

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

Leading Committee for holding 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural

Performing Arts Competitions meets

Myanmar fine arts and national character have been standing tall due to spirit, courage, mindfulness and diligence of ancestors

Unity is indispensable in serving the interests of the State and the people



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses first coordination meeting of Leading Committee for holding 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July — The first coordination meeting of Leading Committee for holding the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the Ministry of Culture here this evening.

Patron of Committee for holding the 15th

Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address.

Also present were Patrons of Leading Committee for holding Performing Arts Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi

Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, members of the leading committee ministers, the auditor-general, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments, musicians, Thabin artistes and officials.

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Noble traditions of Myanmar national character and nationalistic spirit may diminish and sovereignty of the State may be threatened unless the people systematically preserve Myanmar cultural heritage, customs and norms and hand down them to younger generation.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 8 July, 2007

Boost production and export of marine products

Myanmar is rich in marine resources of freshwater and sea fish and prawn. Sea fish and prawn are abundant in the coastal and deep-sea fisheries in the Myanmar waters. In addition, freshwater and saltwater fish and prawn can also be bred in the Ayeyawady, Sittoung, Thanlwin and Chindwin rivers and their tributaries on a commercial scale.

Some national entrepreneurs are now raising various species of fish and prawn on a large scale in the rivers and creeks in their regions.

In the saltwater fishery sector, various fish and prawn species including saltwater prawn, white prawn, lobster, tender crab and perch are raised.

Myanmar fish, prawn and crab are exported to the People's Republic of China, Japan, Singapore and Malaysia through regular trade and border trade. Marine products are distributed by container ship through Myeik port and through cold storage of rooms Muse 105th Mile Border Trade Centre in Shan State (North).

This year, the indicator of the nation's saltwater fishery is showing good conditions. So, the nation will enjoy a greater volume of marine products if it does not face strong winds and enjoys good weather.

Myanmar has prospects for improvement in the sector of trade of marine products. So, the nation will be able to enjoy adequate domestic supply of fish and prawn and boost the export of fish and prawn surplus by producing marine products in accordance with the international standard and farming fish and prawn extensively.

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People's Desire

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

MMCWA donates medicines

YANGON, 7 July — The CEC members of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association led by Daw Aye Aye, Vice-President of the MMCWA, donated medicines to the children who are undergoing treatment at Children's Hospital (Yangon) yesterday afternoon.

Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyi Win of the hospital extended greetings, and the Vice-President explained the purpose of donation.

Next, Vice-President Daw Aye Aye presented medicines worth K 1 million to the medical superintendent of the hospital. — MNA



MMCWA Vice-President Daw Aye Aye presents medicines to children patients through an official of Children's Hospital (Yangon).— MMCWA

Wellwishers invited to offer Waso robes

YANGON, 7 July—Paradesi Sangha Nayaka Committee of India will organize the 29th Majjhima region Waso robes offering ceremony for 258 Myanmar monks from 11 Myanmar monasteries and eight universities and 400 members of the Sangha from Assam, Tripur and Manipur regions.

Those wishing to donate Waso robes may dial 01-545215, 01-545216, 01-555173, 01-727746, 01-536348 and 01-542236 up to 29 July. — MNA

Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1104) cm. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

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Cash and kind provided for older persons

YANGON, 7 July — Organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, a ceremony to provide cash and kind for the older persons was held at Dawbon Township MCWA yesterday.

CEC member of the association Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt explained the purpose of the donation and presented cash and kind to the older persons.

CEC members Daw Khin Nwe Nwe and Daw Thazin Nwe met with 16 volunteers who are taking part in social activities, and fulfilled their requirements.

Cash and kind were also given to the older persons who could not attend the ceremony.

Also present at the ceremony were Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai and responsible persons.—MNA

Myanmar students back from study tour abroad

YANGON, 7 July — Ma Cho Yi Swe Myint, fourth year student, and Maung Nay Myo Lin, third year student of Institute of Education (Yangon) arrived back here by air this morning after taking part in the study tour to Malaysia and Singapore together with students of ASEAN member countries under the arrangements of the ASEAN Campus Journalists/Leaders Exchange Programme (ACJEP) Phase III from 24 June to 7 July.

officials and their relatives.

MNA

They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by



Ma Cho Yi Swe Myint and Maung Nay Myo Lin of Institute of Education being welcomed back at the airport.—MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Dozens more H5N1 bird flu cases in Germany

SANGERHAUSEN, 7 July— German authorities on Thursday reported 38 new cases of the feared H5N1 strain of bird flu which can kill humans in the country's east.

The regional authorities in Sangerhausen in the state of Saxony-Anhalt said 38 dead birds found on the shores of an artificial lake near the town of Kelbra had all tested positive.

Saxony-Anhalt is the fourth of Germany's 16 states to report cases of H5N1 bird flu since late last month, when it struck down six wild birds in the southern city of Nuremberg in Bavaria.

On Tuesday, a bird found on the other side of

the lake at Kelbra in the state of Thuringen was confirmed to have had H5N1 bird flu.

Cases have also been reported near Leipzig in the neighbouring eastern state of Saxony, bordering the Czech Republic which is battling a more severe outbreak of the H5N1 avian flu.

Germany's Friedrich Loeffler Institute, the

national veterinary laboratory, has suggested the disease could have jumped the border from the Czech side where it has infected turkey and chicken farms.

In Germany, the new outbreak has been restricted to swans, geese and other wild birds and has not affected poultry farms.

Internet

ROK envoy in China to discuss 6-party talks process

BEIJING, 7 July — Chief negotiator from the Republic of Korea (ROK) for the six-party talks on the nuclear issue of the Korean Peninsula is to meet with his Chinese counterpart here on Friday

to discuss pushing forward the six-party talks process.

Chun Yung-woo, who arrived in China's capital late Thursday, will meet with Chinese chief nuclear negotiator Wu Dawei on Friday morning, sources from the ROK Embassy in China and Chinese

Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed.

According to the ROK Foreign Ministry, Chun planned to discuss with Wu on ways to quickly implement the February deal and when the next round of talks can be held.

MNA/Xinhua

Thailand's Queen Sirikit, left, lays flowers at the Monument to the Heroic Defenders of Leningrad in Victory Square in St Petersburg, Russia, on 6 July, 2007. The monument commemorates the heroism of the people of Leningrad, who defended their city during the 900-day siege in the war of 1941-1945. — INTERNET



Six more US troops killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 July—The US military Saturday announced the deaths of six more American service members in combat operations in Iraq, most of them in the Baghdad area.

Two soldiers died Friday and three others were wounded when a roadside bomb exploded near their patrol in east Baghdad, the military said.

A US soldier and an Iraqi interpreter were killed Friday when an explosively formed

penetrator exploded near their patrol in southeastern Baghdad, the military said. Three soldiers were wounded.

Explosively formed penetrators are high-tech bombs that the US believes are provided by Iran. The Iranians deny the charge.

Three other service members were killed Thursday—two Marines in western Anbar province and a soldier in Baghdad, the command said. — *Internet*

Filipino actor arrested at Airport over bomb joke

MANILA, 6 July — A Filipino actor was arrested at Manila Airport after joking that he had a bomb, local radio reported on Thursday.

Jay Manalo, a 34-year-old actor, was taken into custody at about 9 am as he was about to board his Philippine Airlines flight at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Centennial Terminal 2, according to a report by dzBB radio.

Airport security

authority said that Manalo quipped that he had a bomb in his luggage. He was supposed to leave for Palawan in west Philippines.

Manalo, star of several award-winning films, was still under airport security custody as of posting time.

Two months ago, another Filipino actor John Estrada was held for a similar offence in General Santos City, the southern Philippines. Estrada refused to have his belongings searched at that time, prompting security personnel to briefly detain him.

MNA/Xinhua

NATO raids 'killed 35 Afghans'

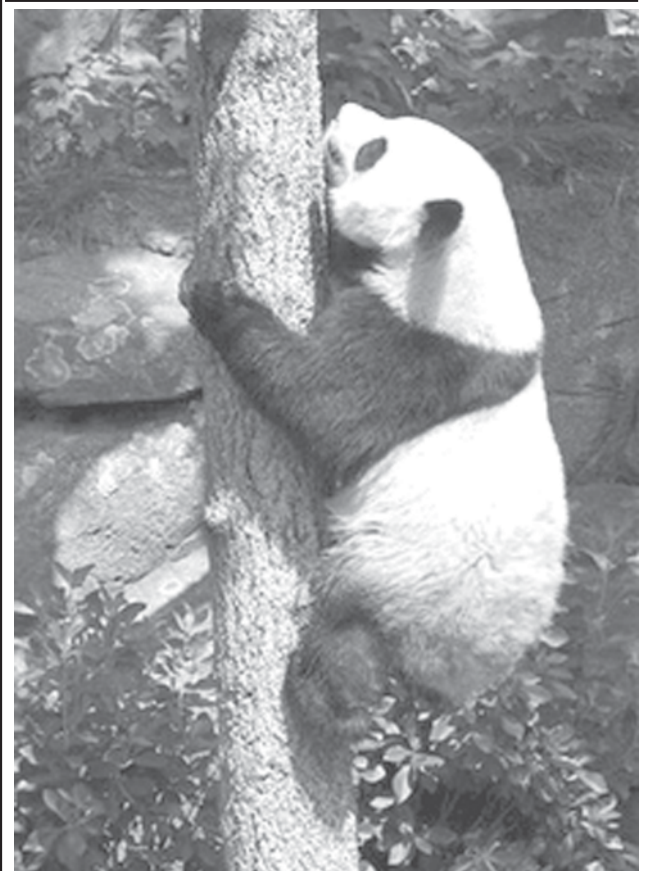
KABUL, 6 July—Afghan villagers in the eastern province of Kunar say 35 civilians have been killed in separate air attacks by international forces.

