township here this afternoon.

Chairman of the association U Tin Win delivered an introductory speech.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence in his address said that Myanmar is blessed with favourable conditions to grow various kinds of crops. The majority of national races grow crops as family business. So, the government is taking necessary measures to ensure that paddy supply exceeds the local demand.

In 2005-2006, paddy output reached more than 1326 million baskets. He quoted the guidance of the Head of State on production of paddy that is enough for 100 million of people. The target of 1500 million



Lt-Gen Myint Swe delivers an address at 17th annual general meeting of Myanmar Rice Millers' Association.—MNA

baskets of paddy would be met in the near future. The government promulgated Myanmar Paddy Trading Policy on 23 April 2003 for trade development in accordance with the market-oriented economic system.

In order to earn more foreign exchange, it is needed to produce more quality rice to be able to compete with rice exporting countries in Southeast Asia such as Vietnam and Cambodia.

Production of quality

rice calls for systematic storing of paddy and use of quality rice mills.

Nowadays, rice consuming nations prefer quality rice. Myanmar still has weak points in producing finished products if compared with other countries. The nation's exports are to be better than that of other countries in quality.

He spotlighted the importance rice mills that can produce quality rice.

In conclusion, he urged rice millers to store paddy

systematically before milling it, produce export quality rice, seek innovations, and pay attention to the drive for bringing down rice prices.

Next, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and UMFCCI President U Win Myint made speeches. The master of ceremonies read the EC's annual report of Myanmar Rice Millers' Association and financial statement and sought the approval of those present. To hail the AGM, MRMA donated K 500,000

each to the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

Then, 27 wellwishers donated K 6,050,000 and the master of ceremonies announced the resignation of the executive committee for 2005-2007. Deputy Director General U Myo Oo of Directorate of Trade announced the list of the new executive committee for 2007-2009 with U Tin Win as chairman and U

Thaug Win as general secretary. Afterwards, MRMA Chairman U Tin Win delivered a speech and the meeting concluded.

Before the meeting, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and party viewed paddy dryers, domestically produced machines and parts for rice mills, vehicles and Bayrol motor oil used in CNG vehicles manufactured by various private companies. In the evening, the chairman of the association hosted dinner to those present. — MNA

Goodwill delegation from Yunnan Provincial Command visits Muse

YANGON, 29 June — The visiting Chinese goodwill delegation headed by Deputy Commander of Yunnan Provincial Command of the People's Republic of China Major-General Lin Tinggui left here for Lashio on 27 June.

They were welcomed at the airport by Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint of North East Command and

senior military officers.

The delegation, accompanied by Col San Shwe Tha of Kutkai Station and officials, proceeded to Muse and observed regional developments.

In the evening, a dinner was hosted in honour of the goodwill delegation by Col San Shwe Tha of Kutkai Station at Shweli Yeiktha in Muse. Later, the delegation

visited downtown Muse.

Yesterday, the goodwill delegation paid a visit to Shweli-Kyegaung Border Checkpoint (Nandaw) and went to Jade Museum in Star Tourism Building. They also paid obeisance to Lweteinkham Sutaungpyay Pyitawpyan Pagoda on Lweteinkham hill in Muse and donated cash to the pagoda.

The Chinese

delegation proceeded to 105-mile Border Trade Zone Checkpoint and officials of Border Trade Department conducted them around the checkpoint. The delegation visited 1200-ton Cold Storage of Fish and Prawn Export Camp of National Progress Private Co Ltd and responsible persons conducted them around the camp.—MNA

UN Under Secretary-General meets correspondents

YANGON, 29 June — Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy, visiting UN Under Secretary-General and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, met member correspondents of

Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club at the departure lounge of Yangon International Airport this morning.

Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy, UN Under Secretary-General and Special Representative of the UNSC for Children and Armed Conflict, accompanied by UNDP Resident Representative Mr Charles James Petrie and UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha, explained the purpose of her tour of Myanmar related to children and armed conflict to the correspondents.

Next, the UN Under Secretary-General replied to the queries raised by the correspondents. — MNA



Deputy Commander of Yunnan Provincial Command Major-General Lin Tinggui and party visit Shweli-Kyegaung Border Checkpoint (Nandaw).—MNA

Basic Journalism Course of USDA concludes

YANGON, 29 June — Basic Journalism Course No 9 organized by Union Solidarity and Development Association concluded at the headquarters of USDA in Bahan Township today.

Secretariat Member of USDA U Thaug delivered a concluding address.

In his address, U Thaug said during the course, all trainees learnt the reporting on national policy, development reporting, collecting information, publishing newspapers, organizational set-up of a press house, article writing, news gathering for the national security, modern media techniques, photo and TV journalism, radio journalism, editing for TV news, composing poems and drawing cartoons.

He also quoted the speech of Patron of USDA Senior-General Than Shwe made at Special Refresher Course No 4 of USDA as saying that human resource development is necessary for building the peaceful, modern and developed nation.

The State must support its three forces—the organization force, the economic force and the



Secretariat Member of USDA U Thaug delivers an address at conclusion of Basic Journalism Course No 9.—MNA

defence force — so that they could become stronger ones. The stability of political conditions of a country could lead to the development of the economy of it or vice versa. If the defence power of the country is sufficient, the country will enjoy peace and stability and booming economy. Moreover, the democratic system would emerge in the country. Those who rely on foreign countries and hold negative views have resorted to creating unrests and deterioration in the country. Therefore, it is required to build a strong national reconsolidation in the country. All trainees are to observe the guidance of Senior-General Than Shwe.

Internal and external

destructive elements have criticized participation of USDA joining hands with the government in implementing the development tasks and interfered in internal affairs of the State. It is known to all that some media of foreign countries made fabricated news and broke the journalistic ethics.

Therefore, trainees of the journalism course are

to work hard to take a counter media offensive against false news of foreign media and to have influence on the people, he said.

In his concluding remarks, the Secretariat Member of USDA U Thaug urged trainees to actively take part in building the discipline flourishing democratic nation and in implementing the seven-

point Road Map; to apply information technologies to media work of the association to cover news extensively and to try hard to become good mediemen and organizers.

