

## Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Belarus

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Alexander R Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the independence Day of the Republic of Belarus which falls on 3 July.— MNA

## True patriotism

- \* It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- \* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

## Secretary-1 addresses special refresher course No 9 for faculty members

**Every nation has rights to build a way towards national interest on self-reliance basis for the betterment of the nation and its people**

**The rights to safeguard the territory, sovereignty and national interest are the most basic ones for every nation**



*Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at opening of Special Refresher Course No 9 for faculty members at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar).— MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July — The special refresher course No 9 for faculty members was opened at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township in Mandalay Division this morning, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present were Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Minis-

try of Defence, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, the ministers, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mandalay Mayor, members of CSSTB, the deputy chief justice of Upper Myanmar Supreme Court, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and

Development Council Office, heads of departments, local authorities, Rector of CICS (Upper Myanmar) U Aung Hsan Win and faculty members and trainee teachers.

The Secretary-1 said every nation of the world are nurturing the younger generation competitively to apply the latest science and technology in the interest

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 3 July, 2007

### Strive for enhancing Myanmar women's life

According to culture, traditions and laws, Myanmar Women have enjoyed rights on equal terms with men since time immemorial. The Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs was formed on 3 July 1996 with the aim of maintaining the already-achieved women's rights.

The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was formed on 20 December 2003 to be able to enhance the standard of women, protect and rehabilitate, and improve their social and cultural sectors. Members of the committees at different levels are actively participating in the drive for national development and improvement of women's life.

The government has designated 3 July as Myanmar Women's Day and marked it yearly since 1998. The Myanmar Women's Day is marked to reflect the brilliant performance of women and their morale.

The MWAFA is a national force that is serving the interest of the State and the people. Every woman fully equipped with community spirit, nationalism and patriotism can become a member of the federation.

The MWAFA has different sub-committees in order to engage in the drive for protection of women and rehabilitation.

The sub-committees are taking measures for the development of woman sector, prevention of against violence women, prevention of trafficking in persons, rehabilitation of women being trafficked and all-round development of young women.

Fully endowed with the fine traditions of outstanding performance, nationalism and the spirit of preserving lineage, we firmly believe that Myanmar women will be able to take part in nation-building endeavours and enhancing their life.

### Myanmar bags medals in 4th Asian Youth Wushu Championship

YANGON, 2 July — The victorious Myanmar Wushu team, which bagged two gold medals, one silver and four bronze in the 4th Asian Youth Wushu Championship held in Yeong Ju of the Republic of Korea from 27 June to 1 July, arrived back here by air yesterday.

The victorious team was welcomed back and greeted at Yangon International Airport by Director-General U Thaug Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, who is also a secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee, and officials concerned, Chairperson Daw Aye Aye of Central Work Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, who is also a member of MOC and patrons in-charge, President of Myanmar Wushu Federation Dr Sai Sam Tun and executives, Wushu athletes from MWF and families.

Ma Thet Thet Naing secured a gold medal in Daoshu (single-edged sword), a bronze medal in Changquan and a bronze medal in Gunshu (Staff); Maung Kyaw Zin Thit, a gold medal in Daoshu (single-edged sword); Ma Sandi Oo, a silver medal in Jianshu (double-edged sword) and one bronze medal in Gunshu and Maung Kyaw Naing Oo, a bronze medal in Sanshu 52 kilo in the championship. — MNA

## 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

### Teak saplings grown hailing Myanmar Women's Day

YANGON, 2 July— Hailing the Myanmar Women's Day 2007, the collective teak growing ceremony was held in front of the Prayer Hall of U Khanti Pagoda in Mawlamyine on 27 June.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, wife Daw Myint Myint Soe, Patron of Mon State Women's Affairs Organization, Secretary U Aung Win of Mon State PDC, departmental officials, Chairperson Daw Nyein Nyein Htaik of Mon State WAO and members, members of social organizations and local people.

First, the commander and wife, members of the WAO and social organizations, local people grew teak plants.

Next, the commander and wife viewed participation of WAO and social organization members and local people in growing 538 teak saplings. — MNA

### Secretariat Member meets with Thaboung Township USDA members

YANGON, 2 July — Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaug met with the township USDA secretary, executives and organizers at Paper and Pulp Factory (Thaboung) of Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries in Thaboung Township on 29 June. First, Secretary U Thein Win of township USDA and executives reported to the minister on five rural development tasks being carried out in their respective regions.

Yesterday morning, the minister inspected nurturing of eucliptus and bamboo plantations in the factory compound and called for growing bamboo plantation meeting the target.

During his tour, the minister also inspected Control Room of Power Plant, running of 15-megawatt and 6-megawatt turbines and the tasks of Chemical Plant of the Paper and Pulp Factory, and fulfilled the need of the tasks. Afterwards, the minister visited Win Thuza Shop in Patheingyi. — MNA

### Foreign Minister sends message of felicitations to Belarus

YANGON, 3 July — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Martinov Sergei Nikolaevich, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus which falls on 3 July.

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### I&P Minister gives instructions to departmental personnel

YANGON, 1 July — Service personnel are to conscientiously discharge the respective duties in reconvening the final session of the National Convention which is the first step of the seven-step Road Map, said Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe at the meeting with officials of Immigration and National Registration Department and Population Department at the hall of Population Department on Maha Bandoola Street, here, this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General U Maung Maung Than of INRD, directors of INRD and PD and officials.

The minister continued to say that officials are to make field trips to grass-roots level for realizing the aims of the departments.

Officials reported on population of Yangon Division, issuing of citizenship scrutinizing cards and difficulties in task. Director-General U Maung Maung Than gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, the minister attended to the needs.

MNA

### Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivers an address at opening of job proficiency course of Internal Revenue Department.



### 50 employees of MFR receive skills for job proficiency

YANGON, 2 July — A total of 50 employees of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue are attending the job proficiency course No 30 for officials of the ministry held at the ministry here today.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivered an address at the opening of the four-week course conducted by Internal Revenue Department. In his address, the minister said the course was conducted

with the aim of producing skilful officials who will take part in implementing the tasks of the ministry in accordance with rules and regulations.

Also present at the opening of course were Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, Director-General of Internal Revenue Department U San Tun and officials.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Iraqi PM criticizes US raid on Baghdad's Shiite suburb**

BAGHDAD, 1 July — Iraq's Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki on Saturday criticized the US military operation in Baghdad's Shiite bastion of Sadr City, hours after the US military killed 26 suspected militants in the capital's eastern neighbourhood.

Maliki also ordered the Iraqi special forces not to

take part in any military operation without prior approval from Iraqi military command.

In a statement, Maliki said that his government "vehemently rejects any military operation by the MultiNational Forces in any Iraqi province or city without prior approval of the command of the Iraqi

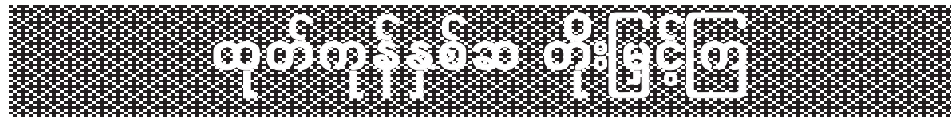
military forces or coordination with the command".

The statement also urged the Iraqi troops to abide by orders, made by the higher national authorities, and warned against launching attacks against civilians. The Iraqi Government would seek clarification from the Multi-National Forces about the operation that was carried out in the Sadr City neighbourhood at dawn Saturday.

Earlier, the US military said that 26 militants, believed to have ties with "Iranian terror network", were killed during raids on Baghdad's eastern neighbourhood of Sadr City during pre-dawn hours on Saturday. The troops detained 17 suspected militants, the statement said, adding that there were no US casualties during the raids, a military statement said. —MNA/Xinhua



*Denmark's Crown Princess Mary holds her daughter, Princess Isabella Henrietta Ingrid Margrethe, after the christening ceremony in Fredensborg on 1 July, 2007. — INTERNET*



*Chinese President Hu Jintao cuts the ribbon by car driving-in during the opening ceremony of the Shenzhen Bay Port (or Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor), a border crossing between south China's city Shenzhen and Hong Kong on 1 July, 2007. — XINHUA*

**Penang to be safest state by 2010**

PENANG, 1 July — Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon has set a target of making Penang the safest state by 2010 and called for the cooperation of all quarters to achieve this.

They should help the police curb crime in their neighbourhood, he told reporters after launching the Macallum Area Safe Town Initiative here.

He said there were 4,244 police personnel serving the state's 1.5 million population.

"The police and population ratio in the state is 1:366 against the ideal international standard ratio of 1:250," he added.

Also present at the launching were Malaysia Crime Prevention Foundation vice-chairman Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye and Penang police chief Datuk Koh Hong Sun.

