

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

**Senior General Than Shwe
felicitates President of Venezuela**

NAY PYI TAW, 5 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 Hugo Chavez Frias, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, which falls on 5 July 2007.—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.

**Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspects
progress of Dagon Bridge construction project**

**Construction task of Dagon Bridge
has completed by 95 per cent**



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspects progress of approach road to Dagon Bridge in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township. — MNA

YANGON, 4 July — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected progress of Dagon Bridge Project being implemented in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township by Bridge Construction Special Group-1 of Public Works this afternoon.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and officials, Lt-Gen Myint Swe heard reports on implemen-

tation of the bridge, progress in construction of the bridge on both Yangon and Thanlyin banks, cent per cent completion of concrete floor, pedestrian ways and railings and preparations for laying asphalt on the main section of the bridge presented by Deputy Chief Engineer U Soe Tint, Senior Engineer U Tint Lwin and officials.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Myint Swe instructed officials to make concerted efforts to carry

out finishing works for completion of the bridge on schedule, build the bridge meeting the set standards and supervise minimizing loss and wastage of construction materials.

They inspected construction of the approach roads on both sides, pedestrian ways and railings and preparations for laying asphalt concrete on 2,740 feet long main section of the bridge.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 5 July, 2007

Strive for security and development of women

Myanmar women possess brilliant capabilities and they have always carried out their family duties as well as national and religious duties together with their male counterparts throughout the history.

In the struggle for national independence they risked their lives and preserved national prestige and integrity and national characters.

Today Myanmar women have achieved outstanding success in the economic, education, health and technological sectors and some are at the forefront of the national development endeavours.

In order to bring about security and development of women widely, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was formed and its members have increased to about 3.5 million.

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation has been carrying out the tasks for continued development of women's sector and the federation is implementing various work programmes in cooperation with the government for safeguarding of women's rights, life security, prevention against violence, rehabilitation and anti-human trafficking. Moreover, the federation is cooperating with local and international organizations to ensure women's rights in accord with national culture and customs.

The entire women in the country will strive for their security and development under the leadership of the federation while preserving and promoting the traditional culture and customs as they actively participated in the interest of the nation and its people in the past.

Eleven members resign from NLD of Sagaing Township They lose confidence and respect in the party and its leaders

YANGON, 4 July — A total of 11 members including U Sein Hlaing Gyi, U Tun Myint, U San Lwin, U Tun Thoung and U Htay Maung of Hnondwin Village-tract of Sagaing Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division resigned from the party of their own volition on 25 June, sending their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In their resignation letters sent to Sagaing Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said that they lost confidence and respect in the party and its leaders. That was why they resigned from the party of their own volition, they said. — 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

Commander participates in tree planting in Mawlamyine

YANGON, 4 July — Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and wife participated in the monsoon tree planting in Mawlamyine along with members of social organizations on 12 June.

The commander formally opened the tree planting ceremony held in front of Technological University (Mawlamyine). The commander and wife planted trees to mark the monsoon saplings planting ceremony.

Departmental officials, military officers, other ranks and their families and members of social organizations planted saplings at the ceremony.

Mon State Forest Department has planted 50,000 saplings including teak and other shady

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Venezuela

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Nicolas Maduro Moros, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, which falls on 5 July 2007.

MNA

trees at Technological University (Mawlamyine) and in 10 townships in Mon State.

The commander and party visited sites where the volunteers were planting saplings. — MNA

MOH holds coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July — The Ministry of Health held its work coordination meeting at the ministry here on 2 July with an opening address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe, directors-general and deputy directors-general of the departments under the ministry, professors, medical superintendents, State/Division department heads and others.

In his opening address, the minister called for going on more field trips to states and divisions to provide medical care to the people.

At the meeting, the directors-general, officials



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint delivers an address at the work coordination meeting of Ministry of Health. — MNA

of State/Division health department and medical superintendents reported to the minister on departmental affairs, tasks be-

ing carried out and future tasks of the departments under the ministry.

The deputy minister gave a supplementary re-

port to the minister and the meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister.

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Talks on use of natural supplements for fish farming held

YANGON, 4 July — Myanmar Aquacultural and Fisheries Association and Multi Aquaculture & Livestock Trading Enterprise Ltd jointly held edu-

cative talks on use of natural supplements to fish farming at the Myanmar

Fisheries Federation here on 3 July.

Director-General of the Fisheries Department U Khin Maung Aye and Chairman of MAFA U Than Lwin made opening addresses.

Afterwards, Mr Jan Maarten Persyn of Invenutri-AD International, Belgium, gave talks on use of the natural supplement medicine for fishes, production of feedstuff for fish and prawn and prevention of fungus infections on the feedstuff. — MNA



Mr Jan Maarten Persyn gives talks on natural supplements for fish farming. — MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

US boosts security amid British copy cat concerns

WASHINGTON, 3 July—The United States is ramping up transportation security, including more air marshals on flights to Britain, amid concern an attack in Scotland could spawn copy cats, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said on Sunday.

Saturday's attack on Glasgow's airport using a fuel-filled vehicle followed British police thwarting a car bomb plot in London on Friday. Prime Minister Gordon Brown said the three attacks were linked to

people associated with al-Qaeda.

On Sunday, a day after US officials responded to the Glasgow attack by raising security at airports, Chertoff said there remained "no specific credible evidence" of a threat against the United States.

But he said on ABC's "This Week" programme that US authorities would tighten security "at various rail locations and other mass transit locations" this week as many Americans prepare to travel for the Independence Day holiday on 4 July.

Washington has been on heightened alert since the 11 September, 2001, attacks by al-Qaeda using hijacked airliners. Britain is a target for Islamic militants as well for being a key ally to Washington in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"One of the things we always do focus on a little bit is the possibility of a copy cat, which is another reason why we have put some additional security measures in place," he said. The United States has been on heightened alert since the 11 September, 2001, attacks by al-Qaeda using hijacked airliners. Britain is a target for Islamic militants as well for being a key ally to Washington in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

MNA/Reuters

Lawmakers say British military stretch could hit operations

LONDON, 3 July—Britain's Armed Forces, stretched by deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan, are suffering shortfalls in personnel that could jeopardise their operating capability, a parliamentary committee said on Tuesday.

More staff are leaving the Armed Forces early, partly due to the pressures of long tours of duty overseas. Recruitment is not keeping pace, leading to a shortfall of almost 6,000 personnel or 3.2 per cent in April 2007, said parliament's Public Accounts Committee.

The opposition Liberal Democrats, who were against the Iraq war, said the report showed personnel faced an "intolerable burden" and called for a timetable on withdrawal from Iraq. But the Ministry of Defence said recruitment was strong and rejected the idea of growing personnel shortages.

The committee said the numbers leaving early are at a 10-year peak for Army and Royal Air Force

officers. There are more acute shortfalls in specialised areas, notably medical staff, it said.

"The increasing frequency of deployments on overseas operations and time away from home are factors causing people to leave the Armed Forces," the committee said in a report. "The impact of continuous downsizing, pressures and overstretch is affecting the (Defence) Department's ability to retain and provide a satisfactory life for Armed Forces personnel," it added.—MNA/Reuters

Insurgents blast themselves in southern Thailand

BANGKOK, 3 July—A remote-controlled bomb exploded prematurely Monday afternoon in Thailand's southernmost

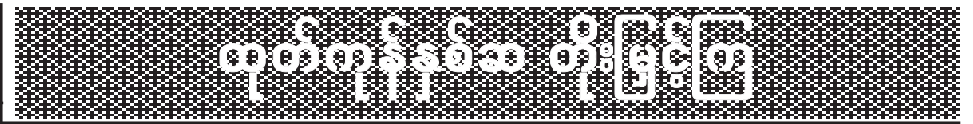
province of Narathiwat, injuring several bombers who were planting the bomb. Local police source said the insurgents got injured while they were planting the 5 kilogramme bomb in a rubber plantation in Narathiwat.

However, the bomb, which should be controlled by mobile phone signal, exploded prematurely. A rubber tapper said he saw the insurgents ran away after got injured. Meanwhile, a local cable TV worker was killed on Monday afternoon after several gunmen riding motorcycles shot at him. Further details were not immediately available.

MNA/Xinhua



A car is stranded in floodwaters in Coffeyville, Kansas on 2 July, 2007. More than 1,000 barrels of oil were estimated to have spilled from a 108,000 barrel-per-day refinery in Coffeyville, Kansas, according to refinery operator Coffeyville Resources.—XINHUA



Vietnam's Deputy Prime Minister Truong Vinh Trong (L) holds talks with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe before their meeting at the Prime Minister's Official Residence in Tokyo on 3 July, 2007.—XINHUA

Canadian soldier died by friendly fire: US report

WASHINGTON, 3 July—A US army report made public Monday said it was friendly fire that killed a Canadian soldier and an American soldier in Afghanistan in March 2006.

The report was released through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Pte Robert Costall, 22, was killed by friendly fire from US special forces, a US army report suggests.

It said Pte Robert Costall, a 22-year-old Edmonton-based soldier, was shot from behind by US special forces. They were firing a machine gun from an army outpost during a nighttime battle with Taliban insurgents in the

Helmand province.

Sgt John Thomas Stone of the Vermont National Guard was shot once in the back and once in the head by machine-gun rounds as he crouched behind a wall during the same battle, the report said.

Other coalition soldiers were injured in the battle.

Costall's wounded comrades had raised the possibility of friendly fire being to blame. The US and Canadian army have been probing the incident.—Internet

WHO says smoking could kill 1b this century

BANGKOK, 3 July — One billion people will die of tobacco-related diseases this century unless governments in rich and poor countries alike get serious about preventing smoking, top World Health Organization (WHO) experts said on Monday.

