

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses opening of three-storey main building of Lashio Technological University

Being able to produce human resources in one's own region creates opportunities to build infrastructures for one's own development

National races to safeguard and promote prevailing peace, unity and progress, harmoniously striving for perpetual existence of the Union



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at opening of three-storey main building of Lashio Technological University.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July — A new three-storey main building for Technological University (Lashio) of the Ministry of Science and Technol-

ogy was opened in Lashio, Shan State (North) this morning in the presence of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of

the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveiled the bronze plaque of the uni-

versity.

It was also attended by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Chairman of Shan

State (North) PDC Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, the ministers, the deputy ministers, military offic-

ers of the Lashio Station, officials of the SPDC Office and departmental heads, members of State/District/Township PDCs, members of social organizations, the acting principal of the university, heads of department, faculty members and students, the principals of University of Computer Studies (Lashio) and Lashio University and faculty members, national race leaders of special regions in Shan State (North), guests, nurses, members of national races dance troupe, members of Shan traditional dance troupe and local people.

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Newly opened three-storey main building of Lashio Technological University.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for promotion of socio-economic lives of national people

The government has been making concerted efforts for harmonious and equitable development in all parts of the Union after laying down development plans systematically.

Under the border area development project, 852 primary schools, 90 middle schools and 92 high schools have been built. Under the development programme for townships in far-flung areas, altogether 507 schools were built and 598 schools were renovated in Kachin, Chin, Kayin, Mon and Rakhine States.

Moreover, 27 national race youth development training schools have been opened for children in border areas to enable them to have access to free education.

At present, the government is nurturing national race youths to become qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia capable of applying modern science and technology. Separate plans for youths in the border areas are being undertaken.

Nowadays, there prevails peace and tranquillity across the nation including border areas. At the same time, better economic and social foundations have improved year after year. The people now enjoy the fruits of development and peace.

The new graduates of Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College also need to try to improve the socio-economic lives of the national races and development of border areas while performing their duties in the respective regions with full strength.

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

Officials urged to supervise collection of fixed fare in buses

YANGON, 1 July — The Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport organized the coordination meeting at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters, here, on 29 June.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win instructed the officials to install milometers at CNG taxis,

supervise collection of the fixed fare in buses, submit progress of installation of NGV-1 nozzles and 8mm pipes at NGV buses, coordinate with Public Works and YCDC to maintain roads and provide educative talks on traffic rules to drivers and conductors.

Departmental officials, officials of universities and colleges, personnel of bus lines reported on their respective sectors.

After attending to the needs, the commander gave concluding remarks. — MNA

Minister inspects construction of Bwetyi Bridge



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspects construction tasks of Bwetyi Bridge.— MNA

YANGON, 30 June — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun together with officials of Public Works inspected extension of Pynmana-Taungnyo-Taungdwingyi Road at mile post No 58/0 yesterday.

At the briefing hall of Bwetyi Bridge construction project site, the minister heard reports on progress of work and future tasks, and gave necessary

instructions to the officials.

The total length of the new Bwetyi Bridge is 1,770 feet and the motor road is 28 feet long flanked by 3 feet footpaths. The bridge will withstand 60 tons of load.

The bridge is now under construction.

MNA

PBANRDA Minister attends AGM of Sibin Tharyar Yay Bank Ltd

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt made an address at the Annual General Meeting for 2006-07 of Sibin Tharyar Yay Bank Ltd held at the auditorium of the ministry, here, on 25 June.

It was attended by Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe, members of the Board of Directors, officials concerned and share holders from States and Divisions.

Managing Director U Myo Min of the bank presented the reports and sought the approval of the meeting. Deputy Managing Director U Kyaw Zaw announced the dividends for 2006-07 financial year.

Next, a member of the BOD read out the audit report and share holders took part in discussions on banking services. Later, a three-member audit committee was formed and the meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the minister. — MNA



Minister Col Thein Nyunt addresses Annual General Meeting of Sibin Tharyar Yay Bank Ltd.

PBANRDA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

US image at all-time low in Germany

BERLIN, 30 June — Germany, which was amongst the first nations in the world to express solidarity and sympathy with the United States (US) following the terrorist attacks of 11 Sept, 2001, now seems to have made a 180 degree turnaround as far as the overall US image is concerned.

Public perceptions of the US in Germany have

changed radically in the past six years.

Indeed, the latest public opinion poll conducted by an American research institute called Pew suggests that the standing of the US in the eyes of the Germans has taken a battering and nosedived to an all-time low.

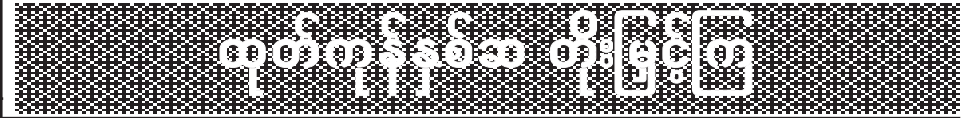
Only 30 per cent of the people questioned in the survey said they had a positive opinion of the US

while 66 per cent said they had a negative one. Four per cent of those questioned were undecided.

Indeed, in no other country in Europe is the US image as bad as in Germany.

More than 45,000 people were polled in the survey conducted in 46 countries as well as the Palestinian territories.

Internet



Russian soldiers sit in the control centre of the Qabala radar station some 230 km (143 miles) northwest of Baku on 30 June, 2007. Russia is primed to upgrade its anti-missile radar in Azerbaijan as part of a joint security measure with the United States proposed by President Vladimir Putin, an army official said on Saturday. — INTERNET

The American fans of Chinese martial arts perform in front of Shizilou Building of Yanggu County, east China's Shandong Province, on 29 June, 2007. Nearly one hundred martial arts fans from Colorado of the United States came here to meet the local kung fu lovers.

XINHUA



Spanish Airport evacuated after warning; no bomb found

MADRID, 30 June — The airport on Spain's Ibiza island in the Mediterranean was evacuated Saturday after an anonymous bomb threat was called into a newspaper office that often receives such calls from the Basque separatist group ETA, but police later determined that a suspicious package was empty, CNN partner station CNN Plus reported.

The caller to the newspaper office reportedly did not mention ETA in this instance.

There was confusion as to whether there had been a police controlled explosion of the suspicious package or not. Some people outside the airport said they had heard what sounded like an explosion, but Interior Ministry sources told CNN Plus that there was no explosion.

There were no immediate reports of injuries.

Internet

US soldier killed in southern Baghdad bombing; 100 US troop deaths in June

BAGHDAD, 30 June — The US military said another American soldier was killed in Iraq this month, bringing the June

toll to 100. One Multi-National Division - Baghdad soldier was killed and three other soldiers were wounded on Fri-

day "when an explosively-formed penetrator detonated" in southern Baghdad during combat, the military said in a statement on Saturday.

In April, 104 American troops were killed and in May 126 troops were killed

—making the April to June time-frame the deadliest three-month stretch for US troops since the Iraqi war began.

That period corresponds with the build-up of the US troop escalation, also known as the "surge."

Internet

Two border patrol police shot in southern Thailand

BANGKOK, 30 June — Two Thai Border Patrol police officers were ambushed and severely wounded in southern Thailand's province of Narathiwat on Friday.

Uaychai Suwanwisut and Prasit Putdam were ambushed as they returned home after finishing their duties. The two were

attacked on a road in Sri Sakhon District, according to the *Thai News Agency*.

Shot in the head, Uaychai was airlifted by helicopter to a hospital in Songkhia while Prasit was shot in the shoulder and taken to a local hospital for treatment.

MNA/Xinhua

British pop sensation Lily Allen has been charged and bailed over an alleged assault on a photographer outside a London club, according to media reports on 29 June, 2007. — INTERNET



Suicide bombing in Iraq's Diyala Province; at least 15 civilians, police recruits dead

BAGHDAD, 30 June — At least 15 civilians and police recruits were killed in Iraq on Saturday when a suicide bomber detonated in a Diyala province town, the Iraqi Interior Ministry said.

The incident took place in Muqdadiya, one of the restive towns in Diyala Province — which sprawls north and east of Baghdad and borders Iran.

Twelve people were wounded as well in the incident, which occurred in an outdoor market and near a police station. The incident occurred at 12:15 pm.

The US military has been conducting an offensive in the Diyala provincial capital of Baquba called Operation Arrowhead Ripper.

Muqdadiya is north-east of Baquba.

Internet

Poll shows most Poles oppose deploying US missile base

WARSAW, 30 June — Sixty per cent of Poles are opposed to the deployment of the US anti-missile shield in their country, according to the latest survey conducted by the Polish CBOS polling centre.

Only 26 per cent of those questioned expressed support for placing such an instal-

lation in Poland, the *Polish News Agency* (PAP) reported Friday.

The percentage of opponents against the shield grew to 60 per cent in June from 55 per cent in February.

The number of Poles without an opinion on the issue has been steadily decreasing due to ongoing discussions about the

proposals, CBOS said, adding that most Poles are concerned over Russia's possible protests and reactions.

The recent short visit by US President George W Bush to Poland did not disperse those fears, it said.

The poll was conducted on 1-4 June.