Besides the Macallum area, the Safe Town programme was also launched simultaneously in Bayan Baru, Taman Raja Tun Uda in Butterworth, and Bukit Minyak and Taman Siakap, Seberang Jaya.

*Internet*

*Police officers examine a vehicle outside a house on Ramilies road in Liverpool, northern England, on 1 July, 2007 following the arrest of a person in connection with Saturday's terrorist attack in Glasgow.*

*INTERNET*



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**Sunday attacks kill two Americans in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, 1 July — Two US soldiers were killed in separate attacks in the Baghdad area, the US military reported Sunday, bringing the

American death toll in Iraq to 3,579.

One of the soldiers was killed by gunfire in an ambush that followed a roadside bomb attack on

his vehicle on the west side of the Iraqi capital. The second died when his patrol came under fire in a southern district of the city, the US command in

Baghdad reported.

Fighting in southern Baghdad has been particularly fierce lately, with five US soldiers killed and seven others wounded by a roadside bombing Thursday. But American commanders say the push to pacify Baghdad and its surrounding provinces is bearing fruit despite US death tolls of 100 or more for the past three months.

The number of Iraqi civilians killed in June dropped to 1,227, down from 1,949 in 1 May, 501 in April; and 1,872 in March, an Iraqi Interior Ministry official said Saturday.

**Indonesia plays down EU flight ban**

JAKARTA, 1 July — Indonesian Vice-President Jusuf Kalla said Friday a recent decision by the European Union to ban all Indonesian airlines from flying to the region would have no significant impact on the country.

Kalla said currently no Indonesian airline has scheduled flights to any European destinations, although flag carrier Garuda Indonesia has announced a plan to reopen route to Amsterdam that was ceased in 2004.

"Formally, there is no impact at all. But of course it has psychological effects because many European people stay here," Kalla told reporters at his office here.

He said Indonesia could take a lesson from the EU move by improving the aviation safety standards.

The European Commission Thursday announced that all 51 airlines certified in Indonesia would be blocked from flying to the EU.

*MNA/Xinhua*

# WHO FCTC opens second session in Bangkok

BANGKOK, 1 July — The Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) opened its second session in Bangkok Saturday.

The seven-day meeting, which lasts until next Friday, has drawn

over 500 delegates from 145 countries as parties to the WHO FCTC, with voting rights on such key agendas as items in the templates for protocols on illicit trade in tobacco products and cross-border tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship, as well as the

guidelines for the implementation of smoke-free places and regulations on tobacco products as stipulated in the FCTC, and previously identified during the first session of the Conference in Geneva in February 2006.

“Our greatest enemy is not the tobacco industry,

but complacency,” said Dr Asamoah-Baah, Deputy Director-General of WHO.

Although people all around the world have realized the killing danger of smoking, and various tobacco control policies have been identified in the convention and national laws, “laws on the book are not laws on the street”, the WHO deputy head noted, urging that all parities to take immediate action to implement control measures to decrease tobacco consumption and thus reduce serious health risks of smokers and second-hand smokers.—MNA/Xinhua

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Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (R) greets Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez in Teheran on 1 July, 2007.— INTERNET

## Official says more Malaysian male tend to take up nursing as career

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 July— More Malaysian men were beginning to take up nursing as a career and the female-dominated profession was not monopolized, a local health official said here on Friday.

Among some 3,000

new trainee nurses each year recruited by the government institutes, about 10 per cent were males, Deputy Health Minister Abdul Latiff Ahmad said at an international nursing conference here.

There were a lot more

male nurses who went for private training, he said.

Abdul Latiff said that Malaysia also faced a shortage of nurses as many trained nurses hopped to the private sector or went overseas for better salaries.

MNA/Xinhua

## Smoke starts choking Indonesia's Sumatra

JAKARTA, 1 July— Smoke has started choking the Indonesian province of Jambi on Sumatra Island with satellite photos showing 13 hotspots in forests and plantation areas in the province, an official said Friday.

Secretary to the Forest Fire Monitoring Centre at

the Jambi Forest Agency, Frans Tandipau, said the 13 hotspots were located in a number of districts in Tebo Regency.

He said that police officers and a number of officials from regional administration were heading to the locations of forest fires. Jambi is among provinces on

Sumatra and Kalimantan islands where thick haze form forest fires spread and flew to neighbouring Singapore and Malaysia, reported the national Antara news agency. The Indonesian Government has promised that it would strengthen its effort to fight forest fires this year.

MNA/Xinhua

## Air cons, fridges to require efficiency labels in S'pore

SINGAPORE, 1 July — Singapore on Friday launched a new scheme requiring all air conditioners and refrigerators to display labels stating their energy consumption starting from next year.

According to the National Environment Authority (NEA), the label uses ticks to indicate energy efficiency. One

tick means low efficiency, while four ticks mean very good efficiency.

Choosing a highly efficient energy saving model which comes with 4 ticks on the energy label, compared to a model

without ticks, can save consumers about 860 Singapore dollars (about 562 US dollars) a year.

The new mandatory regulation is a stronger form of the voluntary scheme the NEA launched in 2002. Currently, only 20 per cent of the models on the market have been labelled.

The NEA said it hopes that raising awareness will shift consumer demand to high energy efficient, environmentally-friendly products.

It will also encourage manufacturers to streamline their products, as each certification test for the labels will cost around 4,000 US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

Police forensic officers look at the burnt wreckage of a Jeep Cherokee vehicle as it is removed from the departure entrance at Glasgow airport, Scotland on 1 July, 2007. — INTERNET

## US uncovers crossborder drug tunnel in Arizona

NOGALES (Arizona) 1 July— US authorities have discovered a cramped but sophisticated drug smuggling tunnel linking Nogales, Arizona, with its Mexican sister city, Nogales, Sonora, officials said on Friday.

In coordinated raids on Thursday, US drug and Customs agents moved in on an Arizona home at

one end of the tunnel while Sonora state police arrested five people at an apartment on the other side, said US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, in a statement.

Agents discovered the tunnel's entrance in the house's utility room hidden beneath sheets of plywood and weighed down with dirt filled bags.

The tunnel had been recently constructed and looked like it had not yet been used, said the ICE statement.

The shaft of the tunnel was reinforced with wood supports and sand bags. It had lighting

but no ventilation system. “Because of the (small) size of the passageway, it wouldn't have been very practical to smuggle people.

MNA/Reuters

F-16 aircraft from the US Air Force Thunderbirds fly during an airshow at the Graf Ignatievo military airport, 140 km east of Sofia, Bulgaria on 1 July, 2007. INTERNET



**ECONOMIC NEWS**

**China, Pakistan to cut trade tariffs from July**

BEIJING, 1 July—China and Pakistan will start to cut or scrap tariffs on all products from 1 July to boost bilateral trade, Wang Xinpei, spokesman of the Ministry of Commerce, has said.

The two-phase step is in accordance with a free trade agreement (FTA) signed by the two countries last November, which aimed to triple the trade volume to 15 billion dollars in five years.

Under the agreement, both sides will, during Phase I, slash tariffs on 85 per cent of the products by different ranges in five years after the agreement is put into force, and eliminate tariffs on 36 per cent of the products in three years.

During this phase, China will largely reduce tariffs on livestock, aquatic products, vegetables, mineral products and textiles, while Pakistan will mainly reduce tariffs on beef and mutton, chemicals and machinery products.

In phase II, which starts from the sixth year

after the agreement comes into force, both sides will further reduce tariffs on the products based on the agreement implementation.

The aim is to scrap tariffs on up to 90 per cent of products within a reasonable period with mutual concerns being taken into account.

The agreement also covers investments, including investment promotion and protection,

treatment of investments, expropriation, compensation for damages and losses and dispute settlement.

China and Pakistan trade volume reached 5.3 billion US dollars in 2006, up 23 per cent over the previous year.

Bilateral trade volume has grown by nearly 20 per cent annually over the past ten years, according to ministry statistics.

MNA/Xinhua



*Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayaf Bin Abdul Aziz (C), brother of Saudi King Abdulah, speaks to Saudi reporters after his meeting with members of the Saudi advisory Shura Council to discuss the security situation in the kingdom, in Jeddah on 1 July, 2007 — INTERNET*



*The Sydney Opera House is reflected in a pool of rain water in this 31 March, 2005 file photo. A UNESCO World Heritage Committee meeting in Christchurch on 28 June, 2007 has voted to give Sydney's landmark Opera House World Heritage status by adding it to a list of culturally significant sites.— INTERNET*

**S Korea develops new infantry fighting vehicle**

SEOUL, 1 July—South Korean Agency for Defence Development announced Friday that it has developed a new model of infantry fighting vehicle after seven years of research and manufacturing.

The agency said the newly developed K21 armoured vehicle has a mounted, stabilized 40-millimetre automatic cannon, a 7.63-millimetre machine gun and a launcher for anti-tank guided missiles, enabling it to fight helicopters.