Afterwards, U Thaug awarded outstanding

trainees of the course and lecturers and instructors. Daw Phyu Sin Thant of Kayah State won the first prize; Daw Htar Htar Shwe of Mon State the second and Daw San San Aye of Yangon Division the third. — MNA

Chinese goodwill delegation arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June — The visiting Chinese goodwill delegation headed by Deputy Commander of Yunnan Provincial Command of the People's Republic of China Major-General Lin Tinggui arrived here from Lashio of Shan State (North) this morning.

They were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Lt-Col Kyaw Soe of Nay Pyi Taw Command and senior military officers.—MNA

UN Under Secretary-General visits Bagan-NyaungU, Mandalay, Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June — A UN delegation led by Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy, UN Under Secretary-General and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict visited Myanmar from 25 to 29 June.

The delegation was accompanied by UNDP Resident Coordinator Mr Charles J Petrie and UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha. The delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Director-General U Soe Win of Protocol Department and Deputy Director-General U Paw Lwin Sein of Training, Research and Foreign Language Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On 25 June, the UN delegation visited the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (MMCWA) and also had a meeting with Wa national race group of Shan State (North) Special Region-2. They also paid homage to the Shwedagon Pagoda.

On 26 June, the UN delegation proceeded to Nay Pyi Taw where the delegation members were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Director-General U Hla Myint of International Organizations and Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The delegation called on Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha at the respective ministries.

In the evening, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe hosted a dinner in honour of the delegation at Shwe Nan

Daw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

On 27 June, the delegation paid a courtesy call on Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein at the SPDC Office in Nay Pyi Taw. Next, the delegation left on a sightseeing tour of Bagan-NyaungU.

Yesterday, the delegation flew from Bagan-NyaungU to Mandalay and visited famous pagodas in Mandalay. After that, they left for Yangon.

While in Yangon, they gave a private debriefing for the UN country team at the UNDP Office.

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Man loses foot in mine blast

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—A man on his way to the woods near the village where he lives to pluck Danyin (djenkol bean) fruit at about 7.30 am on 24 June, lost his right foot when he treaded on the mine planted by insurgents.

He is U Po Saw Mu, 30, son of U Po Thi, of Mezaungwa Village in Shwegyin Township.

Now, he is in bed at Shwegyin Township People's Hospital. Responsible officials are providing assistance for him. Officials concerned and local people are making investigation into the case to expose the perpetrators.

Insurgents are committing subversive acts through various means to destabilize the State, undermine the stability and peace of the State and law and order and create public panic.—MNA

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NLD harming interests of the State and the people, sticking to seizing power, ignoring national reconsolidation process

YANGON, 29 June—Four members of Patheingyi Township, Ayeyawady Division, National League for Democracy resigned from the party of their own volition on 21 June.

U Aung Kyaw Myint, U Myo Win, U Than Htay and U Sein Htay sent their resignation letters to the NLD Headquarters and local administrative bodies.

In the letters sent to the Patheingyi Township Multi-Party General Election Sub-commission, they said they no longer wished to remain NLD members as the party, instead of carrying out pure party politics only, is sticking to seizing power, ignoring the process of national reconsolidation and harming the interests of the State and the people. This was why they made up their mind to leave the party of their own accord, they said. — MNA

Malaysia's first astronaut to take off for "ISS" on 10 Oct

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 June — The first Malaysian astronaut is expected to take off for the International Space Station (ISS) on 10 October, Science, Technology and Innovations Minister Datuk Seri Dr Jamaludin Jarjis said here Thursday.

Under the contract, the preliminary launching date was 2 October, but Russia had set the new date which might also be changed again, according to the report by Malaysia's national news agency Bernama.

The delay was due, among others, to technical factors like the recent damage to the carbon dioxide filter system in the ISS, he said. "Everything depends on Russia's discretion. We have been told not to be surprised if there would be further delays," he told a Press conference at Istana Negara, Kuala Lumpur.

The Malaysian Government would be informed of the official launching date one month ahead, he said before having an audience with the King, Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin and the country's two astronaut candidates, Dr Faiz Khaleed and Dr Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor.

Dr Faiz and Dr Sheikh Muszaphar, who went to Russia on October 9 last year, had completed the theoretical training at the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Centre, Jamaludin said. — MNA/Xinhua



A woman displays a pure silver Bauhinia Flower brooch designed by Chinese sculptor Zhu Bingren to mark the 10th Anniversary of the handover of Hong Kong to China, in Hangzhou, in China's eastern Zhejiang Province, on 26 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Global mobile phone use to hit record 3.25 billion

LONDON, 29 June — Global mobile phone use will top 3.25 billion — equivalent to around half the world's population — in 2007 as cell phone demand booms in China, India and Africa, a survey said on Wednesday.

From African farmers to Chinese factory workers, mobile phone subscriptions will pass the three billion mark in July and exceed 3.25 billion by the end of the year, according to a report by UK-based telecoms analysis company The Mobile World.

The world's population is forecast to hit around 6.6 billion in July, according to US figures.

Along with the Internet, the mobile phone has revolutionized communication. The mobile phone has spread from city whiz kids to Brazilian slum dwellers.

More than 1,000 new customers are effectively signing up for mobile phones every minute around the world, the survey showed.

"It took over 20 years to connect the first billion subscribers, but only 40 months to connect the second billion," said The Mobile World Co-Founder John Tysoe. "The three billion milestone will be passed in July 2007, just two years on." — MNA/Reuters

Tonga to become WTO's 151st member next month

GENEVA, 29 June — The tiny South Pacific state of Tonga will become the World Trade Organization's 151st member on July 27, the WTO said on Wednesday. Tonga, an

archipelago between Hawaii and New Zealand, has a population of about 117,000. Its accession was cleared by the world trade body in December 2005 but needed government

approval to become final.

The ratification was deposited with the Geneva-based WTO on 27 June and automatically becomes effective one month later.