The villagers said neighbours in Watapour were burying 10 people killed in a strike when planes attacked again, killing 25 more people.

The NATO-led force said it had launched air strikes in the area, but had not had reports of civilian casualties.

Meanwhile, US forces killed 33 Taleban in the southern province of Uruzgan.

Afghan defence officials said the militants had been killed after they attacked a police checkpoint in the Charchino district on Thursday night. — *Internet*



The National Zoo's only giant panda cub, Tai Shan, climbs a tree in Washington on 6 July, 2007.—INTERNET



Entrance of eBay headquarters in San Jose, California. Part of the Dutch national art collection featuring some 1,000 paintings, statues and other objects has gone on sale through Internet auction site eBay. INTERNET



Indian President A P J Abdul Kalam (R) speaks with Vietnam's Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung (L) during their meeting in New Delhi on 6 July, 2007. Nguyen is on a three-day state visit to India.— INTERNET

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UN urges companies to take more social responsibility

GENEVA, 6 July — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon opened here on Thursday a business summit which aims to make companies take more responsibility for tackling the various challenges facing the globalized world.

The Global Compact is a seven-year-old partnership set up by former UN secretary-general Kofi Annan, which aims to bring companies together with UN agencies, labour and civil society to advance universal social and environmental principles.

More than 3,000 companies from over 100 countries have now pledged to observe the 10 principles of the compact, which cover human rights, employment standards, environment and anti-corruption measures.

Ban told the opening session of the meeting that companies' commitment to the Global Compact was "essential at a time when objectives and priorities of the international community and the business world are more aligned than ever before".

"You are embracing the Global Compact... because in our interdependent world, business leadership cannot be sustained without showing leadership on environmental, social and governance issues."

MNA/Xinhua

Israeli offensive continues in Gaza, 11 Palestinians killed

GAZA, 6 July — At least 11 Palestinians were killed in the Israeli offensive since early Thursday morning, which targeted two refugee camps in central Gaza Strip. Six of the dead were members of Hamas' military wing, Izz el-Deen al-Qassam Brigades, and another three dead were members of Hamas' police force, known as the Executive Forces, the two groups said in separate statements.

The tenth dead was a militant with the Islamic Jihad (Holy War) movement, which vowed to continue armed resistance against Israel until "forcing the invaders to retreat".

The other dead was a Palestinian civilian, according to Palestinian medical sources.

Paramedics said that 25 others were also wounded in the Israeli airstrikes, which the Israeli military launched to back its invading tanks in al-Burij and al-Maghazi refugee camps, both in central Gaza Strip.

According to the paramedics, a cameraman working for a Hamas-linked television was seriously wounded in the morning, with two of his legs amputated in the end.—MNA/Xinhua



Spanish dancers perform traditional folk dance in Segovia of Spain, on 4 July, 2007. INTERNET

US seeks death sentence for ex-soldier in Iraq rape case

WASHINGTON, 6 July — The US Justice Department will seek the death penalty against a former soldier accused of raping and killing an Iraqi teenager and slaying her family last year, *The Washington Post* reported on Thursday.

It could be the first capital case to proceed against a US service member arising out of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to the report.

Prosecutors revealed that they will seek death for former Private Steven D Green, should he be convicted of the 12 March, 2006, slayings of Abeer Qassim al-Janabi, 14, her parents and her young sister — one of the worst war crimes in the Iraq war.

Green, 21, is accused of plotting the attack with three other US soldiers in the hotly contested Mahmudiyah area south of Baghdad.

Attorney General Alberto R Gonzales approved seeking the death penalty in the case, in part because the crimes were "heinous, cruel and depraved".

Green has been charged in federal court because he was discharged from the Army before the murder allegations surfaced in

spring 2006. The three other soldiers have been charged with the slayings in military courts-martial: One pleaded guilty and received a 90-year sentence, one pleaded guilty and received a 100-year sentence, and the third is scheduled to go to trial this month.

MNA/Xinhua

Three killed in US over firework dispute

WASHINGTON, 6 July — Three people were killed and two were injured in a midnight shooting in Cleveland, Ohio, on

Wednesday, apparently caused by a dispute over fireworks. Cleveland firefighter Terrance Hough Jr was

arrested early Thursday morning in connection with the shooting, US media reported on Thursday.

Police said Hough asked the victims to keep the noise down as they were setting off fireworks to celebrate the Independence Day which falls on 4th July.

When the victims did not stop, the firefighter pulled out a gun and opened fire. The victims were all in their twenties.

Witnesses reported that they saw Hough standing emotionless with a gun.

Hough has not yet been charged, but police are continuing to investigate the case.

MNA/Xinhua

Coal mine blast kills six in N China

TAIYUAN, 6 July — A coal mine blast has left six people dead in north China's Shanxi Province, a local official said on Thursday.

The dynamites underground blew up at an illegal coal mine located at the Xinglin Village, Gujiao City, on 28 June, said Pan Fuguan, director of the Taiyuan bureau of the Shanxi Provincial Coal Mine Safety Administration.

The bureau received the report on the accident from an anonymous person on 29 June, and immediately began investigating into the accident, Zhang said.

The official did not reveal who were responsible for the accident and what penalties they would face.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese movie star Gong Li smiles during a ground breaking ceremony of a real estate project in Hong Kong on 6 July, 2007. INTERNET



ECONOMIC NEWS

ASEAN tourism agencies discuss stronger cooperation

HANOI, 6 July — A meeting among ASEAN national tourism agencies opened here Thursday, focusing on beefing up tourism cooperation among the grouping's members and between them and their partners.

The 26th Meeting of the ASEAN National Tourism Organizations is discussing measures to enhance cooperation among members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) on tourism promotion, investment, manpower development, and information management.

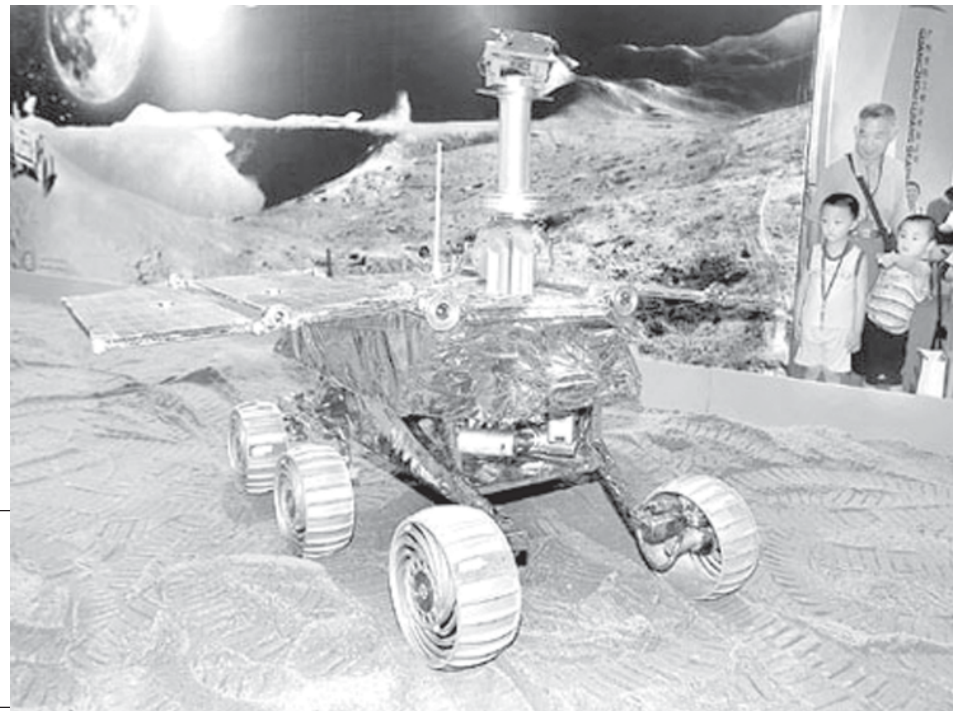
The two-day meeting is also mentioning a draft arrangement on mutual recognition on tourism professional, which is expected to be signed in Thailand in 2008.

During the meeting, tourism officials from ASEAN members, namely

Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam, are also meeting with their partners from China, Japan and South

Korea, discussing the implementation of co-operation programmes, especially on tourism promotion, human resource training, and information sharing.—MNA/Xinhua

A lunar rover developed by the Shanghai Aerospace System Engineering Institute goes on show on 5 July, 2007 at the International Space Technology and Equipment Exhibition at the Shanghai Exhibition Centre. — INTERNET



Japan Railway's new N700 bullet train approaches a platform at Tokyo Station in Tokyo on 6 July, 2007. XINHUA

African countries seek investment, business in C China

WUHAN, 6 July — Industry and commerce delegates from 21 African countries have forged cooperation agreements with Chinese enterprises in construction, mine development and other sectors during a promotion fair in central China.