The 26-ton vehicle with superb river-crossing ability can carry three crew members and a squad of nine soldiers. It also travels at a speed of up to 70 kilometres per hour on the ground, and 7.8 kilometres per hour in water, the agency said.

Massive production of the vehicle will be started next year, said the agency.

MNA/Xinhua

**Panama drums up \$460m for canal expansion**

PANAMA CITY, 1 July —Panamanian lawmakers on Saturday approved a 460-million-US-dollar budget increase for 2008 as part of a 5.25-billion-US-dollar plan to expand the Panama Canal.

Legislators agreed to increase the Panama Canal authority's 2008 budget by almost 30 per cent to 2.02 billion US

dollars, with more than 70 per cent of that coming from increased canal transit tolls.

Tomas Altamirano, a lawmaker for the ruling Democratic Revolutionary Party, said the agreement constituted the: "first budget for the expansion of the Panama Canal".— MNA/Reuters



*Palestinians look at a crater made by an Israeli air strike in Gaza on 1 July, 2007.— INTERNET*

*A robot kicks a ball at a demonstration during the Robo-One Special Cup, soccer tournament of remote-controlled biped ambulation robot, in Tokyo on 1 July, 2007. INTERNET*



**China opposes US investigations against its steel tubes**

BEIJING, 1 July—China strongly opposes the US' combined use of anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures against carbon steel tubes imported from China, which was announced by the United States on Thursday, a spokesman with the Ministry of Commerce said on Friday.

The combined investi-

gations violate WTO rules, Wang Xinpei said.

Wang noted given the fact the United States does not realize China as a market economy, use of anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures also infringes the US' own rules and its tradition of not adopting anti-subsidy measures against any non-market economies, which

has been practised for more than 20 years. Wang said the move would affect the Sino-US trade in a negative way, and China hopes the United States to abide by consensus reached by state leaders of the two sides on solving frictions in their economic and trade relationship through dialogues.

MNA/Xinhua



*The Canadian Forces Snowbirds fly past the Peace Tower during Canada Day celebrations on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on 1 July, 2007. Canadians are celebrating their country's 140th birthday. —INTERNET*

## Malaysian Govt forms special forces to check schools

**KUALA LUMPUR, 1 July** — The Malaysian Education Ministry has formed special task forces at various levels nationwide to monitor the health conditions in all schools in the country, according to Malaysia's national news agency *Bernama* on Saturday.

The main mission of the task forces was to send periodic reports on the level of cleanliness of school canteens and food poisoning cases to the ministry, *Bernama* quoted Malaysia's Deputy Education Minister Hon Choon Kim as saying. Hon expressed hope that the special task forces could

be mobilized immediately.

Several cases of the suspected food poisoning were reported in some schools in the country recently, involving more than 100 students or pupils in a certain single case. These students or pupils reportedly had problems after having meals at canteens of the schools.

Hon said that his ministry planned to set up a joint committee with the Health Ministry to ensure the cleanliness of food and drinks served at school canteens. He also threw his support to the implementation of a school canteen grading scheme in the country.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Zimbabwe extracts 50,000 carats diamonds in trial mining

**HARARE, 1 July** — The Zimbabwe Mining Development Corporation has so far extracted more than 50,000 carats of diamonds through trial mining at Chiadzwa in Marange, Manicaland Province, local Press *The Herald* reported on Friday.

Minister of Mines and Mining Development Amos Midzi said mining of the precious stones was going on well and that the government was convinced that ZMDC was capable of carrying out the task.

Midzi, however, refused to comment on the value or where the precious stones were being kept. "ZMDC will reinvest the funds realized from the sale of the products they have so far mined.

What ZMDC requires immediately is injection of new equipment which would then enhance its capacity and increase production and therefore improve its performance," said Midzi.

He allayed fears from some quarters, particularly from the parliamentary portfolio committee on Mines, Energy and Tourism that ZMDC needed a foreign technical partner as it had no technical capacity to mine the precious stones in Marange.

Commenting on the recent visit by a delegation from Kimberly Process Certification Scheme (KPCS), Midzi said the government was transparent with the team, an indication that it had nothing to hide.

*MNA/Xinhua*



*Flood victims gather near a Pakistan Army helicopter to receive relief goods in Turbat on 1 July, 2007. A flash flood swept through six villages in Pakistan's storm-hit Baluchistan Province killing 30 people and forcing more than 10,000 from their homes as a huge effort to help up to 15 million people geared up. — INTERNET*

## Two injured in Air China flight accident

**BEIJING, 1 July** — One passenger and one crew member were injured in an Air China passenger jet accident here on Sunday.

The fore-underside of the *Boeing 767* took back automatically before taking-off, which was due 5:15 Sunday afternoon from Beijing to Dubai, General Administration of Civil Aviation (CAAC) officials said.

Most of the passengers have boarded the aircraft when the jet head fell onto the ground, according to the CAAC. The two passengers, who are both Chinese, have been sent to hospital, and other passengers have been properly settled while a CAAC team has been conducting investigations.

The passenger and the crew member felt dazed, and medical checks show they were only slightly injured, the CAAC said.

All 148 passengers are boarding another Air China aircraft, waiting for taking-off Sunday night, according to the CAAC.

*Xinhua*



*An Air China plane lies on the ground after the fore-underside retracted before take-off at the Beijing Capital International Airport on 1 July, 2007. The accident left one passenger and one crew member injured, Xinhua News Agency reported. — INTERNET*

## Australia reportedly plans to withdraw troops from Iraq

**SYDNEY, 1 July** — Australian Prime Minister John Howard is secretly planning to begin withdrawing Australian troops from Iraq by February 2008, Australian media reported on Sunday.

*The Sunday Telegraph*, quoting an unnamed senior military source, described Howard's

withdrawal plan as "one of the most closely guarded secrets in top levels of the bureaucracy".

*The Sunday Telegraph* said the drawdown of troops would focus on soldiers based in southern Iraq on security duty with Iraqi soldiers.

Australia has about 1,500 soldiers, sailors and airmen in and around Iraq.

Howard, a close ally of US President George W Bush, has been a mainstay of support for the controversial United States military presence in Iraq.

As recently as last week Prime Minister Howard said there were no plans to withdraw Australian troops from Iraq, and has consistently said that

Australian troops would remain in Iraq for as long as needed. A spokesman for Howard on Sunday referred to Howard's statement last week and told *Reuters* that he did not want to give credence to *The Sunday Telegraph* report. Howard said last week that his government was not committed to a timetable over Australian troops in Iraq but was committed to an outcome driven by circumstances and events.

His withdrawal plan had yet to be put to US President Bush or to the Australian Cabinet, *The Sunday Telegraph* said.

US Ambassador to Australia Robert McCallum told Channel 10's

Meet the Press programme on Sunday that a plan by Opposition leader Kevin Rudd to withdraw Australian troops from Iraq, if he won power in elections to be held later this year, could create tensions between Australia and the United States.

"The United States is extraordinarily grateful to Australia for its commitments there (in Iraq)," he said. "Whenever one agrees with an ally about any subject, it's better than if one disagrees and there's always a tension or a stress on a relationship," he said.

The tone of the relationship in relation to Iraq would depend on the details, he said.

*MNA/Reuters*

**Honouring Myanmar Women's Day**

# Myanmar Women's Day for All Myanmar Women

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**MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007

“Myanmar Women's Day” falls on 3 July every year. It is an auspicious day for all Myanmar Women. Actually it designated the day, 3 July of 1996 to be exact, on which the first ever Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs (MNCWA) was formed with the main objective for taking the initiative in organizing the mass of Myanmar Women to become one in line with the commitment made at Beijing's Fourth World Women's Conference in 1995 in the area of women empowerment and advancement.

The limitations of the Committee in undertaking various issues for the entire Myanmar Women mass eventually led to the formation of a greater organization for promoting the Myanmar Women sector in the country. Accordingly the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation (Mwaf) was established on 20 December, 2003 for the benefit of the Myanmar Women from all walks of life, to stand as the body representing and responsible for the women sector. In fact Mwaf upgrades the previous Committee with its new set-up making it easier, more practical and more efficient to carry out all the related issues regarding the entire Myanmar Women mass on a wider scale and with extended perspectives.

All Myanmar women, while paying due respect and recognition to the International Women's Day (8 March every year) should attach great significance to Myanmar Women's Day of 3 July since it is the date of birth of MNCWA, whose origin could be traced back directly to the Fourth World Women's Conference of 1995.

Beijing Conference ended with a Declaration that highlights the paramount importance of

women empowerment and the proper dispersion of women on the basis of equality in all sphere of society. Agreement was made there for everyone to go home with an assignment to meet the commitment made in the area of women empowerment. For us, Myanmar Women, 3 July on which the great Mwaf originated, poses as a very special day following the Beijing Conference that laid down the foundation for the main concern for the betterment of women and their empowerment.

