

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

States and divisions to make relentless efforts for self-sufficiency in edible oil

Lt-Gen Maung Bo attends coordination meeting on edible oil crops



Lt-Gen Maung Bo of Ministry of Defence inspects Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine). — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and offi-

cial concerned, addressed the coordination meeting of the Mon State Edible Oil Crops Production Committee held at the meeting hall of Mon State PDC Office in Mawlamyine on 20 July morning.

The meeting was also attended by Mon State level departmental officials, local authorities and district and township level, service personnel.

First, Manager of Mon State Myanma Agriculture Service U Sein

Win briefed Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party on matters related to growing of 33,972 acres of groundnut, sesame and sunflower in 2006-2007, 13.51 percent of self-sufficiency in edible oil, and arrangements for extended cultivation of edible oil crops.

Next, Manager of Mon State Settlement and Land Records Department U Khin Win, Chairmen of Mawlamyine and Thaton District PDCs U Maung Maung and U Tin Aung, General Manager of the Myanma Agriculture Service U Hla Gyi reported on measures taken for boosting production of edible oil crops in Mon State.

After that, Com-

mander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win gave a supplement report.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that as the government has been taking steps for self-sufficiency in rice the country is now enjoying self-sufficiency in rice and has been able to produce the surplus. But the country could

not enjoy self-sufficiency in edible oil yet. He stressed the need for states and divisions to strive for self-sufficiency in edible oil. As edible oil worth 300 million dollars has to be imported a year a large sum of funds has to be spent on it. If the cost can be reduced the funds spent

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23rd UMEHL Gems and Jade Sales for 2007 on 21-25 August

YANGON, 24 July — The 23rd Gems and Jade Sales for 2007 of the Union of Myanmar Economic Holding Ltd will be held at Myanma Gems Emporium here from 21 to 25 August.

Registration fees are K 10,000 for a local merchant and euro 20 for a foreign merchant.

Entrepreneurs can keep their gem and jade lots to be sold at the emporium from 25 July to 10 August and 0.4 percent of the value of the gem and jade lots will be charged as service. One percent of foreign currency proceeds and three percent of local currency proceeds are paid to UMEHL.

Anyone may contact Myanmar Ruby Enterprise Co Ltd, No 24/26, Sule Pagoda Road, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, Ph 371053 and 370561 and Myanmar Imperial Jade Co Ltd, No 22 Pyay Road, Mayangon Township, Yangon, Ph 666218 and 666239.—MNA

Collection of suggestions to be published

YANGON, 24 July— Concerning the suggestions of NC delegates on laying down of detailed basic principles to be included in the State Constitution, the collections of the Panel of Alternate Chairmen on the Chapters “General Provisions” presented at the Plenary Session of the National Convention which was held at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division yesterday will be published in the dailies.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 25 July, 2007

Construct more irrigation facilities to grow multiple and mixed crops extensively

The agricultural sector is at the core of the drive for the State's economic growth. Thanks to the use of high-yield crop strains plus advanced agricultural methods, many regions where rice could not be produced sufficiently in the past have now enjoyed rice surplus.

However, arid regions still have to rely on rainfalls to cultivate paddy. So, they do not meet the targets of crop sown acreage and output in the years when there is below average rainfall.

In order to overcome such an avoidable natural barrier, the government is now implementing many dam projects, and the completed irrigation facilities have benefited more than two million acres of arable lands as a result.

In 2006-2007 fiscal year, Mandalay Division, an arid region, grew more than one million areas of monsoon paddy, over half of which were grown with the use of irrigation water. And of over 200,000 acres of summer paddy, the majority were cultivated with the use of water from dams and lakes.

Marle Nattaung Dam in Singu Township, PyinOoLwin District, inaugurated on 22 July, will help put some 10,000 irrigated acres under paddy and edible oil crops all-year round.

The facility is the 49th of its kind for Mandalay Division and the 201st for the nation. With an increase in irrigation facilities, the arid regions including Mandalay Division enjoy sufficient irrigation water and have been able to cultivate paddy and multiple and mixed crops extensively.

Myanmar delegation leaves for Vietnam

YANGON, 23 July — Joint Secretary - 2 U Tun Aung of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Secretary U Nyi Nyi Aung of Myanmar Customs Brokers Association left here for Vietnam to participate in ASEAN Cargo Pre-arrival Processing Workshop.