"Tobacco is a defective product. It kills half of its customers," Douglas Bettcher, head of the WHO's Tobacco Free Initiative, said at the start of an international conference in Bangkok to draw up a masterplan for the world to kick the habit.

"It kills 5.4 million people per year and half of those deaths are in developing countries.

That's like one jumbo jet going down every hour," he said.

With smoking rates in many developing countries on the rise, particularly among teenagers, that annual death toll would rise to 8.3 million within the next 20 years, he added.

However, if governments introduced measures such as aggressive taxation, banning cigarette advertising and making offices and public places totally tobacco-free, smoking rates could halve by 2050, he said.

"It's a completely preventable epidemic," Bettcher said, citing countries such as Singapore, Australia and Thailand where tough anti-smoking laws have helped people to quit.

MNA/Reuters



Fireworks light up the sky during celebrations marking the 10th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland at the Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong, south China, on 1 July, 2007.—XINHUA

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Indian leftists tell US carrier "Nimitz" to "Go back"

CHENNAI (India), 3 July—Hundreds of Indian Communists, shouting "Go back", held a noisy demonstration on Monday in the southern city of Chennai to protest the port call of *USS Nimitz*, the first US aircraft carrier to visit India.

The nuclear-powered *Nimitz's* visit this week has

been termed a landmark step in India-US ties and a sign of a closer diplomatic and military relationship between the two powerful democracies.

But India's vocal Communists say the visit is a move by Washington to bring New Delhi under its strategic umbrella.

"By allowing the ship, the Manmohan Singh government has compromised on India's independent foreign policy and shown itself to be a spineless government," David Pandian, a senior Communist leader, told reporters outside the Chennai Port.

Nearby, protesters shouted "Down with US imperialism" and burnt effigies of the huge ship—which can carry 90 aircraft, including the *F-18 Super Hornet*—as well as the US flag. Dozens of

policemen, many carrying bamboo canes, monitored the protest but made no arrests.

Under Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's government, Washington and New Delhi have seen a blossoming of military, economic and diplomatic ties, triggering unease among the powerful Communists who help shore up the federal coalition. Some port workers in Chennai, off which the *Nimitz* is anchored, have also expressed environmental fears about the nuclear-powered ship.

New Delhi has stationed an Indian naval vessel to monitor radiation levels in the air and water around *USS Nimitz*. The US Embassy has said the safety record of American nuclear-powered warships was "outstanding".

MNA/Reuters

1,000-year-old Arctic ponds disappearing due to global warming

WASHINGTON, 3 July—Research has uncovered alarming evidence that high Arctic ponds, many of which have been permanent bodies of water for thousands of years, are completely drying out during the polar summer.

These shallow ponds, which dot the Arctic landscape, are important indicators of environment change and are especially susceptible to the effects of climate change because of their low water volume.

As reported on Monday in the newest issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (PNAS), Marianne Douglas and John Smol, two leading Canadian environmental scientists, studied these unique Arctic ponds for the past 24 years, collecting detailed data such as water quality and water levels from

approximately 40 ponds. Collectively, this data represents the longest record of systematic limnological (the science of the properties of fresh water) monitoring from the high Arctic.

Over the 24 years the researchers spent monitoring the ponds, they recorded evidence of recent lower water levels and changes in water chemistry consistent with an increase in evaporation/precipitation ratios (E/P) and warmer temperatures. Until recent years, the ponds of the study sites were permanent features of the landscape, but in early July 2006, because of warming trends in the Arctic, several of the main study ponds dried up completely, whereas others had dramatically reduced water levels.

MNA/Xinhua

Dark chocolate 'can ease blood pressure'

LONDON, 4 July—A tiny square of dark chocolate a day can lower blood pressure without piling on the pounds, researchers claim today.

Research has indicated that cocoa-rich foods contain polyphenols.

A team of German scientists has concluded that a little of the confectionery could be a more attractive way of

lowering slightly high blood pressure than a

low-fat diet.

Previous research has



Research has indicated that cocoa-rich foods contain polyphenols.—INTERNET

indicated that cocoa-rich foods contain polyphenols that lower blood pressure.

A team led by Dr Dirk Taubert, of University Hospital of Cologne, assessed four adults with borderline high blood pressure. They were either given a small square of dark chocolate each day that weighed 6.3g and contained 30 milligrams of polyphenols, or a similar amount of white chocolate with no polyphenols.

The researchers report in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* that dark chocolate reduced average blood pressure without affecting body weight. The white chocolate group's blood pressure was the same.

"Although the magnitude of the reduction was small, the effects are clinically noteworthy," the team concluded.

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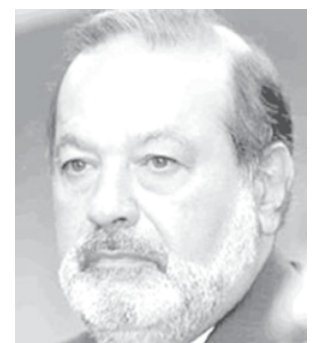
Report: Carlos Slim passes Bill Gates in rich ranks

MEXICO CITY, 3 July—Mexican tycoon Carlos Slim has become the world's richest man with a total fortune of around 67.84 billion US dollars, overtaking the United States's Bill Gates, who has 59.2 billion dollars, the Mexican financial website Sentido Commun said on Tuesday. The Bolsa Mexicana de Valores, the Mexican Stock Exchange, whose index has quintupled in value since 2002, has created vast fortunes for many local businessmen, it said.

Slim's wealth has soared due to the 26.5-percent surge in his mobile phone operating business America Movil and the 11.3-percent gain in the value of Telmex, Slim's near-monopoly fixed-line telecom company.

This means he is worth nearly 8 percent of

Mexico's gross domestic product, and 8.6 billion dollars more than Gates.



Mexican tycoon Carlos Slim

In April, *Forbes* magazine listed Slim as the world's second richest man, with 56 billion dollars, overtaking US investor Warren Buffet for the second place on the world's wealth billboard, but below Gates, founder of the software giant Microsoft. Sentido Commun said that Slim's wealth soared by 10.8 billion dollars in the April to June period alone.—Internet



A night view of the National Stadium, dubbed the "Bird's Nest" in Beijing on 14 June, 2007. The National Stadium is scheduled to host the opening and closing ceremonies of the Beijing Olympics in 2008. Its construction is expected to finish by the end of 2007.—XINHUA

ECONOMIC NEWS

India's judiciary goes hi-tech, judges to work on laptops

NEW DELHI, 3 July—Decks have been cleared to digitally connect all courts across the country through a multi-crore project under which President APJ Abdul Kalam will distribute 15,000 laptops to all judges.

Marking the introduction of communication technology in the judiciary, Kalam will distribute laptops to the country's 15,000 judges in a function 9 July at Vigyan Bhawan here as part of the first

phase of the National Policy and Action Plan for Implementation of Information and Communication Technology in the Indian Judiciary.

To foster familiarity with the technology, the judges will be trained for three months after the distribution of the laptops, Justice GC Bharukha, chairman of the Supreme Court's E-committee, said.

The action plan, evolved by the Committee, will help in maintaining a

database of all cases in courts and will cost approximately 455 rupees crore.

Besides providing mobile accessibility to the internet, the network will give the Supreme Court and High Court complexes wi-fi or wireless internet connectivity for all desktops and laptops registered with a base station and located within a specified area, the Action Plan of the E-committee states.—MNA/PTI

A general view shows Mirabell garden and the castle of Salzburg on 27 June, 2007. Salzburg, Russia's Sochi and South Korea's Pyeongchang are vying to host the 2014 Winter Olympics, with a decision expected on 4 July during the IOC Session in Guatemala. XINHUA



Mali waives VAT on imported food items

DAKAR, 3 July—Mali has announced a series of measures, including a

value added tax (VAT) waiver on a variety of imported food items, such as bulky powdered milk and cooking oil, for a period of two months in July and August, to curb shortages and price increases so as to enable consumers to buy them at affordable prices.

Malian authorities have also issued an interministerial decree suspending the exportation, during the said period, of several food stuffs, namely, rice, dried cereals, milk, sugar,

cooking oil and wheat flour.

The state has equally imposed prior authorization for the exportation of livestock.

These measures have been taken amid skyrocketing prices of certain basic food stuffs.

The government has, during interministerial meetings, reviewed the prices of basic food stuff, such as rice, powdered milk, wheat flour, cooking oil, maize, millet and sorghum.

MNA/Xinhua



Virgin Group founder Richard Branson (2nd L) poses with Mariel Hemingway (L), Jewel (2nd R) and Jewel's boyfriend Ty Murray (R) at the Virgin Unite's "Rock The Kasbah" benefit reception in Hollywood, California on 2 July, 2007.—INTERNET

Chinese travellers spur tourism growth in APR

GUILIN, 3 July—Chinese tourists have become the driving force behind fast tourism growth in Asia and the Pacific Region, according to sources at an international conference on travel trends.

The Asia-Pacific Region posted a 8.6 per cent rise in tourism in the first four months of the year, and 75 per cent of in-bound international tourists came from within the region.

According to the first travel trend and research conference of the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA), a non-profit travel trade association, the Chinese Mainland, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK)

were the largest sources of tourists.

John Koldowski, head of the PATA strategy and information centre, said there were about 500 million in-bound tourists in the Asia-Pacific Region in 2006, including 30 million Chinese tourists. The "Chinese factor" will have a big impact on tourism destinations, he said. According to him, 710,000 Chinese tourists visited the ROK in 2005, but the number will double to 1.5 million by 2009. Chinese tourists to New Zealand totalled 87,000 in 2005, but the number will rise to 200,000 by 2009.