Different nations with different social, economic, political and cultural backgrounds take different paths and means to fulfil their commitment and objectives in this area. Mwaf, while collaborating with other international women organizations and other social organizations, tailor its programmes to the needs of Myanmar Women so as to keep up with the international trends and at the same time safeguarding the national interest at all times.

At present Mwaf has been trying its utmost to successfully implement its grand and noble objectives through its various working groups. Since its formation, it has been engaged in a variety of tasks in the women sector for all-round development of Myanmar Women for their protection, for their rights, for their empowerment and betterment in life.

United Nations Secretary General, has stated in his message on this year's International Women's Day that “Empowering women is not only a goal in itself. It is a condition for building better lives for everyone on the planet”.

As the Secretary General has emphasized in his speech, Mwaf has been strengthening “every means of empowering women and girls from educa-

## To All Myanmar Women

- \* **In almost all walks of life**  
 Never have we been secondary or subservient  
 With privileges and equal rights  
 A special custom to hold to our hearts tight
- \* **Husbands and wives in married life**  
 Again partners with equal rights  
 Family burden carried by man on his shoulder  
 And by woman, on her head, well and proper
- \* **More capacity building and empowerment**  
 For all women to be self-confident and self dependent  
 Through micro credit and vocational training  
 For income generation and awareness raising
- \* **When women are empowered**  
 They say a society with stability is assured  
 And enlightened women force  
 For developing good societies, surely a great resource
- \* **Ignorance driven away**  
 From life's challenges, we won't sway  
 Holding our heads up and looking ahead  
 Let's march forward along the path in the road map!

**Honouring Myanmar Women's Day**  
*Aye Phyu*

tion to micro credit.”

In fact Mwaf stands as a true pillar, a source of inspiration and strength for our women folk. We should take pride in Mwaf, in its numerous endeavours and give proper recognition to its founding day. To all Myanmar Women across the nation, let's all hail the auspicious “Myanmar Women's Day”!

**At present Mwaf has been trying its utmost to successfully implement its grand and noble objectives through its various working groups. Since its formation, it has been engaged in a variety of tasks in the women sector for allround development of Myanmar Women for their protection, for their rights, for their empowerment and betterment in life.**

## Secretary-1 addresses special refresher...

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of the nation and its people and are training them to become qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia through power of science and technology.

Like other nations of the world, Myanmar is making efforts for serving the interest of the nation and its people through science and technology and efforts are also being made for the emergence of a new nation, he said.

He said based on the education sector the government is endeavouring for promotion of education of the people which is the important national strength and for consolidation of patriotism and the Union spirit of intellectuals and intelligentsia.

**Education plays a major role in nation-building tasks and in marching towards the right path that brings about the national interest in the new nation. The nation must be built through educational force in order to keep abreast of the international community.** Efforts are to be made for restoration of discipline-flourishing democratic system and perpetuation of the Union through educational force. Therefore, education capable of overcoming various kinds of challenges will have to be built, he added.

In globalization period, international relations are to be promoted for development of science and technology of the country and for strong national economic force. It is necessary for the people to preserve national culture and characters and social norms of the successive periods, he said.

It is important to build nationalistic fervour based on national solidarity spirit and Union spirit as there is the spread of ism and cultural penetration in the nations of the world.

He said some western nations are undermining the national endeavours under the pretext of democracy and hu-

man rights. Those relying on external elements acting as stooges under the influence of the aliens are making propagandas that nationalistic fervour is out of date and they are inculcating younger generation with the spirit to rely on the aliens, he pointed out.

In fact, every nation has rights to build a way towards serving the national interest on self-reliance basis for the betterment of the nation and its people.

The rights to safeguard the territory, sovereignty and national interest are the most basic ones for every nation, he stressed.

In conformity with those fundamental rights, every nation has the right to choose and practice a system to protect and promote its interest within the framework of national policy.

**People should have correct and firm nationalism to safeguard and promote the interest of the race and nation and to protect the fundamental rights of a sovereign state. They should have brilliant qualifications to safeguard their own country.**

I would like to urge the people to carry out the national task of the education sector with the conviction that the qualification and efficiency to build and defend a modern and developed nation is a requisite. The said qualification and efficiency depend on teachers' ability to nurture and develop individual skill of their students.

Every student has significant individual talent and qualification and the only thing is to develop and nurture the given talent and qualification.

As long as individual vision, creativity, innovative mind, absorbing power and analytical skills can be fostered and raised, students will be able to practically apply sophisticated techniques and technologies thanks to those developing qualifications.

The government has created an edu-



**Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets trainees at opening of Special Refresher Course No 9 for faculty members at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar).—MNA**

cation environment capable of developing the State and the people to keep pace with changes and developments.

At present also, there has been an opportunity to pursue basic education as well as higher education in different regions of the nation and a choice of studying for master and doctorate degree courses.

Moreover, the new programmes were introduced at the high school level for uplift of the standard of education so that students can pursue the international level education of higher institutions.

Therefore, faculty members are to try their utmost to further nurture students coming from basic education sector to be qualified and familiar with higher institutions as there will be an increase in the number of students of higher education sector.

In the meantime, teachers of higher institutions are to make relentless efforts for development of science and technology in the nation and related subjects, to innovate new subjects and to ensure development of applied subjects.

As different research centres in conformity with respective regions have been established at universities and colleges more researches that contribute to regional development, economy and production of the region are to be done.

He stressed the need for faculty members to strive for development of science and technology in the fields of agriculture, livestock, fisheries, forestry, industry, mining and energy and to produce more intellectuals and technocrats that play a crucial role in developing national economy.

Furthermore, faculty members are to try their best for the emergence of intellectuals and intelligentsia and development of technology so that the State can rely on its own in an effort to ensure national development.

Therefore, the education sector is to try to improve the education of the people and to enable them to be rational and thoughtful. Only then will political, economic and social infrastructures of the State develop through the strength of the educated people. The process of building a new modern nation is well under way and the final session of the National Convention, the first step of the seven-step Road Map, will be

held very soon.

**A referendum will be held after the draft constitution has been drawn based on the detailed basic principles laid down by the NC. When the time comes to do so, it is important for the national people to be able to distinguish right and wrong without any ism and personality cult.** So, efforts to educate the people to broaden their horizons, to have national as well as international outlooks and to be rational must be exerted through the education sector.

Today's destructive elements are making political profits in the name of religious and social affairs by resorting to various wicked ways. Describing the various titles that have been popular in the international arena, such elements from inside and outside the country are making fabrications with intent to tarnish the image of the government. Unaware of these, the people might have misunderstanding. That is why those from the education field are to organize the people to clearly see the true colours of the destructionists.

Work programmes to promote national education, improve the knowledge of the people and produce intellectuals and intelligentsia are indispensable for ensuring peace and stability of the State, national economic growth, high living standards of the people and a new modern nation. Hence, all the faculty members are to consider this fact and urged to diligently perform national duties of the education sector. The Secretary-1 concluded that the people are to be trained to receive higher education, to be rational and thoughtful and to have national spirit through the education sector; and that national duties are to be carried out through the education sector for the emergence of a peaceful, modern discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

After the opening ceremony of the course, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greeted the trainee teachers. A total of 426 faculty members from various states and divisions are doing the four-week course. Before the ceremony, at the office of CICS (Upper Myanmar) Rector U Aung San Win reported to the Secretary-1 on conducting of courses and agricultural and livestock breeding tasks. — MNA

## Korean Ambassador calls on Culture Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July — Mr Park Key-Chong, Korean Ambassador to Myanmar, called on Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint at the ministry, here, today.

At the meeting, they discussed culture cooperation between the two

countries.

Also present at the call were Director-General U San Win of Department of Archaeological, National Museum and Libraries, Director-General U Yan Naing Oo of Fine Arts Department and officials concerned.— MNA



**Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Park Key-Chong calls on Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Minister for Culture.— CULTURE**



## Wellwishers donate cash to MWF to hail Myanmar Women's Day

YANGON, 2 July — As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July, wellwishers donated cash to Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation to mark the Myanmar Women's Day at the office of MWF in Bahan Township today.

President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Than Than Nwe, vice-presidents and executives of MWF, President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Khin Win and executives of the association and departmental officials

attended the cash donation ceremony.

A total of 44 wellwishers including wives of the members of the State Peace and Development Council, Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and ministries donated cash to the association.

MWF President Daw Than Than Nwe and Vice-Presidents Daw Khin Lay Myint and Daw Khin Thet Htay accepted the donation and presented certificates of honour to wellwishers.