They left for Vietnam today and yesterday respectively. The workshop will be held in Hanoi from 24 to 26 July.—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

Ministry of Mines offers Waso robes



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint donates Waso robes and provisions to a Sayadaw.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Under the auspices of Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and Wife Daw San San, staff families of Ministry of Mines held the 16th Waso robes offering ceremony at Thiriyadanar hall of the ministry here this morning. Present on the occasion were Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw U Kumara and Sanghas of

Kyaungthit Monastery, Sayadaw and Sanghas of Panditarama monastery and Sayadaw and Sanghas of Gainghtauk Pariyatti Sarthintaik.

Next, Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw U Kumara administered the Five Precepts to the congregation. Members of the Sangha recited the Parittas.

Minister for Mines

Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and Directors-General and Managing Directors offered Waso robes to the members of the Sangha.

The Sayadaws and members of the Sangha delivered a sermon, and the congregations shared merits gained. After the ceremony, they offered 'soon' to the Sayadaws and members of the Sangha.—MNA

Ministry of Sports donates Waso robes

YANGON, 24 July — Under the patronage of Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and wife Daw Aye Aye, employees of the ministry held the 11th Waso robe offering ceremony at Dakhinaryon Monastery in Thingangyun Township here yesterday.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and wife Daw Aye Aye attended the Waso robes offering ceremony.

First, the minister and wife and officials donated Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha and shared merits gained.

The minister also attended the 8th Waso robes offering ceremony at the office of Dagon Myothit (East) Township USDA organized by the township USDA.—MNA

Commander attends rainy season tree planting ceremony

YANGON, 24 July — Rainy season tree planting ceremony was held at Orchid farming special zone in Shwenatha Model Village, Mingaladon Township yesterday.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win delivered an opening address. Director U Khin Win of Yangon Division Forest Department briefed on tree planting activities in the division.

Afterwards, the commander and officials planted trees and they viewed the tree planting activities.

After the tree



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win views extracting physic nut oil in Mingaladon.— MNA

planting, the commander and officials also visited the 10-acre physic nut plantation of Yangon North District and Township General Administra-

tion Department.

During the tour of the 9-acre physic nut plantation of Ngwekhwe model village, the commander and party viewed

extracting physic nut oil and bio-diesel-fuelled ovens. An oven consumes 0.8 litre of bio-diesel for eight hours.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ortega accuses Washington of scheming

MANAGUA, 23 July —Leftist Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega accused Washington late on Saturday of conspiring with local opposition groups to obstruct his programmes to help the poor. Ortega, a Cold War foe of the United States again heading Nicaragua's government, said US officials and Nicaraguan opposition groups want to undermine anti-hunger programmes and other social initiatives.

"They are undoubtedly working below the surface," Ortega said of

Washington.

"They are conspiring with puppets."

Before last November's presidential election, a string of US officials publicly voiced concerns about Ortega, warning that a victory for him could affect US aid and investment.

Ortega, speaking at a forum, said US officials were giving money and advice to opposition groups and some media.

An ally of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, who is trying to displace US influence in Latin

America, Ortega has said he wants strong relations with the United States.

But since taking office, he has reached out to various US antagonists—visiting with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, reestablishing diplomatic relations with North Korea and increasing ties with Cuba.

He also told Washington it should pay 300 million US dollars in welfare to former US-backed Contra rebels, whom Ortega fought during his 1980s government.

MNA/Reuters

Eight killed in bus-train collision in Romania

BUCHAREST, 23 July —Eight people were killed and above ten others seriously injured early Sunday when a bus collided with a train in Romania's Dambovit County. The accident, the deadliest bus-train collision in recent years, occurred in Gura Ocniței, about 50 kilometres northwest of the capital, when the bus driver tried to cross a railway despite the coming train. Realitatea TV reported, quoting police sources.

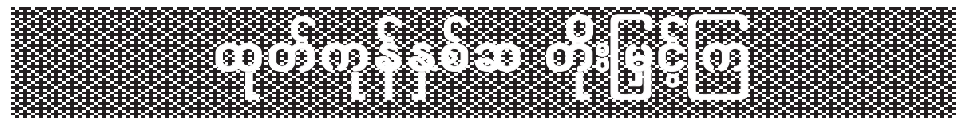
About 40 passengers were aboard the bus on their way back from a wedding ceremony, local police said.

The bus was pushed away for nearly 300 metres by the collision, killing five passengers aboard immediately. The death toll then rose to eight when another three died on their way to the hospital, police said. There were no casualties on the train.

Police said another 11 injure were still in serious conditions. All the injuries were rushed to hospitals in Dambovit and Bucharest.