Farm goods such as squash, coconuts, bananas and vanilla beans make up two-thirds of the aid-dependent Commonwealth country's exports. It imports much of its food from New Zealand.

Only a handful of the world's important economies remain outside the WTO, whose members are struggling to wrap up a pact on cutting international tariffs and subsidies. Russia and Ukraine are negotiating entry, and Iran is not a member. — MNA/Reuters



Chinese acrobats perform in Moscow, Russia on 27 June, 2007. The performance inaugurates the Beijing Week in the Russian capital as a part of the ongoing "Year of China" in Russia celebrations. — XINHUA

Pills better than injections in treating young pneumonia patients

LONDON, 29 June — A group of researchers from the University of Nottingham said Wednesday in a report that pills are better than injections for treating children infected with community-acquired pneumonia.

Child patients taking pills recover as quickly as those receiving injections but suffer less pain, and require less oxygen

therapy, the report said.

The report was based on research on 243 child patients of community-acquired pneumonia. They were enrolled over a 21-month period at eight British hospitals, with half of them assigned to receive anti-biotic pills and the other half to receive antibiotics intravenously.

Researchers found that both types of

treatment are effective in tackling the illness and the former actually had a number of advantages.

One of the leading researchers, Terence Stephenson, said the majority of child patients would still require hospital treatment, while oral medication at home could be tolerated if the disease only lasts for a short period of time. — MNA/Xinhua

Flood-hit areas in N England braced for more rain

LONDON, 29 June — Britain was braced for more rain on Thursday, with forecasters warning that an inch of water could fall overnight in northern England, the Midlands and Wales, with heavier showers likely at the weekend.

The extra rainfall could put pressure on areas already affected by flooding this week that lead to the deaths of four people, the Met Office said in a severe weather warning.

Forecasters said they were concerned about another weather front which could bring up to two inches of rain across

many parts of Britain on Saturday and Sunday.

"This further rainfall, on top of what has already been a record breaking wet June for some, will only add to the problems being faced across parts of England and Wales," the Met Office said.

"The hardest hit areas are likely to see further

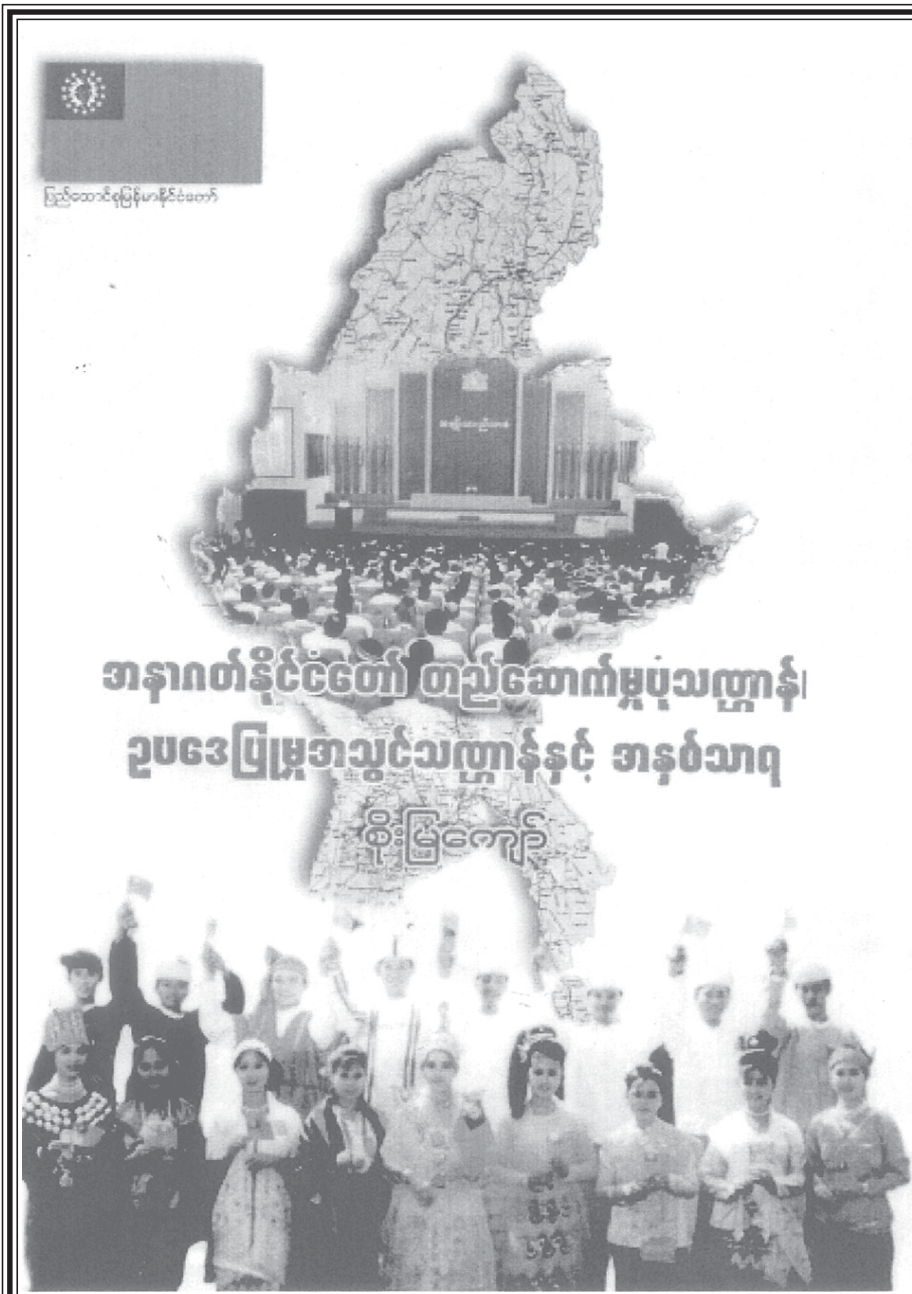
significant rainfall, only exacerbating the flooding which has already occurred.