Countries such as Singapore, Japan, Malaysia and Indonesia—other destinations favoured by Chinese tourists—are also likely to see a fast rise in

the number of Chinese tourists. Francesco Frangiali, UNWTO secretary-general, predicted that China would become the biggest travel destination in the world, because tourism has developed rapidly in China and the

middle-class population with greater purchasing power is growing fast, creating a powerful tourism consumption group. Frangiali's prediction was echoed by Michael Yates, deputy president of PATA.—MNA/Xinhua



Yuki Hsu poses during a photocall at a media conference for her new album "Bad Girl" in Shanghai on 2 July, 2007.—INTERNET

Malaysia invested \$4.8b to south countries in 2006

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 July—Malaysia's investment in South-South countries amounted to 4.8 billion US dollars in 2006,

owing to efforts by the government to encourage local firms to invest in developing nations, official of International Trade and Industry Ministry said here on Monday.

Through South-South cooperation, developing countries could in the long term increase their economic well-being by investing jointly in the infrastructure and manufacturing sectors, said Auk R Karunakaran, director-general of the Malaysian Industrial Development Authority (MIDA), who representing Minister of International Trade and Industry Auk Seri Rafidah Aziz.

MNA/Xinhua

WHO urges Asia to prepare for climate change crises

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 July — Asian nations must prepare to tackle disasters unleashed by global warming with the same urgency they now focus on fighting disease epidemics, the World Health Organization said on Monday.

And with Asia's share of global greenhouse gas emissions from burning fuels expected to grow, urgent action was needed to mitigate the situation, said Shigeru Omi, WHO regional director for the Western Pacific.

"For environmental issues, if you wait until the crisis happens, it will be too late," Omi told reporters in the Malaysian capital.

"Everybody is interested in economic development, but somehow we have to strike the balance between this development and the preservation of nature," Omi added. "And unless we do the action now, we will be faced with very serious consequences."

The WHO had been successful in urging member states to prepare themselves to fight communicable diseases, such as SARS and bird flu, Omi said, but similar action was needed in preparing for likely environmental disasters.

"That kind of preparedness should also be applied to environmental issues, because we know it

is just a matter of time," he added. "Unless we take action for the environment, disaster will come."

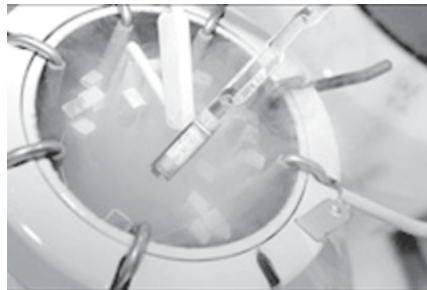
Rising global temperatures are melting Himalayan glaciers, threatening to inundate low-lying atolls and create unsanitary conditions that breed disease, destroy crops and compromise food supplies, Omi told a WHO workshop on climate change.

MNA/Reuters



Swiss syndicate Alinghi won the 32nd America's Cup on 4 July, 2007 and became the first European team to defend sailing's most prestigious prize after they beat Team New Zealand in the seventh race. — INTERNET

Frozen, egg matured in lab born in Canada



A red vial holding human eggs is removed from a storage tank. INTERNET

LONDON, 3 July — The first test-tube baby created from an egg matured in the laboratory and then frozen has been born in Canada, in a breakthrough offering hope to women with cancer and others unsuited to normal IVF treatment.

The baby is doing well and another three women

are pregnant by the same method, researchers told a medical meeting in Lyon, France, on Monday.

Conventional in vitro fertilization (IVF) involves using high doses of expensive hormone drugs to stimulate the ovaries to produce multiple mature eggs.

But some women

seeking to preserve their child-bearing capacity may not have enough time to undergo ovarian stimulation or may have a condition that makes it dangerous, such as hormone-sensitive breast cancer.

For these patients, ripening eggs in the lab — so-called in vitro maturation (IVM) — makes sense. Until now, however, scientists have never frozen, thawed and then fertilized a lab-matured egg.

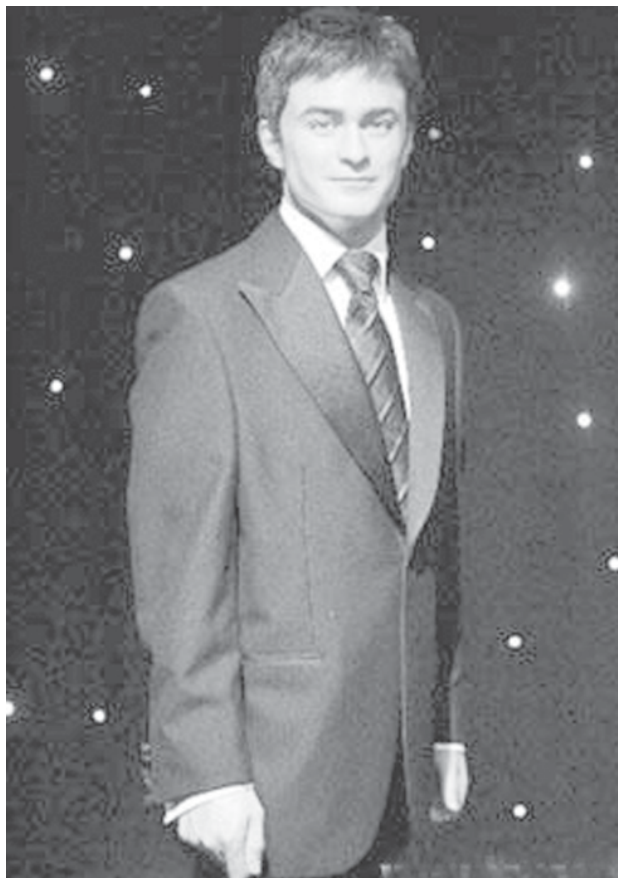
This multi-step process increases significantly the flexibility of fertility

treatment.

"We have demonstrated for the first time that it is possible to do this and, so far, we have achieved four successful pregnancies, one of which has resulted in a live birth," Hananel Holzer of the McGill Reproductive Centre in Montreal said in a statement.

The research is still at an early stage and has not yet been proven in cancer patients, he told the annual meeting of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE).

MNA/Reuters



A waxwork of British actor Daniel Radcliffe and Harry Potter star is unveiled at Madame Tussauds in London, on 2 July, 2007.

XINHUA

Seven Afghan policemen killed in blast

KABUL, 3 July — Seven Afghan policemen were killed when a roadside bomb hit their vehicle outside the southern city of Kandahar on Monday, police said.

Police chief Sayed Agha Saqib said the vehicle was hit by a remote-controlled bomb.

"It is a powerful explosion. It was carried out by enemies of Afghanistan," he said.

Violence has surged in the past 17 months in Afghanistan, the bloodiest period since US-led troops

overthrew Taleban's government in 2001.

Taking a lead from the Iraq insurgency, the Taleban have increasingly resorted to suicide and roadside bomb attacks against foreign troops or Afghan Government targets.

Separately on Monday, NATO soldiers in a convoy fired and wounded an Afghan on a motorbike in Kandahar City after he ignored warnings by the troops who mistook him for a suicide bomber, the alliance said.

"ISAF soldiers used hand signals to warn the man not to approach the convoy.

"Follow-on warnings included a flare and then four carefully aimed warning shots," said a statement from the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) for Afghanistan.

It said there were no other casualties, but local residents and a hospital official said one person was killed and four wounded in the firing.

MNA/Reuters

Bus, truck collide in Peru, killing 24

LIMA, 3 July — Twenty-four people were killed and 21 others were injured Sunday morning in a collision between a truck and a bus in northern Peru.

A truck collided head-on with the bus on the heavily-transited Pan Am-

erican Highway in the province of San Pedro de Lloc, in La Libertad Province, 680 kilometres northwest of Peru's capital Lima. Highway police chief Victor Ordinola said that the 24 victims included 21 adults, seven of them

women, and three minors.

The truck driver and his colleague were among the fatalities. The rescue teams have been struggling for hours to rescue survivors and recover bodies from the wreckage of both vehicles. — MNA/Xinhua



A Palestinian girl waits to collect water from public taps in the southern Gaza Strip on 2 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Honouring Myanmar Women's Day

Prominent Myanmar women

Khin Oo

Wise persons are often called the brains or the heart of a community or a nation. The mother is honoured as the heart of a family. In Myanmar tradition, ideal things are usually referred to as mothers.

Since the very early stage of Myanmar history Myanmar women have had their own efficient role. Historical records give witness to the fact that Myanmar women have showed their brilliant performances in political, administrative, judicial, economic and social sectors.

Women enjoyed equal rights with men during the life time of the Buddha. The Buddha honoured eminent women. Here, I would like to present a true story about Kundala Kesa Theri out of the many Theris of the past. Badda, a beautiful daughter of a rich man in Rajgir was a spinster confined to her home. One day she fell in love with Sattuka, a criminal who was on his way to the execution ground. In response to her insistence, her parents allowed her to marry the

criminal. One day, Sattuka took her to Corapapata hill with an excuse to hold a religious rite. He did so as he was prompted to rob her of valuables. When they arrived on the hill, Sattuka used abusive language in forcing her to give all her jewellery to him. But Badda was clever enough to trick the criminal by showing her affection in disguise to him and to get a chance to kill him. At last, she was succeeded in pushing him dead down into the gorge. Afterwards, she followed the wrong belief and became known as Kundala Kesa, the peerless. She came to realize the truth after meeting with Shin Sariputtara. After hearing a gatha of the Buddha about the way to free herself from all sufferings, she attained Arahattapho or became Arahata.