Initial investigation showed the driver's illegal operation was likely the main cause of the tragedy, police told the TV station.— MNA/Xinhua

Two young ladies play in mud at a bath centre in north China's Tianjin Municipality, on 20 July, 2007. The mud bath was popular among young ladies because it has skin care element. — INTERNET



A fire-fighter watches a forest fire near the town of Stara Zagora, some 210 km east from Bulgarian capital Sofia, on 21 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Senate Democrat calls to censure Bush over Iraq

WASHINGTON, 23 July—Outspoken Bush administration critic Senator Russ Feingold renewed a call Sunday to censure Pre-

sident George W Bush over the US war in Iraq, but the Democrats' Senate leader discouraged the move. Feingold, the Wisconsin

Democrat who failed to censure Bush last year over warrantless wiretaps, said he wants to introduce a resolution to admonish Bush for allowing US troops to get mired in Iraq and other missteps in his war on terrorism. "Congress needs to formally condemn the President and members of the administration for misconduct before and during the Iraq war, and for undermining the rule of law at home," Feingold said in a statement.

However, Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada said Senate Republicans were sure to block any censure vote.

MNA/Reuters

19 militants killed in north Waziristan

MIRANSHAN (Pakistan), 23 July—Pakistani security forces killed six pro-Taleban militants in fighting in North Waziristan on Sunday, the military said, after overnight battles left 13 rebels dead.

Violence has intensified in the volatile tribal region on the border with Afghanistan after militants tore up a peace deal with the government last week.

A gun battle broke out between the security forces and the militants on Sunday after five soldiers were wounded in a roadside bomb blast near Miranshan, North Waziristan's main town.

"Six militants were killed in that clash," military spokesman Major-General Waheed Arshad told Reuters.

Residents said Army helicopter gunships also fired at militant hideouts during the fighting.

The security forces killed another 13 militants in overnight clashes in Ghulam Khan area, 15 kilometres (10 miles) north of Miranshan towards the Afghan border.

Armed militants, in small groups, attempted to attack several Army posts in the area but security forces foiled their bid. Seven militants were arrested while soldiers suffered no losses in these clashes, Arshad said.

Pakistan's Waziristan Region has long been regarded as a safe haven for al-Qaeda and Taleban militants sheltered by their local Pashtun allies.

MNA/Reuters



Armed police take position during an anti-terrorism drill in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region on 22 July, 2007.

XINHUA

S Korean fighter jet disappears during training, pilot missing

SEOUL, 22 July—A South Korean *KF-16D* fighter jet disappeared off the west coast of the Korean Peninsula during a nighttime training on Friday while the pilot is still in missing, the South Korean Air Force said on Saturday. According to a news release by the Air

Force, the *KF-16D* aircraft disappeared around 9pm Friday (1200 GMT Friday) over the Yellow Sea, 34 minutes after it took off from an air base in Seosan, about 150 kilometres southwest of Seoul. The Air Force has sent two helicopters, one transport plane and 4 vessels to locate

the missing jet and its pilot after the incident.

South Korean Air Force has more than 130 *KF-16* fighters. It was the fifth crash of the *KF-16* since a *KF-16* crashed on August 6, 1997. The latest crash of *KF-16* happened in February this year.

MNA/Xinhua

Report says al-Qaeda targeting Germany for attacks

BERLIN, 23 July—German authorities believe al-Qaeda is targeting Germany for possible attacks and that German Islamists have been travelling to Pakistan for “terrorist training”, a top security official told a newspaper.

In a preview of an article appearing on Sunday, Deputy Interior Minister August Hanning said: “The danger that there could be terrorist attacks here is very real.” “We have many indications that al-Qaeda is targeting Germany and

German installations abroad, such as embassies,” Hanning was quoted as telling *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*. “There is a new quality in the threat to Germany.”

Last month German Interior Minister Wolfgang Schauble said authorities needed to increase vigilance due to the possibility that militants might carry out suicide attacks on German soil. In April the US Embassy in Berlin announced it was boosting security

at its facilities in Germany in response to what it described as an increased threat of terrorism. Hanning, a former head of Germany’s BND foreign intelligence agency, also said German Islamists were being trained in Pakistan. Three German Islamists who trained there returned to Germany at the beginning of June, he said.

MNA/Reuters

Fake bomb found outside Austrian Parliament

VIENNA, 23 July — A fake bomb was found in front of Austria’s Parliament building in Vienna on Saturday, news reports said. The device resembled a real bomb but did not contain any explosives, police said, adding it posed no danger to the public.