As much as three or four inches fell in places on Monday, flooding about 1,000 properties in around Sheffield, Nottingham, Leeds, Rotherham, Leeds, and Shropshire.

MNA/Reuters



Flood defenses hold back the swollen river Severn as it flows past the The Plough Inn in Upton on Severn, Worcestershire, northern England on 28 June, 2007. More severe weather warnings were issued across Britain on Thursday amid fears that the floods, which have claimed at least four lives, could claim more. — INTERNET



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Lebanese troops, gunmen clash in north Lebanon

TRIPOLI (Lebanon), 29 June — Lebanese troops clashed with gunmen in the northern city of Qalamoun early on Thursday, witnesses and security sources said. They said the Army launched a raid at about 1 am (2200 GMT) in Qalamoun, which is on the Mediterranean coast south of Tripoli, and a firefight ensued involving assault rifles and grenades. Army helicopters hovered over the area. The fighting appeared to ease later. There was no immediate information on casualties and the Army could not be immediately reached for comment.—MNA/Reuters

Floods in southeast Australia effect of La Nina

CANBERRA, 29 June — The wetter conditions in parts of the state of Victoria is an effect of La Nina, the Australian National Climate Centre has said. In Gippsland in eastern Victoria, gale force winds are continuing across the region, with rainfalls of more than 150 millimetres in the higher peaks, Australian Broadcasting Corporation radioreported Wednesday. Rivers and creeks are bursting their banks in areas where bushfires razed forests just months ago. A man was earlier taken to hospital with neck injuries when a gum tree crashed onto his car between Stratford and Bairnsdale. State Emergency Service spokesman Kevin Perry was quoted as saying that there have been more than 300 calls for help. "People need to be aware and listen because the flood warnings are going to continue on through the night," he said. MNA/Xinhua

Three new natural sites inscribed on UNESCO World Heritage List

CHRISTCHURCH (New Zealand), 29 June— The World Heritage Committee decided Wednesday to inscribe three new sites on UNESCO's World Heritage List: the Rainforests of the Atsinanana (Madagascar), South China Karst (China), and Jeju Volcanic Island and Lava Tubes (South Korea). The Rainforests of the Atsinanana comprise six national parks distributed along the eastern part of the island. These relic forests are critically important for maintaining ongoing ecological processes necessary for the survival of Madagascar's unique biodiversity, which reflects the island's geological history. The South China Karst Region extends over a surface of half a million square kilometres lying mainly in Yunnan, Guizhou and Guangxi provinces. Jeju Volcanic Island and Lava Tubes comprises three sites that together make up 18,846 hectares, 10.3 per cent of the surface area of Jeju Island, the southernmost territory of the Republic of Korea. MNA/Xinhua



An employee of Darica Zoo sprays water on a tortoise to cool it off during a heatwave in Istanbul on 28 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Heat brings pythons to urban areas in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 29 June — A total of five pythons leaving their jungle habitat for cooler shelter in urban areas have been caught in the southeastern Chittagong District in the last seven days, local newspaper The Daily Star reported on Thursday. Unable to withstand sweltering heat, the pythons have been leaving their natural habitat at hilly areas looking for cooler shelter at city localities in Chittagong, experts said. Experts observed that since the pythons of this region cannot stand scorching heat, they usually move towards the urban areas when the temperature goes up beyond their tolerance level. Zoologists in Chittagong said that the local pythons of "Indian Python" species can bear temperature from 23 degree Celsius to a maximum of 32 degree Celsius, while the average temperature in the port city for the last seven days was 33.31 degree Celsius.— MNA/Xinhua

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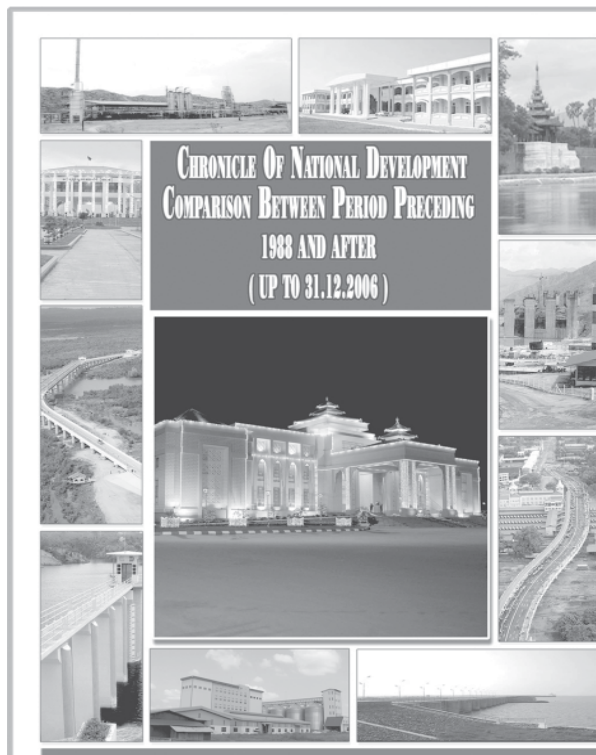
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Blair to serve as Middle East peace envoy

LONDON, 28 June— Tony Blair will serve as peace envoy to the Middle East after stepping down from the post of British prime minister on Wednesday, British newspaper *Guardian* reported. An official announcement of the "new post" will be made Tuesday after a meeting of the so-called Mideast Quartet, comprising the United Nations, the European Union, the United States and Russia, *Guardian* said.

Blair will be working in offices in Jerusalem and the West Bank on issues related to security, economy and governance with the Palestinians, preparing them for negotiations with Israel, said the newspaper.

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Pakistanis, Indians, struggle to help storm victims

QUETTA (Pakistan), 28 June — Pakistani rescue workers struggled on Wednesday to reach villagers, some stranded in trees, after a cyclone hit the coast, while in India, snakes and scorpions hampered efforts to help storm victims.

Early rainy season storms in South Asia have killed nearly 400 people since late last week and more bad weather for at least parts of the region was on the way, weather officials said. Up to 60,000 people in the southwestern Pakistani province of Baluchistan were affected

by a cyclone that hit on Tuesday, killing at least 17 people.