MNA/Xinhua

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The 21st China Lotus Show with nearly 400 varieties of lotus on display opens in the Liberation Park in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 30 June, 2007.

XINHUA



Hong Kong singer Aaron Kwok performs during the Grand Variety Show in Hong Kong on 30 June, 2007. The show is part of a series of events celebrating the 10th anniversary of Hong Kong's handover to China.

INTERNET

A train moves through a flooded track after heavy rains in Mumbai on 30 June, 2007.

INTERNET



UN shuts down Iraq weapons inspection unit

UNITED NATIONS, 30 June — As the United Nations officially disbanded its weapons inspections unit for Iraq on Friday, the United States again defended faulty intelligence it had cited to justify its 2003 invasion of the country.

Despite US and British suspicions and assertions that Saddam Hussein was developing weapons of mass destruction, no evidence of active programmes to make

chemical, biological or nuclear arms has been found.

In a final report on Thursday, the UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, or UNMOVIC, said its on-the-ground inspections had proven better than intelligence assessments by individual countries.

After the UN Security Council approved a US-British resolution to shut down the inspection unit, the US ambassador to the

United Nations conceded Washington had overestimated Iraq's weapons capability before the invasion.

But Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said that should be set against the fact that Iraq's capabilities were underestimated before the 1991 Gulf War.

"In the events leading to the liberation of Iraq and subsequently, there of course was a mistake — assessments, projections that went in the other direction, overestimating what existed," Khalilzad told reporters.

"We've all learned lessons in hindsight. One would have hoped to have had in both cases more precise information."

Critics of the invasion accuse the Bush Administration of being selective with prewar intelligence and of falsely linking Saddam to Islamic militants from al-Qaeda.

MNA/Reuters

Dog helps Israeli criminal slip short leash

JERUSALEM, 30 June — An Israeli criminal slipped away from house arrest by putting his electronic ankle monitor on his dog, police said on Thursday.

It was not until police came to take Nabil Farumi, convicted of attempted murder, to a sentencing hearing, that he was gone without a trace.

"After we searched the house we saw that he somehow managed to take the monitor off his leg and place it around the neck of his dog, who continued to walk around the house," said Yoram Danieli, a police commander in northern Israel. — MNA/Reuters

Five die in hiking accident in French Alps

PARIS, 30 June — Five hikers died in the French Alps after one man in the group seemed to have slipped and fallen, dragging the rest of the roped party along with him, officials said on Thursday.

The accident near the village of La Chapelle-en-Valgaudemar in southeastern France occurred on Wednesday afternoon, as the group was trying to climb the 3,400-metre high Cime du Vallon summit, local officials said. — MNA/Reuters

US border cops seize parrots hidden in duffel bag

PHOENIX, 30 June — US border police found ten Amazon parrots stuffed in the duffel bag of a man crossing from Mexico, authorities said on Thursday.

Customs and Border Protection officers at the San Ysidro Port of entry, south of San Diego, California, found the small, green birds hidden in a bag in a pickup truck on Tuesday, and arrested the driver, a US citizen. CBP spokesman Vince Bond said the birds were placed in agricultural quarantine and transferred to the Department of Agriculture's veterinary services. — MNA/Reuters

US soldiers kill four Afghan civilians

KABUL, 30 June — US soldiers killed four civilian members of the same family during a raid on Friday in Afghanistan's eastern province of Nangarhar, an Afghan rights body said.

The soldiers also arrested 15 civilians during the pre-dawn raid in Khogiani District which lies in the foothills of the provincial capital Jalalabad, the head of Afghanistan's Human Rights Group said.

MNA/Reuters

ECONOMIC NEWS

Abe hopes Japanese rice fit Chinese diet

TOKYO, 30 June — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe participated on Friday a ceremony marking the start of Japanese export of rice to China and expressed his hope that the agricultural product fit the diet of Chinese people.

Abe said he is happy about the export, which he proposed during his visit to China shortly after taking office last year, and is grateful for the

assistance by the Chinese side over the process which make the export come true. The first batch of 24 tons of rice is for Beijing and Shanghai.

The export of rice is a new opportunity to further develop the mutually beneficial cooperation between Japan and China, Abe added.

Chinese Ambassador to Japan Wang Yi said in his part that the export is the fruit of mutual efforts

under the general background of an improved China-Japan relationship. He regarded the prospect for bilateral agricultural cooperation as broad and expected promotion of related trade and exchanges.

Japanese Parliament members, farmers and representatives from agricultural organizations participated the ceremony in a hotel in central Tokyo.

MNA/Xinhua



Hundreds lined up on Friday outside the Apple store hours before the iPhone, a combination widescreen iPod, cellphone and pocket Internet device, went on sale at Apple's 164 stores and nearly 1,800 AT&T stores. — XINHUA

Bangladesh to exempt 127 items from import duties

DHAKA, 30 June — Some 127 items, including industrial raw materials and few essentials, will be completely exempted from import duties as Bangladesh approved budget for the fiscal 2007-08, private news agency UN reported.

Under a duty restructuring, the new budget proposed on 7 June will make 127 items duty-free and also reduced the import duty on some items. The fortunate ones which will enjoy the duty-free import facility includes raw materials for food, pharmaceuticals and other industries, cotton, general items and essentials including lentil, medicine and medical equipment.

According to an official

of National Board of Revenue (NBR), import duty on telecommunication equipment will now be 10 per cent instead of the 15 per cent proposed earlier.

Moreover, advance income tax and value added tax (VAT) will not be applicable at the import stage for the equipment.

Import duty on capital machinery will be reduced from 10 per cent to 5 per cent while milk powder from 25 per cent to 15 per cent, SIM card from 60 per cent to 20 per cent and computer from 10 per cent to 5 per cent.

Newsprint import will be made duty-free, but the newspapers will have to get utilization declaration from the ministries of Information and

Commerce.

The ministries will provide consumption certificates considering the circulation of the newspapers concerned.

MNA/Xinhua

28 countries join Dar International Trade Fair

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 30 June — Twenty-eight countries joined the host Tanzania in the 31st Dar-es-Salaam International Trade Fair which went underway here on

Thursday.

Exhibitors are displaying products ranging from heavy-duty machinery to light industrial goods.

A total of 560 local

Tanzanian companies and institutions joined their counterparts from Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Cuba, China, Egypt, Germany, Ghana, Iran, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Rwanda, South Africa, South Korea, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the United States, Vietnam and Yemen, according to sources from within the Tanzanian Board of External Trade.

The Dar-es-Salaam International Trade Fair is an annual event which attracts an increasing number of exhibitors and traders. This year's trade fair is to last till 8 July.

MNA/Xinhua



A trader discusses the price of a traditional Afghan woman's burqa with a US soldier from the NATO-led coalition force at the Kandahar Air Field on 30 June, 2007. Afghan traders are allowed onto the base on Saturdays for a few hours to sell products ranging from DVDs and jewellery to carpets and old military paraphernalia. — XINHUA



Cars for sale sit in flood waters in Toll Bar, northern England, on 30 June, 2007. Parts of Britain hit by flooding this week prepared for more downpours at the weekend, with up to 50 mm of rain forecast for some areas. — INTERNET

China inaugurates free-trade harbour area in Dalian

DALIAN, 30 June — China inaugurated a harbour area with preferential tax rates on Thursday in the northeastern city of Dalian, a major step towards forming a free trade zone between China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK).

The Dayaowan Bonded Harbour Area, located at the Dagushan Peninsula in the northeastern part of

Dalian, enjoys preferential taxation and foreign exchange policies, said Zhang Shikun, director of the Dalian Bonded Area Administrative Committee.

"It will remove tariffs for foreign cargo and offer tax rebates for domestic cargo.

It will also exempt businesses from value added taxes and consumption taxes if they trade with each other," Zhang said.

Analysts predict the efficiency of logistics will

be raised by 20 per cent after the port is put into operation. The first phase of the area covers 3.06 square kilometres and includes warehouses, cold storage facilities, a container terminal and processing and logistics services. About 200 million yuan (25 million US dollars) has been spent on the construction of the area since 31 August last year, when the State Council approved its establishment.

MNA/Xinhua

Cuban Parliament says Bush wants Castro eliminated

HAVANA, 30 June — Cuba's National Assembly accused US President George W Bush on Friday of wanting to eliminate Fidel Castro, a day after Bush mused on the eventual death of the convalescing Cuban leader.

"The Bush Administration's conduct clearly shows its intention to continue employing execrable methods against Cuba," the assembly said in a resolution approved unanimously by the 527 deputies present at a meeting of the one-party state's Parliament.

The resolution was passed one day after Bush openly anticipated the death of the 80-year-old Castro, who has not been seen in public since health problems forced him to cede power temporarily to his younger brother Raul 11 months ago.

"One day, the Good Lord will take Fidel Castro away," Bush said on Thursday during a question-and-answer session at the US Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Then he went on to imagine what Cuba

would be like after Castro, saying: "You'll see an interesting debate. Some will say all that matters is stability ... I think we ought to be pressing hard for democracy."

Castro, whose seat was left vacant at the assembly meeting, fired back with irony in an editorial published on Friday in the ruling Communist Party newspaper *Granma*.