Police also found a letter accompanying the device, which listed grievances with the Austrian government. Police believe the device was intended to gain attention rather than cause damage.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors pass by the Saturn V rocket at Johnson Space Centre on 18 July, 2007 in Houston. A recently completed \$5 million on project restored the rocket and a formal grand opening of the landmark is set to be held on Friday, 38 years to the day after men first walked on the moon.—INTERNET

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Wu Pianpian (front), from Shenzhen, a city in South China’s Guangdong Province, receives her crown after winning the title of Miss Tourism International, Ukraine Black Sea in Odessa, Ukraine on Friday. The first and second runners-up of the contest came from Ukraine and France. — INTERNET

Coach carrying Poles crashes in France, 26 dead

NOTRE-DAME-DE-MESAGE (France), 23 July—At least 26 Polish pilgrims died on Sunday

when their coach crashed off a mountain road at a notorious accident blackspot in the French

Alps and burst into flames, police and officials said.

A further 24 people were injured, 14 critically, when the coach smashed through a roadside barrier on the steep Laffrey gradient, some 30 kilometres (19 miles) from the southeastern city of Grenoble, after apparently suffering problems braking. The coach plunged 40 metres (130 feet) down the slopes before coming to rest on the banks of the Romanche River.

Most of the victims perished in the fire, said emergency officials, and DNA forensic experts from Paris would be needed to identify the bodies.—MNA/Reuters



A British police officer walks past the wreckage of a caravan in flood waters in Evesham, central England, on 21 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Bomb hoaxes increase at Amsterdam Airport

BRUSSELS, 22 July—The number of bomb hoaxes rose quickly at Amsterdam’s Schiphol Airport recently, with five people having been arrested in the past three weeks for joking about weapons and bombs, police said Friday.

“These passengers were just joking when they said—while checking in or even on board the plane—that they were carrying a bomb or arms with them,” a spokesperson for the Marechaussee (Dutch

military police) at the airport told Dutch news agency ANP.

The consequences, however are very serious. The Marechaussee is required to arrest the suspects and bar them from the flight. They can also impose a fine of up to 600 euros. In addition, airline companies always refuse to accept those passengers and consequently they will miss their flight, the ANP reported.

If the suitcases of

passengers have already been loaded onto the aircraft, the plane must be unloaded, and investigated by sniffer dogs. In those cases the airline companies will try and claim compensation for the delay from the jokers.

The spokesperson for the Marechaussee indicated that people play these kinds of jokes dozens of times a year, but during the summer holiday season there is usually more such incidents.—MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS

Fake name-brand goods seized in Beijing Silk Street market

BEIJING, 23 July—The Silk Street market in Beijing, popular among tourists for cheap goods, tarnished its reputation as authorities seized fake name-brand sneakers and sports wear in the latest raid at the market.

Law enforcement

workers on Saturday confiscated 553 shoes of pirated Nike, 408 counterfeit Adidas shoes and 160 fake sports suits of the two famous brands after inspecting 11 booths at the market. An official with the Chaoyang branch of the Beijing Admini-

stration of Industry and Commerce said they had dealt with dozens of cases of fake products in the shopping mall so far this year. But the selling of fake goods still exists, especially at weekends, according to the official.

MNA/Xinhua

Microsoft takes steps to protect privacy

BEIJING, 23 July—Microsoft, the world's biggest software maker, is taking new steps and calling on the Internet industry to develop one common standard for web search and online advertising to protect consumer privacy, according to media reports on Monday.

Microsoft announced that it will cut the time that logs of internet searches stored on its "Live Search" service to 18 months, removing cookie IDs, the entire IP address and other identifiers from search terms, unless it receives user consent to store it longer.

Microsoft said users will be able to opt out of behavioral advertisement

targeting by third-party companies, allowing them to surf without being personally identified. It enables consumers who seek anonymity online to have the power to do so.

"We think it's time for an industry-wide dialogue," Peter Cullen, Microsoft's chief privacy officer, said in an interview. "The current patchwork of protections and how companies explain them is really confusing to consumers."

Microsoft wants to discuss these with all other players and regulators, it said.

Askcom, the Web search business of US technology group Inter Active Corp, has agreed

to join Microsoft's initiative, and unveiled Ask-Eraser, a service that will allow Ask customers to change their privacy preferences at any time last week. — Xinhua



A KIA concept car is presented at the Indonesia International Motor Show 2007 in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia on 20 July, 2007. — XINHUA

Japan accepts IAEA inspectors after quake troubles

TOKYO, 23 July—The Japanese Government will allow inspectors from the United Nations to look into leaks at the world's largest nuclear plant caused by an earth-

quake this week, *Kyodo* news agency quoted officials as saying on Sunday.