The delegates, including 49 high-ranking trade officials and business people, brought more than 100 investment projects in infrastructure, mine development, machinery and agriculture to the three-day fair in Wuhan, capital of Hubei Province in central China.

The fair attracted around 500 Chinese companies.

Algeria, in North Africa, planned to seek investment partners in a number of government projects in housing, expressways, railways and dams. The projects involved a total investment of 100 billion US dollars.

The industry and commerce chambers of seven African countries also signed a two-year cooperation agreement on Wednesday with the Wuhan Branch of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade to enhance exchanges between African and Chinese enterprises.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysian PM calls for more investments from China

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 July — Malaysia's Prime Minister Auk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi Thursday calls for more investments from China to better reflect the excellent bilateral relationship currently enjoyed by the two

countries.

At present, Malaysia only received less than 30 million US dollars of direct investment from China, as against 320 million US dollars of Malaysia's investments in China, according to Badawi.

"Given our strong and long-serving diplomatic ties, I believe that it is only natural for Malaysia and China to be able to enhance existing trade, business and investment cooperation," he said in his keynote address at the Malaysia-China Business Forum 2007 at Persada International Convention Centre in Johor Bahru, southern state of Johor.

As the world's fourth largest economy with a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of 2.7 trillion US dollars, China is now in a solid position to increase its overseas investments, particularly in the form of business and trade partnerships, on a large scale, according to Badawi.—MNA/Xinhua

Britain's Zara Phillips and granddaughter of Queen Elisabeth II, rides her horse 'Toytown' in the warm up area at the World Equestrian Festival CHIO Aachen 2007 in Aachen, western Germany, on 6 July, 2007. — INTERNET



APEC trade ministers agree on new strategy to boost trade

CAIRNS, 6 July — Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) ministers responsible for trade have reached an agreement on a new Trade Facilitation Action Plan to reduce trade transactions costs in the Asia-Pacific Region by 5 per cent by 2010, Australian Trade Minister Warren Truss announced here Thursday.

APEC ministers

responsible for trade are gathering in Cairns, a northeast resort city of Australia's state of Queensland.

Australian Trade Minister Warren Truss welcomed the new strategy to boost trade, reduce costs to business and which will benefit consumers in the Asia-Pacific Region.

The importance of this work was highlighted in a draft report prepared for APEC by the World Bank, presented in Cairns.

The report concluded that more transparent and predictable trade regulations for importers and exporters could boost the

collective trade performance of APEC economies by nearly 170 billion Australian dollars (145 billion US dollars).

"The measures agreed in this action plan will deliver practical outcomes for business and consumers, who will benefit through more competitive prices," Truss said in a statement.

The two-day meeting came shortly after the trade talks of Group 4 (European Union, the United States, Brazil and India) collapsed in Germany in a bid to revive the stalled world trade talks.

MNA/Xinhua

US Marines face new probe over eight Iraq deaths

SAN DIEGO, 6 July — Up to 10 US Marines are under investigation for the deaths of eight Iraqi prisoners during the November 2004 battle for Fallujah, marking the third war crimes probe of Marines at California's Camp Pendleton, a government spokesman said on Thursday.

Ed Buice, a spokesman for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, said he could not disclose details of the inquiry at the US Marine Corps base.

But he said none of the Marines under investigation are being held in detention.

Nat Helms, a Vietnam veteran who has written a book about the Marine Corp's battle for Fallujah in Iraq's Anbar Province, provided an account of the deaths on his website — defendourmarines.com — writing that eight Iraqi prisoners were executed.

According to Helms, Marines held eight unarmed Iraqi men in a house during the battle and executed them after

receiving orders to move to a new location.

The allegation is another embarrassment for the US military fighting in Iraq and Camp Pendleton, one the Marine Corps' largest installations in the United States. In June 2006, seven Marines and a US Navy corpsman were charged in the April 2006 killing of a 52-year-old grandfather in Hamdania, Iraq.

According to testimony, the man was kidnapped from his bed and killed in a scenario planned to make his death look like he was planting a bomb. All but three of the troops have pleaded guilty to reduced charges, while the remaining three Marines pleaded innocent to charges including kidnapping and murder and are awaiting court martial. — MNA/Reuters



Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf (R) speaks to flood victims during a visit to storm-hit town of Turbat, 550 km (344 miles) west of Karachi, Pakistan on 6 July, 2007. — INTERNET



Revelers enjoy water thrown from a balcony during the San Fermin fiestas in Pamplona, northern Spain, on 6 July, 2007. The fiestas 'Los San Fermes' held since 1591, attracts tens of thousands of foreign visitors each year for nine days of revelry, morning bull-runs and afternoon bullfights. — INTERNET

Light aircraft accident leaves 9 dead in Culiacan, Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 6 July — At least nine people died in a light aircraft accident on Thursday in Culiacan City, capital of the northwestern Mexican state of Sinaloa, according to news reaching here. The accident occurred on Thursday morning when Mexican President Felipe Calderon was expecting to carry out a work tour in Culiacan.

The President's visit was postponed to avoid interrupting rescue works in the airport's surroundings.

The aircraft, property of a parcel delivery enterprise, went out of the runway when it was trying to lift off. The small jet's pilots were unable to reach appropriate altitude and crashed against the fence dividing Emiliano Zapata boulevard, the Civil Protection Municipal Unit's director Juan Pablo Estrella said.

The aircraft hit six automobiles, including a military vehicle, and landed at an upholstery business.

MNA/Xinhua



British soldiers stand guard near the site of an explosion on the outskirts of Kabul. Air and ground strikes killed around 30 Taliban fighters in southern Afghanistan on 6 July, 2007, the defence ministry said, as NATO's force announced it lost two more soldiers in the fight against the militants. — INTERNET

Nigerian Gunmen kidnap three-year-old in oil city

PORT HARCOURT, 6 July — Gunmen kidnapped a three-year-old daughter of an expatriate in the Nigerian oil city of Port Harcourt, a police spokeswoman said on Thursday.

Ireju Barasua said the child, whom she named as Margaret Hill, was snatched from the car in which she was being driven to school as it was stuck in traffic. Barasua did not have any

further details. Kidnappings for ransom are very common in Port Harcourt, located in the oil-producing Niger Delta in southern Nigeria, although abductions of children are rare. About 200 adult expatriates have been kidnapped in the Niger Delta since the start of 2006 and 15 are still being held by various armed groups. Most abductions are for

ransom although a few have been politically motivated.

Thursday's child abduction is the third this year, according to local media. Nigerian newspapers reported last month that the three-year-old child of a member of the Rivers State House of Assembly was kidnapped and handed back to the family unharmed in exchange for money. — MNA/Reuters

Filthy flood waters spark disease worries in India

KOLKATA (India), 6 July — Health officials in India's flood-hit city of Kolkata said on Thursday they were worried about the outbreak of disease, as residents drank and swam in the filthy, neck-deep water.

Rains have swamped homes and disrupted power in the eastern city of more than eight million people. Most schools were closed for the third day running and many offices empty as people avoided going to work through the flooded streets.

More bad weather was forecast, and authorities

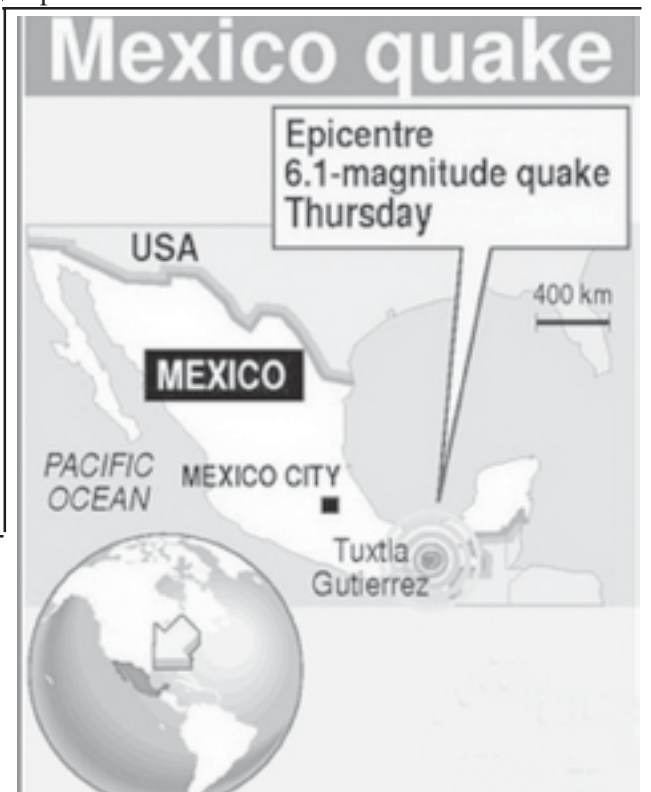
used sandbags to shore up embankments along the Hooghly River.

Health workers in boats distributed rehydration packets and medicine as reports of skin infections

and fever came in from some areas. "Each time I wade across the flooded streets, my skin starts burning," Ravindra Shaw, 33, a resident said.

MNA/Reuters

Map locating the epicentre of a 6.1-magnitude quake that hit southern Mexico on 5 July, 2007, according to the US Geological Survey. — INTERNET



Suicide blast kills 26 in Iraqi village

BAGHDAD, 7 July — A suicide car bomber struck outside a cafe in a tiny Kurdish village near the Iranian border Friday, killing 26 people in a remote part of a province where US forces are waging an offensive against Sunni insurgents, police said.