MNA/Reuters



Hu Jintao (front R), General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Chinese President, Chairman of the Central Military Commission, reviews troops of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Garrison in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) on 30 June, 2007. — XINHUA

Pakistan, India conclude talks on promotion of friendly exchanges

ISLAMABAD, 30 June — Pakistan and India Friday concluded without any agreement two-day of talks on promotion of

friendly exchanges in various fields here, officials said.

"The secretary-level talks on Promotion of Friendly Exchanges in Various Fields under the Fourth Round of the Pakistan-India Composite Dialogue were held in Islamabad on 28-29 June 2007," a joint statement said.

The Pakistan delegation was led by Salim Gul Skeikh, Secretary of the

Ministry of Culture and the Indian delegation was headed by Badal K Das, Secretary of Department of Culture, Ministry of Tourism and Culture.

"The two delegations reviewed the implementation of various proposals exchanged during the Third Round of talks in New Delhi in 2006."

Both sides also made a number of proposals for promoting cooperation in

the fields of art and culture, archaeology, sports, youth affairs, traditional systems of medicine, information and media, tourism and visits and religious shrines, it added.

The two sides discussed a programme of friendly exchanges between the two countries for the period 2007-2009, and agreed to work towards its early implementation.

MNA/Xinhua

Singer Hilary Duff (C) performs on NBC's "Today" show in New York, on 29 June, 2007. — INTERNET



US Democrats to renew battle over Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 30 June — US Democratic leaders vowed Friday to keep up the pressure on President George W Bush to end the Iraq war with more votes next month on withdrawing US troops.

House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi said she would seek a vote on legislation instructing the Pentagon to begin pulling out US troops within 120 days, similar to a provision Bush vetoed in the first version of a war spending bill Congress sent to him in May. A comparable provision also is expected to come to the floor of the Senate in July. So far this year, Senate

Democrats have been unable to get the 60 votes needed to overcome procedural hurdles to proposals to start a pullout from Iraq.

"I don't know if we can or not," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said of clearing the

60-vote hurdle. "We're going to keep pushing, because it's the right thing to do." — MNA/Reuters

A chef performs his craft of pulling the noodles during the Chinese Food Festival held in Tianjin, east China, on 30 June, 2007. Over 300 kinds of snacks or featured food were introduced to local citizens during the Chinese Food Festival on Saturday. — XINHUA



Bangladesh Biman may face shortage of pilots

DHAKA, 30 June — Senior pilots of Biman Bangladesh Airlines are leaving the airlines seeking jobs in foreign airlines, as the government has planned to turn the problem-ridden airline into a public limited company (PLC).

Senior pilots are leaving because they are suffering

from uncertainty. They do not know what will happen to their fate in the future, one of the senior pilots Imran Mazid told *Xinhua* Friday.

He said, many of his colleagues are looking for jobs in airlines of other countries. This may put Biman into serious trouble in future, as junior pilots

are not able to fly the wide-bodied crafts.

In this case, Biman might face the shortage of pilots to fly the fleets, Mazid said.

The current caretaker administration has planned to make Biman a PLC from 1 July as the airlines suffers loss of billions of taka annually.

But Adviser of Civil Aviation MA Matin said this week it will take more time to convert Biman to a PLC.

Over 2,000 Biman staff have already opted to go for voluntary retirement as they consider their future will be uncertain after Biman is turned into a PLC.

At present Biman has a fleet of only 13 aircraft. Matin said new aircraft will be bought for the airlines after Biman's turning into a PLC.

MNA/Xinhua

Hailing Myanmar Women's Day

Rapturous applause of Yogyi Village

Khin Oo



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MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY
 3rd July 2007

We members of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization and Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association made a field trip by car to Yogyi Village in Hmawby Township through Insein Township and Shwepyitha Industrial Zone at about 5 am.

Along the way by the Hline River, we saw stubble of paddy, factories, mills and paddy fields in the sunshine at early dawn. That reflected the implementation of one of the four economic objectives—Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well.

It was very encouraging to see stockpiles of teak logs, the nation's valuable forest resource. Separate houses and buildings well-organized in row showed the high living standard of local people of Yangon Division.

Seeing farmers

threshing paddy in the fields on both sides of the road, I thanked the farmers braving the cold weather to produce rice.

On arrival at Leingon Village in Shwepyitha Township, we proceeded on foot with the accompaniment of the chairperson and members of Hmawby Township WAO in Yangon North District. When we left Leingon Village, we saw paddy fields. From the village, we saw hazily a groove of trees, our destination, in the horizon. Ten bullock carts were awaiting to fetch us.

Myanmar people have a lovely tradition of hosting their guests with

generosity, and they show warm welcome, hospitality, good volition and friendship to the guests.

When we arrived in front of the monastery of the village, we received a warm welcome from many villagers of all ages, women and men including children. After offering alms to the abbot of the monastery, we held a meeting with the local people. Chairperson of Yangon Division WAO Daw Khin Myo Thu extended greetings and presented facts about the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation. Leaders of working groups also clarified the tasks for social well-being of women and public services being carried out by the association. Dr Daw Lay Khaing of Yangon Division WAO and Dr Daw Nwe Ni Ohn of Yangon Division MCWA gave educative talks on health.

At the ceremony, women of Yogyi Village submitted 211

membership application forms. We donated 330,000 kyats for improving living conditions for local women, 300 along with different kinds of publications, 20 uniforms of Women's Affairs Organization, 20 uniforms of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, a sewing machine, and 10 commodes to local women. Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Hmancho Traditional Medicine House also donated traditional medicines worth about 240,000 kyats.

At the signal given by the chairperson of Yangon Division WAO, saying, "It's time we made donation", we collectively donated cash and kind to 21 elderly persons of the village. Being surprised at and pleased with our generous donation, the senior villagers said prayers for our well-being. Then, a respect-paying ceremony followed.

We repeatedly



Members of Yangon Division WAO and Maternal and Child Welfare Association on their way to Yogyi Village in Hmawby Township from Leingon Village in Shwepyitha Township.

Proud to be a Myanmar Woman

- * Myanmar Culture...
 One that's unique and grand
 From birth till life's end
 No discrimination of sex nor brand
 To oppress or look down on women
- * We don't have...
 Birth of a boy, from Gods, a gift
 That of a girl, a curse, some may think
 Leading to selective abortion
 Infanticide or female babies elimination
- * We do have...
 Education for all
 Young boys and girls equally called
 To attend school
 For long-term poverty breakthrough
- * We don't have...
 Forced marriages for young brides
 Missing a chance to meet with Mr Rights
 Who coincide with their tastes and likes
 And big 'dowry' for everyone's plight
- * Myanmar Women...
 Skill and power embedded in most of us
 Traditionally being the focus
 Key persons in the families
 Pulling all strings to make everyone grow and happy
- * Along with our men, together we march
 With mutual respect and trust
 Yet common to find the reverse of 'Ladies-first'
 Not because of status but because of affection and love.

Hailing Myanmar Women's Day
Aye Phyu

expressed thanks to village elders for organizing the ceremony.

In the close and cordial discussions, we briefed local women on notable facts about women's affairs, and answered their queries. We learnt that young women of Yogyi Village engage in embroidering with the use of sewing machines. Entrepreneurs lease out machines to the workers at the rate of 500 kyats a month for a machine. A skilled worker can complete three sets of the material in two days, and a normal worker, a set of dress in a day. They earn 800 kyats for a set. Finished dresses are on sale in Yangon at the price of 15,000 to 20,000 kyats for a set. In Yogyi Village, finished dresses of various

designs are available at the price of only 10,000 kyats a set.

We members of the group made a decision to set up funds for purchasing some sewing machines for young women who engage in embroidery for a living. We also attended the opening of the library of the village and the office of Yogyi Village MAO.

We enjoyed Mohinga and Mohletsaung (traditional snacks) served by the villagers. On our way home, we were thinking of providing sewing machines for the village so as to gain heartfelt applause of local people again.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses...

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Firstly, Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min formally opened the new three-storey main building.

Next, Chairman of MEC Secretary-1 of SPDC Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members accompanied by guests, the principals and faculty members posed for a documentary photo.

Later, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Lt-

MEC Secretary-1 of SPDC Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address.

First of all, I would like to say that the emergence of a three-storey main building of Lashio Technological University that meets the characteristics of an international university, is a great honour for the students of this alma mater as well as for the whole Shan State (North). This splendid building and modern teaching aids plus its pleasant environs will enable the students to

its people must be armed themselves with unity, patriotism and Union Spirit.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance that the State needs to build human resources in order to improve the living standards of the people and their generations to come and ensure sustainable development.

In accord with the guidance, the government has been building arts and science universities, technological

The government on its part is fulfilling all the infrastructures region-wise to narrow the development gap and ensure harmonious progress in the entire Myanmar.

With goodwill and resolution, the government has been developing the nation with public cooperation till reaching the current situation.

Due to the national solidarity that is gaining extra consolidation, even border areas are free from armed conflicts and enjoying peace and progress.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein plants a tree to mark the opening of three-storey main building of Lashio Technological University.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, Minister U Thaung, Minister Col Zaw Min open three-storey main building of Lashio Technological University.—MNA

Gen Kyaw Win, Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and the ministers planted trees to mark the opening ceremony of the building.