"The situation is out of our hands, it's out of control. The entire town has been inundated and people have taken refuge in tall buildings and trees," Rauf Rind, the mayor of the town of Kach, told *Reuters* by telephone.

The Kach District was also in danger from an overflowing dam, said provincial government spokesman Raziq Bugti.

Stretches of road and several bridges along the coast have been swept away while communications with worst-hit areas are patchy and much

of the coast is without power, officials said. "We are really facing difficulties in evacuating stranded residents," said Bugti. "There's no road links and we have just one option—that's helicopters — but they can't be used unless the sky is clear."

Scattered rain was expected until Thursday.

In neighbouring India, authorities have been evacuating tens of thousands of people threatened by flooding as the toll from havoc wrecked by the arrival of the rainy season topped 150.

Thousands of villages have been left without basic services in the worst-hit

southern state, Andhra Pradesh, and some villagers were stranded on rooftops for a fifth day.

The town of Kurnool, 215 kilometres (130 miles) southwest of the state capital, Hyderabad, was badly hit by flooding.

"Rain water has entered into protected drinking water systems in over 500 villages and four towns," said district chief M Danakishore. Snakes and scorpions were hindering efforts by soldiers trying to clear debris from 1,200 kilometres (745 miles) of roads and plugging breaches in 120 reservoirs, authorities said.

MNA/Reuters

US House Panel calls for Japan sex slave apology

WASHINGTON, 28 June— A resolution calling on Japan to officially apologize for pressing thousands of women into sexual servitude in World War II won strong approval on Tuesday from a US congressional committee.

The resolution introduced by Japanese-American lawmaker Mike Honda was approved 39 to 2 by the US House of Representatives International Relations Committee in a step that allows the non-binding measure to move to the full House.

The symbolic statement of US Congressional sentiment on the issue, which has caused political controversy in Japan, will have no bearing on US policy toward its most important Asian ally.

Representative Tom Lantos, the committee chairman, launched debate on the resolution with a statement calling Japan "our greatest friend in Asia and one of our closest partners in the world".

"Yet, Japan's refusal to make an official government apology to the women who suffered

as so-called 'comfort women' is disturbing to all who value this relationship," said Lantos, a California Democrat.

MNA/Reuters

US Govt grants California \$125m for bioenergy

LOS ANGELES, 28 June— California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on Tuesday

announced a 125-million-dollar grant for California's research effort for bioenergy.

Schwarzenegger said in a statement that the grant was awarded by the US Department of Energy (DoE) to fund a collaborative effort in California to develop alternative energy sources from plant materials.

With this grant, the Joint Bioenergy Institute near Berkeley, San Francisco is to bring new technologies to market within five years.

"I am very pleased that

California is receiving this important grant that will lead to the development of cleaner burning fuels and less dependency on foreign oil," said the governor. "California has more scientists, engineers and researchers and invests more on research and development than any other state," said Schwarzenegger.

"We will reap tremendous rewards for our economy and environment by keeping California at the forefront of the clean tech revolution."

MNA/Xinhua



Smoke rises from Gaza as seen from Israel's Karni Crossing, on 27 June, 2007. — INTERNET

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White House refuses to answer subpoenas over firings of federal prosecutors

WASHINGTON, 28 June — The White House Thursday refused to supply documents subpoenaed by congressional panels over the firings of several federal prosecutors last year.

The White House asserted executive privilege for its refusal to provide the documents to the Senate and House judiciary committees.

President George W Bush was not willing to provide the committees with documents “revealing internal White House communications or

to accede to your desire for senior advisors to testify at public hearings,” White House counsel Fred Fielding said in a letter to the chairmen of the two committees.

“We had hoped this matter could conclude with your committees receiving information in lieu of having to invoke executive privilege. Instead, we are at this conclusion,” he said.

The Senate and House committees issued the subpoenas last month for papers relating to the firings of eight pro-

secutors last year, and Thursday was the deadline for the White House to hand over the documents.

The subpoenas also required former presidential counsel Harriet Miers and former political director Sara Taylor to testify before the committees in their investigations over the firings.

Eight US attorneys were fired last year, and many lawmakers believed the dismissals were politically motivated. —Xinhua



Ang Lee's new film "Lust Caution" has been invited to compete for a Golden Lion award at this year's Venice Film Festival in August, the Shanghai-based Oriental Morning Post reported recently. Main players of "Lust Caution". — INTERNET

Microsoft releases beta of two web-based applications

BEIJING, 28 June — Microsoft released a beta of two new web-based applications for storing and sharing photos and files — Live Photo Gallery and Live Photo Folder.

Live Photo Gallery allows people to easily sharing, editing, organizing and printing of photos and digital home videos stored on their computers.

Windows Live Folders provides 500MB free Microsoft's online storage service, aiming to make it easier to share and control access to files stored online.

The effort represents Microsoft's broad ambition in a growing area of the software industry.

“It's a competitive advantage for us because while some companies offer just one or the other, offering software and services together makes for a stronger customer experience,” said Chris Jones on Tuesday, corporate vice president, Windows Live experience programme management at Microsoft. — Internet



People queue for free cold drinks given out during a promotion outside Philadelphia's City Hall as temperatures climbed into the 90s on 27 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Singapore builds \$140m microbial manufacturing plant

SINGAPORE, 29 June— US-based biotechnology giant Genentech started to build a 140-million-US-dollar microbial manufacturing facility here Thursday, another shot in the arm for Singapore's biologics industry.

When it is fully operational, the plant will employ about 100 staff members and produce two cutting-edge cancer drugs Avastin and Herceptin, as well as Lucentis, a treatment for wet age-related macular degeneration.

S Iswaran, Singapore's Minister of State for Trade

and Industry, praised it a strategic investment for Singapore's fast growing biopharmaceuticals industry.