The blast ripped through the coffee shop near a market of Iranian goods in the village of Ahmad Maref, 87 miles northeast of Baghdad, said an official at the joint security coordination committee of Diyala province. At least 33 people were wounded, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

The village is home to about 30 Kurdish families who had been expelled under Saddam Hussein's rule and returned after his fall. Many Kurds in the area are Shiite Muslims. —Internet

Officials say pet turtles pose Salmonella risk

WASHINGTON, 7 July — Salmonella from a pet turtle killed a four-week-old baby earlier this year in a case that showed the reptiles are not safe for children, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said on Thursday.

The CDC expressed concern that sales of baby turtles were on the increase, despite the 1975 federal "Four-Inch Law" that forbids the sale of turtles with a carapace length of less than four inches (10 centimetres).

Small baby turtles were once popular pets across the United States until the Food and Drug Administration determined they were causing many cases

of serious illness among children.

"Salmonella can be transmitted to humans by direct or indirect contact with a turtle or its feces. No reliable methods are available to guarantee that a turtle is free of

Salmonella. Most turtles are colonized with Salmonella and shed the bacteria intermittently in their feces," the CDC said in its weekly report on death and disease.

Salmonella illness remains a major public

health problem in the United States, with an estimated 1.4 million nontyphoidal human Salmonella infections annually, resulting in about 15,000 hospitalizations and 400 deaths, the report said. — MNA/Reuters

Indonesia, Australia discuss military cooperation

JAKARTA, 7 July — Indonesia and Australia defence ministries discussed the preparation of military cooperation they would conduct in the future, after the ratification of security treaty between the two countries, according to Indonesian Defence Ministry on Friday.

Indonesia and Australia signed a security treaty in July last year in

Lombok Island of Indonesia, and the ratification has been underway in Australia but in Indonesia it has not started yet.

The treaty consists of the cooperation in the fields of intelligence, securities of maritime, aviation, and the proliferation of mass destructive weapons as well as in dealing with natural disaster.

Indonesian Defence Minister Juwono Sudarsono and his Australian counterpart Brendan Nelson exchanged views about the upcoming cooperation and how to make it bring benefit for both countries.

"We discussed about cooperation between two ministries, Indonesian Defence Ministry and Australian Defence Ministry, especially on follow up of Lombok treaty," said Sudarsono.

MNA/Xinhua

Beijing railway station sells tickets in English

BEIJING, 7 July — Foreigners will find it easier to buy train tickets in the Chinese capital now that the city's major railway station has begun to provide services in English.

Beijing Railway Station in the downtown area will staff two English-language information and ticket sales windows during the 62-day summer transport period starting Sunday.

The railway station will open a total of 120 ticket windows during the hectic months of July and August, including windows for senior citizens and deaf and mute people.

The station expects 5.99 million departures in the two busy months, up 6.5 per cent from the same period of last year. Coastal cities such as Dalian,

Qingdao and Yantai are expected to be popular with tourists and students anxious to escape the sweltering heat and pollution of the big cities.

Up to 15 additional trains will operate on some busy routes, according to the office.

Beijing West Railway Station, the capital's busiest, expects a record 7.55 million departures in the two peak summer months with a daily average of 122,000 passengers, up 12.8 per cent over the same period last year.

The station will arrange one extra inbound

and one extra outbound train on nine routes, bringing the total number of services each day to 121.

China's railway authorities raised the maximum train speed for the sixth time in April and 286 trains now run at up to 250 kilometres per hour every day.

China's trains carried a quarter of the world's total passenger and freight rail transport last year, but the country has just 6 per cent of the world's operational track, according to the Ministry of Railways.

MNA/Xinhua



A Sumatran tiger that lost one of its paws is seen in the Tesso Nilo national park on Indonesia's Sumatra island in this 19 March, 2007 handout photo from WWF. The tiger probably lost its paw while trying to escape from a snare, global conservation group WWF said on 6 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Missing German tourists found in Australia

CANBERRA, 7 July — Two German tourists missing for almost three weeks in Australia's vast outback were found on Friday, more than 3,300 kilometres (2,000 miles) from their supposed destination.

Holger Richter and Kathrin Kleinbauer, both 31 and travelling by four-wheel-drive, had been missing since June 19 when they contacted friends by mobile phone while visiting Uluru, or Ayers Rock, in the unforgiving desert interior.

They had been expected in the northern city of Darwin on Monday, and Northern Territory police had planned to launch a full-scale search at the weekend.

But police said on Friday they had found the couple after other tourists spotted them on a boat tour of Ningaloo Reef, in Coral Bay, Western Australia.

MNA/Reuters

\$19 mln price tag for space station toilet

BEIJING, 6 July — Paying 19 million US dollars for a Russian-built international space station toilet system is a bargain compared to building one from scratch, a NASA spokeswoman said on Thursday.

"It's akin to building a municipal treatment center on Earth," said Lynnette Madison.

Another plus is astronauts are familiar with how it works because it's similar to one already in place at the space station. The new system will be able to transfer urine to a device that can produce drinking water.

The new "loo" is scheduled to arrive at the space station in 2008. It will also offer more privacy for a crew expected to double from three to six by 2009.

The system will be

installed on the American side, and the current toilet system on the Russian side will remain in place.

The space station toilet physically resembles those used on Earth, except it has leg restraints and thigh bars to keep astronauts and cosmonauts from floating away. Fans suck waste into the commode. Crew members also have individual urine funnels which are attached to hoses, and the urine is deposited into a wastewater tank.

Crew members using the current toilet system on the Russian side must

transfer tanks of their urine to a cargo ship, which burns up in Earth's atmosphere once undocked from the station.

The 19 million dollar toilet system was part of a larger contract valued at 46 million dollars that NASA signed this week with RSC Energia, a Russian aerospace company. The extra equipment includes software updates for the station's inventory management system, a spare air pump and engineering support for a mechanism which allows space shuttles to dock with the space station.

Internet



Angelina Jolie is on this year's first issue of Vogue. — INTERNET

Leading Committee for...

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In his address, the Secretary-1 said the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have been held since 1993 with the lofty aims of perpetuation of genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts, the cultural heritage, in states and divisions, turning out new generation youths who will hand down Myanmar fine arts and keeping national prestige and character alive forever.

He said the essence of the performing arts competitions is to perpetuate and preserve Myanmar culture and national character forever as well as independence. With this intention, the performing arts competitions are being held every year. The performing arts competitions are the ones that safeguard the cultural heritage, that hand down Myanmar traditional customs and norms and that preserve Myanmar national character, he said.

Noble traditions of Myanmar national character and nationalistic spirit may diminish and sovereignty of the State may be threatened unless the people systematically preserve Myanmar cultural heritage, customs and norms and hand down them to younger generation, he added.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets maestros at first coordination meeting of Leading Committee for holding 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin.—MNA

It is obvious that nowadays Myanmar fine arts and national character have been standing tall due to the strengths of ancestors such as spirit, courage, mindfulness and diligence, he said.

He said at a time when most of the nations are under the influence of globalization, they should try to preserve their own traditional cultures for national interest. He spoke of the need to possess cultural strength.

He quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as saying that the performing arts competitions would be held with seriousness like the Union Day so that national heritage could be applied in the tasks for promotion of the nation and its people and in preventing against the penetration of alien culture. All national races and brethren have an opportunity to meet together, to preserve Myanmar fine arts, national culture and character at the performing arts competitions. Sharing the same spirit and attitudes based on unity and patriotism, they would be able to consolidate national solidarity.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, he said, the performing arts competitions have been held on a grand scale yearly. The competitions have been successful due to the active participation of the contestants and art-loving people and cooperation of various committees and sub-committees.

Now it is the second time for the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions to be held in Nay Pyi Taw. It is hoped that this year will

gain more success as much experience had already been gained in the previous year.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 said unity is indispensable in serving the interests of the State and the people. Indeed, the annual event of traditional cultural performing arts competitions can help consolidate the Union to shape its bright future through the artistic strength and national spirit. That is why the competitions are being held annually in order to create milestones of fine arts of national culture. Then, he urged those present to present requirements of the competitions.

Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin presented matters on holding of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and experiences, and arrangements for holding of the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions based on the experiences.

Next, Chairman of the Work Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint reported on objectives of the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, venues, date and time, categories and funds to be used.

After that, Secretary of the Work Committee Director-General of Fine Arts Department U Yan Naing Oo reported on forming of committees, sub-committees and their duties, and arrangements for holding of the Competitions.

This was followed by a general round of discus-



Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint.—MNA

sions.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Patron of the Leading Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

After the meeting, Patron of the Leading Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein greeted those present on the occasion.

The 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will be held on a grand scale here with the objectives—to vitalize patriotism and nationalism that is based on strong Union Spirit, to ensure uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and integrity, to flourish Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts, to nurture spiritual development of the youths, and to prevent the influence of alien culture. — MNA

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- **To prevent the influence of alien culture.**

Transport Minister receives Chinese guests

YANGON, 7 July — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe met Chinese delegation led by Mr Chen Yanming of Shendoung Provincial Government at the hall of Myanmar Port Authority yesterday. Present also were the managing directors of Myanmar Port Authority and Myanmar Shipyards. *MNA*

Energy Minister inspects No 1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin)



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects bio-diesel tests in No 1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin).