A ceremony to unveil the bronze plaque of the Technological University (Lashio) was held in front of the three-storey main building and the Secretary-1 unveiled the bronze plaque of the university and sprinkled scented water on it. Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and Minister U Thaung also sprinkled scented water on it.

The opening ceremony of the new three-storey main building of Technological University (Lashio) was held at the meeting hall of the building and Chairman of

promote their mental ability and get motivated to learn. It is also a great opportunity for the local youths to be able to learn in their own region although they had to go to far regions such as Yangon and Mandalay in the past for studying the subjects of arts and science and computer.

Being able to produce human resources in one's own region creates opportunities to build infrastructures for one's own development. In striving for development of a nation and its people and being able to stand tall among the international community, it is necessary for that country to ensure peace and stability, national economic growth and high technology, and

universities and universities of computer studies in the 24 special development regions and nurturing the national races of various regions to become intellectuals and intelligentsia.

The whole northern Shan State has been witnessing significant development in the transport sector as a network of roads is reaching the far corners of the nation. Border trade is developing

with greater momentum and border towns have become modern cities.

Armed conflicts, the evil legacy of the past, that broke out due to doubts and disagreements between national races have ended in every part of northern Shan State. Local people do not need to live in fear anymore. They are run-

ning their businesses freely as they have the peace of mind.

The greatest success is the freeing of national races from cultivating poppy to produce opium and drugs that posed as menace to them in the past. They can now develop their farming and production businesses.

Development in

The government on its part is fulfilling all the infrastructures region-wise to narrow the development gap and ensure harmonious progress in the entire Myanmar.



Acting Principal of Lashio Technological University Dr Daw Khin Htaik Htaik Lwin.—MNA



Ma Ei Mon Phy, a student of 2nd year (B Tech), speaks words of thanks.—MNA

regional economic and social infrastructures helps uplift moral conduct and public social standard leading to produce sound results — further strengthening national unity and regional peace.

National races will have to safeguard and promote the prevailing peace, unity and progress, while harmoniously striving for perpetual existence of the Union and to catch up with world nations in terms of development.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein ...

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At present, the entire nation is witnessing the further prevalence of stability and peace and economic, social, health and education development.

He said transition toward a new nation is making a success and the final session of the National Convention will resume soon. The success of the National Convention is the State Constitution that safeguards the interest of

each and every national race fairly. He said the delegates of national races and all walks of life unitedly laid down basic principles and detailed basic principles for bringing about the national interest. The weakness of the old constitutions will not be included in a new constitution and the new one will strengthen consolidation of the Union for ever.

He urged the people to make continued efforts for success of the National

Convention and transitional process for the emergence of the State Constitution.

In conclusion, he urged the faculty members to nurture the students to become qualified engineers, architects, computer scientists, intellectuals and intelligentsia who can promote already-achieved peace and tranquillity, unity and better economic foundations in the regions.

Acting Principal of Technological University (Lashio) Dr Khin Htaik Htaik reported on progress

in education sector of the nation, construction of three-storey building of the university and academic and management matters.

On behalf of the students, second year B Tech student Ma Ei Mon Physo thanked the government for opening universities to enable the youth of the regions to have the opportunities to pursue education.

After the opening ceremony, the Secretary-1

and party visited the computer room, language lab and drawing room on the second floor, the project show room and e-library on the first floor and cordially conversed with students.

Technological University (Lashio) is located on 55.36 acres of land near Hopeik Village, seven miles from Lashio, east of Lashio-Hsenwi Road. It was a three-storey RC building.

The three-storey

building is 513 feet long, 358 feet wide and 66 feet high. Asia Metal Co Ltd started construction tasks on 1 May 2005.

Altogether 216 students are attending the AGTI diploma course, 100 at B Tech course, 23 at BE course, 14 at ME course and 78 at basic skills module course, totalling 413. The university has nurtured 93 B Tech graduates, 142 BE graduates and 494 AGTI diploma holders. — MNA

Energy Minister attends MOGE's meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July— The Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy held its work coordination meeting at the Yadana Hall of the Ministry's Office here on 29 June morning with an address by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, directors-general and managing directors of departments

and enterprises under the ministry, directors, general managers, officials and others.

In his address, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi spoke of the need for officials concerned to explore more oil and gas to meet the local demand as prices of oil are on the increase in the world, to minimize loss and wastage and to put an end to the malpractice.

After that, the minister laid down future tasks on

drilling of new oil fields.

Next, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay reported on oil production, followed by a general round of discussions.

Managing directors and directors of MOGE and managing director of Energy Planning Department gave supplementary reports.

The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by the minister.

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Myanmar Correctional Department holds work coordination meeting



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo addresses the work coordination meeting of Myanmar Correctional Department.—MCD

YANGON, 1 July— Myanmar Correctional Department under the Ministry of Home Affairs held its work coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the department on 30 June with an address by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo.

It was attended by directors-general of the Correctional Department, the General Administration Department, the Special Investigation Department and the Myanmar Police Force, deputy directors-general, directors, staff officers and those from prisons and work camps.

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo stressed the need to implement the political, economic and social

objectives, to strictly abide by laws and bylaws, to exert more efforts in agriculture, livestock breeding and productions, to ensure cooperation among departments under the ministry, and to serve the interest of the State and the people putting an end to colonialism.

Next, Director-General U Zaw Win and directors reported on cultivation of perennial and seasonal crops, raising of poultry, pigs, fish and goats, quarry and other income generation works to the minister who attended to the needs. The Department produced 400,000 baskets of paddy in 2006-2007 paddy cultivation season.

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Deputy Commander of Yunnan Provincial Command concludes visit after sightseeing in Yangon

YANGON, 1 July — Deputy Commander of Yunnan Provincial Command Maj-Gen Lin Tinggui and party of the People's Republic of China, together with Chinese Military Attaché Senior Colonel Fan Lian Feng and officials, arrived here from Nay Pyi Taw by air yesterday afternoon.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Col Kyaw Kyaw

Tun and officials.

The Deputy Commander of Yunnan Provincial Command and party visited the Myanmar Gems Emporium on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Kandawgyi Gardens.

This morning, the Chinese delegation paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda and the Union National Races Village of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National

Races and Development Affairs in Thakayta Township.

At 3.30 pm, the Deputy Commander of Yunnan Provincial Command and party left here by air. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Commander Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun, military officers, Chinese Military Attaché Senior Colonel Fan Lian Feng and officials.

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Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun sees off Maj-Gen Lin Tinggui, Deputy Commander of Yunnan Provincial Command, at Yangon International Airport.—MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe... Myanmar women costume...

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Thirithudhama Mani-jotadhara Dr Moe Tin and Saddhama Jotikadhaja U San Thin Hlaing. Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and wellwishers offered alms to the Sayadaws.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe presented certificates of honour to Dr Moe Tin and U San Thin Hlaing.

Joint-Secretary of SSMNC Administrator Sayadaw of Insein Ywama Pariyatti Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tilokabhivamsa delivered a sermon, and the congregations led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe shared merits gained. Also present on the occasion were State Ovadaçariya Sayadaws, officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, local authorities, wellwishers and guests. — MNA

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Daw Khin Lay Myint, Daw Khin Thet Htay and members, Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai and chairpersons and members of Division/District/Township WAOs, students of University of Education and University of Nursing, University of Medicine (1), University of Medicine (2), No 2 Basic Education High School, Sangyoung, No 2 Basic Education High School, Latha, No 1 Basic Education High School, Pabedan, No 3 Basic Education High School, Mingalar Taungnyunt, No 4 Basic Education High School, Tamwe and training schools of the University of Education.

Members of Yangon Division WAO (Youth) students of No 2 BEHS, Sangyoung sang a song "Zartiman (nationalistic spirit) and vocalists entertained the audience with songs.

Models with Myanmar traditional costumes performed and actors and actresses and comedians took part in the commemorative entertainment programme of 'anyeint'.

Members of Yangon Division WAO (Youth) sang a song "In Ah Thit Mya Hnint Atu (with renewed vigor)".

After the show, Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai presented a bouquet to Vice-Presidents of the federation Daw Khin Lay Myint and Daw Khin Thet Htay. The Vice-Presidents presented K 500,000 to the patron of the organization.

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Aung San Tawra TatU Monastery Sayadaw on missionary tour



Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sadhamma Kittisara being seen off on his departure for London at the Airport.—H

YANGON, 1 July— At the invitation of Mogok Vipassana Centre, London,

Presiding Abbot of Aung San Tawra TatU Monastery Mogok Vipassana Branch (77) in Insein Township Patron of Mogok Vipassana Missionary Sayadaw Maha Kamahtana Cariya Bhaddanta Sadhamma Kittisara, accompanied by U Soe Aung, left here on 29 June for England to carry out missionary work.

The Sayadaw will deliver sermons in London up to the first week of August and in the United States up to the third week of August and arrive back here before 28 August.

Yogis who wish to take 10-day meditation may contact phone numbers 645797 and 645615.