Singapore has identified the biomedical sciences as a key pillar for its manufacturing industry, and has been trying to put in place the requisite policies and resources to make the country a conducive location for world-class biomedical sciences activities including pharmaceutical manufacturing.

According to the minister, Singapore now is host to eight of the world's top pharmaceutical companies that have cumulatively set up 24 chemical-based pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities here.

MNA/Xinhua

New type of rodent embryonic stem cell found

BEIJING, 28 June — A new type of rodent embryonic stem cell, which is more similar to its human counterparts than current mouse stem cells, has been discovered, according to the *Nature* on Wednesday.

The new mouse embryonic stem cells could provide a useful model to further understanding of human stem cells, which effectively constitute a “missing link” between mouse and human embryonic stem cells, according to Roger Pedersen, leader of the Cambridge group.

“The real advantage is that you now have another model to look at the underlying mechanisms related to stem cells becoming differentiated,” said Paul San-

berg, professor of neurosurgery and director of the University of South Florida Center for Aging and Brain Repair in Tampa.

Internet

Health workers jailed in Kazakh baby AIDS death case

SHYMKENT (Kazakhstan), 28 June — A Kazakh court jailed more than a dozen health workers on Wednesday for infecting 78 babies with HIV/AIDS but provoked parents' outrage for sparing senior officials.

Ten babies have died as a result of being infected. A group of medical workers went on trial in the southern city of Shymkent in January on charges of criminal negligence for allowing the children to be infected, mainly through blood

transfusions in hospitals.

Campaigners accuse the oil-producing former Soviet state of doing too little to improve hospitals, raise medical standards and root out discrimination against HIV-positive patients.

MNA/Reuters



A helicopter and firefighters respond to a wildfire in Olowalu, Hawaii, on 27 June, 2007.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Malaysia lose 2-0 to Jamaica

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 June — Malaysia lost 2-0 to Jamaica on Thursday in their final warm-up match before next month's Asian Cup.

Goals in quick succession from Christopher Harvey and Wolry Wolfe just before halftime were enough to give Jamaica the first win of their Asian tour following defeats by Vietnam (3-0) and Indonesia (2-1).

It was Malaysia's second straight defeat, having lost 3-1 to United Arab Emirates last week. In their first warm-up match on June 18, Malaysia beat Cambodia 6-0.

"I don't think that the loss was demoralizing on the team as the players realize that this is just a friendly," Malaysian coach Norizan Bakar told journalists.

Malaysia play their first Group C match of the Asian Cup against China on July 10. They also face Iran and Uzbekistan in the group stages. The Asian Cup runs from July 7-29.

MNA/Reuters

Hewitt eases through against Bolleli

LONDON, 29 June — Lleyton Hewitt showed his early exit from Queen's was just a blip when he eased through to the third round at Wimbledon with a 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 win over Italian Simone Bolleli on Thursday.

Bolleli, playing in only his third grasscourt event, had no answer to the 2002 Wimbledon champion's pin-point groundstrokes and improved serve, which provided Hewitt with 14 aces.

"It's always good to get through these matches, the Australian told reporters.

Hewitt won the Court One tie on his first match point when his forehand hit the net cord and ball dinked over leaving Bolleli no chance.

Before Wimbledon, Hewitt had lost his only match on grass this season with a surprise defeat by France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga at the Queen's Club championships earlier this month.

He said he had also found his first round match against Briton Richard Bloomfield tough going but the win over Bolleli, ranked 65 in the world, had been a big step up.

Hewitt, who won the US Open in 2001, will face Guillermo Canas in the next round after the Argentine beat Belarussian Max Mirnyi 6-7, 6-1, 7-6 7-6.

MNA/Reuters



Japan's Akiko Morigami plays a return during her singles match against Russia's Dinara Safina at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London on 28 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Dunga blames missed chances for Brazil defeat

PUERTO RORDAZ, 29 June — Brazil coach Dunga said his team was on the right track, despite losing 2-0 to Mexico in his first competitive game in charge on Wednesday.

"What we have to be frustrated about are the chances we missed in the second half," he said. "We created a number of chances but their goalkeeper had an inspirational evening."

"Our team is on the right path, we just have to sort out a few details."

Defending champions Brazil conceded two goals in an eight-minute spell during the first half of the Group B match.

They improved dramatically after Alfonso and Anderson replaced Diego and Elano at halftime but were repeatedly thwarted by Mexico goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa.

Brazil, the defending champions, face Chile in their next match on Sunday needing a win to stay alive in the group.

"The idea of being eliminated hasn't crossed our minds," said captain Gilberto Silva. — MNA/Reuters



Oman's Ahmed Hadid (21) fights for the ball with North Korea's Jong Su Hyok (19) during their Singapore Invitational Tournament soccer match in Singapore on 28 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Sarkozy condemns LFP decision over Roux

PARIS, 29 June — French President Nicolas Sarkozy condemned on Thursday a decision by the French Professional Soccer League (LFP) not to allow Guy Roux to be named Racing Lens coach because he is too old.

The 68-year-old Roux, who was appointed by Lens earlier this month, cannot act as head coach because he is over the age limit of 65, the LFP ruled.

"He (Sarkozy) finds this decision regrettable", Sarkozy's spokesman told reporters.

"The President believes it is the rule that is old, not Guy Roux," he added.

Roux had earlier said he was determined to fight the LFP ruling.

"The legal commission (of the LFP) would not homologate my coaching contract because it violates one of its clauses which is discriminating and against the French and European laws," Roux told France Info radio.

"I knew this would happen. The LFP charter is being implemented but I think it is illegal and something should now be done about it."

French Economy Minister Christine Lagarde immediately joined the debate, telling France Info: "It moves me. I think it's stupid to tell someone good and competent you can't work because you're too old."

"I think these age limits ... we should think about eliminating them. If Guy Roux is good, and I think he is a great coach, he must be able to coach."

MNA/Reuters



Malaysia's Mohamad Safee Sali (R) takes a shot at goal as Jamaica's Christopher Harvey tries to intercept during their friendly soccer match in Kuala Lumpur on 28 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Real Madrid sack Capello despite title win

MADRID, 29 June — Real Madrid sacked coach Fabio Capello on Thursday, 11 days after he led them to their first Primera Liga title in four years.