Today's donation were K 16,855,000 and



*President of MWF Daw Than Than Nwe speaks words of thanks at a ceremony to donate cash to MWF. — MNA*



70 books on general knowledge. —MNA

## Educative talks to mark Myanmar Women's Day launched

YANGON, 2 July — As a gesture hailing Myanmar Women's Day for 2007, an educative talk, organized by Environment Working Group, Social Welfare and Culture Working Group and Health Working Group of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, was held at Myanyila Hall of Latha Township No 2 Basic Education High

School this morning, with an address by Leader of Environment Working Group of MWF Daw Nilar Thaw.

First, Leader Daw Nilar Thaw explained about the history of the federation, its aims, working groups and setup of departments and sub-working groups and gave talks on salient points of health and environmental

affairs. Next, Secretary Dr Khin Mar Aye gave talks on dengue haemorrhagic fever, member of Environment Working Group Daw Yi Yi Nyein on environmental affairs and leader Daw Yi Yi Lay of Second Group of Environment Working Group on human beings and their world. — MNA



*Daw Ni Lar Thaw, leader of working group for environment of MWF, delivers an address. — MNA*



*Daw Than Than Nwe accepts cash donated by a wellwisher. — MNA*

## NLD Headquarters has constant contacts with American Embassy in Yangon

### American Embassy staff visited NLD Headquarters 18 times in June

YANGON, 2 July — The National League for Democracy Headquarters has been trying to push Myanmar to become a colonial subjugation and minion instead of keeping in the fore the national cause. All the people have lost confidence and interest in the party because it is maintaining constant contacts with diplomats and embassy staff of some embassies in Yangon and dancing to the tune of some big nations.

The people are keeping an eye

on the party because it is being criticized for having constant contacts with American Embassy. The US embassy staff have entered the NLD headquarters on West Shwegondine street for 11 times in April and 21 in May.

Similarly, the US embassy staff entered the NLD headquarters for 18 times in June and met with NLD members and CEC members and carried letters and parcels there.

MNA

## Ten members of Hinthada Township NLD resign

YANGON, 2 July — Ten members of Hinthada Township National League for Democracy Party resigned from the party of their own volition on 25 June.

U Mya Thaug, U Phoe Htay, U Sein Win, U Than Win, U San Win, U Aung Ya, U Tin Aung Myint, U Kyaw Swe, U

San Hlaing and U Soe Hla of Hinthada Township NLD sent their resignation letters to the NLD (HQ) and local administrative bodies.

In the letters sent to Hinthada Township Multi-party General Election Subcommittee, they said that NLD has not cooperated with the government and the

people for the development of the country.

They also witnessed that NLD tried to jeopardise the country in cooperation with internal and external elements, they said.

These are the reasons why they left the party of their own accord, they said. — MNA

## Information Minister attends work coordination meeting for 2007



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses work coordination meeting for 2007 of the Ministry of Information.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended a work coordination meeting for 2007 of the ministry, here, this afternoon.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan made a speech, saying that the meeting is aimed at giving instructions on tasks to be carried out, and discussing matters on measures to be undertaken in 2007-2008 by the ministry.

The ministry is not only performing information tasks but striving to seek more earnings for the State. At the meeting, ways and means are to be sought for increasing incomes of the State and reducing expenses, he added. Emphasis is placed on dynamic development of the under developed states and divisions. In addition, expenses for the projects are to be spent systematically and data need to be corrected in conformity with rules

and regulations.

For the year 2007-2008, 11 objectives of the ministry are being implemented and the duties for implementing the objectives have been assigned. Therefore, the departments and enterprises are to devote themselves to successful implementation of the objectives, said the minister.

The directors-general and managing directors reported on work being done and future tasks to the minister.

In responses to the reports, the minister attended to their needs and stressed the need for collectively carrying out the tasks to achieve the success.

Also present on the occasion were deputy directors-general, general managers, directors and officials of the departments and enterprises under the ministry.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects construction of Katha-Bhamo Railroad section.—RAIL

## Minister inspects construction of Katha-Bhamo Railroad

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and Deputy Minister U Pe Than inspected construction of the Katha-Bhamo Railroad section on 30 June and gave instructions.

Katha-Bhamo Railroad is being constructed to link Katha in Sagaing Division and

Bhamo in Kachin State and it will be 95 miles long. There will be 55 bridges including one river-crossing bridge on the road. On completion, the railroad will be a direct rail service from Nay Pyi Taw to Bhamo through Mandalay, Naba and Katha.

During his inspection tour, the minister and party also inspected condition of

railways and bridges and maintenance tasks on Mandalay-Myitkyina Railroad.

On his tour, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and Deputy Minister U Pe Than met with officials of the road construction project and heard reports on construction tasks and assisted in the construction project.—MNA

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint on inspection...

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tower, Lt-Gen Ye Myint called on officials concerned to supervise concrete tasks to meet the set standards and focus on occupational safety.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party looked into progress of works of Yeywa hydropower project by car. The project is located on Myitnge River near Yeyaman Village, 31 miles south-east of Mandalay city. Upon completion, the project will produce 790 megawatts of electricity.

Upon arrival at No 1 Multi-purpose cultivation and poultry farm of Mandalay City Development Committee in Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han briefed them on cultivation of physic nut plants on 120 acres of land and growing of fruit and vegetables including tapioca and perennial crops and raising of poultry.

Next, they were conducted by the mayor around physic nut plantations, tapioca

plantation and pig farm and Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on extended cultivation of physic nut plants from which biodiesel can be extracted and raising of poultry.

The MCDC has cultivated 120 acres of physic nut plants and 30 acres of fruit and vegetables, and raised 1,000 pigs and 6,000 chickens and other ducks, geese and Muscovy ducks in No 1 Multi-purpose cultivation and poultry farm. There are also 16 fish ponds in the farm.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected thriving summer paddy fields and harvesting of summer paddy on both sides of Yedagun Road.

After that, they were conducted by the Commander around 100 acres physic nut plantation of No 2 Multi-purpose cultivation and poultry farm. The Central Command Headquarters and regiments and units in the station have cultivated a total of 250 acres of physic nut plants.—MNA

## Guangzhou-Yangon new airline launched

YANGON, 2 July — China Southern Airlines A-319 aircraft launched its maiden flight today from Guangzhou of PRC to the Union of Myanmar.

The aircraft carrying 115 passengers arrived at Yangon at 10.30 am today. It was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by officials of Ministry of Transport and Chinese embassy. The launch of a new airline between China and Myanmar will help

promote tourism, trade and economy as well as amity between the two countries, said an official of China Southern Airlines.

After a 30-day period of sales promotion, normal flights will be carried out between Guangzhou and Yangon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Air China is operating on Beijing-Kunming-Yangon run and China Eastern Airlines on Kunming-Yangon run it is learnt.

MNA

A-319 aircraft of China Southern Airlines arrives at Yangon International Airport.—MNA



## Most young Filipinos use web for gaming, social network

MANILA, 2 July — Gaming and social networking have emerged as primary reasons why young Filipinos use the Internet, local media reported on Saturday.

Citing a recent survey by DigitalFilipino.com, a report by *Inquirer* news network said that majority (more than 70 per cent) of gamers play in Internet cafes even though they have Internet connections at home.

Almost 90 per cent of 375 respondents in this year's survey are aged 25 or

below, said the report, noting that most of the respondents spend 12 to 24 hours a week surfing the web.

DigitalFilipino.com started its annual Internet user survey in 2002. In previous surveys, respondents cited research and e-mail as main reasons why they go online.

MNA/Xinhua



**Bao Xishun (R), the world's tallest person according to the Guinness World Records, poses for wedding photos with his fiancée Xia Shujuan. The wedding of Bao, 2.36 metres in height and 56 years old, will be held on 12 July, 2007.**

INTERNET

## Coach collision kills 10, injures 11 in Vietnam

HANOI, 2 July — A coach bumped into another in Vietnam's central Khanh Hoa Province Saturday afternoon, killing 10 people, including a coach driver, and injuring 11 others, Central Vietnam Television reported.

A coach running at high speed crashed into the back of another coach in the province's Van Ninh District. Local police are investigating the accident's cause. — MNA/Xinhua



**Takefumi Sakata of Japan holds up a trophy after his win against Roberto Vasquez of Panama during their World Boxing Association (WBA) flyweight title bout in Tokyo on 1 July, 2007.**

INTERNET

## Philippine police raid abortion clinic

MANILA, 2 July — Philippine police have raided an abortion centre in Manila and "rescued" 13 women inside and arrested five employees of the illegal clinic, reported the official *Philippine News Agency* on Sunday.

The unregistered clinic was a mere two-bedroom apartment in a popular district of Manila, where some of the "rescued" women were about to undergo abortion operations when police came Saturday night, said the report.

MNA/Xinhua

## Castro charges CIA more murderous than ever

HAVANA, 2 July — Convalescing Cuban President Fidel Castro charged on Sunday the release of classified CIA documents detailing past abuses was a smoke screen behind which the Bush Administration hoped to hide even worse methods.