In Myanmar history, in addition to the chief queen, women court officials of Kalan and Thanbyin ranks also had the judicial power.

During the Bagan era, certain queens had the right to take part in the administrative affairs at times. In

addition to their important role in the administrative affairs, queens were the persons who managed to save the glory of Bagan during its decline.

Once, an eminent Buddhist monk composed a poem stating the women's role as a wise counsellor in various affairs of a family.

Myanmar history has famous women of letters throughout the past successive eras. Myanmar also had clever and competent women judges, advisers, literati and Abhidhamma experts.

In 750 Myanmar Era, Queen Shin Sawpu was able to maintain peace and bring progress and prosperity to the nation.

Liberty Ma Mya Yin was a matchless professional theatrical dancer and singer. She had many admirers, but she could maintain her dignity and reputation. She was a married woman during the time she was at the peak of her career. She was famous for her elegant style of dancing.

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With this article I honour all Myanmar women who deserve it for their brilliant performances.

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Rich countries urged to keep promises on development aid to the poor

GENEVA, 4 July — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Monday urged developed countries to keep their promises on increasing development aid to poorer countries to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

"I cannot stress strongly enough the need for developed nations to keep their promises. They have to meet the 0.7 per cent Official Development Assistance target," Ban told a meeting of the UN Economic and Social Council.

"Today I urge donors to issue timelines for scaling up aid to reach their target commitments by 2010 and 2015," Ban said after presenting a progress

report on the MDGs, which were set in 2000 and aimed at halving extreme poverty and hunger in the world by 2015.

According to the report, halfway to the 2015 deadline, there has been clear progress toward implementing the MDGs, but their overall success is still far from assured.

The leading industrial nations pledged to double aid to Africa by 2010 at

their meeting in Gleneagles, Britain, in 2005, but total official aid declined in real terms by 5.1 per cent between 2005 and 2006, the UN said.

Only five donor countries have reached or exceeded the UN target of allocating 0.7 per cent of their gross national income for aid.

"The time to convert existing promises into actual progress is now, Ban said. — MNA/Xinhua



Contestants participate in Radio Quiz on AIDS at Myanma Radio and Television on 3-7-2007. — MRTV

Commander attends ceremony to mark International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2007

YANGON, 4 July—The opening ceremony of short-term organizing course (1/2007) conducted by organizing and discipline committee of South-West Command was held at the Ayeyawady Hall of the command headquarters in Patheingyi on 26 June, attended by Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Chairperson of the committee Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of the commander, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Thit Swe, wife and officials.

The prize presentation ceremony to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2007 was held at the Eya Shwewa Hall in Patheingyi. Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung delivered an address. Next, the commander, wife and officials



Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung views works of winners of competitions to mark International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. — MNA

presented awards to the winners in the central and division level International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking commemorative contests. Later, they viewed the winning entries of the contests. — MNA

Toshiba i Shop and Authorized Service Provider (ASP) open

YANGON, 4 July—Toshiba i Shop and Authorized Service Provider (ASP) were opened at Lucky Bird Computer Showroom at No 355, Theinbyu Street, here, this morning. First, General Manager Mr Junichi Ishikawa of Computer Systems Division, Toshiba Singapore Pte Ltd extended greetings. Member of Yangon City Development Committee U Kyaw Soe, Managing Director of Lucky Bird Trading Co Ltd U Htin Aung Khine and General Manager Mr Junichi Ishikawa formally opened Toshiba i Shop and Authorized Service Provider (ASP).

Officials and guests observed Toshiba products. Netbooks and other accessories are available at Lucky Bird Computer Showroom at No 355, Room 6, Theinbyu Street dialling 248167 or 379875.—MNA

YCDC member U Kyaw Soe, Managing Director of Lucky Bird Trading Co Ltd U Htin Aung Khine and General Manager Mr Junichi Ishikawa formally open Toshiba i Shop and Authorized Service Provider (ASP). — MNA



One wounded in insurgent-planted mine in Kyaukkyi

YANGON, 4 July—Ko Kyaw Kyaw living at Bago Ward, Kyaukkyi Township, Bago Division stepped on a mine planted by insurgents and his left foot was blown off when he was going to the hill, 6 miles of Kyaukkyi Township in search of bamboo shoot on 2 July.

The injured was rushed to Kyaukkyi Township People's Hospital and medical treatment is being provided to him. — MNA

Chairperson of Ayeyawady Division WAO Daw Yi Yi Aung delivers an address at a ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day in Patheingyi. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe ...

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Dagon Bridge will be 4,540 feet long in total and its clearance will be 130 feet wide and 18 feet high. The bridge can withstand 75-ton loads. The bridge will be 72-foot wide six-lane one and it is being built with RC. Pedestrian ways will be six feet wide each.

The approach bridge on Yangon bank has been completed by cent per cent and the approach road by 30 per cent. Likewise, the approach bridge on Thanlyin bank has been completed cent per cent and the approach road by 35 per cent. Construction of the main bridge has been built by 97 per cent, and the whole construction task by 95 per cent.

On completion, Dagon Bridge will contribute to smooth and speedy flow of export and import commodities through Thilawa Port and economic development of the local people. — MNA

Myanmar Women's Day 2007 observed in Patheingyi

YANGON, 4 July—Ayeyawady Division Women's Affairs Organization observed the Myanmar Women's Day 2007 at the city hall in Patheingyi yesterday morning.

Gold medalist Ma Shwe Thinzar Lwin in Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and WAO members sang the songs in commemoration of the Myanmar Women's Day.

Daw Khin Thauung, wife of the Deputy Commander of South-West Command, presented prizes to outstanding women for their achievements in competitions to mark the Myanmar Women's Day.

Daw Mayli Yu, wife of the Command Staff Colonel, gave prizes to winners in the division level Myanmar Women's Day commemorative contests, Chairperson Daw Yi Yi Aung of Ayeyawady Division WAO, six-distinction winners in the matriculation examination for 2006 and member Daw Mya Mya Lwin, winners in the inter-state/division sports competitions.— MNA



Road maintenance tasks supervised

YANGON, 4 July—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspected the tasks for maintenance of Kazan-Maubin section of Yangon-Maubin Road yesterday.

Ayeyawady Division Superintending Engineer U Myint Thein and Maubin District Senior Engineer U Thein Oo reported on latest developments about the project. The minister instructed the officials to keep constant maintenance of the road in the rainy season

and inspected the resurfacing of the facility.

He also inspected the works for upgrading of Kyaukse-Pyapon Road to tarred one, and laying of asphalt on the section between mile posts No 27/6 and No 27/7.

The minister viewed the maintenance of Pyapon-Dedaye Road. Officials of the project gave an account of maintenance of road sections and bridges along Dedaye-Kungyangon-Kawhmu-Twantay Road.

The minister left instructions on the project and fulfilled the requirements.

He viewed the reconstruction of the 11 miles and one furlong long road linking Dalla-Twantay Road and Hlinethaya Industrial Zone No 5 Highway through Twantay suspension bridge, and road building tasks at mile posts No 5/7 and No 1/5. The minister called for systematic maintenance of the transport facility.

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Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi and group...

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to persuade those organizations to obtain assistance from them.

It is learnt that in order to incite protests in collusion with certain organizations from abroad, Zaw Zaw Aung (North/Dagon) and Swe Ko (Tamway) were sent to Thai-Myanmar border in late 2005, however no progress was made in the attempts; that on 26 May 2007, Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi again sent Nay Tin Myint (a) Nay Win of their group to Thai-Myanmar border and he got to Maesok on 29 May; and that the group of Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi was sending some members to launch anti-government activities in synchronization with anti-government groups outside the country.

In addition to committing subversive acts in complicity with anti-government groups outside the country, they made many calls to the ones from various groups inside the country they had organized for information and sent the news to foreign broadcasting stations and launched various forms of campaigns.

Similarly, Thurein Aung (a young member expelled by NLD) made contact with Kyaw Htet (NLD-LA) for cash assistance and got about 7 million Kyats. With the use of the funds, he organized some workers from private-owned factories and workshops in Hlinethaya and Dagon Myothit (South), and in

June 2006 Thurein Aung and Nyi Nyi Zaw (a member of American Center) formed the "association for helping workers". On 1 May 2007, the association organized a meeting on workers' rights protection law with some 50 workers from private-owned factories and workshops of Hlinethaya and Dagon Myothit (South) townships. The attendees were divided into small groups, each of which was made up of about ten. And the groups held discussions about the difficulties they were facing in an exaggerated manner to create outrage of workers and then to incite protests of workers.

Moreover, the Burma Communist Party (BCP) issued a paper "2007 methods" designed to oppose the government. The paper carries a method of forming "Activists Front" secretly to speed up anti-government activities at home and abroad. It is perceived that the activities of the group of Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi are the same as that of the BCP.

Those hearing about such incidents are making comments that the group of Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi is concentrating on its own interests and is exploiting students who are pursuing education in peace; that such activities have an adverse effect on the future of students; and that they are expending others just to serve their interests. Authorities have warned that the entire people are to cooperate with the national awareness to prevent such evil acts.

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International Institute of Abhidhamma set up

YANGON, 4 July—Under the doctrines of Sitagu Sayadaw Dr Ashin Nanissara (D Litt. Ph.D), basic principles were promulgated to establish the International Institute of Abhidhamma, and the International Abhidhamma Management Committee was formed on 30 June.