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1st Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continues

YANGON, 1 July — Football teams of Ministry of Electric Power No 1, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Religious Affairs blanked out their opponents in the 1st Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament, here, today.

In the tournament, Ministry of Health lost 1-4 to Ministry of Electric Power No 1 in the morning, and Ministry of Defence routed Ministry of Hotels and Tourism with a 11-0 result in the afternoon at Paunglaung Sports Ground in Pynmana.

At Lewe Township Sports Ground, Ministry of Religious Affairs edged out Ministry of Energy 1-0 at 4 pm. Among the spectators were Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko.

Ministry of Sports will meet with Attorney-General's Office and Ministry of Rail Transportation will play against Ministry of Construction at Paunglaung Sports Ground in the tomorrow morning and afternoon.

At Lewe Township Sports Ground, Ministry of Electric Power No 2 will play against Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

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Cash presented for Vipassana Pagoda in Mumbai, India

YANGON, 1 July— A ceremony to present cash for the Vipassana Pagoda being built in Mumbai, India was held at the Dhammajoti Vipassana Yeiktha on Ngahtatgyi Pagoda Road in Bahan Township here this morning, attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung.

The ceremony was opened with the recitation of Namo Tassa three times.

Next, Meditation Instructor U Thein Aung of the Dhammajoti Vipassana Yeiktha explained salient points of the pagoda.

After that, Minister Brig-Gen Thura



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepts cash donation from wellwishers.—MNA

Myint Maung and officials accepted K 34,232,856 plus US\$ 2,064 donated by well-wishers and presented certificates of honour to the well-wishers.

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Ministry of Hotels and Tourism team playing against Ministry of Defence team.—MNA

STI Education Sponsoring Seminar-cum-Information Session on 8 July

YANGON, 1 July— STI Education in collaboration with London Teacher Training College, UK, Association of Managers and Administrators, UK, Queensfield International Business School, Singapore, Auston Institute of Management and Technology, University College Sedaya International (UCSI), Malaysia is offering the following courses: Diploma in TESOL, Diploma in Logistics Management, Diploma in Business Management, Diploma in Hospitality & Tourism Management, Diploma in Supply Chain Management, Certificate in TEFL, Certificate in English Communication Skills, English to go, IELTS Preparation Program, Certificate in Conversational English, Double Certificate in Hospitality & Tourism Management and Business Management.

Those who complete the courses at STI will benefit the exemption of courses and tuition fees at the overseas institutions and many graduates have been holding satisfying jobs overseas.

With a view to exposing recently matriculated students to a wide variety of learning opportunities, STI Education is conducting an information session and everyone is welcome and invited to attend free of charge.

STI Education's chief mission is to equip the students with employable skills and to be marketable in the job market with minimum cost and time.

Seminar-cum-Information Session will be on 8 July 2007 (Sunday) at 1 pm, at Tagaung Hall of Traders Hotel. Those interested may call 50 70 46/ 50 70 48/ 50 71 51/ 50 71 52 in Hline Campus or visit Block 4, Room 7 and Block 7, Room 3 for advanced registration. — MNA

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Venezuelan President visits Iran for boosting cooperation

TEHERAN, 1 July — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez arrived in Teheran late Saturday for a two-day visit which officials said was aimed at boosting political and economic cooperation between the two countries.

This is Chavez' third visit to Iran since Iranian President Mahmud Ahmadinejad took office in 2005.

Chavez was greeted at the airport by Iranian

Minister of Industries and Mines Ali-Reza Tahmasbi, Iranian television reported.

Chavez' visit was aimed to boost their "cooperation in economic, industrial and political fields", Venezuelan Ambassador to Iran Arturo Anibal Gallegos Ramiraz told Iran's official IRNA news agency.

The exchange of visits by leaders of the two

countries proved that their bilateral ties "are at the best possible level", he said.

During Chavez' visit, he is expected to hold talks with Iranian officials on international, regional and bilateral issues, local media reported.

He is also expected to visit Iran's South Pars gas field in Asaluyeh and address Teheran's Science and Industry University.

MNA/Xinhua



A boy stands on a damaged rooftop after a raid by the US military in Baghdad's Sadr City on 30 June, 2007. The US military said it killed about 26 militants believed to have ties to "Iranian terror networks" in the early hours of Saturday in the Baghdad Shi'ite stronghold of Sadr City. —INTERNET



Russia's Maria Sharapova prepares to serve during her singles match against Japan's Ai Sugiyama at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, on 30 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Indonesia, ICAO to sign agreement on flight safety

JAKARTA, 1 July — Indonesia and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) will sign a joint declaration on the country's commitment to improve flight safety and security in a summit scheduled for 2-3 July.

"The ICAO's support to increase flight safety is very strategic especially to coordinate cooperation with relevant parties in implementing the global aviation safety plan and the global aviation safety roadmap," Transportation Ministry's spokesman Bambang Ervan was quoted Friday by the national Antara news agency as saying.

His remarks came a day after the European Commission said all Indonesian airlines and several from Russia, Ukraine and Angola will be banned from flying to the European Union due to safety concerns.

The ban, to be effective on 6 July, was recommended by EU experts in response to a series of air accidents in Indonesia early this year.

However, no airline from Indonesia is operating scheduled flights to any European destination. Flag carrier Garuda Indonesia has earlier ceased regular services to Amsterdam and Rome.

MNA/Reuters

Thirty five bodies found in mass grave in Iraq's Anbar

BAGHDAD, 1 July — The US military said on Saturday it had uncovered 35 to 40 bodies in a mass grave south of Fallujah, in Iraq's Sunni dominated Anbar Province.

A Fallujah hospital source said 35 bodies had been retrieved and were being finger-printed to establish their identity.

The military said the killings were relatively recent and the bodies had been bound and bore gunshot wounds.

The mass grave was found late on Friday near a place called Ferris, roughly 35 kilometres (22 miles) south of the city of Fallujah, after a tip-off

from a local, it said.

The site was cordoned off for closer examination, the military said.

Anbar Province to the west of Baghdad was hotbed of the anti-American Sunni insurgency. But it has become much calmer in recent months after local tribes turned against al-Qaeda militants operating on their turf.

MNA/Reuters

Mother's Water Cellar benefits 1.3 million Chinese

KUNMING, 1 July — Almost 1.3 million people have gained access to drinking water in the past seven years thanks to the Mother's Water Cellar national charity project.

More than 100,000 water cellars and 1,200 water supply facilities have been built in 23 provinces, said officials with the All-China Women's Federation.

The Mother's Water Cellar scheme was launched by the All-China Women's Federation and the China Women Development Fund in 2000.

Last year China built almost 30,000 new water cellars to ease water shortages in the country's poor and arid areas.

About 270 million yuan (35.5 million US dollars) has been invested in the project.

In China's north-western regions, the annual precipitation is

about 300 millimetres, only half the national average. Building cellars to collect rainwater has been a long-standing practice. A decent water cellar costing around 1,000 yuan can guarantee drinking water supplies for a family.

MNA/Xinhua

Glasgow airport attack linked to London car bombs

GLASGOW (Scotland), 1 July — Two men rammed a petrol-filled, four-wheel-drive vehicle

into Glasgow airport on Saturday in what police called a terrorist attack linked to a car-bomb plot foiled in London the previous day.

"I can confirm that we believe the incident at Glasgow airport is linked to the events in London yesterday," the chief constable in the Glasgow area, Willie Rae, told reporters.

"There are clearly similarities and we can confirm that this is being treated as a terrorist incident."

Rae said the vehicle, a green Jeep Cherokee, was driven at speed into the main, glass door entrance to the airport terminal and then exploded in flames. Two

men were arrested after the attack, one of whom was taken to hospital in critical condition.

Rae said the badly burnt man was found to have a "suspect device" hidden on his body, but he would not confirm it was a suicide vest. The hospital briefly had to be evacuated while the device was inspected.

The attack, which Scotland's first minister described as a "terrorist incident", came barely 36 hours after police thwarted a possible al-Qaeda plot in London in which two cars loaded with fuel, gas canisters and nails were left on a busy street in the centre of the capital poised to detonate.

MNA/Reuters



Police officers search Spring Gardens, close to Cockspur Street where a car bomb was found on Friday, in Central London on 30 June, 2007. —INTERNET

ENGAGEMENT

Captain Myo Lwin (Uniteam Marine Ltd) & Daw Khin Saw Thein
12 Myawuttyi Street, Parami Yeiktha, Mayangone Tsp
announces the engagement of their eldest daughter

Ei Myo Lwin

B.A.English YUFL, ACCA Part 3
(Operations Executive, MAJ Aviation Pte Ltd. Singapore)

To

Kyaw Bo Bo Hlaing

Bachelor of International Business(Murdoch University)
(Retail Service officer, Telstra Co; Ltd Australia. Perth.)

youngest son of

U Kyaw Chit Hlaing (Hlaing Myittar Co;Ltd) & Mrs.Lorna Hlaing
64A Kyaikwaing Pagoda Rd, Mayangone Tsp & Perth, Australia.

On 1st July 2007 at Sedona Hotel "Min Don Hall" Yangon.Myanmar.
in the presence of both parents and elders.