"I think that this action could be an attempt ... to make people believe that these methods belong to another era and are no longer used," Castro wrote in an editorial published by the Communist country's official media.

"Everything described in the documents is still being done, only in a more brutal manner around the entire planet, including an increasing number of illegal actions in the very United States."

The CIA declassified on Tuesday hundreds of pages of long-secret records that detailed some of the agency's worst illegal abuses during about 25 years of overseas assassination attempts, domestic spying and kidnapping.

The documents are known in the CIA as the "Family Jewels" and some describe the agency's efforts to persuade Johnny Roselli, believed to be a mobster, to help plot the assassination of Castro.

"Sunday is a good day to read what appears to be science fiction," Castro began his three-page editorial, titled "The Killing Machine".

He went on to quote extensively from material covering the attempt on his life, as well as a *New York Times* analysis of all the documents.

Cuba charges that Castro has been the target of hundreds of assassination attempts. The Cuban leader has said numerous times that President George W Bush has ordered him killed.

Castro also reiterated in detail his long-held belief that US president John F Kennedy, assassinated in

1963, was the victim of a plot involving elements of the CIA and militant anti-Castro Cuban exiles.

Castro, a master sharp-shooter with a telescopic rifle, insists Lee Harvey Oswald could not have been the only shooter in Dallas.

MNA/Reuters

## Hu attends HK return anniversary celebration

HONG KONG, 2 July — Chinese President Hu Jintao attended a gathering marking the 10th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to China and the inauguration of the third-term government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) here Sunday morning.

Chief Executive Donald Tsang went to the podium first to take his oath solemnly, administered by President Hu.

Principal officials of

the third-term HKSAR government and members of the Executive Council also took their oaths.

After the inauguration, Tsang addressed the gathering, expressing his gratitude to the central government and Hong Kong citizens for their support for the third-term HKSAR government, and vowing to go all out to do his job well.

President Hu delivered an important speech after the inauguration.

MNA/Xinhua

## US boosts airport security, threat level unchanged

KENNEBUNKPORT (Maine), 2 July — The United States boosted security at airports following what British police called a terrorist attack at Glasgow Airport and car bombs found in London, but left the US threat level unchanged.

White House officials said on Saturday they had uncovered no specific threat in the

United States and the colour-coded gauge of security threats was not raised.

Still, White House spokesman Tony Snow said more police and federal agents would be sent to guard airports and travellers could expect inconveniences including longer lines ahead of the busy Independence Day holiday on 4 July, especially at larger airports.

"There is no indication of any specific or credible threat to the United States, no change in the overall security level," said Snow, who is with President George W Bush at his parents' summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

MNA/Reuters



**A policeman patrols on a Segway at Washington's Ronald Reagan National Airport in Arlington, Virginia recently. The White House announced on Saturday that security was being reinforced at US airports in the wake of the discovery of two car bombs in London and the crash of a blazing vehicle into a terminal building at Glasgow's airport. — XINHUA**

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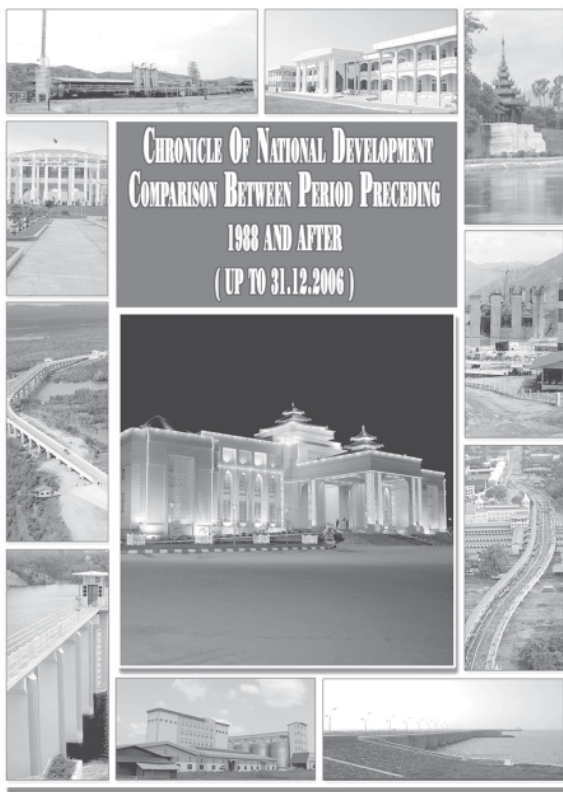
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**Paraguayan police seize five tons of marijuana**

BUENOS AIRES, 1 July—Paraguayan police Thursday seized five tons of marijuana and arrested 12 suspects, including four minors, in the city of Capiata, 25 kilometres east of the capital Asuncion, according to news reaching here.

The marijuana, which was placed in black polythene bags and hidden in a storage facility in the city, was discovered by the police in a search operation. Chile was the probable final destination of the drugs, the police said.— MNA/Xinhua



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**China builds first inter-city subway**

GUANGZHOU, 1 July—Construction on China's first intercity subway which will connect Guangzhou and Foshan in Guangdong Province, got underway on Thursday.

The new subway will start from Lijiao in the city of Guangzhou and run westward through Haizhu and Liwan districts of the provincial capital, and end at Kuiqi Road in Foshan after passing through Chancheng and Nanhai districts of Foshan, according to Ding Jianlong, chairman of the board of Guangzhou-Foshan Track Transport Co Ltd.

At 32.16-kilometre long the subway will have 21 stops, of which, 10 will be within Guangzhou. It will also connect to four other subways in Guangzhou. It is designed to accommodate trains travelling at a maximum speed of 80 kilometres per hour.

Guangzhou-Foshan subway will cost 14.67 billion yuan, of which Guangzhou will invest 51 per cent while Foshan will cover 49 per cent. The provincial government is also providing subsidies for the project.

MNA/Xinhua

**Rainstorm kills five, affects 2.2mln in S-W China**

CHENGDU, 1 July —A rainstorm that began on Thursday has killed five villagers and destroyed 5,598 homes in southwest China's Sichuan Province, government sources said on Friday. The rainstorm

hit 26 counties with six reporting precipitations of more than 100 millimetres, according to the provincial disaster relief office.

More than 1,000 people were displaced and 2.2 million were affected by

the rainstorm, the office said. Two people died in collapsed buildings in Nanchong City, one in a landslide in Ya'an City, and one each in Neijiang and Ganzi, it said.

MNA/Xinhua



*John Hinman of the Paola Fire Department sandbags along the Marais Des Cygnes River in Osawatomie, Kan, on 1 July, 2007.— INTERNET*

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## Building discovered in Chinese first emperor's tomb



*The tomb of Qinshihuang . — INTERNET*

XI'AN , 1 July — Chinese archaeologists said that after five years of research they have confirmed that there is a 30-metre-high building buried in the tomb of Qinshihuang, Chinese first emperor more than 2,000 years ago. The building, buried in the 51-metre-high, pyramid-like earth above the tomb's main body underground, has

four surrounding stair-like walls and each wall with nine steps of platforms, said Duan Qingbo, a researcher with Shaanxi Institute of Archaeology. The whole building were buried under the earth, which made it difficult for researchers to get a complete picture of it, according to Duan. Duan said he believed the building may have

been built for the soul of the emperor to go out.

Duan said they began to carry out research on the mausoleum's internal structure in 2002 with remote sensing technology, for it has not been allowed to be excavated.

The Qinshihuang's mausoleum is located near Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province. *Xinhua*



*A new "Shinkansen N700" bullet train prepares to leave Shinagawa railway station in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 1 July, 2007. The N700 bullet train with a top speed of 340 km per hour came into service on Sunday. — XINHUA*

## UN to restructure peacekeeping functions

UNITED NATIONS, 1 July — The UN General Assembly on Friday endorsed Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's proposals to split the world body's peacekeeping functions into two departments.

The proposals, approved by the assembly in a resolution, include a restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) and the creation of a separate Department of Field Support (DFS), to be headed by an undersecretary-general.

Working-level resources in both departments and in other parts of the UN Secretariat will undergo a major increase and new capacities, while integrated structures will be added in order to match the growing complexity of mandated activities.

Shortly after taking office in January, the UN chief proposed the reform aimed at strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to mount and sustain peacekeeping operations in an era when the demand for blue helmets has reached at an all-time high.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## UN provides \$310m for Madagascar

ANTANANARIVO, 1 July — United Nations agencies has agreed to provide 310 million US dollars to assist Madagascar's economic development plan.

An agreement was signed here on Friday between the Madagascan Government and 11 UN agencies including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the UN Scientific, Educational and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) at the presence of Madagascan Prime Minister Charles Rabemananjara.