ENERGY

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi this afternoon inspected No 1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin) of Myanmar Petrol Chemical Enterprise in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Division.

At the meeting hall, Factory Manager U Pe Thet Nyunt reported to the minister on storage and distribution of petroleum products

according to the target, research and test-producing of bio-diesel from physic nut by the research and inspection division.

The minister stressed the need for No 1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin) to strive for full distribution of petroleum products, to minimize loss and wastage, to eliminate malpractice and to conduct research on quality control of bio-diesel.

Next, the minister gave instructions on future work programmes.

Afterwards, the minister looked into the scale model of 10 liter Batch Type Pilot Plant Bio Diesel in the compound of the research and inspection division.

Next, the minister inspected the main-tenance of the refinery and attended to the needs. — *MNA*

1st Nay Pyi Taw Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July — Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement team routed Ministry of Health team with a 8-4 result in the 1st Nay Pyi Taw Football Tournament, jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Football Federation, at Paunglaung Sports Ground in Pinyinana

this morning.

In the afternoon, Ministry Electric Power No 1 and Attorney-General's Office ended a 1-1 draw at Paunglaung Sports Ground.

At Lewe Township Sports Ground, Ministry of Rail Transportation and Ministry of Labour held a goalless draw.

Among the

spectators were Deputy Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Aung Kyi and departmental heads.

Tomorrow's fixtures:

At Paunglaung Sports Ground

- Construction vs A&I at 7.30 pm

- Culture vs NPED

At Lewe Township Sports Ground

- Supreme Court vs

Education. — *MNA*

1,056 Jade lots sold at special sales



Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint visits Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales for 2007. — *MNA*

YANGON, 7 July — Patron of the Central Committee of Myanmar Gems Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint viewed the special sales of Jade, Gems and Pearl for 2007 held at Myanmar Convention Center on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township this afternoon and gave necessary instructions.

First, the minister together with the secretary of the committee Managing

Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Gems Enterprise and committee members inspected uncut jade, commercial jade and imperial jade, sales of jade lots through tender system and jewellery shops and cordially greeted the foreign and local gem merchants.

Gem merchants bought 30 pearl lots today.

A total of 3,949 gem merchants — 1603 at home and 2,346

abroad— have already arrived at the sales till today.

A total of 246 gem lots will be sold through tender system and competitive bidding at the Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road tomorrow.

Gem merchants bought 671 jade lots through tender system at Myanmar Convention Centre today.

More foreign gem merchants will arrive. — *MNA*

Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon reconstituted

YANGON, 7 July— A ceremony to assign duties to new executive committee of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon was held at the MMPA on Wingaba Road this afternoon.

Managing Director of

Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint spoke.

Chairman of MMPA U Kyi Soe Tun handed over the duties of the Asiayon to new Chairman U Myint Thein Pe. The 25-member MMPA was formed with

U Myint Thein Pe as Chairman, U Soe Htaik Aung (Malikha) as Secretary and U Zaw Min (Mingala) as treasurer.

Ten basic group committees were also formed by the Ministry of Information.—*MNA*



Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint speaks at a ceremony to assign duties to new executive committee of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon.—*MNA*

Myanmar Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales attract record number of gem merchants

Interviewed by Maung Maung Myint Swe;
Photos by Thein Win Lay (Myanma Alin)



The huge jade weighing more than 38 tons with more than 10 feet in height. It is the showcase of the Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales for 2007.

competitive bidding from 12 to 16 July.

The sales have attracted the record attendance of foreign gem merchants. In an interview, Mr Wu from China said that he had attended gems sales for more than 30 times, and every time, he bought gems. One of his tender offers was successful and he bought the gem lot. He said that he was observing the gem lots to buy some more lots.

Mr Feng from Hong Kong said that he was



I have attended Myanmar gems sales for more than 30 times. (Mr Wu from China)

for gem merchants to observe the gem lots.

He attended almost all

had bought some lots of gems and was examining the gem lots to buy some more lots. Myanmar gems were good in quality with prices reasonable, she said. She gained a lot of benefits from the purchase of Myanmar gems, and so she would come again, she said.

We witnessed that foreign merchants were very busy observing gems lots at the Myanmar Convention Centre. Myanmar quality gems are in demand in the international gem market and that is proved



Myanmar gems are good in quality with reasonable prices. (Ms Ho from Hong Kong)

by the purchase of foreign gem merchants at the sales.

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The large compound of the Myanmar Convention Centre is



Record number of gem lots are displayed at the current special sales. (U Zaw Win Naing)

filled with jade lots.

When asked if there was any salient points about the sales, he said, "Yes, a huge jade stone is displayed here. It weighs more than 38 tons and is more than 10 feet high. It was discovered at Lonkhin-Phakant gems land. It is showed as it is."

At the sales, a variety of high quality and normal quality gems

of various sizes are exhibited to enable the foreign gem merchants to get easily gems of the sizes they want that can be carved into figures and statues.

Regarding the



One of the tenders I have made has been successful. I will have to buy some more gem lots. (Mr Feng from Hong Kong)

attendance of foreign gem merchants and arrangements for their convenience, he said, "Up to 4 July, more than 1200 foreign merchants visited the centre to observe the gems. We have designated 4 and 5 July for observation.



Some foreign gem merchants examining an imperial jade lot on the first floor of the Myanmar Convention Centre.

After observing the gem lots, they have to fill the tender forms with the numbers of the gem lots they like and the amount they offer and put them into the five tender boxes. All the tender forms are scrutinized overnight, and the lists of successful candidates are showed on the notice board before 7 am next morning."

Gems lots are sold through tender from 6 to 11 July and through

observing the jade lots thoroughly because he preferred quality jade. So far, one of the tenders he had submitted was successful, he said, adding that it was very convenient

the gems sales. He is a regular customer who buys quality gems.

Ms Ho from Hong Kong said that she had attended the sales two times. She added that she

A huge jade stone is displayed here. It weighs more than 38 tons and is more than 10 feet high. It was discovered at Lonkhin-Phakant gems land. It is showed as it is.

Sweden tightens rules on Iraqi asylum seekers

STOCKHOLM, 7 July — Sweden, which has more Iraqi refugees than any other country in Europe, said on Friday that Iraqis seeking asylum must prove they face personal risk in their homeland to avoid being sent back.

The ruling by the Nordic nation's migration board on three separate asylum requests raised concern among Iraqi refugees in Sweden who fear their compatriots would be in danger if returned to war-torn Iraq.

"If they send them to Iraq, they will kill them. It's just so dangerous," said Laith al-Haddad, 35, who lives with his extended family in Sodertalje, a town south of Stockholm with a large number of Christian Iraqi

refugees.

"One hundred per cent of people go out from Iraq because it is dangerous for their lives," he added.

MNA/Reuters

NASA set to launch "Dawn" asteroid spacecraft

BEIJING, 6 July — NASA is ready to launch this weekend a spacecraft that will search for clues about the solar system while traveling to the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter for a rendezvous with two of its largest asteroids.

The Dawn spacecraft will first encounter Vesta, the smaller of the two bodies, four years from now. In 2015, it will meet

up with Ceres, which carries the status of both asteroid and, like Pluto, dwarf planet.

"We're trying to go

back in time as well as to go out there in space," said planetary scientist Christopher Russell of University of California, Los Angeles, who is heading up the mission. Dawn is set to blast off Sunday afternoon from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on a Delta II rocket. The launch caps a tumultuous effort in which the 344 million US dollar mission was killed last year because of cost overruns and technical problems, then brought back online after NASA appeals.

Vesta and Ceres are thought to have evolved in different parts of the solar system more than 4.5 billion years ago around the same time as the formation of the rocky planets including Mercury,

Venus, Earth and Mars. Scientists believe the asteroids' growth was stunted by Jupiter's gravitational pull and never had the chance to become full-fledged planets.

Vesta, which measures 326 miles across, is dry and pocked with a deep impact crater in its southern hemisphere. By contrast, Ceres, about twice as large as Vesta, has a dusty surface covered by what appears to be an ice shell and may even contain water inside.

When Dawn reaches each asteroid, it will orbit each body, photographing the surface and studying the asteroid's interior makeup, density and magnetism. Pictures and data will be sent back to Earth. — Internet



Competitors play games during the Electronic Sports World Cup (ESWC 2007) Grand Final tournament in Paris, on 5 July, 2007. — XINHUA

Great Wall so close to title of true wonder

BEIJING, 6 July — The Great Wall of China, the Colosseum in Rome and Peru's Machu Picchu are leading contenders to be among the new seven wonders of the world.

A massive poll is drawing to a close with votes already cast by more than 90 million people, according to organizers in Geneva.

As the Friday midnight GMT voting deadline approaches, the rankings can still change. Also in the top 10 are Greece's Acropolis, Mexico's Chichen Itza pyramid, the Eiffel Tower, Easter Island, Brazil's Statue of Christ the Redeemer, the Taj Mahal and Jordan's Petra.

The winners will be announced tomorrow in Lisbon.

The Great Pyramids of Giza, the only surviving structures from the original seven wonders of the ancient world, are assured of keeping their status in addition to the new arrivals after indignant Egyptian officials said it was a disgrace they had to compete for a spot.

In the final round of 20 candidates for the world's

top architectural marvels, people from every country in the world have voted by the Internet or phone, says the non-profit organization conducting the balloting.