"The Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency under the Ministry of

Economy, Trade and Industry has told the IAEA that it will accept the inspection of the Kashiwazaki Kariwa nuclear plant of Tokyo Electric Power Co," *Kyodo* reported.

The move comes after reports that regional authorities in Niigata Prefecture, home to the plant, sent a petition to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and other ministers earlier in the day asking for UN inspections after Japan had initially declined offers for help.

The Kashiwazaki-Kariwa nuclear plant, operated by Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO) in northwestern Japan, was closed indefinitely after Monday's 6.8 magnitude quake triggered the leaks of water with low-level radiation.

MNA/Reuters



Miss Hong Kong 2007 Kayi Cheung (C) poses with first runner-up Grace Wong (L) and second runner-up Lorretta Chow after winning the annual beauty contest in Hong Kong on 21 July, 2007. — XINHUA

Brown says no immediate plans to join euro

PARIS, 23 July—British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said on Friday there was no plan for Britain to join the euro in the immediate future but that the issue was kept under regular review.

At a joint news conference with French President Nicolas Sarkozy, Brown said Britain had decided the time was not yet right for the British economy to join the single currency, given the degree of convergence that had to take place.

"This is obviously a matter that is kept under review. I cannot say that there are any proposals to join the euro in the near future," Brown said.

The Labour government's position on the euro has been that it is, in principle, in favour of joining as long as five economic tests are met.

But after being a topic of huge speculation just a few years back there is now hardly any expectation that Britain will join the single currency in the foreseeable future.—MNA/Reuters

Gasoline prices rise after falling for nine straight weeks

LOS ANGELES, 22 July—Gasoline prices rose slightly this week after falling for nine straight weeks in Southern California, which has the highest gasoline prices in the nation, Automobile Club of Southern California reported Friday.

The average price stood at 3.11 dollars a gallon in the Los Angeles-Long Beach area this morning—1.1 cents more than last week, 10 cents less than last month and 17 cents

less than at this time last year, according to the Auto Club's Weekend Gas Watch survey.

Until this week, Los Angeles County gasoline prices had gone down for nine consecutive weeks.

"Once again, the oil and gasoline market is particularly volatile," said Auto Club spokeswoman Carol Thorp. The Auto Club provides gasoline prices in selected portions of California and Nevada.

MNA/Xinhua



Mother giraffe named Kangkang takes care of her baby at the Paomaling Wildlife World in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 23 July, 2007. The 10-day-old giraffe cub, 170-centimetre-high and 75-kilogram-weighted, was met to visitors on Monday. —XINHUA

“Existing laws shall remain in force until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw”

YANGON, 24 July — *The following is the collection of suggestions made by NC delegates on the “Transitory Provisions” submitted to the Plenary Session of the National Convention held at the Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township.*

Transitory Provisions

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 13 November 2006, the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee in connection with the chapter — Transitory Provisions — said as follows:

“In formulating a State Constitution, the situation of a nation before the Constitution does not come into force is somewhat different from that after the Constitution comes into force. It is, indeed, transition from one system to another. In the process, there follow changes in the major pillars—legislation, executive and judiciary—and economic and social infrastructures during the transitional period.

“It is required to prescribe transitory provisions in the State Constitution to ensure continuous exercise of State sovereign powers as well as charter, duties and responsibilities to be carried out during the transitional period.

“It is found that the State Constitutions of the nations of the world carry transitory provisions, and so does the 1947 Constitution of Myanmar in Sections 233 and 234 of Chapter XIV.

“The 1974 Constitution does not feature a separate heading for transitory provisions, but transitory provisions are prescribed in its Chapter XVI “General Provisions”.

“Based on the findings and assessments that have been presented, a collection of the points that should be adopted for the Chapter “Transitory Provisions” will be presented.

1. **“This Constitution shall come into force throughout the Union after its adoption in a nationwide referendum by more than half of all the people who have the right to vote.”**
2. **“The State Peace and Development Council shall, continuing to exercise State sovereignty, carry out during the interval between the coming into force of this Constitution and the day the first session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is convened, all the functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw under the Constitution.”**
3. **“The work done by the State Peace and Development Council to bring the Constitution into force shall be deemed to have been carried out in accord with this Constitution”**
4. **“All policy guidelines, laws, rules, regulations, notifications, proclamations, measures, responsibilities and rights of the State Peace and Development Council shall devolve on the Union of Myanmar”**
5. **“Existing laws shall remain in force in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw”**
6. **“Existing rules, regulations, bye-laws, notifications, orders, directives and**

procedures shall remain in force in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Union Government”