The institute is the first-ever educational institution in the world that conducts special course on Abhidhamma.

The Board of Abhidhamma Institute Ovadacariya Sayadaws was formed with Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara as Chairman, and Sitagu Sayadaw Dr Shin Nanissara and Rector of the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University Dr Nanda Mala Bhivamsa as members, and the 33-member Institution Management Committee with Retired Ambassador U Mya Than as Chairman, U Han (Sitagu), U Tin Htut and U Thein Hlaing as vice-chairmen, and U Thein Han as general secretary.

The office of the Abhidhamma Institute Management Committee will be opened soon at Sitagu Sasana Beikman at the corner of Pinlon Road and Parami Road in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon. The institute is planning to conduct short-term courses and lectures on Abhidhamma in line with the principles of the institute for promotion and propagation of Abhidhamma at the international level.—MNA

Ministers receive Korean Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Park Key Chong at the ministry here on 2 July.

Similarly, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min received Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Park Key Chong at their ministries today and yesterday.

Also present at the calls were the directors-general and the managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the respective ministries.

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Ministers Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and Maj-Gen Tin Htut enjoy soccer match of Ministry of Cooperatives Team and Ministry of Industry-1 Team. — MNA

1st Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament...

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The first round of the tournament will be held up to 15 July. The second round matches will be organized from 17 to 29 July.

- Fixtures on 5 July:
 Paunglaung Sports Ground
 - CPT vs CSSTB at 7.30 am
 - Commerce vs Mines at 4 pm
 Lewe Township Sports Ground
 - MOFA vs Home Affairs at 4 pm.

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Commandant of National Defence College Maj-Gen Mya Win being welcomed by Japanese Military Attaché Col Yoshihiko Izaki at a reception to mark the Japan Self-Defence Forces Day on 4-7-2007. — MNA



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Special Refresher Course No 12 for faculty members opened at CICS (Phaunggyi)

Faculty members urged to try their best for emergence of intellectuals and intelligentsia and development of technology

YANGON, 3 July — The special refresher course No 12 for faculty members was opened at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township in Yangon Division yesterday morning. On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein made an opening speech.

Also present were ministers, the mayor of Yangon, deputy ministers, members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, heads of department, the Rector of CICS (Phaunggyi) and faculty members and trainee teachers.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein said that in the rapidly changing and advancing world, education capable of overcoming various kinds of challenges will have to be built. The minister continued to say that the qualification and efficiency to build and defend a modern and developed nation 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, he said.

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 education 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



Minister Dr Chan Nyein delivers an address at opening of Special Refresher Course No 12 for faculty members at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi). — MNA

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, he urged.

After the opening ceremony, Minister Dr Chan Nyein greeted the trainee teachers. A total of 387 faculty members from universities and colleges are attending the fourweek course. — MNA

13th meeting of ASEAN Road Transportation Work Group opens

YANGON, 4 July — The opening ceremony of 13th meeting of ASEAN Road Transportation Work Group was held at the Traders Hotel here this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin, Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, departmental

heads and officials, representatives of ASEAN member countries, officials of ASEAN plus Three countries and ASEAN Secretariat and guests.

Speaking on the occasion the deputy minister for Rail Transportation said that the representatives here would be given account of the resolutions and future programmes laid down by ASEAN transport ministers' meeting and other related meetings. Moreover, matters pertaining to AEC blue print, transportation project (2005-2010), ASEAN transportation network project, Singapore-Kunming Railroad project and ASEAN Road Safety project-2 would be discussed at the meeting. He next urged those present to strive for the implementation of these projects in order to develop the whole region. He then thanked the donor nations for contributing to the construction of Singapore-Kunming railroad section and Japan for its sponsorship of ASEAN road transportation joint projects. Later, the deputy minister had a documentary photo taken together with the participants. The meeting continues tomorrow.

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Deputy Minister Thura U Thaug Lwin delivers an address at 13th meeting of ASEAN Road Transportation Work Group. — MNA

US prosecutors seek death penalty in Iraq murders

CHICAGO, 4 July — A former US Army private charged with taking part in the gang rape of an Iraqi girl and murdering her and her family should be sentenced to die if he is found guilty, US Government prosecutors said on Tuesday.

The US attorney for the Western District of Kentucky filed the notice in federal court at Paducah, Kentucky, where Steven Green faces trial. He has been described in earlier military court proceedings as the ringleader of the March, 2006, incident.

Three other soldiers also involved in the rape-murder of Abeer Qassim al-Janabi and the deaths of her father, mother and

six-year-old sister have been court-martialled and a fourth faces military trial later this summer.

Green was arrested and charged as a civilian after his military discharge in 2006 for a "personality disorder".

The incident unfolded after the soldiers drank whiskey, played cards and plotted to attack the family at Mahmudiya, south of Baghdad. Some of those involved poured

kerosene on the girl's body and lit her on fire in an attempt to cover up the crime.

In Tuesday's notice prosecutors told the court they intend to seek the death penalty against Green because several of the 16 charges against him — including premeditated murder — warrant execution under federal law.

No trial date has been set. — MNA/Reuters



A man pushes residents on an wooden cart at Shorja market in Baghdad on 2 July, 2007. The number of civilians killed in Iraq fell sharply in June to the lowest monthly total since a US-backed security clampdown was launched in February, Iraqi government figures showed on Sunday. — INTERNET

Japanese DM resigns over remarks on atomic bombing

TOKYO, 4 July — Japanese Defence Minister Fumio Kyuma resigned on Tuesday to take responsibility for his controversial remarks on the US atomic bombing.

Kyuma told reporters after meeting with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe that his resignation was accepted, local media reported.

Kyuma said he decided to resign because "it seems to be difficult to gain public understanding". He also expressed his worry about the negative influence the mess may bring to the upcoming Upper House election.

During his speech on Saturday in Chiba Prefecture, Kyuma said

that the US atomic bombing "brought the war to its end" and was something "could not be helped".

Despite apologizing for and taking back his words on the following day, his remarks, comprehended as a justification of the atomic bombing, drew fire from opposition parties and sparked protest especially in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the only two cities which have suffered from atomic bombing in the world.

Among voices calling for Kyuma's stepping down, Abe on Monday warned Kyuma to be cautious about his words.

MNA/Xinhua

Peruvian authorities incinerate over 5 tons of drugs

LIMA, 4 July — Peru's National Police incinerated more than five tons of drugs on Monday in the Ate neighbourhood in Lima.

Interior Minister Luis Alva was present when all the drugs seized since 23 March were set on flame in an oven at the Special Operations Directorate's headquarters.

Praising the work of anti-narcotics officers, the minister called the illicit drugs "a serious menace for peace, justice and development".

The incinerated drugs include 1.906 tons of cocaine base paste, 2.292 tons of pure cocaine, 257 kilos of marijuana, 27 kilos of opium, six kilos of heroin and 626 kilos of opium poppies.

Peru is the world's second largest producer of coca leaf, the raw material for cocaine. It is estimated that the nation produces 300 tons a year and that only 10 per cent of the output is seized by the police.

MNA/Xinhua

Israel, Palestinian Authority hold security talks

JERUSALEM, 4 July — Israel has resumed talks with the Palestinian Authority on security cooperation, an Israeli official said on Tuesday about a move designed to bolster Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas after Hamas's Gaza takeover.

"We had the first meetings between security professionals yesterday (Monday)," said Miri Eisin, a spokeswoman for Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert.

"They met about how to coordinate. This gives us an opportunity," she said. "In this sense, we're seeing for the first time in many years direct cooperation and coordination between Israel and the Palestinian Authority."

There was no immediate Palestinian comment on the meeting,

which appeared to be an initial step towards giving forces loyal to Abbas greater freedom of action to rein in Hamas militants in the occupied West Bank without fear of Israeli interference.

Israel and the Palestinian Authority largely broke off formal

security cooperation, which included joint patrols, after a Palestinian uprising began in 2000.

Israel suspended all security coordination with the Palestinians in April 2006 and severed contacts with the Palestinian Government when Hamas came to power in a January

2006 parliamentary election.

Olmert pledged to strengthen ties with Abbas following the violent takeover last month of the Gaza Strip by Hamas Islamists who routed the Palestinian leader's Fatah movement in a civil war in the coastal territory.

MNA/Reuters

Israel's Katsav describes himself as victim of sex case

JERUSALEM, 4 July — The Israeli President disgraced by sex charges described himself on

Tuesday as a victim of persecution in his first public appearance since he was forced to resign last week.

Katsav failed to admit any guilt in an interview with Channel 2 television, despite a plea bargain in which he agreed to plead guilty to some sex offences, saying that "more than 90 per cent of the accusations were thrown into the dustbin".

Under the bargain, announced last Thursday, he avoids a charge of rape and any jail time by admitting to committing an indecent act against one woman employee and to sexually harassing another.

But the court hearing to complete the deal has been delayed by the ensuing public furore and by a

subsequent High Court ruling requiring the state prosecutors to explain their action.

"It's been an entire year of incitement and persecution, an entire year in which there has not been a moment of calm, and there has been a constant war to prove my innocence," Katsav said with his wife, Gila, at his side.

Katsav said he had been toppled by "bloodshed", but that he would stand by the plea bargain.

Women's advocacy groups had petitioned the High Court to examine the deal, which brought thousands onto the streets of Tel Aviv to protest.