Both Parents &
Ei Myo Lwin- Kyaw Bo Bo Hlaing

**Opera, mine, forts, canal join
UN heritage list**

CANBERRA, 30 June — A Japanese silver mine and a Parthian fortress in Turkmenistan, both dating back to the 1600s, were among sites added to the United Nations World Heritage list on Thursday.

The UN's cultural organization UNESCO also inducted an ancient fort in India and the Sydney Opera House to the World Heritage list at a meeting in Christchurch, New Zealand.

UNESCO said it had included the Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine, southwest of Japan's Honshu Island, which contains the remains of large scale mining, smelting and refining sites worked between the 16th and 20th centuries, because of its role in boosting

Japan's economy.

"The high quality of the silver resulting from the use of advanced techniques, and the quality of silver mined, contributed substantially to the overall economic development of Japan and Southeast Asia in the 16th and 17th centuries, and prompted the mass production of silver and gold in Japan," UNESCO said.

Another new site is the Rideau Canal in Canada, a 202-kilometre (125-mile) waterway of lakes

and rivers, linked by canals and locks, from the Canadian capital Ottawa to the city of Kingston on Lake Ontario. The originally fortified waterway, built between 1826 and 1832, is still in operation, and is the 14th UNESCO World Heritage site in Canada and the first in its most populous province, Ontario.

MNA/Reuters

**Japan offers reward
for info on slain
British woman**

TOKYO, 30 June — Japanese police will offer a reward of up to one million yen (8,100 US dollars) for significant information over the killing of a 22-year-old British woman, three months after the suspect ran away from police officers.

The National Police Agency on Friday posted on its website the picture of 28-year-old Tatsuya Ichihashi, wanted in connection with the death of English teacher Lindsay Hawker near Tokyo on 26 March.

Hawker's naked body was found in a bathtub filled with sand on the balcony of an apartment where Ichihashi lived alone.— MNA/Reuters



A boy poses for a photo in front of a model of Optimus Prime, the iconic hero of Hasbro's toy line, during the preview event at the annual Transformers Fan Convention in Providence, Rhode Island, on 29 June, 2007. "Transformers," Based on the 1980s toys and cartoon series of the same name, debuts worldwide next Tuesday. Its US release is scheduled for 4 July.— XINHUA

**UNICEF
contributes
emergency supplies
to Pakistan flood
victims**

ISLAMABAD, 30 June — The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has provided emergency supplies of tents, food, medicine and hygiene supplies and equipment to floods affectees in southwestern Pakistani province of Baluchistan, a statement said Friday.

It is estimated that over 800,000 people in Baluchistan have been affected by the floods provoked by heavy rains in the aftermath of cyclone Yemyin which hit the province's coastal areas on 26 June, the UNICEF statement said.

Officials said dozens of villages were inundated and thousands have been made homeless in the floods, which also caused damage to roads and bridges.

According to the statement, UNICEF supplies handed over to Baluchistan provincial government comprise 740,000 water purification tablets, 33,600 blankets, 4,000 jerry cans as well as water bladders, tents, emergency medicines and 50 tons of Unimix, a nutritious food supplement for children and women.

MNA/Xinhua

13 Years in Fond Remembrance

**Dr. Maung Maung
(Retd.) President**

(deceased on 2-7-1994)

* Grant me ...
the courage to change what can be changed,
the patience to endure what cannot be
changed,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Daw Khin Myint
Sons, daughters,
grand-sons, grand-daughters
and great grand-sons



US actress Renee Zellweger poses for photographers at the 42nd Karlovy Vary International Film Festival in Karlovy Vary on 30 June, 2007.— INTERNET

**Dengue fever cases double in
Costa Rica in first half of 2007**

SAN JOSE, 30 June — The number of dengue fever cases in Costa Rica has doubled to 6,870 in the first half of 2007, compared to the same period of last year, the Health Ministry said on Thursday.

Meanwhile, 69 people, including two fatalities, contracted the deadly variant of haemorrhagic dengue in the first six months of this year, only three cases short of the figure recorded in the whole of last year,

according to the ministry.

Dengue fever, a viral infection spread by the Aedes Aegypti mosquito, is a serious health problem in many Central American and Caribbean countries. Its symptoms include high fever, nausea, rash, backache and headache.

Most mainstream dengue cases are not fatal, but the haemorrhagic variant, which causes severe internal bleeding as blood vessels collapse, kills one in 20 of the infected.

Health Minister Maria Luisa Avila said the increase of dengue cases was mainly due to the advent of monsoon and the ubiquitous bodies of water.

The official urged people to fight dengue by stamping out mosquitoes, which reproduce in bodies of water from puddles to lakes and reservoirs.

Some 50 million people are infected with dengue each year, most of them in tropical regions.

MNA/Xinhua

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Report says new virus discovered in Malaysia

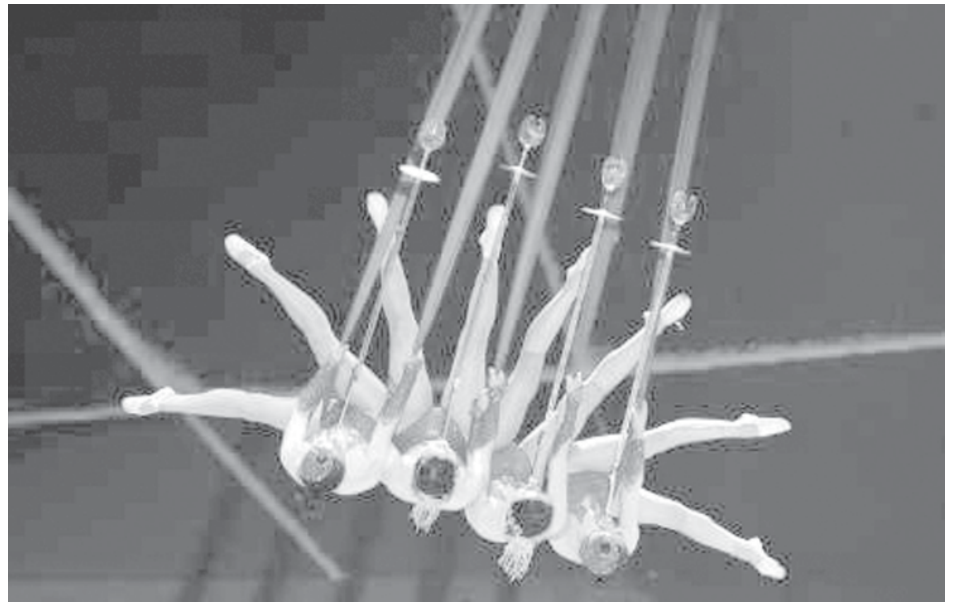
KUALA LUMPUR, 30 June — A new virus, likely carried by bats, has been discovered in the state of Malacca, local press reported on Saturday. The virus named "Malacca Virus" was isolated from a 39-year-old soldier, his wife and two children, who developed high fever accompanied with headache, cough, sore throat and flu, Malaysian Health Minister Chua Soi

Lek was quoted as saying by the *New Straits Times*. The soldier fell sick a week after a bat flew into his house in March last year and blood samples from him and his family showed that they had contacted the virus, according to the newspaper. Local virologists said that the virus could cause tissue culture damage similar to the Nipah virus, but adding whether the new virus could cause death remained

unknown. Malaysian and Australian scientists have conducted joint testing and discovered the Malacca virus belonged to the family of reoviruses, which were first found in humans in the early 1050s.

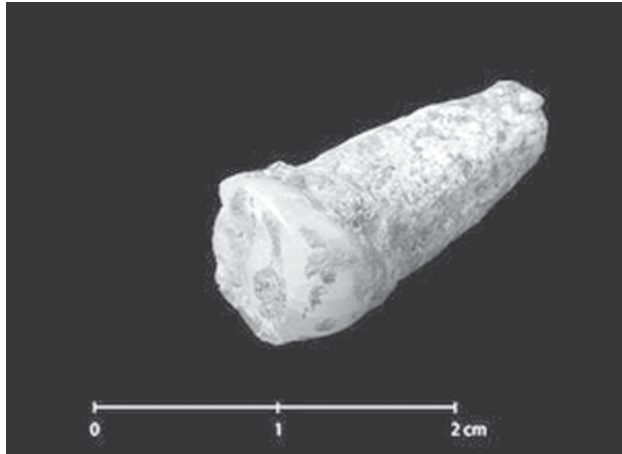
MNA/Xinhua

Artists perform during the Grand Variety Show in Hong Kong on 30 June, 2007. — INTERNET



Oldest European human fossil found in Spain

MADRID, 29 June — An excavation team has discovered in northern Spain the oldest human fossils confirming mankind's presence in Europe over more than 1 million years ago, local media reported on Friday.