7. **“All courts existing on the date of the coming into operation of this Constitution shall continue to exercise their jurisdiction until new courts are established by law in accord with this Constitution. All cases, civil, criminal and revenue, pending in the said courts, shall be disposed of in accord with the laws exercised on the date on which the cases came up for trial.”**
8. **“All functioning State service personnel of departmental organizations including Tatmadaw under the State Peace and Development Council on the day this Constitution comes into force shall continue in their functions unless otherwise prescribed by the Government of the Union of Myanmar”**

National Convention delegates,

The National Unity Party said, “The situations before and after the promulgation of the Constitution will not be the same. Hence, the nation will reach a situation that is different from the past. Hence, the pillars— the legislative, executive and judicial powers— and the economic and social infrastructures will also change in accord with the new situation.

“All detailed basic principles explained by the Work Committee Chairman concerning the chapter should be adopted as they are appropriate for the continued discharging of principle duties for the continuous existence of the State’s sovereign power.”

The Union Pa-O National Organization agreed to adopt the eight points explained by the Work Committee Chairman in connection with the chapter “Transitory Provisions”.

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said, “The Work Committee Chairman’s clarification concerning the paras 1 and 2 in connection with the coming into force of the Constitution, the exercising of the State power during the interval between the coming into force of this Constitution and the day the first session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is convened; the para 5 in connection with the existing law should be adopted.

“The para 6 concerning the continued existence of rules, regulations, bye-laws, notifications, orders, directives and procedures, the para 7 concerning the judicial cases, and the para 8 concerning the State service personnel are in accord with the nation’s current situations. They should be adopted as detailed basic principles.”

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization said, “We have studied and reviewed the clarifications made by the Work Committee Chairman. We have noticed the following points.”

- the coming into force of the Constitution
- the continuation of exercising State sovereignty during the interval between the coming into force of this Constitution and the day the first session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is convened,
- the work done by the State Peace and



U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect.— MNA

Development Council to bring the Constitution into force until the Constitution comes into force,

- the devolving of all policy guidelines, laws, rules, regulations, notifications, proclamations, measures, responsibilities and rights of the State,
- existing laws,
- existing rules, regulations, bye-laws, notifications, orders, directives,
- the cases pending in all courts existing on the date of the coming into operation of this Constitution, and
- all functioning State service personnel.

“So, we would like to make no suggestions about these points, and suggest that they should be adopted as detailed basic principles.”

Lahu National Development Party said, “As the eight points explained by the Work Committee Chairman concerning the chapter — Transitory Provisions — are based on the history and in conformity with the current situation, they should be adopted.”

Union Kayin League said that it has no further suggestions concerning the clarifications made by the Work Committee Chairman; and that it agrees to adopt the eight points.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party said, “The eight points are in conformity with the current work programmes of the government and they are the requirements for the transition to the new Constitution. Hence, the detailed basic principles in connection with the chapter should be adopted in accord with the clarifications of the Work Committee Chairman.

The Wa National Development Party said that the Work Committee Chairman made the clarifications after studying the constitutions of world nations and the 1947 Constitution and the 1974 Constitution of Myanmar. As they are suitable to the forthcoming Constitution, the eight points are comprehensive enough to be adopted as detailed basic principles for the chapter.

National Convention delegates,

Of the four papers presented by representatives-elect group, the papers presented by the representative of NUP and the representative of Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization are the same as the papers presented by the respective parties.

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“Existing laws...

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Independent representatives-elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantlang Township Constituency in Chin State, U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency in Shan State (South) and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency in Shan State (North) said, “The eight points explained by the Work Committee Chairman at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 13 November 2006 in connection with the chapter “Transitory Provisions” are suitable to be adopted as detailed basic principles.”

The group also gave the following separate suggestions:

“In order to complete the drawing of the State Constitution, the National Convention has adopted the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that reflect the policies and stances, which are necessary foundations for building a new nation. We have to draw the State Constitution with these fundamental principles and detailed basic principles. The aspiration of the people will come true if the fourth step of the Road Map—Adoption of the Constitution through a national referendum—is realized within one year after the completion of the National Convention. Personally, I suggest that the officials take necessary measures to hold a referendum within one year after the completion of the National Convention.

“I would also like to make a suggestion about the fifth step of the Road Map —The holding of free and fair elections for Hluttaws (Legislative bodies) according to the new Constitution. Section 233 of the 1947 constitution says “The first general elections under this Constitution shall be held within eighteen months from the date of the coming into operation of this Constitution”.