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A little swan swims with its parent in the Jinan Zoo of Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 1 July, 2007. — XINHUA

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China bans production and import of ozone depleting substances

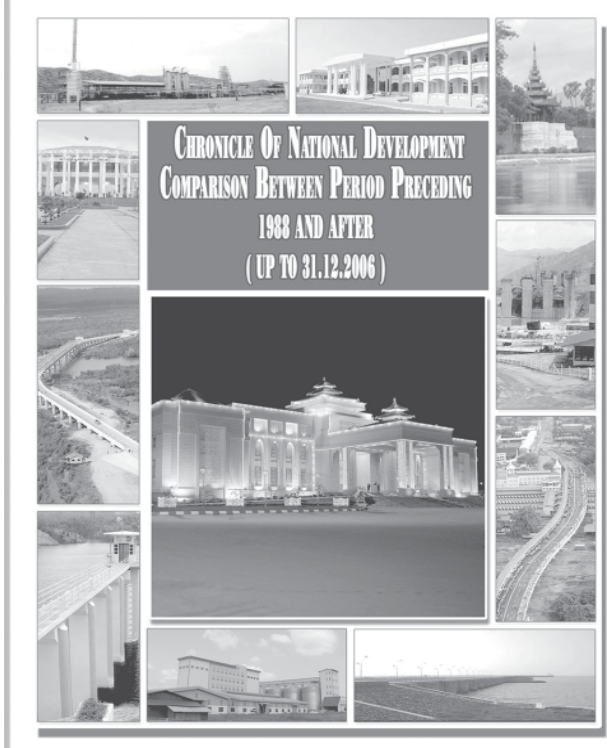
CHANGSHU (Jiangsu Province), 3 July—China banned the production and import of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and halon, two ozone depleting substances (ODS) from Sunday, honouring its promise to phase out the substances two and a half years ahead of schedule.

As the biggest producer and consumer of CFCs and halon among developing nations, China had disposed of about 100,000 tons of CFCs and about 80,000 tons of halon since it signed up to the Montreal Protocol in 1991, said Zhang Lijun, deputy director of the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA), on Sunday.

At the end of June, eight industries related to the use and production of CFCs and halon had banned the two substances. The last six Chinese factories to produce CFCs agreed to stop production in a deal with the SEPA in Changshu, east Jiangsu Province Saturday.

MNA/Xinhua

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Shanghai suffers new round of lasting high temperature

SHANGHAI, 3 July—Shanghai Meteorological Observatory released a new round of high temperature warning on Sunday after the east China metropolis has endured four days with the temperatures above 33 degrees Celsius.

Controlled by the subtropical high barometric pressure, the temperature in downtown Shanghai was reported at more than 35 degrees Celsius on Sunday.

According to the observatory, Shanghai has already suffered four rounds of continuous high temperature weather this summer, with the top high temperatures above 35 degrees Celsius.

The high temperature once again brought great pressures to the city's

power supply.

The municipal government temporarily changed the working schedule of some heavy power-consuming enterprises and demanded the temperature of air conditioners in government institutions and hotels be set at 26 degrees Celsius.

The observatory said Shanghai would have a strong rainfall around Monday and would suffer another round of high temperature lasting about five to six days after the rainfall.

MNA/Xinhua

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 ပစ္စည်းဝယ်ယူရောင်းချရေးအဖွဲ့

TENDER INVITATION

Myanma Airways of Ministry of Transport, The Union of Myanmar is inviting International tenders for the sale of two SA 330J (PUMA) helicopters as follows-

1. Two Eurocopter SA 330J Puma helicopters, Manufactured in the year of 1977.
2. Both aircraft grounded and unserviceable.
3. Sales include all ground equipments, tools and spareparts
4. Selling condition: "As is where is" condition
5. Location of Aircraft: Myanma Airways Maintenance Hanger, Yangon International Airport, Yangon, The Union of Myanmar
6. Date for pre-bid inspection : From 12th June 2007 to 18th June 2007 during office hours
7. Tender closing date 25-7-2007 11:00 am.
8. Tender opening date 7-8-2007 12:00 am.
9. Further details are available at : Myanma Airways 104, Kanna Road, Yangon The Union of Myanmar Tel:+ 95-1-252002, +95-1-246452 Fax:+ 95-1-371120

Email: MYANMA AIRWAYS @mptmail.net.mm

Car bomb kills nine in northern Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 3 July—Nine people were killed on Monday by a car bomb parked beside a market in a northern part of Baghdad, police said. The police said

33 people were wounded in the attack, which took place in the religiously mixed district of Binoog. The Iraqi television channel Hurra said a nearby apartment building was damaged in the explosion, but police were not able to immediately verify the report.

MNA/Reuters

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iPhone profit margin to hit over 55%

BEIJING, 4 July — Apple Inc. could generate a gross profit margin of more than 55 percent on its 8-gigabyte iPhones, research company iSuppli reported on Tuesday.

According to a tear-down analysis of the iPhone, its component and manufacturing costs totalled 265.83 US dollars. That means Apple would reap a profit margin in excess of 55 percent on every 8 gigabyte iPhones it sells for 599 dollars.

“It had a very good start,” said Bill Choi, an analyst with Jefferies & Co in New York. “They’re selling it for a lot of money. On a gross margin basis, it is very profitable.”

However, Choi said the 55 percent figure alone doesn’t determine how profitable a product is. Companies also have costs from marketing and research and development.

Eric Pratt, iSuppli’s senior director of tear-down, said the iPhone’s margin is much higher than some smart phones, like the Motorola Q. But he expects similar margins from the new crop of smart phones, which include Nokia Corp’s N95 and HTC Corp’s HTC Touch.

Apple shares added 5.91 dollars, or 4.9 percent, to 127.17 dollars at 1 pm New York time in Nasdaq Stock Market trading. They have jumped 50 percent this year.—Internet



Surrounded by cheering Apple Store employees, one of the first iPhone buyers leaves the store on Fifth Avenue in New York, on 29 June, 2007.—INTERNET

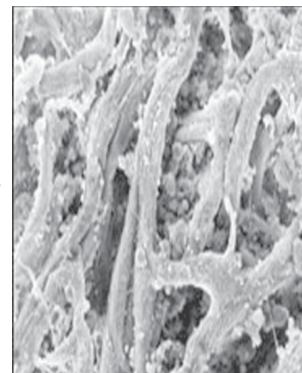


The sea of clouds envelopes the Zushan Mountain in Qinhuangdao, North China’s Hebei Province after a heavy downfall on 1 July, 2007.

INTERNET

Endometriosis ‘ups cancer risk’

LONDON, 3 July— Women with the painful disease endometriosis are prone to certain cancers, mounting evidence suggests.



Uterine tissue is found elsewhere in the body

In endometriosis, the type of tissue that lines the inside of the womb is found elsewhere in the body.

When a woman menstruates, the tissue degenerates, causing pain, bloating, heavy bleeding and fatigue. The condition is known to be linked with certain cancers and with difficulty conceiving, although it has been unclear exactly why.

Dr Anna-Sofia Melin and colleagues at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, looked at data on 63,630 women with endometriosis.

Internet

Blackstone buys Hilton Hotels for \$26b

NEW YORK, 3 July — Hilton Hotels Corporation announced Tuesday that it has entered into a definitive merger agreement with the Blackstone Group in an all-cash transaction valued at approximately 26 billion dollars.

Under the terms of the agreement, Blackstone will acquire all the outstanding common stock of Hilton for 47.50 dollars per share, said a news release reaching here.

The price represents a premium of 40 percent over Monday’s closing stock price. Hilton’s Board of Directors approved the transaction Tuesday.

It is anticipated that the transaction will close during the fourth quarter of 2007 while completion is subject to the approval of Hilton’s shareholders, as well as other customary closing conditions.

“Our priority has

always been to maximize shareholder value. Our Board of Directors concluded that this transaction provides compelling value for our shareholders with a significant premium,” said Stephen F Bollenbach, Hilton’s co-chairman and chief executive officer.

Hilton Hotels Corporation is the leading global hospitality company, with more than 2,800 hotels and 480,000 rooms in 76 countries and territories, including 100,000 team members worldwide.

“This transaction is about building the premier global hospitality business.



An exterior view of a Hilton hotel in San Francisco. Private equity giant Blackstone Group has entered into “a definite merger agreement” with Hilton Hotels Corporation, worth some 26 billion dollars, Hilton said on Tuesday.

INTERNET

We are committed to investing in the company and working with Hilton’s outstanding owners and franchisees to continue to grow and enhance the business,” said Jonathan Gray, senior managing director of Blackstone,

Blackstone, one of the US largest private equity

firms, issued the initial public offering last month at price of 31 dollars per common unit with the total value at 4.1 billion dollars. Blackstone currently owns more than 100,000 hotel rooms in the United States and Europe.

Internet

Third US soldier charged in Iraq murder probe

BAGHDAD, 3 July — The US military said on Monday it had charged a US soldier with the murder of an Iraqi and of trying to cover up the crime by placing a weapon by the body.

The charge is linked to an investigation into the unlawful killing of three Iraqis in separate incidents during US operations between April and June near the town of Iskandariyah, 40 kilometres (25 miles) south of Baghdad, the military said in a statement. Two other soldiers have been charged separately.

Sergeant Evan Vela, from Phoenix, Idaho, was charged with one count of premeditated murder, wrongfully placing a weapon beside a dead Iraqi, making a false official statement and obstruction of justice. The statement said the charges were merely an accusation of wrongdoing and that the soldier was presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Murder charges were announced on Saturday for Staff Sergeant Michael Hensley and Specialist Jorge Sandoval, stemming from complaints made by other US soldiers to the authorities.— MNA/Reuters



The astonishing three-dimensional design, 200ft in diameter, has been created in a wheat field at Silbury Hill, Wiltshire.