The 61-year-old Italian, who also won the league title with Real in the 1996-97 season during his first spell at the club, had two years left to run on his contract.

"We have taken the decision not to continue with Fabio Capello next season," said Real Madrid sporting director Predrag Mijatovic.

"It was a difficult decision, but it was a unanimous decision based on an exhaustive report I made to the board."

MNA/Reuters



Russia's Maria Sharapova serves to Severine Bremond of France during a Women's Singles tennis match at Wimbledon, on 28 June, 2007.

INTERNET

Sharapova eases into third round

LONDON, 29 June — Number two seed Maria Sharapova eased through the second round at Wimbledon on Thursday with an almost effortless 6-0, 6-3 victory over France's Severine Bremond.

Bremond, 35 places behind the stylish Russian in the world rankings, looked headed for an embarrassing whitewash in a one-sided first set.

The French player, who was a Wimbledon quarter-finalist last year, put up a brief fight in the second set.

But Sharapova, who won Wimbledon at the age of 17 in 2004, never looked seriously troubled on a windswept Centre Court and earned a third-round tie against Japan's Ai Sugiyama.

MNA/Reuters

Endangered deer species thriving in wild

NANJING, 29 June — Seventeen baby milus, commonly known Pere David's Deer, were born in the wild along east China's seaboard since the beginning of the year.

There are now 100 of the endangered deer living in the wild at the Dafeng Nature Reserve for Pere David's Deer inside eastern Jiangsu Province, according

to Ding Yuhua, deputy director of the nature reserve.

The milu is a species of deer that is unique to China. It thrived in the

central and lower Yangtze River basin. The deer gets its English name from a French missionary and naturalist, Father or "Pere" David, who came to China in the 1800s and spread the news of this species to Europe.

Milu has antlers with a main branched anterior segment, with the points extending backwards. This deer's summer coat is reddish tan in colour and becomes woollier and dark grey in the winter.

In Chinese it is called 'sibuxiang' which translates as 'none of the four'. This strange name refers to the deer's appearance that has the neck of a camel, hooves of a cow, the tail of a donkey, and antlers of a deer.

Overhunting and the loss of its habitats led to the near extinction of the species

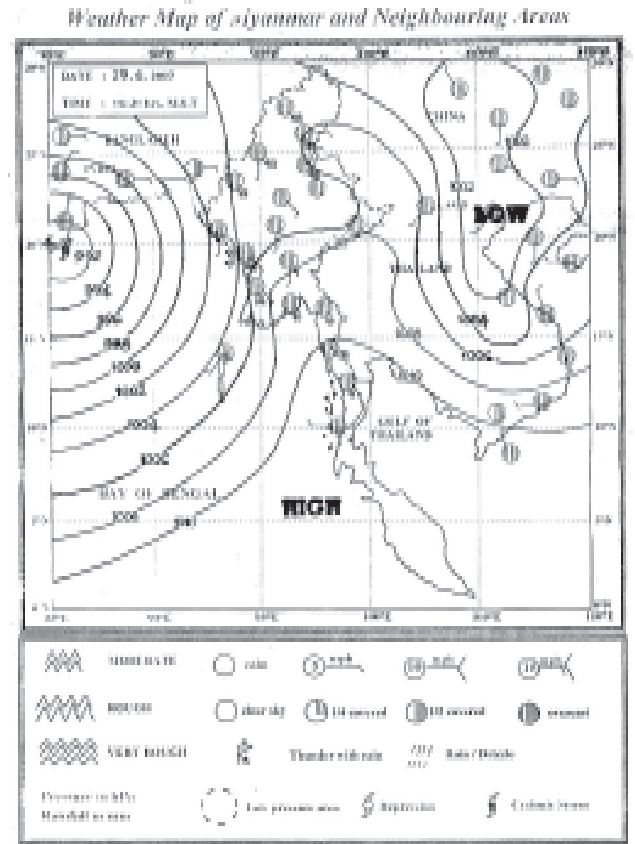
in the early 20th Century.

Thirty-nine Pere David's Deer were bred at the Woburn Abbey Wildlife park in Britain and introduced to the coastal tidal zones near Dafeng, in 1986 in a programme sponsored by Chinese forestry departments in cooperation with World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

The coastal tidal zones in Dafeng have since been turned into a nature reserve, said Mr. Deng.

Workers at the administration for Dafeng Nature Reserve for Pere David's Deer first released eight captive-bred milu into the wild on 5 November, 1998.— MNA/Xinhua

Shi Hyun Ahn, of South Korea, watches her putt go in on the fifth hole during the first round at the 2007 Women's US Open golf championship in Southern Pines, NC, on 28 June, 2007.
INTERNET



WEATHER
Friday, 29 June, 2007
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been scattered in Shan, Kayah and Kayin States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Mon States, lower Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (2.99) inches, Kyaukpyu (2.88) inches, Sittway (2.83) inches, Hmawbi (2.75) inches, Myintkyina (2.64) inches, Kyauktaw (2.36) inches and Maungtaw (2.28) inches.

Maximum temperature on 28-6-2007 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 29-6-2007 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 29-6-2007 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 28-6-2007 was (Nil).
Rainfall on 29-6-2007 was (0.51) inch at Mingaladon, (0.63) inch at Kaba-Aye, (0.75) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (49.88) inches at Mingaladon, (54.76) inches at Kaba-Aye and (51.81) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (17:30) hours MST on 28-6-2007.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the tropical depression over the West Central and adjoining Northwest Bay has crossed the Orrissa Coast near Puri, India. Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and strong to vigorous elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 30-6-2007: Rain will be widespread in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Mon and Kayin States and Taninthayi Division and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea will be experienced at times off and along Deltaic and Rakhine Coast, Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar Waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.
Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 30-6-2007: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 30-6-2007: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 30-6-2007: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather outlook for first weekend of July 2007: During the coming weekend, one or two rain in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay Division and some rain in Yangon Division.