"It's so exciting," said Tia B Viering, spokeswoman for the New Seven Wonders of the World campaign.

"There are not many things that could bring the world together like global culture. This is all about bringing people together, to appreciate each other, to celebrate diversity."

The Colosseum, the Great Wall, Machu Picchu, the Taj Mahal and Petra have been among the leaders since January, while the Acropolis and the Statue of Christ the Redeemer made their way up from the middle of the field to the top level, according to latest tallies. — Internet

Madonna set for "Simpsons" cameo?

BEIJING, 6 July — Pop superstar Madonna could be set for a cameo on cult animated show The Simpsons — if creator Matt Groening gets his way.

The cartoon genius is desperate for the singer



Madonna

to star in his series, following the likes of recent celebrity guest stars Britney Spears, Mel Gibson, Stephen Hawking, Elton John and Dolly Parton.

Groening says, "We would love her to do the show. She's one of the people we haven't been able to get yet."

He also revealed plans for a Prison Break episode in the near future "with tattoos and everything!" — Internet

US sailor arrested in Japan for attempted murder

TOKYO, 7 July — Japanese police arrested a US sailor on Thursday for attempted murder by stabbing a 16-year-old girl and a young woman, a year after another US sailor was jailed for life for murder in the same city.

A police spokesman said a 19-year-old petty officer second class from the frigate USS Gary, stationed at Yokosuka naval base south of Tokyo, had been arrested for the stabbings.

The spokesman declined to give further details, but Kyodo News

said a 26-year-old woman had been seriously injured while the girl had minor injuries.

US Navy officials said in a statement that they were "praying for the victims' speedy recovery" and expressed concern over the possible involvement of a US sailor in the incident.

The base commander, Captain Daniel Weed, quickly called on Yokosuka mayor Ryoichi Kabaya and promised to "redouble my efforts to talk to all of our members of the United States Navy

in Yokosuka to act as good ambassadors and strong supporters for their community in Yokosuka".

Kabaya urged the US side to prevent such incidents in future. "We are working hard to improve trust between Yokosuka and the US military base," he told Weed at a televised meeting.

"This could have a bad effect on those efforts. We would like you to do your best not to have this happen again," he said.

MNA/Reuters



A child checks out purchases from a store selling Beijing 2008 Olympic Games merchandises near a giant doll depicting one of the Olympic mascot in Beijing, China, on 5 July, 2007. — INTERNET

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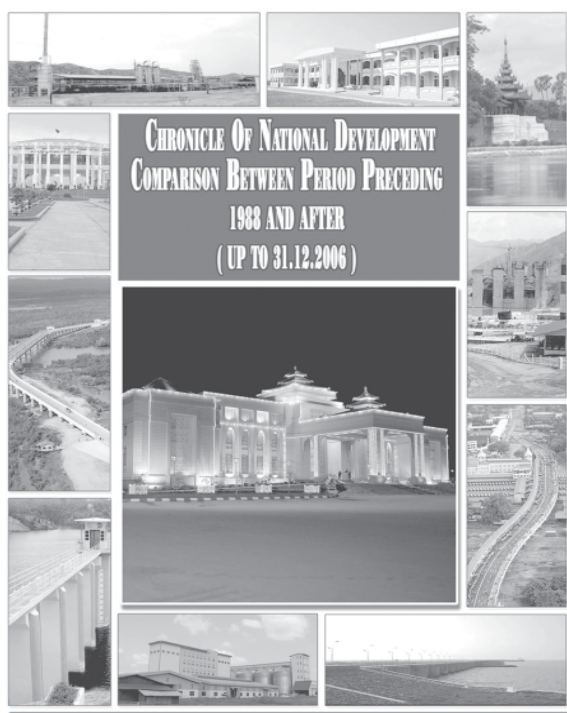
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viii.	Diesel Hydraulic locomotive Spares (DD 51); Transmission, Engine, Bogie, Cooling Auxiliary and Electric)	7 Items	24/8/07	Euro
ix.	Locomotive Traction Motor Roller Bearings, Reversers & Switches	18 Items	9/8/07	Euro/Kyat
x.	SACM Engine Cylinder Liner	60 Nos	9/8/07	Euro
xi.	Magneto Telephone, GI Wire	2 Items	9/8/07	Euro
xii.	လိမ္မော်ရိက်သံ (Dog Spike)	150000 Nos	24/7/07	Euro

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon starting from 9.7.2007 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 01-291982, 291985, 291988(201555 Ext 601,602,605,612)
Deputy General Manager
Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botahtaung, Yangon

Wedding Announcement

Vikas Kumar Bajoria (BBA)
(Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, USA)
Son of Sushil Kumar Bajoria & Premlata Bajoria
&
Arainar @ Arainar Kedia
Daughter of Narendra Kumar Kedia & Lalita Devi Kedia
Saturday, 7th July, 2007

at
"Panchayatibari Bhawan", No-82, 31st Street, Yangon,
according to Hindu Customs & Rights

South Korean peacekeepers arrive in Lebanon

BEIRUT, 6 July — An advance team of about 60 South Korean troops arrived in the Lebanese capital on Thursday to join the UN peacekeeping force in south Lebanon, local Naharnet news website reported.

The troops left Lebanese Rafik Hariri International Airport on board three buses and headed for the south, where the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) has been monitoring the volatile border region with Israel, said the report. South Korea plans to send about 400 troops to Lebanon to join the multinational peacekeeping force that has been reinforced since last summer's devastating 34-day war between Israel and Lebanese Hizbollah militants. — MNA/Xinhua

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Study shows women do not talk more than men

WASHINGTON, 6 July — Refuting the popular stereotype that females talk more than men, researchers at The University of Texas have found women and men both use an average of 16,000 words each day.

The psychology researchers published their findings in "Are women really more talkative than men" in the 6 July issue of *Science*. For more than a decade, researchers have claimed that women use far more words each day than men. One set of numbers that is commonly tossed around is that women use 20,000 words per day compared to only 7,000 for men.

"These findings have been reported widely by

national media and have entered the cultural mainstream," James W Pennebaker, co-author of the study, said.

"Although many people believe the stereotypes of females as talkative and males as reticent, there is no large-scale study that systematically has recorded the natural conversations of large groups of people for extended period of time."

For eight years, the psychology researchers

have developed a method for recording natural language using the electronically activated recorder (EAR). The unobtrusive digital voice recorder tracks people's interactions, including their conversations.

The researchers analyzed the transcripts of almost 400 university students in the United States and Mexico whose daily interactions were recorded between 1998 and 2004.

MNA/Xinhua



Workers set up the stage for a Live Earth concert at Makuhari Messe, near Tokyo, on 5 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Illness-causing mosquitoes thrive in US due to rain

BEIJING, 6 July — Plentiful rain in the US this summer has caused mosquitoes to thrive, which brought West Nile virus to people, according to media reports on Friday.

Water is a breeding place for illness-causing mosquitoes. Health officials in several states have urged residents around the saturated places— especially the elderly — to use repellants and take other precautions as they head outside for backyard barbecues and fireworks shows, etc..

This virus can cause serious, life-altering and even fatal disease. It can harm the central nervous system of one in 250 people bitten by a mosquito



Mosquito .

carrying the virus, leading to extensive nerve damage, the officials warned.

Symptoms in people include fever, headache, body aches, nausea or a rash, they added. — Internet

Paris Hilton nominated for Teen Choice Awards

BEIJING, 6 July—Newly released former jailbird Paris Hilton is celebrating after receiving two nominations for the 2007 Teen Choice Awards, including Best Female Reality/Variety Star for TV show *The Simple Life*. Hilton is one of many stars to receive more than one nomination ahead of the August awards ceremony.

Among the others are



Paris Hilton .

Jessica Alba, who is up for awards including Best Movie Actress: Action

Adventure for the role in *Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer* and *Female Hottie*, and Justin Timberlake, whose nominations include Best Male Artist. Others to receive multiple nominations include Jessica Biel, Shia LaBeouf, Katherine Heigl, Steve Carell and Orlando Bloom. The 2007 Teen Choice Awards ceremony takes place on 26 Aug.

Internet

Chinese man shows puppy love by biting dog to death

BEIJING, 6 July — A Chinese man bit to death a fierce dog that was savaging his beloved puppy.

Awakened by the puppy's yelps, a villager named Geng first tried to chase the dog away by hurling watermelons at it, a local newspaper reported on Wednesday.

The farmer then threw himself on the dog, clamping his teeth around its neck and eventually killing it.

"The two were rolling

around on the ground and fighting for nearly 10 minutes," the *Yanzhao Cosmopolitan News* in the northern province of Hebei said.— MNA/Reuters



Manila City government demolition crew tear down the remaining shanties along a heavily-polluted creek at downtown Quiapo district without resistance from slum dwellers on 6 July, 2007 in Manila, Philippines. — INTERNET

Swiss police hunt gang in historical watch heist

GENEVA, 5 July — Thieves on Thursday emptied a Swiss watch museum of almost its entire collection of rare,

historical Swiss-made watches worth millions of Swiss francs (1 US dollar equals some 1.2 Swiss francs), the official Swissinfo website reported.

The robbery was carried out around 8:30 a.m. local time at the Girard-Perregaux Museum in La Chaux-de-Fonds in northwest Switzerland. Local police have described the theft as "an incalculable loss for Swiss watch heritage."