INTERNET

SPORTS



Yao Ming (C) participates in an Coca Cola commercial engagement in Beijing on 3 July, 2007.—INTERNET

Ivanovic sets up Vaidisova showdown

LONDON, 4 July — Ana Ivanovic kept her wits about her through four rain disruptions to reach the quarter-finals of Wimbledon for the first time with a 6-1, 2-6, 6-4 win over Russian Nadia Petrova on Tuesday.

The French Open runner-up set up a battle of the teenagers with Nicole Vaidisova after the Czech earlier dethroned Wimbledon champion Amelie Mauresmo.

Ivanovic had romped through her previous three matches at the grasscourt grand slam without dropping a set but ran into a determined opponent on Tuesday.

Petrova, a quarterfinalist on her last appearance here in 2005, threatened to pull off an upset when she easily outclassed Ivanovic in the second set but failed to keep up the momentum in the decider.—MNA/Reuters

Henin, Williams square up in clash of style

LONDON, 4 July — World number one Justine Henin has moved quietly and efficiently towards Wednesday's Wimbledon quarterfinal showdown with Serena Williams.

Her opponent's progress could hardly have been more different; full of noise, drama and controversy. Triple French Open champion Henin, seeking the only grand slam crown to elude her so far, has dropped only 15 games in swatting her four challengers aside, spending less than four hours on court.

Williams, twice a winner here, has huffed and puffed, showing moments of brilliance as well as some error-strewn periods that had her muttering and berating herself.

Her see-saw progress culminated in an agonising fourth round tie with Slovakian Daniela Han-

tuchova when she collapsed, screaming in pain from cramp, was saved by the rain and came back to win 6-2, 6-7, 6-2 against the odds.—MNA/Reuters

Real keen on Chivu, aim to off-load Cassano, Emerson

MADRID, 4 July — Spanish champions Real Madrid are trying to sign Roma centre-back Cristian Chivu and off-load Brazilian midfielder Emerson and Italy striker Antonio Cassano, according to club president Ramon Calderon.

"Chivu is a centre-back we like, he's left footed and can also play at full-back, but for us to sign him Roma have to want to sell him," Calderon told radio station Cadena Ser on Tuesday.

The Romanian international has been linked with moves to Inter Milan and Barcelona, but the Catalans are now reported to be targeting Real Zaragoza's Argentine centre-back Diego Milito to strengthen their defence.

The Real Madrid chief said Emerson, who joined Real from Juventus for a reported 14 million euros last season, could leave the club together with another former Roma player Cassano.—MNA/Reuters

Eriksson to meet Man City squad



Sven-Goran Eriksson will return to football at Manchester City

LONDON, 4 July — Sven-Goran Eriksson will meet Manchester City's players at their Carrington training ground on Wednesday morning, BBC Sport understands.

Eriksson, 59, flew up to Manchester from London on Tuesday evening.

The former England coach agreed a three-year contract in principle last week to take over as City's manager. He will not be formally unveiled as boss

until City's prospective new owner Thaksin Shinawatra takes his shareholding in the club past 75%.

Eriksson will succeed Stuart Pearce, who was sacked at the end of last season. The former Benfica, Roma, Fiorentina, Sampdoria and Lazio boss has been out of football since leaving the England job after the 2006 World Cup.

City's players report back for training on Wednesday and Eriksson will be there to meet them for the first time.

On touching down at Manchester airport on Tuesday evening, the Swede said there would be developments in the next 24 hours.—Internet

Teenager Paszek no problem for Kuznetsova

LONDON, 4 July — Fifth seed Svetlana Kuznetsova came safely through her fourth round meeting with Austrian teenager Tamira Paszek 6-3, 6-2 at Wimbledon on Tuesday.

Paszek, aged 16 and competing in her first Wimbledon, disposed of 12th seed Elena Dementieva on Monday but did little to trouble Kuznetsova.

The 2004 US Open champion, sporting braided hair extensions, displayed a range of powerful groundstrokes and was confident coming into the net, breaking the world number 54 in her first service game with a forehand volley. A 30-minute rain break between sets did nothing to help Paszek, who was broken immediately when Kuznetsova sent a backhand down the line and again for 5-2 when she could not return a mighty forehand from the Russian.—MNA/Reuters



Tiger Woods plays a shot to the 16th green during a practice round for the AT&T National PGA golf tournament at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland, on 3 July, 2007.

INTERNET

Champion Mauresmo beaten by Vaidisova in last 16

LONDON, 4 July — Champion Amelie Mauresmo's Wimbledon reign ended in a bizarre fourth round encounter on Tuesday when she was upset 7-6, 4-6, 6-1 by Czech teenager Nicole Vaidisova.

In a match featuring three rain disruptions and a confused umpire who lost his bearings midway through the tussle, 14th seed Vaidisova downed an out-of-sorts Mauresmo with a barrage of hefty groundstrokes.

After an error-riddled performance including 14 double faults, the Frenchwoman suffered her earliest exit from the grasscourt grand slam since 2001.

She left court shaking her head in disbelief and desperate to escape an arena which had turned into her own personal torture chamber.

For the third time this year, Mauresmo's grand slam dreams were ripped apart by a Czech opponent.

Lucie Safarova beat her at Melbourne Park in January and Roland Garros last month.—MNA/Reuters



Colombian fans await the start of Match 12 between Argentina and Colombia at the Copa America soccer tournament in Maracaibo, on 2 July, 2007.—INTERNET

Organizers face worst Wimbledon backlog in 25 years

LONDON, 4 July — Organizers are facing their worst scheduling headache for 25 years at Wimbledon after rain once again disrupted play at the championships on Tuesday.

On a day usually reserved for women's quarterfinals, four men's third round matches, including that of second seed Rafael Nadal, still await completion.

In 1982 over three times the average midsummer rainfall forced third round matches into the second Wednesday. The men's final, won by Jimmy Connors, was completed a day later than scheduled.

The backlog this year has not been helped by the organizers' decision not to play on the middle Sunday of the tournament, a tactic used on three previous occasions.—MNA/Reuters

Milan insists Kaka going nowhere

ROME, 4 July — AC Milan's Brazilian playmaker Kaka will not be sold to Real Madrid, the European champions said again on Tuesday.

Transfer speculation in Spain and Italy has linked Kaka with a move to Real despite repeated declarations by Milan that the player is not for sale.

Earlier this month Milan said Kaka's father had held a meeting with Real Madrid.

"I've asked (Real's sporting director) Pedrag Mijatovic to drop this business about Kaka. I've told him enough is enough - in a polite way of course," vice-president Adriano Galliani was quoted as saying on Milan's website (www.acmilan.com).—MNA/Reuters

Israelis kill Palestinian teenager carrying toy gun

HEBRON (West Bank), 4 July — Israeli soldiers shot dead a Palestinian teenager on Tuesday in the occupied West Bank town of Hebron, mistaking him for a gunman because he was carrying a toy weapon, a military spokeswoman said.

A Palestinian hospital official confirmed a 15-year-old boy had been killed by soldiers in the Loza District of Hebron. A Palestinian security source said Israeli soldiers had opened fire at a

group of gunmen, shooting the youth.

An Israeli military spokeswoman said the troops "saw armed men and fired at one of them", thinking he was holding an

assault rifle, but further checks showed that he had in fact been holding a toy gun.

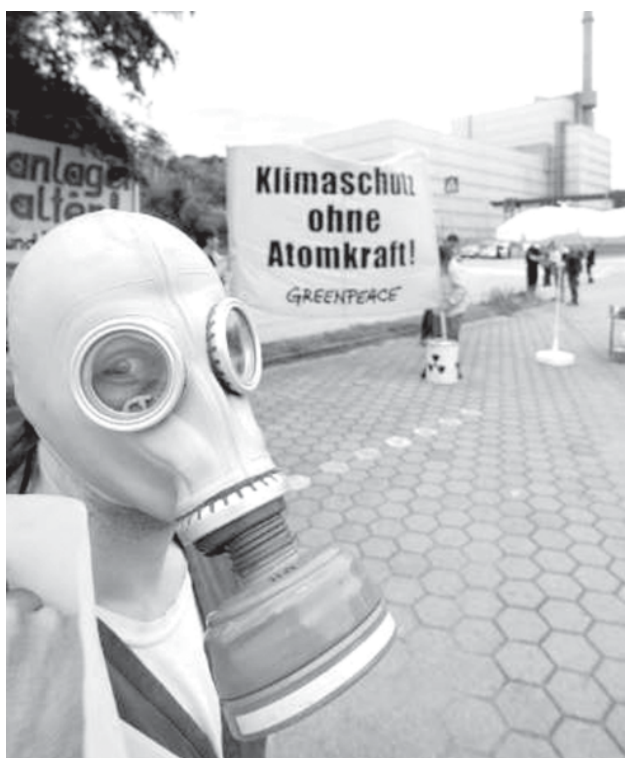
The Palestinian source initially said there had been a gun battle, but later said Palestinians had not fired.

Israeli soldiers frequently raid West Bank towns in search of militants suspected of involvement

in attacks against Israelis or in planning violence.

Hebron is particularly tense, as the home of several hundred Jewish settlers who live among tens of thousands of Palestinians in a city regarded as holy by Jews, Muslims and Christians.

MNA/Reuters



A protester with gasmask is seen during an anti-nuclear demonstration in front of the nuclear power plant Krümmel near Geesthacht on 1 July, 2007. A fire broke out close to a nuclear plant in northern Germany on Thursday but police said the Krümmel reactor, located about 30 kilometres (20 miles) south-east of Hamburg, was unaffected. The banner reads, "Climate protection without nuclear power".