This picture released by Fundacion Atapeurca shows a human tooth found in the Atapuerca Sierra, near Burgos. Spanish researchers on Friday said they had unearthed a human tooth more than one million years old, which they estimated to be the oldest human fossil remain ever discovered in western Europe. — XINHUA

The fossil, discovered in the Atapuerca Sierra in the northern province of Burgos, is a human tooth. Jose Maria Bermudez de Castro, co-director of research at the Atapuerca site, was quoted as saying the tooth could be as old as 1.2 million years. The fossil, which gives a new perspective to human history, was found in the entry to Sima del Elefante, a pleistocene deposit that was the last to be systematically excavated in Atapuerca. Initial findings suggested it was the

remains of an ancestor of Homo antecessor. Fossils from mammals discovered previously included those of bison, deer and bear as well as birds and a mouse. In Atapuerca, several Homo antecessor fossils were discovered in 1994 at the nearby Gran Dolina site, suggesting human occupation of Europe around 800,000 years ago. In the past decade, 500,000-year-old Homo heidelbergensis fossil remains were also found in these fossil deposits.

MNA/Xinhua

"Girl power" back as Spice Girls reunited for tour

LONDON, 30 June — The Spice Girls, who burst on to the music scene with "girl power" and attitude in the 1990s, said on Thursday they had reunited for an 11-city world tour starting in Los Angeles this December. Ginger, Sporty, Posh, Scary and a heavily pregnant Baby Spice told a packed Press conference in London that the tour would take place in December and January and would be accompanied by a greatest hits album and a television documentary about the band.

"Girl power is back, we're going on the road, we're touring the world," Emma "Baby Spice" Bunton said in a promotional video shown to the Press before the five girls appeared on stage at London's O2 Arena. Their Website www.thespicegirls.com provided a link for fans to buy tickets to the shows in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, New York, London, Koln, Madrid, Beijing, Hong Kong, Sydney, Cape Town and Buenos Aires. When asked why she had dropped her previous resistance to a reunion, Melanie "Sporty Spice" Chisholm replied: "A girl's allowed to change her mind. This is something that we've only seriously started discussing this year." "For me it's about celebrating the past, enjoying each other, it's about our fans. It felt the right time — it's kind of now or never," Gerri "Ginger Spice" Halliwell said. The Spice Girls boasted album sales of 55 million during their brief career, and hits including "Wannabe" and "Say You'll Be There" topped charts across the globe.

MNA/Reuters

Los Angeles campaign to recycle plastic bags

LOS ANGELES, 30 June — Los Angeles on Thursday launched the city's first plastic bag recycling campaign, urging all retail and grocery stores to recycle plastic bags. The campaign coincided with the introduction of a new law in California that takes effect on Sunday. The law limits the use and littering of plastic bags and enforces the recycling of used bags. Bins will be placed inside stores to encourage shoppers to recycle plastic bags. Some grocery stores are also giving away reusable cloth bags to shoppers. "We are intent on capturing these plastic bags, not only at major retail stores and

supermarkets, but at mom-and-pop stores, homes and even our schools," said City Councilman Ed Reyes, who oversaw the citywide effort. — MNA/Xinhua

Chilean teenagers find trove of whale fossils

LOS MAITENES, (Chile), 30 June — Chilean teenagers on a field trip have found what experts say could be a treasure trove of fossils from whales which died millions of years ago.

Teenagers from a school in Concon, a town on the Pacific coast, found the fossils last month in the hills near the village of Los Maitenes, nearly four miles (six kilometres)

from the sea and 100 miles (160 kilometres) from the capital Santiago. They found fossilized jawbones, backbones and ribs of four whales which scientists say likely died five million years ago. Geologists expect to find more whale fossils in the area. "What we have to work out is whether we're dealing with a few examples that have washed in on the tide or whether we're talking about a real whale cemetery," said Hernan Vergara, a marine geologist studying the find. — MNA/Xinhua



Models appear on the catwalk at the end of Dutch designer Jeroen Van Tuyl's Spring/Summer 2008 men's fashion collection in Paris, on 30 June, 2007. — INTERNET

SPORTS



Vice Mayor of Shanghai and Executive Vice Chairman of the organizing committee of the Shanghai 2007 Special Olympics Games Zhou Taitong (R) receives the Olympic torch from a Greek high priestess during a lighting ceremony at the hill of Pnyx in Athens on 29 June, 2007. — XINHUA

Venezuela beat Peru to clinch second Copa win

SAN CRISTOBAL (Venezuela), 1 July — Copa America hosts Venezuela notched-up only their second win in the tournament's history on Saturday after a heated 2-0 victory over 10-man Peru.

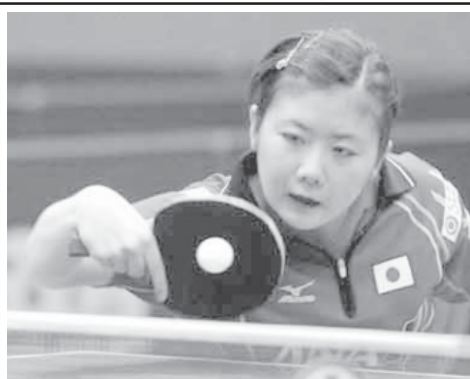
Second-half goals from defender Alejandro Cichero and substitute Daniel Arismendi put Venezuela top of Group A with four points from two games.

Their only previous Copa America win was against Bolivia on their debut appearance in 1967.

The Peruvians were furious after midfielder Pedro Garcia was sent off for elbowing in the 14th minute and Claudio Pizarro had a penalty appeal turned down in the second half.

Venezuela had midfielder Ricardo Paez sent off late in the second half and Cichero had a free kick given against him in stoppage time, apparently for playing keepy-up.

MNA/Reuters



Japan's Ai Fukuhara returns the ball against China's Guo Yue during the women's singles quarterfinals at the China Open Table Tennis tournament in Nanjing, the capital city of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 30 June, 2007. Fukuhara lost the match 2-4. — XINHUA

Australia grind out 3-0 friendly win over Singapore

SINGAPORE, 1 July — Mark Viduka scored a second-half double and Harry Kewell also got on the scoresheet as Australia ground out a 3-0 win over Singapore in a friendly in the city state on Saturday.

Australia, using the game as a tune-up for the Asian Cup, started slowly and it was the hosts who came closest to scoring in the first half. Australia goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer had to be sharp to stop Indra Sahdan in a one-on-one in the 38th minute and the Singapore striker came even closer five minutes later when his header crashed off the crossbar with Schwarzer beaten.

Australia stepped up the pace in the second half and it was not long before the Socceroos took the lead, with Newcastle forward Viduka heading home in the 50th minute. Singapore pushed forward for an equalizer and Khairul Amri came close to scoring when his curling, left-foot shot came back off the post. — MNA/Reuters

Alexis Thompson of the US waves after sinking her final putt on the 18th green after completing the second round of the US Women's Open at Pine Needles Golf Club in Southern Pines on 30 June, 2007. INTERNET



Thailand-Qatar friendly abandoned after heavy rains

BANGKOK, 1 July — Torrential rain forced the abandonment of Thailand's Asian Cup warm-up match with Qatar on Saturday with the teams tied at 1-1 at halftime.

After 41 minutes of dour play, Walid Hamid scored his fourth goal in three matches to put the visitors ahead.

His perfectly placed free kick cannoned off the crossbar and into the top, left-hand corner with the keeper stranded.

The Thais levelled the score on the stroke of halftime when captain Therdsak Chaiman latched on to a through ball from Jetsada Jitsawad and coolly slotted home from 15 metres. — MNA/Reuters



New Zealand All Black's Rico Gear (C) is tackled by Australia's Adam Ashley-Cooper (L) and Matt Giteau during their Bledisloe cup rugby match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on 30 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Serena sweeps into fourth round

LONDON, 1 July — Twice champion Serena Williams overpowered Venezuela's Milagros Sequera 6-1, 6-0 on Friday to reach the fourth round at Wimbledon.

Seventh-seeded Williams utterly dominated the Centre Court against a demoralized opponent, who knew exactly what to expect after losing to the American at the French Open. Williams, holder of eight Grand Slam titles, meets either Slovak Daniela Hantuchova or Katarina Srebotnik of Slovenia in the fourth round on her way to a possible quarterfinal clash with top seed Justine Henin. — MNA/Reuters

Wales striker Earnshaw joins promoted Derby

LONDON, 1 July — Wales striker Robert Earnshaw has joined promoted Derby County from Second Division Norwich City for 3.5 million pounds (7.01 million US dollars), the Premier League newcomers said on Friday.

"We are delighted to have a new striker on board with a fantastic track record in terms of goals scored at every level he has played, including the Premier League and internationals," manager Billy Davies told the club's website (www.dcfc.premiumtv.co.uk). — MNA/Reuters

Olympic sand arrives Beijing for volleyball venue

BEIJING, 1 July — Curious locals are intrigued by the sand -- 1,400 tons carried in 59 trucks -- which has been offloaded at a construction site in

Beijing's Chaoyang Park.

It appears white from a distance, but a closer look shows yellow granules too.

"It feels good, very thin and clean -- not sticky -- and it runs quickly through your fingers," a passer-by said after feeling the sand.

It is the first batch of 17,000 tons -- specially approved by the International Volleyball Federation -- to arrive at the park where the venue for the 2008 Olympics beach volleyball competition is under construction.