*MNA/Xinhua*



*Canadian actress Ellen Page poses for photographers at the 42nd Karlovy Vary International Film Festival on 1 July, 2007. — INTERNET*

## Mystery coffins opened in 2,500-year-old tomb

JING'AN (Jiangxi ), 1 July — Chinese archaeologists have started to excavate a 2,500-year-old

tomb containing 47 coffins made of a rare wood called nanmu in east China's Jiangxi Province.

The tomb, in Lijia village in Jing'an county, is 16 metres long, about 11.5 metres wide and three metres deep. It is believed to date back to the Eastern Zhou Dynasty (770-221 BC).

It is the largest group of coffins ever discovered in a single tomb and the excavation has been dubbed "the most important archaeology project of the year" by cultural experts and media.

Nine coffins were opened by archaeologists earlier because they were rotten and partly destroyed by tomb robbers. Archaeologists opened another coffin on Sunday morning, finding a relatively complete human skeleton,

as well as many bronze, gold and silk items, porcelain and jade.

The bodily tissue has been identified as the brain of the dead in the coffin. The tissue has shrunk to the size of a fist, but it has complete brain structure with two cerebral hemisphere, cerebellum, and brainstem.

"This is the first time that such a complete structure was found in southern China and it will fill in gaps in the study of human bone structure in the pre-Qin era (770-221 BC)," said Zhu Hong, a palaeoanthropological expert from Jilin University.

*Xinhua*

## India rains strand pilgrims; three die in Mumbai

NUNWAN (India), 2 July — Heavy rains across India on Saturday left thousands of Hindu pilgrims stranded in Kashmir and killed three people in Mumbai, while at least eight fishermen were feared drowned off the stormy southern coast.

Hindus camped out in forests after rains suspended one of India's most important pilgrimages, to a Himalayan cave shrine where devotees worship a phallus-shaped ice stalagmite seen as a symbol of Lord Shiva, the Hindu god of destruction.

Every year thousands of Hindus trek along a treacherous mountain track to the Amarnath Shrine, located at an altitude of 3,800 metres (12,700 feet) where they worship the ice stalagmite.

Indian authorities in Kashmir have deployed tens of thousands of soldiers along the pilgrims' route, which crosses icy streams, goes around glacier-fed lakes and winds through snow-covered mountain passes.

The two-month long pilgrimage has often been targeted by Muslim rebels. Last year, over a dozen pilgrims were wounded in an attack.

*MNA/Reuters*



*Chinese archaeologists are to excavate a 2,500-year-old tomb containing 47 coffins made of a kind of rare wood called nanmu in Lijia village in Jing'an county, east China's Jiangxi Province on 1 July, 2007.*

*INTERNET*

# SPORTS



**Hamit Altintop of Bayern Munich shoots during their soccer match against Sao Paulo at the 10th Anniversary Reunification Cup in Hong Kong on 1 July, 2007. — INTERNET**

## Uruguay beat Bolivia thanks to Sanchez goal

SAN CRISTOBAL (Venezuela), 2 July — Uruguay shrugged off their shock opening defeat by Peru to beat shot-shy Bolivia 1-0 in the Copa America on Saturday.

Mexican-based striker Vicente Sanchez scrambled the only goal in the 58th minute of the Group A game on a wet and windy afternoon in the Venezuelan Andes.

Despite a stuttering performance in which striker Diego Forlan was again largely ineffective, Uruguay picked up their first win while Bolivia were left with one point from two games.

Bolivia played lots of neat football in midfield but had to wait until injury time for their only real chance.

Uruguay made a determined start with several ferocious tackles flying in early on.

Carlos Diogo, Uruguay's right back, should have been sent off for an awful challenge from behind on Jaime Moreno in the 20th minute but US referee Baldomero Toledo let him off with a yellow card.

Neither side produced a real chance before halftime in the worst 45 minutes of football the tournament has witnessed.

MNA/Reuters



**Chelsea centre-back Ricardo Carvalho of Portugal plays soccer with his fans in Jakarta on 1 July, 2007. — INTERNET**

## Britain's Storm captures French Open by one shot

VERSAILLES (France), 2 July — Britain's Graeme Storm won the French Open on Sunday by a shot from Denmark's overnight leader Soren Hansen after starting out five strokes behind.

The former British Amateur champion became the European Tour's 14th first time winner of the season as he closed with a five under 66 for a seven-under 277 total.

Eight-time European number one Colin Montgomerie led with four holes to go but two late bogeys left the Scot in a share of third place with Thomas Bjorn of Denmark, Ireland's Damien McGrane and Briton Simon Khan, two strokes behind Storm.

By picking up 895,000 US dollars, one of the richest first prizes of the season, Storm also clinched a British Open spot from a mini order of merit that ended with the French event.

Storm's victory ended a seven year wait for success.

He was the player who holed Britain and Ireland's winning putt in the 1999 Walker Cup match against America and Storm has now joined his Nairn teammates Paul Casey, Luke Donald and Simon Dyson by enjoying a Tour victory. — MNA/Reuters



**Germany's Timo Bracht celebrates as he wins the Ironman European Championship Triathlon in Frankfurt on 1 July, 2007. About 5,000 triathletes compete for qualification for the legendary Ironman in Hawaii and the European Championship. — INTERNET**

## Mauresmo shines in rain with Santangelo win

LONDON, 2 July — Champion Amelie Mauresmo shone amid the rain clouds on Wimbledon's Centre Court with a 6-1,

6-2 victory over Italian Mara Santangelo in the third round on Saturday.

Mauresmo got off to a slow start with a poor opening service game after the start of the match was delayed by almost two hours.

However the fourth seed soon found her touch and was never really in trouble against Santangelo, whom she also beat in straight sets at Eastbourne last week.

Mauresmo, who has had a mixed season after missing two months with appendicitis earlier in the year and then being hampered by a thigh problem, gave herself eight out of 10 for her performance.

Mauresmo added that the delay in starting the match because of the bad weather had not bothered her.

MNA/Reuters

## Bateman birdies last to drive away with Buick

GRAND BLANC (Michigan), 2 July — American Brian Bateman rolled in a pressure-packed 12-foot birdie putt on the final hole to clinch his maiden career PGA Tour win at the Buick Open on Sunday.

Without a top 30 finish this season, Bateman mixed four birdies with a single bogey for three-under 69 and a one-shot victory over Jason Gore and former Buick champions Justin Leonard and Woody Austin.

Bateman stepped onto the 18th tee at Warwick Hills Golf Club needing a birdie to keep the 4.9-million-US-dollar tournament from going to a playoff with Gore, Leonard and Austin all in the clubhouse at 14-under.

Six former winners had been among the 20 players within three shots of the lead with nine holes to play, and Bateman had looked an unlikely threat.

MNA/Reuters



**Germany's WBA middle weight World Champion Felix Sturm (R) lands a punch on his challenger Noe Tulio Gonzalez Alcoba from Uruguay during their boxing World Championship title fight in Stuttgart on 30 June, 2007. — INTERNET**

## Pernice turns big back 9 into Buick lead

GRAND BLANC (Michigan), 2 July — Tom Pernice Jr turned a sizzling back nine into a one-shot third round lead at the Buick Open on Saturday.

Battling through the outward nine in level par, Pernice caught fire after the turn, starting with an eagle at the par five 13th followed by four consecutive birdies to sign for a six-under 66.

The American, who claimed his maiden PGA Tour win at the 1999 Buick Open, sits alone atop a crowded leaderboard on 13-under 203 with compatriots Scott Verplank and Brian Bateman and Sweden's Jesper Parnevik lurking one shot back. —MNA/Reuters



**Colin Montgomerie of Scotland putts on the 14th hole during the French Open golf tournament at the Golf National in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, near Paris, on 1 July, 2007. INTERNET**

## Sharapova squeezes in victory between downpours

LONDON, 2 July — Former champion Maria Sharapova squeezed in a victory between downpours at Wimbledon on Saturday, beating Ai Sugiyama of Japan 6-3, 6-3, book her place in the fourth round.

Drizzle turned to heavier rain on matchpoint but the umpire allowed play to continue, frustrating Sugiyama who wanted it halted and pleasing Sharapova who just wanted the match wrapped up.

The match started almost two hours late because of rain but once it got underway Sharapova gained the advantage in the fifth game of the first set when she broke.

Her superior ball placement and light touch put pressure on Sugiyama in the ninth and the Japanese player handed her the set with a double fault.

MNA/Reuters

# US Marines probed for involvement in killing civilians in Iraq

LOS ANGELES, 2 July — A federal agency was investigating whether some Marines shot a group of prisoners to death in Fallujah, Iraq in 2004, it was reported Saturday.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) was conducting the probe into whether five to 10 Marines from California

violated the laws of war, according to the *North County Times*, a local newspaper in California.