“Regarding the 1974 constitution, the 1974 constitution was declared on 3 January 1974, the first elections were held under the 1974 constitution from 27 January to 10 February 1974. In addition, the first session of the Pyithu Hluttaw was held in Yangon at 11 am on 2 March 1974.

“So, I would like to make a suggestion that officials concerned should make preparations for implementation of the fifth step in a suitable occasion through a referendum for speedy building of a modern and developed nation.”

Independent representatives-elect U Tin Win of Kyaiklat Township Constituency-2, U Thein Kyi of Taungdwingyi Township Constituency-1, U Hla Soe of Minbu Township Constituency-2, U Mya Hlaing of Twantay Township Constituency-2, U Kyi Win of Mingaladon Township Constituency-1 and U Tin Tun Maung of Mingaladon Township Constituency-2 discussed in support of all the points explained by the Work Committee Chairman except from paras (2) and (5).

I would like to make suggestions about paras No 2 and No 5.

Paragraph No 2 says “The State Peace and Development Council shall, continuing to exercise State sovereignty, carry out during the interval between the coming into force of this Constitution and the day the first session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is convened, all the functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw under the Constitution.”

This point means the SPDC will have to exercise the sovereign power just till the first session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is held. In such time, I do not think it is convenient to hand over the sovereign power to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will have to elect and access the State President, who is the administrative head. Then, the State President will have to form this governing body and appoint the

State chief justice. Only such a time will it be convenient for the bodies that have to take over the State’s sovereign powers ready to assume discharge of their duties. So, the para (2) should be:

“The State Peace and Development Council shall, continuing to exercise State sovereignty, carry out till the bodies, which are formed and assigned duties under this Constitution beginning from the date on which this State Constitution comes into force, assume discharge their duties.”

And para (5) says “Existing laws shall remain in force in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.” From the time the State Constitution comes into force to the time of the emergence of the Constitutional Tribunal, there will not be yet an organization that has power to decide whether a law is contrary to the State constitution. So, in the para, the expressions “Existing laws shall remain in force in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw” should be “Existing laws shall remain in force until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw”.

The Delegate Group of National Races gave the following suggestion:

“The Work Committee chairman made clarification to the suitable points for the Chapter “Transitory Provisions” referring to the laws exercised at home and abroad. These points should be adopted as detailed basic principles due to many reasons such as:

- “(a) The date on which the State Constitution comes into force across the nation is fixed.
- “(b) Responsibilities are devolved on the State Peace and Development Council to take necessary steps during the interval between the coming into force of this Constitution and the day the first session of the Pyithu Hluttaw is convened.
- “(c) The Union of Myanmar will be able to continue practising the policy guidelines, laws, rules, regulations, orders, and proclamations existing in the time of the SPDC.
- “(d) Existing laws and rules will remain in force in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyithu Hluttaw.
- “(e) Jurisdiction is devolved upon all existing courts to continue to hear the pending cases until new courts have been established under the Constitution.
- “(f) All functioning State service personnel of departmental organizations including Tatmadaw under the State Peace and Development Council continue in their functions unless otherwise prescribed by the Government of the Union of Myanmar.”

National Convention delegates,

The Delegate Group of Peasants agreed to adopt the eight points explained by the Work Committee Chairman concerning the chapter “Transitory Provisions” at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 13 November 2006.

The Delegate Group of Workers said that the eight points explained by the Work Committee Chairman concerning the chapter “Transitory Provisions” should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

The Delegate Group of Intellectual and Intelligentsia said, “We members of the delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia evaluated that the eight detailed basic principles the Work Committee Chairman presented at the plenary session held on 13



U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Delegate Group of Political Parties.— MNA

November 2006 for the Chapter “Transitory Provisions” really required for the chapter as detailed basic principles.

“So, these points should be adopted as detailed basic principles for the Chapter “Transitory Provisions”.

The Delegate Group of State Service Personnel expressed its opinion, saying, “The Work Committee Chairman explained the eight detailed basic principles of the chapter reasonably and comprehensively after studying the 1947 Constitution and Acts and bylaws enacted by the constitution, the 1974 Constitution and the laws and bylaws enacted by the constitution, and the constitutions of some world nations. The said eight detailed basic principles should be adopted.”

The Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons said, “The eight points explained by the Work Committee Chairman in connection with the chapter “Transitory Provisions” should be adopted as detailed basic principles.”

The Group also said, “The Work Committee Chairman gave the clarifications regarding the chapter “Transitory Provisions” at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 13 November 2006.