INTERNET

Four Lebanese die in road crash with UNIFIL truck

MARJAYOUN (Lebanon), 4 July — A Lebanese family of four was killed when their truck crashed into a Polish UN peacekeeping fuel truck in southern Lebanon on Tuesday, witnesses said.

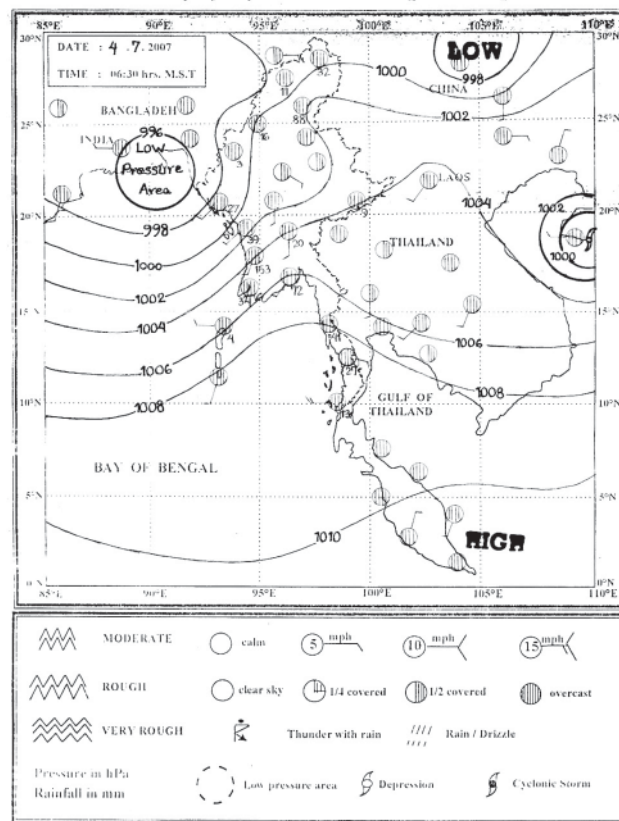
The crash in the Lebanese village of Mays al-Jabal also injured the driver of the vehicle belonging to the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). The witnesses said a 40-year-old man, his wife, 35, and their two children aged three and five were killed.

UNIFIL's deputy spokesperson Yasmina Bouziane confirmed the accident but did not say which UN contingent was

involved. UNIFIL was created in 1978, after Israel's first major incursion into southern Lebanon, and has been there ever since.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 4 July, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division, widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Kayin States, Ayeyawady Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Gwa (9.37) inches, Theinzayat (8.23) inches, Launglon (7.09) inches, Thandwe (6.69) inches, Kayan (5.20) inches, Shwegyin (4.88) inches, Kyauktaw (4.76) inches, Bago (4.26) inches, Hinthada (4.21) inches, Thaton (4.02) inches, Dawei (3.70) inches, Myitkyina (3.46) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (3.11) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Yangon (Central) (2.96) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 3-7-2007 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 4-7-2007 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 4-7-2007 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 3-7-2007 was (0.3) hour approx.

Rainfall on 4-7-2007 was (3.11) inches at Mingaladon, (2.96) inches at Kaba-Aye, (2.96) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (56.81) inches at Mingaladon, (60.15) inches at Kaba-Aye and (57.72) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (14) mph from Southwest at (02:40) hours MST on 4-7-2007.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over Northeast Bay of Bengal which may further intensify into a depression. Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 5-7-2007: Rain will be scattered in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (100%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 5-7-2007:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 5-7-2007: Some rain which may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 5-7-2007: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Flood Warning

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 4-7-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Shwegyin River at Shwegyin is (576) cm. It may reach its danger level (700) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Bago River at Bago is (727) cm. It may reach its danger level (910) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.



Thursday, 5 July
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
 - Roller coaster (B. Witched)
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
 - Quit playing games (Back Street Boys)
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
 - I know where it's at (All Saint)
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10am Music:
 - Jenny (Shaggy)
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
 - Who do you love (The Moffatts)
 - There you'll be (Faith Hill)
 - Nobody wants to be lonely (Ricky Martin & Christina Aguilera)
 - For your love (Jessica Simpson)
- 9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
 - Myanmar Music & Musical Instruments
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Pourri
- 9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Thursday, 5 July
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်တော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
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- 7:15 am
 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
 6. Dance of national races
- 8:05 am
 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
 8. Dance variety
- 8:20 am
 9. ရုံညင်းတန်းတံတား
- 8:30 am
 10. International news
- 8:45 am
 11. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm
 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
 5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သမိုင်းအဖွဲ့ပြု)(သမိုင်း)
- 5:15 pm
 6. Cute little dancers
- 5:30 pm
 7. Musical programme
- 5:45 pm
 8. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:00 pm
 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 11. သိရိဇောတာ
- 6:50 pm
 12. Discovery
- 7:00 pm
 13. စွမ်းဆောင်ရည်မြှင့်မား မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ
- 7:15 pm
 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေရောင်သမီးသော အသည်းနုလုံး" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)(ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)
- 8:00 pm
 15. News
- 8:05 pm
 16. International news
- 8:10 pm
 17. Weather report
- 8:15 pm
 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကံကြမ္မာနတ်သမီး" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 8:20 pm
 19. The next day's programme

2,910 gem merchants arrive to attend Gem sales

YANGON, 4 July — The Myanmar Jade, Gem and Pearl Special Sales for 2007, organized by the Central Committee for Organizing Myanmar Gems Emporium will commence at Myanmar Gems Mart and MCC on 16 July.

A total of 349 pearl lots will be sold through competitive bidding and tender system on 5 and 6 July. Altogether 246 gem lots will be sold through competitive bidding and tender system.

A total of 5878 jade lots will be sold through competitive bidding and tender system at MCC from 6 to 16 July.

A total of 2910 gem merchants— 1241 at home and 1669 abroad— have already arrived at the special sale. A work coordination meeting on joint-venture between the State and gem entrepreneurs was held at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township yesterday.

It was attended by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and officials concerned, and entrepreneurs from joint-venture companies.

Yesterday, Patron of Central Committee for Myanmar Gems Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint met gem entrepreneurs at the same venue. It was attended by Secretary of the Central Committee Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe, members and gem entrepreneurs.



Gem merchants observe jade lots at Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales for 2007. — MNA

Next, the minister made a speech on the occasion. Afterwards, Managing Director U Thein Swe explained the sales of jade, gems and pearl in line with the rules and regulations.

After that, Chairman of Myanmar Gem Entrepreneurs Association U Teza dealt with the setup of the association and rules and regulations.

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Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi and group agitate some students pursuing education peacefully and penetrate into some workers in collusion with NLD (LA) and expelled NLDs to cause internal instability and unrest

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July — Certain incidences occurred in some universities and colleges in Yangon Division in June this year in which Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi and group with the intention of causing student unrest organized and agitated some of the students pursuing education peacefully.

Jimmy (a) Kyaw Min Yu and Zaw Zaw Min of Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi and group organized Dinyein Lin, son of Zaw Zaw Min and a third year Geology major student of Yangon West University and Sithu Maung, a third-year student of Institute of Economics, as hard-core elements and manipulated the two from behind the scene. Their intention was to organize some students of the two universities to cause unrest. Dinyein Lin and Sithu Maung are members of the American Centre.

Sithu Maung and Dinyein Lin organized and led a band of instigators under the name "Student Rights Advocates". The two exaggerated normal faults and weaknesses of Yangon West University and Institute of Economics and taking photographic records of them in organizing some students to stir up unrest.

Moreover Sithu Maung and Dinyein Lin under the manipulation of Jimmy (a) Kyaw Min Yu and Zaw Zaw Min made plots with the aim of issuing the 7th July Announcement on 7 July, staging a procession holding wreaths and making its way from

Myenigon to Arzani Mausoleum and forming a Student Union. They were organizing the students to realize their sinister aims.

In addition, Sithu Maung and Dinyein Lin tried to stir up a problem at Yangon West University in connection with the temporary detention of first-year Maths major student of the university Ye Myat Hein for taking part in the prayer services together with the group led by Su Su Nway of NLD on 15 May this year.

With the intention of informing the international community about the so-called case of Ye Myat Hein, Jimmy (a) Kyaw Min Yu and Zaw Zaw Min made arrangements for BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB radio stations to interview Sithu Maung and Dinyein Lin on telephone. Likewise, Sithu Maung and Dinyein Lin under order of Jimmy (a) Kyaw Min Yu and Zaw Zaw Min exaggerated minor difficulties of students of Institute of Economics in Ywathagyi. In addition, they were saying that students were losing their rights in organizing them to incite unrest.

The group led by Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi, that has been applying various means to create disturbances, has only about ten members. The members are in their 40s and are unemployed. They are the persons who have made connections with foreign organizations and violating laws in various forms just

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1st Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July — Group matches of the 1st Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continued for the 10th day at designated places today.

Ministry of Industry-1 eased through Ministry of Cooperatives with a 6-1 at Paunglaung Sports Ground in Pynmana in the morning and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries stunned Ministry of Science and Technology with a 3-2 result in the afternoon.

Forestry Ministry played a 1-1 draw with Immigration and Population Ministry at Lewe Township Sports Ground in the afternoon.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein, departmental heads, responsible persons of Myanmar Football Federation and personnel.

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Liberty Ma Mya Yin was a matchless professional theatrical dancer and singer. She had many admirers, but she could maintain her dignity and reputation. She was a married woman during the time she was at the height of her career. She was famous for her elegant style of dancing.

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