- Saturday, 30 June**
Tune in today
- 8:30 am** Brief news
 - 8:35 am** Music:
-I lay my love on you
 - 8:40 am** Perspectives
 - 8:45 am** Music:
-Butterfly
 - 8:50 am** National news
 - 9:00 am** Music:
-You are the ones
 - 9:05 am** International news
 - 9:10 am** Music:
-All of this
 - 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
 - 1:40pm** Music at your request
-Send me a lover
-Denying
 - 9:00pm** ASEAN news Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
 - 9:20pm** Myanma Culture ... Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
-The month of waso... I
 - 9:30 pm** Souvenirs
-Love letter in the sand
 - 9:45 pm** News /Slogan
 - 10:00 pm** PEL



Saturday, 30 June
View on today

- 7:00 am**
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်တော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂူရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am**
 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am**
 3. To be healthy exercises
- 7:30 am**
 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
 5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am**
 6. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am**
 7. Musical programme
- 8:10 am**
 8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am**
 9. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

- 8:30 am**
 10. International news
- 8:45 am**
 11. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am**
 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am**
 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am**
 3. News
- 11:40 am**
 4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm**
 5. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:35 pm**
 6. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 12:45 pm**
 7. "လေဆန်ငှက်တို့အိမ်အပြန်" (စုလှိုင်နှင်း၊ ပပဝင်းခင်၊ သင်းသင်းယုလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)
- 2:15 pm**
 8. Dance of national races
- 2:30 pm**
 9. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (တီကွမ်ကျောက်မီးသွေး သတ္တုတွင်း)
- 2:45 pm**
 10. International news
- 4:00 pm**
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
 3. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

- 4:40 pm**
 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု)(ရက္ခဗေဒ)
- 4:55 pm**
 5. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:05 pm**
 6. Musical programme
- 5:10 pm**
 7. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 5:45 pm**
 8. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (သဘာဝဂုဏ်အင်ထူးမြား အလှဆင်သင်ပုန်းကျောက်များ)
- 6:00 pm**
 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
 11. အလှရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm**
 12. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 7:10 pm**
 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမားတော်"(အပိုင်း-၃၈)
- 8:00 pm**
 14. News
- 8:00 pm**
 15. International news
- 8:00 pm**
 16. Weather report
- 8:00 pm**
 17. လပတ်မိုးလေဝသနှင့်ဇလဗေဒ ခန့်မှန်းချက်
- 8:00 pm**
 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာနောင်ကြီး" (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 8:00 pm**
 19. The next day's programme

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Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Their Sein inspects preparations for reconvening of National Convention at Nyaunghnapin Camp



Lt-Gen Their Sein inspects Pyidaungsu Hall at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.—MNA

YANGON, 29 June — Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Their Sein this afternoon inspected preparatory tasks for the National Convention to be reconvened on 18 July 2007, at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, and

gave necessary instructions.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and officials, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Their Sein arrived at Nyaunghnapin Camp at 3.30 pm. They were welcomed by Chairman

of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Vice-Chairman Maj-Gen Than Htay, officials of the National Convention Convening Commission, the NCC Work Committee and the NCC Management Committee, chairmen and officials of the subcommittees.

The Secretary-1 inspected preparatory tasks for the NC at Pyidaungsu Hall and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 viewed the tasks of preparations for the convenience of the delegates at the meeting room of the NCCC at Anawrahta Yeiktha, Bagan Mess Hall, the office of the Supply Group of Invitation and Reception Subcommittee, the office of Invitation and

Reception Subcommittee, men's and women's hostels, preparations at the Mess Hall No 1 for serving daily meals to the National Convention delegates and Win Thuza Shop opened by the Ministry of Industry-1 for the convenience of the NC delegates.

The Secretary-1 also inspected the gym for enabling the delegates to take exercises, the table tennis hall and sports equipment, the golf training range and

Nyaunghnapin Station Hospital to provide necessary health care services for the delegates.

After inspecting the facilities, the Secretary-1 instructed officials to manage providing of basic needs, welfare and health care services for the convenience of the delegates.

In the evening, the Secretary-1 left Nyaunghnapin Camp of Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.

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Results of remote areas aired

YANGON, 30 June — The Radio Myanmar will air results of the 2007 matriculation examination for exam centres from remote areas of States and Divisions from 41.75 m at 8:30 am on Saturday today.

The exam centres of the remote areas are: Tanai, Machanbaw, Putao, Nagmon, Phakant, Sumprabum and Chibwe of Kachin State, Papun, Kya-in-Seikkyi and Kamamoung of Kayin State, Kanpetlet, Matupi, Mindat and Paletwa of Chin State, Gwa, Kyeintali, Zayetkonkhin and

Manaung of Rakhine State, Momeik, Namhsan (North), Monghsat, Mongkai, Kunlong, Mongton, Mongping, Mongyan, Maukmai, Mongyawng, Kehsi Mahsam, Kunhing, Hopang, Mongkhat, Mongpan, Mongphyat, Mabein, Mongshu, Tonghon, Mantung and Laukkai of Shan State, Palaw, Bokpyin and Pala of Taninthayi Division, Pauk, Htilin, Saw, Laungshay, Kyaukhtu, Sedoktara and Ngaphe of Magway Division, Nanyun, Leshi and Lahe of Sagaing Division and Cocogyun of Yangon Division. — MNA

Matriculation Examination results announced

YANGON, 30 June— The results of matriculation examination held in March 2007 were announced at 6 am today.

The examination results were simultaneously announced at the examination centres and schools in respective townships, states and divisions.

Besides, the examination results of the states and divisions except Yangon Division were also

announced at No 1 Basic Education High School in Insein Township, No 1 Basic Education High School in Yankin Township, No 3 Basic Education High School in Kamayut Township, No 1 Basic Education High School in Lanmadaw Township, No 2 Basic Education High School in Dagon Township and No 1 Basic Education High School in Thingangyun Township, it is learnt.

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