Two men posing as deliverymen overpowered, bound and gagged a woman who was

cleaning the museum, which belongs to luxury watchmaker Girard-Perregaux, Swissinfo quoted investigating magistrate Sylvie Favre as saying.

At least three robbers then broke display cases and took virtually all the watches on display, Favre said.

The priceless collection of around 100 exclusive watches included unique time-pieces such as the Tourbillon with three gold bridges and hand-made pieces encrusted with jewels.

Internet

SPORTS

Bartoli fightback stuns Henin in semifinal

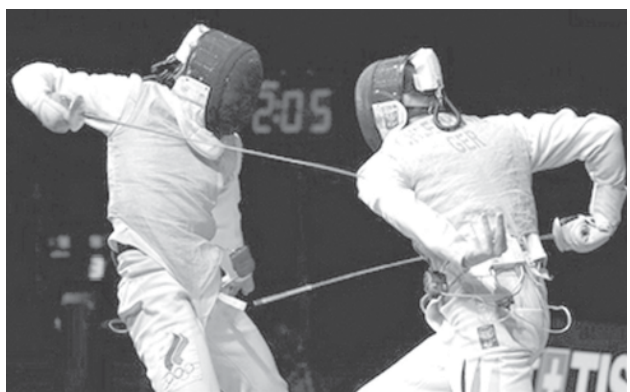
LONDON, 7 July — Marion Bartoli stunned top seed Justine Henin to reach the Wimbledon final on Friday, beating the world number one 1-6, 7-5, 6-1.

The 22-year-old Frenchwoman, seeded 18th, produced a dazzling display to hit back from a torrid first set and book a Saturday showdown with three-times champion Venus Williams.

Henin, chasing the only Grand Slam title to elude her, looked invincible during a 22-minute first set, swishing away baseline winners at will.

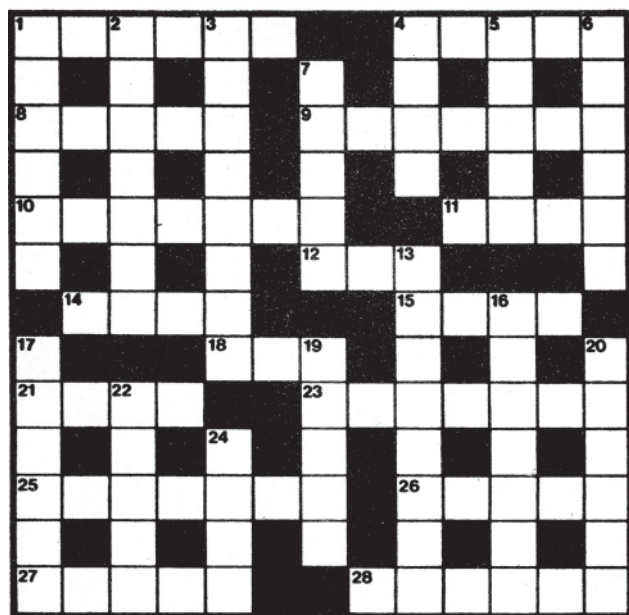
Bartoli, whose previous best run at a Grand Slam was the fourth round at last month's French Open, suddenly relaxed and began striking the ball with more confidence.

MNA/Reuters



Russia's Alexey Khovansky, left, duels against Germany's Christian Schlechtweg during the final of the men's foil team at the European championships in Ghent, Belgium, on 6 July, 2007. —INTERNET

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Contested
- 4 Lock of hair
- 8 Expended
- 9 Unfriendly
- 10 Narrow minded
- 11 Ooze out
- 12 Pinch
- 14 Adhesive
- 15 Buddish priest
- 18 Carpet
- 21 Wealthy
- 23 Newspaper essay
- 25 Pardon
- 26 Female relative
- 27 Cogitate
- 28 Unit of current

DOWN

- 1 Petrified object
- 2 Tool
- 3 Inn keeper
- 4 Nonsense
- 5 Banish
- 6 Drowsy
- 7 Milk can
- 13 Precious metal
- 16 Native knife
- 17 Gain
- 19 Auctioneer's hammer
- 20 Erase
- 22 Breed of dog
- 24 Choose



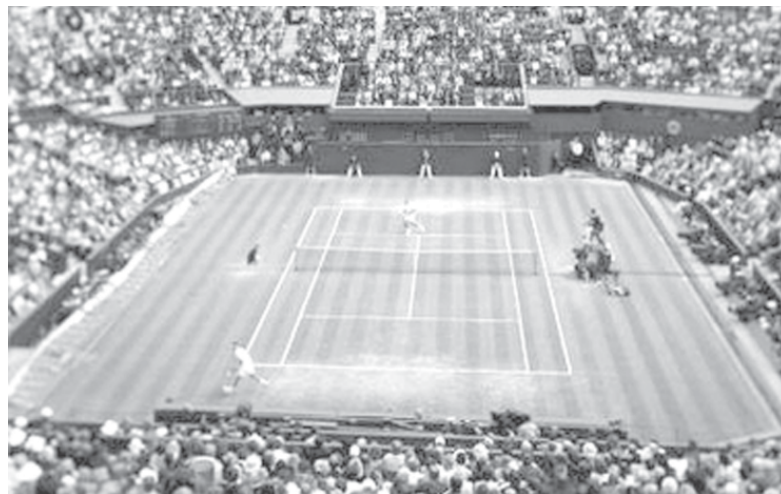
Bouygues Telecom team rider Stef Clement of the Netherlands cycles up Whitehall during the team presentation ahead of the 94th Tour de France cycling race in London, on 6 July, 2007. —INTERNET

Federer steps up pace to crush Ferrero, reach semis

LONDON, 7 July — Roger Federer woke up after a sleepy spell to overcome Juan Carlos Ferrero 7-6, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3 on Friday and reach the semifinals at Wimbledon where he is aiming for a fifth successive title.

Federer stormed to a 5-2 lead in the first set but the Spaniard clawed back to 5-5 before play was abandoned on Thursday because of rain. The world number one, whose last match was a week ago, squandered a set point in the 12th but made no such mistake in the tiebreak which he took 7-2 with an ace on the final point.

Some uncharacteristic forehand errors from the Swiss gave Ferrero a break in the eighth game of the next set and the former world number one took the set on his second set point when Federer's return went long. —MNA/Reuters



Switzerland's Roger Federer (R) plays a return to Spain's Juan Carlos Ferrero during their quarter-final singles match at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, on 6 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Gasquet upsets Roddick in 5-set thriller

LONDON, 7 July — Richard Gasquet tamed Andy Roddick's power game with some brilliant all-court tennis to upset the American number three seed 4-6, 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 8-6 and reach the Wimbledon semi-finals for the first time on Friday.

Roddick looked to be cruising to a three-set victory in the quarterfinal on Court One and even went a break up in the third set.

But the 21-year-old Gasquet, seeded 12th, raised his game and played two commanding tiebreaks to get back in the match.

Gasquet, who had never before reached the last eight at a Grand Slam tournament, won the match when another crosscourt winner from the baseline set up two match points on Roddick's serve and the American netted on the first. Gasquet meets world number one Roger Federer in the semifinals on Saturday.

Roddick broke Gasquet's serve in the ninth game on his way to taking the first set comfortably and the American broke again in the fifth game of the second after a successful challenge to a line call against him on a second break point.

He also broke in the first game of the third set on a wide return by Gasquet but the Frenchman broke back in the eighth game.

MNA/Reuters

Nadal overpowers Berdych to reach semifinals

LONDON, 7 July — French Open champion Rafael Nadal beat Czech Tomas Berdych 7-6, 6-4, 6-2 to reach the last four at Wimbledon for the second successive year on Friday. The second seed will meet Novak Djokovic, the fourth seed from Serbia, or 10th-seeded Cypriot Marcos Baghdatis in Saturday's semifinals.

The Spaniard's passage through his quarterfinal on Centre Court was easier than anticipated and ended his negative record against Berdych, who had led their head-to-head 3-2. Nadal had to fend off two break points in the first game as the players had trouble adjusting to the blustery wind. He then broke Berdych's serve in the second, only for the tall Czech, seeded seventh, to break back immediately.

MNA/Reuters



China's soccer players jog during practice session in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 6 July, 2007 for the AFC Asian Cup tournament. — INTERNET

Venus waltzes into final

LONDON, 7 July — Venus Williams once again displayed an appetite for humbling higher ranked opponents on Friday beating sixth-seeded Serb Ana Ivanovic 6-2, 6-4 to reach the Wimbledon final.

The 31st-ranked American has also gobbled up second seed Maria Sharapova and fifth seed Svetlana Kuznetsova this week and will get a bite at world number one Justine Henin on Saturday if the Belgian beats Marion Bartoli in the other semifinal. — MNA/Reuters



Sweden's Niclas Fasth putting on the 17th green during the 2nd round of the European Open at the Smurfit Course, The K Club, Straffan Ireland, on 6 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Key Republican Senator breaks with Bush on Iraq

WASHINGTON, 7 July — Key Republican Senator Pete V Domenici broke with US President George W Bush and called for an immediate change in US strategy that could end combat operations in Iraq by spring, *The Washington Post* reported on Friday.

That dealt another blow to the White House's efforts to keep Republicans united over the Iraq war, according to the report.