At a total cost of 10 million yuan (1.28 million US dollars), each shipment will spend 12 days aboard a boat from the south China island of Hainan to Tianjin Port and then a further two hours at least being trucked to Beijing. — MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Yamaha MotoGP rider Valentino Rossi of Italy celebrates on his motorcycle after winning the Dutch Motorcycling Grand Prix at the TT circuit in Assen, eastern Netherlands on 30 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Atletico reach agreement to sign Uruguay striker Forlan

MADRID, 1 July — Atletico Madrid have reached an agreement with Villarreal to sign Uruguay striker Diego Forlan, the Primera Liga clubs said on Saturday.

Atletico said the 28-year-old international, who is representing his country at the Copa America in Venezuela, would sign a four-year contract.

Spanish media had reported a deal was close to being secured for a fee of about 21 million euros.

Atletico's move to sign Forlan puts the future of their leading scorer and captain Fernando Torres in doubt. Media in England and Spain have linked the Spain striker with a possible move to Liverpool.

MNA/Reuters

Cyprus hit by disastrous forest fire

NICOSIA, 1 July — A disastrous forest fire broke out on Friday afternoon in central Cyprus forced the eastern Mediterranean island to appeal for foreign help.

One fire fighting aircraft from Italy is arriving

Friday night. A second Italian aircraft and one from Israel are expected to arrive Saturday morning, the semi-official *Cyprus News Agency* reported.

The fire, which is described as the one of the worst in decades, broke

out at around 1300 local time (1000 GMT). It has destroyed holiday homes and forced the evacuation of at least five villages located on the pine-covered Troodos Range.

A high column of smoke could be seen in the afternoon from the capital city of Nicosia, some 60 kilometres northeast of the mountainous area.

Cypriot President Tassos Papadopoulos went to the Crisis Management Centre set up in the affected areas. He was joined by Parliament speaker and other high-ranking officials to supervise the efforts to contain the blaze.

According to the island's Forest Department, the fire was caused by high tension cables. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Mayuko Kamio of Japan receives the gold medal in the violin competition of the International Tchaikovsky Competition of classical music in Moscow on 30 June, 2007. Over 200 young pianists, violinists, cellists and singers from 34 countries performed during the two-week competition before a jury of top musicians in Moscow's conservatory.

INTERNET

Two Finns jailed for taking bribes in Afghanistan

HELSINKI, 1 July — Two Finnish peacekeepers have been jailed for taking bribes during their service in Afghanistan.

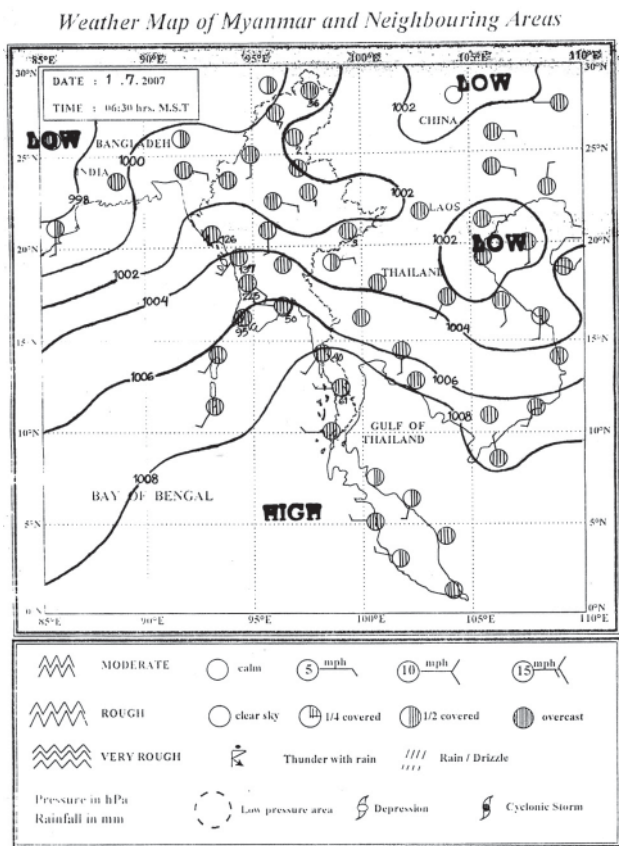
The peacekeepers were sentenced by Helsinki district court Friday to 15 and 18 months respectively.

The offences happened between 2004 and 2006 while the defendants were serving in the war-torn state, one as a project engineer, the other as a translator. The two took bribes from an Afghanistan businessman, to whom the peacekeepers granted construction projects.

The court said their behaviour severely weakened the credibility of their posts. The court ordered the two to forfeit the profits of their crimes, totalling 47,000 euros, to the state.

The maximum possible sentence for aggravated bribery is four years.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Sunday, 1 July, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain have been scattered in Shan, Chin and Kayah States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfall in Ayeyawady Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe (8.90) inches, Gwa (6.18) inches, Kyaukpyu (5.63) inches, Sittway (5.47) inches, Maungtaw (4.68) inches, Patheingyi (3.86) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.64) inches, Pyapon and Myeik (2.56) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 30-6-2007 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 1-7-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 1-7-2007 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 30-6-2007 was (1.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 1-7-2007 was (2.64) inches at Mingaladon, (1.97) inches at Kaba-Aye, (2.08) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (52.64) inches at Mingaladon, (56.93) inches at Kaba-Aye and (54.13) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 30-6-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 2-7-2007: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 2-7-2007:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 2-7-2007: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 2-7-2007: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Monday, 2 July
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -We are young (The Moffatts)
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -It is alright (Five)
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Mama mia (ABBA)
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Hey you (Shakira)
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lauch time music -Hand on your heart (Steps) -Eternal flame (Human Nature) -Forever (Westlife)
- 9:00 pm Spotlight on the star (Gloria) -The heart never learn -You'll be mine
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Drug/Women Affairs
- 9:35 pm Vocal gems -With you all the time (Gareth Gates)
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Monday, 2 July
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်တော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am 2. တိပိဋကဓရဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိန္ဓဝတိံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am 5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am 6. Song of national races
- 8:05 am 7. Cute little dancers

- 8:15 am 8. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Grammar Made Easy
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. Demonstration Exercises for Correct Pronunciation
- 4:45 pm 4. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး
- 4:55 pm 5. အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု)(ရက္ခဗေဒ)
- 5:10 pm 6. Dance variety
- 5:20 pm 7. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:35 pm 8. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:45 pm 9. Songs and dance of national races

- 5:50 pm 10. "နောက်မကျရအောင်" (မင်းသူ၊ ကျော်ထူး၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ ဒေါ်အေးအေးမြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)
- 6:00 pm 11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 13. အလှူရှာမယ် လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm 14. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 7:10 pm 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ သန်းတစ်ရာ ရွှေအိပ်မက် (အပိုင်း-၁၂)
- 8:00 pm 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေး ဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)
- 20. မြန်မာနိုင်ငံအမျိုးသမီးရေးရာ အဖွဲ့ချုပ်၏ ကြီးကြပ်မှုဖြင့် ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမျိုးသမီးရေးရာ အဖွဲ့မှစီစဉ်တင်ဆက်သော ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်ဇူလိုင်လ(၃)ရက် မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ အထိမ်းအမှတ်မြန်မာ အမျိုးသမီးများဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်ထုံးစံ၊ မှုပြပွဲ (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 21. The next day's programme

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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends ceremony to honour religious title holders two members of the Sangha, two laypersons



Congregation led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence take the Five Precepts from a Sayadaw.— MNA

YANGON, 1 July — A ceremony to honour Abbot Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Sobhana of Nyaungdon Pali Takkatho Monastery of Bahan Township, Bhaddanta Garuvamsabhivamsa of Dhammawihara Monastery and Dhamma Yeiktha Monastery of Thingangyun Township and two

laypersons was held at Dhammawihara Monastery in Thingangyun Township this afternoon.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Pecae and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Major Gen Hla Htay Win and party took the Five Precepts

from Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Ngwekyaryan Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Revata.

At the ceremony, responsible persons read the biographies of two Sayadaws and Agga Maha (See page 10)

Myanmar women costume show and variety dance staged

YANGON, 1 July—In honour of the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July, Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization conducted Myanmar women's costume show and variety dance under the supervision of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federa-

tion at the National Theater on Myoma Kyaung Road in Dagon Township on 29 June.

It was attended by members of the panel of patrons of MWAFF, Vice-Presidents of the federation (See page 10)



Daw Mar Mar Wai, Patron of Yangon Division WAO presents flower basket to Vice-Presidents of MWAFF Daw Khin Lay Myint and Daw Khin Thet Htay. MNA

One member resigns from Myaung Tsp NLD party No confidence in party and its leaders

YANGON, 1 July — Member U Aung Kyi of Myaung Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division resigned from the party of his own volition on 24 June, sending his resignation letter to NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In his resignation letter sent to Sagaing Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-commission, he said that he no longer wished to stand as a member of the party and lost confidence and respect in the party and its leaders. That was why he resigned from the party of his own volition, he said. — MNA

INSIDE

We enjoyed Mohinga and Mohletsaung (traditional snacks) served by the villagers. On our way home, we were thinking of providing sewing machines for the village so as to gain heartfelt applause of local people again.