The newspaper said NCIS has interviewed about 20 people so far and some have been read their rights, said the paper, quoting military and legal sources with direct knowledge of the inves-

tigation.

Under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the killing of a captured enemy combatant who does not present a threat is considered murder, the newspaper reported.

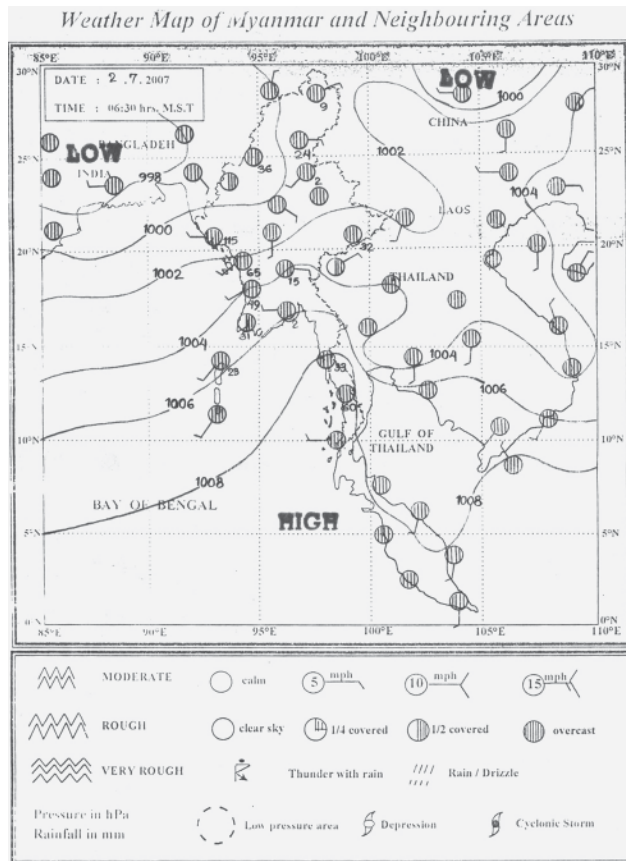
Some of those being questioned are no longer in the Marine Corps, and at least one has hired a private

defence attorney who specializes in military law, according to the newspaper.

The Marines are believed to have been involved in the deaths of as many as eight people who were captured during one of the largest battles of the Iraq war, said the paper.

It was unclear whether the Iraqis had been declared prisoners, whether any or all were bound in any way, and where specifically the slayings took place, the newspaper reported.

The shootings reportedly happened on or about 10 November, 2004, three days after the United States launched a major assault in Fallujah, a city in western Iraq that at the time was under insurgent control, the newspaper reported. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Joerg Adler, director of the all-weather zoo Muenster, and the zoo's vet Sandra Silinski look into an incubator containing baby gorilla 'Mary 2' in the intensive care room of the children university hospital of Muenster on 1 July, 2007. 'Mary 2' from the zoo in the western German city of Muenster had to be taken to a special room at the intensive care unit of the clinic because it was neglected by its mother after its father repeatedly attacked the baby gorilla. — INTERNET

**TV Myanmar**

Tuesday, 3 July  
View on today

<p><b>7:00 am</b></p> <p>1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်တော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p><b>7:15 am</b></p> <p>2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပိတသန္တိပါဠိတော်</p> <p><b>7:25 am</b></p> <p>3. To be healthy exercise</p> <p><b>7:30 am</b></p> <p>4. Morning news</p> <p><b>7:40 am</b></p> <p>5. Nice and sweet song</p> <p><b>7:50 am</b></p> <p>6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်</p>	<p><b>8:00 am</b></p> <p>7. Song of yesteryears</p> <p><b>8:10 am</b></p> <p>8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>8:15 am</b></p> <p>9. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p><b>8:30 am</b></p> <p>10. International news</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b></p> <p>11. Let's Go</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b></p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p><b>4:15 pm</b></p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b></p> <p>3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (သမိုင်းအထူးပြု) (သမိုင်း)</p> <p><b>4:45 pm</b></p> <p>4. Dance of national races</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b></p> <p>5. ခံစားနားဆင်တေးဇာတ်ဝင်</p> <p><b>5:10 pm</b></p> <p>6. Sing and Enjoy</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b></p> <p>7. Evening news</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b></p> <p>8. Weather report</p>	<p><b>6:35 pm</b></p> <p>9. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ</p> <p><b>6:50 pm</b></p> <p>10. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b></p> <p>11. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့၊ အထိမ်းအမှတ် ကျမ်းဂန်စကားပြောပြိုင်ပွဲ(၂၀၀၇)</p> <p><b>7:10 pm</b></p> <p>12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သန်းတစ်ရာ ရွှေအိမ်မက်" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b></p> <p>13. News</p> <p>14. International news</p> <p>15. Weather report</p> <p>16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေး ဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)</p> <p>17. မြန်မာနိုင်ငံအမျိုးသမီးရေးရာ အဖွဲ့ချုပ်၏ ကြီးကြပ်မှုဖြင့် ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမျိုးသမီးရေးရာ အဖွဲ့မှစီစဉ်တင်ဆက်သော ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ ဇူလိုင်လ(၃)ရက် မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ အထိမ်းအမှတ်မြန်မာ အမျိုးသမီးများဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်ထုံးဖွဲ့မှုပြပွဲ (အပိုင်း-၂)</p> <p>18. The next day's programme</p>
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**Radio Myanmar**

Tuesday, 3 July  
Tune in today

<p><b>8:30 am</b> Brief news</p> <p><b>8:35 am</b> Music: -Happy nation (Ace of Base)</p> <p><b>8:40 am</b> Perspectives</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b> Music: -Keep on smiling (New kids on the Block)</p> <p><b>8:50 am</b> National news / Slogan</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> Music: -First love (Kolon)</p> <p><b>9:05 am</b> International news</p> <p><b>9:10am</b> Music: -Rose in my heart (Beijing Boys)</p> <p><b>1:30 pm</b> News / Slogan</p> <p><b>1:40pm</b> Lunch time music -Be my girl (OTT) -Brother Lovie (Modern Talking)</p> <p><b>9:00 pm</b> English Speaking Course</p> <p><b>9:10 pm</b> Article</p> <p><b>9:20 pm</b> Weekly sports reel</p> <p><b>9:35 pm</b> Listening pleasure -Another day in paradise (Phill Collin) - For all that I am (A Teen)</p> <p><b>9:45 pm</b> News /Slogan</p> <p><b>10:00 pm</b> PEL</p>
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**WEATHER**

**Monday, 2 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 isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Rakhine States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.12) inch, Sittway (6.19) inches, Machanbaw (3.46) inches, Maungtaw (2.84) inches, Thandwe (2.76) inches, Kyaukpyu (2.68) inches, Dawei (1.46) inches, Mogok (1.34) inches.

Maximum temperature on 1-7-2007 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 2-7-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 2-7-2007 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 1-7-2007 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 2-7-2007 was (0.16) inch at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye, (0.08) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (52.80) inches at Mingaladon, (57.01) inches at Kaba-Aye and (54.21) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Northwest at (10:30) hours MST on 1-7-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 3-7-2007:** Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Shan State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Yangon Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**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 3-7-2007:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 3-7-2007:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 3-7-2007:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**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 Ye Myint on inspection tour of Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July — Accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and officials concerned, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence during his recent tour of Mandalay Division went on an inspection tour of Yeywa

hydropower project near Yeyaman village, south-east of Mandalay City on 30 June.

At the briefing hall, Deputy Director U Khin Maung Latt of No 2 Construction Group of Hydropower Implementation Department of the Ministry of Electric Power No 1 briefed Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on completion of RCC concrete tasks of main embankment, ar-

rangements to be made for installation of Pen Stock, progress in building Power House, water sources prospects and future plans.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint stressed the need to carry out the project tasks as scheduled and pay serious attention to construction of project buildings to meet the set standards and inspected progress of construction



*Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects Yeywa Hydel Power Project. — MNA*



tasks from the observation tower.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party were conducted by officials concerned round the Power House. After over-

seeing progress in covering the main embankment (Stage-9-RCC) with concrete and connecting steel pipe at water intake structure from the observation tower. (See page 10)

**Yeywa hydropower project located on Myitnge river near Yeyaman village, 31 miles south-east of Mandalay will produce 790 megawatt.**

INSIDE

## Myanmar Women's Day for All Myanmar Women

“Myanmar Women’s Day” falls on 3 July every year. It is an auspicious day for all Myanmar Women. Actually it designated the day, 3 July of 1996 to be exact, on which the first ever Myanmar National Committee for Women’s Affairs (MNCWA) was formed with the main objective for taking the initiative in organizing the mass of Myanmar Women to become one in line with the commitment made at Beijing’s Fourth World Women’s Conference in 1995 in the area of women empowerment and advancement.