The six-term lawmaker, party loyalist and former staunch war supporter represents one of the most significant

Republican losses to date.

Speaking at a news conference on Thursday, Domenici said he began to question his stance on Iraq late last month, after several conversations with the family members of dead soldiers from his home state, New Mexico,

and as it became clear that "Iraqi leaders are making little progress toward national reconciliation".

"We can not continue asking our troops to sacrifice indefinitely while the Iraqi Government is not making measurable progress," Domenici said.

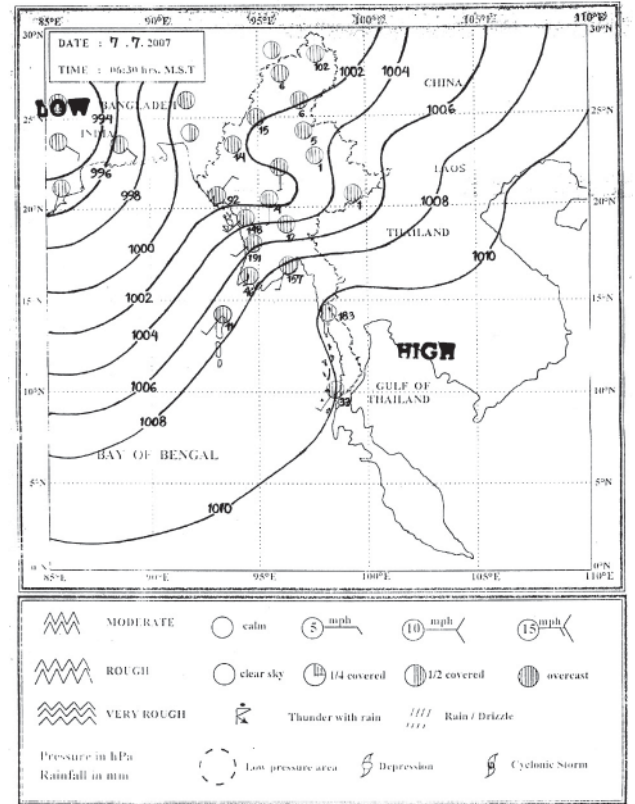
"I do not support an immediate withdrawal from Iraq or a reduction in funding for our troops. But I do support a new strategy that will move our troops out of combat operations and on the path to coming home."

The White House had hoped that Republican lawmakers would stand back until a mid-September administration report on military and political progress in Iraq resulting from the President's troop-increase plan.

But Domenici's signal to Bush is clear: Republican patience is running out much more quickly.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 7 July, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain have been isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Kayin State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavy falls in Rakhine State, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated heavy falls in Kachin and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pyapon (10.99) inches, Longlon (10.43) inches, Hinthada (8.66) inches, Maungtaw and Thantwe (7.59) inches each, Dawei (7.36) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (6.69) inches, Maubin (6.61) inches, Kyaukpyu (6.10) inches, Zaungtu (5.67) inches, Sittway and Yangon (Mingaladon) (5.59) inches each, Kyauktaw (5.39) inches, Thayawady (5.16) inches, Yangon (Central) (4.96) inches, Putao (4.80) inches, Shwegyin (3.70) inches, Hmawby (3.51) inches, Kayan and Ye (3.42) inches each, Theinzayat (3.31) inches and Bago (3.03) inches.

Maximum temperature on 6-7-2007 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 7-7-2007 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 7-7-2007 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 6-7-2007 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 7-7-2007 was (5.59) inches at Mingaladon, (6.69) inches at Kaba-Aye, (4.96) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (67.28) inches at Mingaladon, (72.52) inches at Kaba-Aye and (69.37) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (16:30) hours MST on 6-7-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 8-7-2007: Rain will be isolated in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kayah State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Yangon, Bago 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 (50) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong Monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 8-7-2007:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 8-7-2007: Some rain which may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 8-7-2007: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).




Uruguayan environmentalist Richard Tesore hydrates penguins covered with oil in Piriapolis, near the seaside resort of Punta del Este on 5 July, 2007. At least 100 penguins were found on several Uruguayan beaches covered with oil, most of them dead. — XINHUA



Sunday, 8 July
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Satellites (Sugar Raye)
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Heart of stone (Taylor Dayne)
- 8:50 am National news
- 9:00 am Music: -I know where it is at (All Gaints)
- 9:10 am International news
- 9:15 am Cultural Images of Myanmar -Tea gathering
- 9:20 am Music -Simple things (Amy Grant)
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Story for children
- 1:50pm Songs for children
- 9:00pm Weekly news review
- 9:10pm Article
- 9:20pm Music: -My private movie (Westlife) -You know what's up (Donell Jong) -Suzy (Fool Garden)
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Sunday, 8 July
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recitation of parittas by missionary Sayadaw U Ottama-thara <p>7:25 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. To be healthy exercise <p>7:30 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Morning news <p>7:40 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Nice and sweet song <p>7:55 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ <p>8:05 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ <p>8:15 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. အစဉ်အလာကောင်းမည့် လှိုင်းချောင်းတစ် <p>8:20 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ <p>8:30 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. International news 	<p>8:45 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Say it in English <p>11:00 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Martial song <p>11:10 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Musical programme <p>11:25 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Round up of the Week's Internatio-nal news <p>11:35 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Yan Can Cook <p>11:55 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Myanmar movie: "ချစ်သူရွေးမယ်ချစ်ဝလည်" (ဝင်းဦး၊ မြင့်မြင့်ခင်၊ တင်တင်နွဲ့၊ မြင့်မြင့်ခိုင်၊ စမ်းစမ်းအေး၊ နွဲ့နွဲ့၊ ချိုမြိန်၊ စန္ဒာ)(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဝင်းဦး) <p>2:15 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. စွမ်းဆောင်ရည်မြှင့်မား မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ <p>2:25 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Musical programme <p>2:35 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. စွမ်းဆောင်ရည်မြှင့်မား မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ (အပိုင်း-၂) <p>2:45 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. International news <p>4:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Martial song <p>4:15 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Song to uphold National Spirit 	<p>4:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. English for Everyday Use <p>4:40 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. အခေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -စတုတ္ထနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာ အထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ) <p>4:55 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Dance of national races <p>5:10 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Sing and enjoy <p>6:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Evening news <p>6:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Weather report <p>6:35 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. သီရိဂေဟာ <p>7:05 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမားတော်"(အပိုင်း-၄၁) <p>8:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. News <p>12. International news</p> <p>13. Weather report</p> <p>14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာနှောင်ကြီး"(အပိုင်း-၄)</p> <p>15. The next day's programme</p>
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Commander, Minister release shrimps and fingerlings to Yezin Dam

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein attended the ceremony to put the shrimps and fingerlings into the Yezin Dam this morning.

First, Assistant Director U Maung Chit of Fisheries Department (Yezin Fish Farm) reported to the commander and minister on release of fingerlings.

After hearing the report, the commander and the minister gave necessary instructions. Next, they viewed the breeding of prawns in the dam and put the shrimps and fingerlings into the dam. Later, those present released fry shrimps and various kinds of fingerlings to the dam.

A total of 530,000 shrimps and fingerlings were put into the dam today.

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Thein view
fresh water
lobsters in
Yezin Dam.*

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Myanmar Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales attract record number of gem merchants

With excellent quality and being on sale at reasonable prices, Myanmar gems have a good reputation and are in high demand in the international market. Due to an increase in the number of foreign gem merchants taking interest in Myanmar precious stones, the government holds gems sales regularly.

The sales were

**Interviewed by Maung Maung Myint Swe;
Photos by Thein Win Lay (Myanma Alin)**

launched on 4 July and will continue till 16 July at the Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, and at the Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township, Yangon.

In an interview, Secretary of the

Subcommittee for Jade Sales U Zaw Win Naing told Myanma Alin, "The sales are the first time in 2007, and more than 5800 jade lots are on sale. So, the number of jade lots in this sales is higher than any other sales."

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Local and foreign gem merchants are busy observing gem lots at the Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales.

NLD puts too much reliance on foreign countries

NLD criticizing development tasks of government, holding negative views

94 members resign from Toungoo Township NLD

YANGON, 7 July — A total of 37 members including U Tun Yay, U Tin Shwe, Daw Tin Nyein and Daw Khin Ohn Mya of Kanni Village-tract of Toungoo Township National League for Democracy of Bago Division, 57 members including U Saw Maung Way, Saw Mya Pe, Naw Hla Kyi, Naw Yi Lay and Daw Nyunt Khin of Zigon Village, totalling 94 resigned from the NLD of their own accord on 26 June, sending letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities concerned.

In the letters of resignation sent to Toungoo Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said that they joined the party with the aims of performing tasks of party politics only, while serving the interests of the region and the people. However, they witnessed that the NLD put too much reliance on foreign countries and criticized development tasks of the government, holding negative views. The NLD deviating from its original stand is concentrating on committing wrong acts by turning a blind eye to the interests of the State and national people. That is why, they resigned from the party of their own accord, they said.

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New Rainfall Record

(Issued at 12:30 hours MST on 7 July 2007)

The amount of rainfall (220) mm (8.66 inches) observed at (09:30) hours MST on 7 July 2007 in Hinthada is the (24) hours new maximum rainfall record at the station for the month of July during last (40) years. The former record was (175 mm) (6.89 inches) on 10 July 2006.