Regarding the coming into force of the State Constitution, he called for advice and suggestions of the delegates to decide whether or not the point:

“This Constitution shall come into force throughout the Union after its adoption in a nationwide referendum by more than half of all the people who have the right to vote.” should be adopted as a detailed basic principle.

Now, the seven-step Road Map is in the process of being implemented, and under the fourth step, the State constitution will be approved through a referendum in accordance to the detailed basic principles to be adopted unanimously by the National Convention.

In the process, seeking the approval of the people, approving the State Constitution by the votes of more than half of all the people who have the right to vote, coming into force of the State Constitution throughout the Union after its adoption in a referendum, that points conform with the constitutions of many other countries as well as the 1947 constitution and 1974 constitution of our nation. So, these points should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Here, I would make a suggestion that the word “votes” should be replaced with the expression “assenting votes” because it can also be assumed as votes against, or abstentions.

Therefore, the principle should be:

“This Constitution shall come into force throughout the Union after its adoption in a referendum by the assenting votes of more than half of all the people who have the right to vote.”

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States and divisions to make relentless...

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can be used in other sectors of the state, he insisted.

The Head of State has given guidance on extended cultivation of edible oil crops for self-sufficiency in edible oil, he said and spoke of the need for Mon State to strive for boosting the production of edible oil crops.

On arrival at Thanlwin Bridge, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave necessary

instructions to officials.

Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party attended the ceremony to collectively grow physic nut plants held in In-pyaung Village, Paung Township.

First, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win presented physic nut saplings to those present including members of social organizations, service personnel and local people.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win planted physic nut at the designated places.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo greeted those present on the occasion and stressed the need for ensuring success of the growing of physic nut.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party left the site and arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.

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Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo visit physic nut plantation in Singu Township.

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Commander, Minister provide assistance for physic nut-growers

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July — Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo went to Nyaungwun in Singu Township, Pyin Oo Lwin District on 22 July.

They inspected thriving physic nut plantations there and fulfilled requirement of physic nut-growers. In Shwepyisanpya village, the commander and the minister observed four acres of physic nut plantations in the village and provided assistance for the local residents.

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Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects construction of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad.

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Minister assists in Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad construction

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and Deputy Minister U Pe Than assisted in construction of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad during the inspection tour of the project from 21 to 23 July.

During the tour, they inspected Thayet-Pwint Phyu Railroad Section and railroad construction sites in Minhla Township and Pwintbyu-Pakokku Railroad Section in Seik-phyu Township, Magway Division.

After hearing reports presented by officials, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and Deputy Minister U Pe Than gave

instructions to officials concerned on construction of the railroad and river-crossing bridges on the Kyangin-Pakokku Rail Road and railways station in Minhla and Pakokku.

Divided into three sections — Kyangin-Thayet Section, Thayet-Pwintphyu Section and Pwintphyu-Pakokku Section, the over 322-mile long Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad is being constructed by Myanma Railways.

Rail-cum-road bridges crossing Chitthaung and Yaw creeks, Chaungmakaig Bridge and Chaungmagyi Bridge No 2 in Magway Division are being constructed by Public

Works under Ministry of Construction.

The minister and party yesterday also inspected maintenance of Bagan-Myingyan-Meiktila-Thazi Road.

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and party met with officials concerned of Pyinmana-Myohaung Railroad Construction Project and fulfilled the requirements.

On 22 July, the minister and party went to Chauk Railway Station which has been completed as part of Kyini-Chauk Railroad Project.

The 29-mile-long Kyini-Chauk Railroad is expected to be inaugurated soon.

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District-Level instructors course on Prevention of DHF opens

YANGON, 24 July — Organized by Yangon West District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, an opening ceremony of the district-level instructors course on Prevention of Dengue Haemorrhage Fever was held at No-2 BEHS Sangyong Township this morning with an address by Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee.

Chairperson Daw Ohn Myint of Yangon West District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee presented 12,555 membership appli-

cations to the Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai of Yangon Division MCWSC.

Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai presented educational pamphlets on

Dengue Haemorrhage Fever to chairpersons of Township MCWAs.

A total of 299 trainees are attending the course.

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Daw Mar Mar Wai presents pamphlets containing information on prevention of dengue fever to a chairperson of a township MCWA. — MNA

Yangon Div prepares for 15th Myanmar Traditional cultural Performing Arts Competitions



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win delivers an address at work coordination meeting of the leading committee for organizing 15th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions. MNA

YANGON, 24 July — The first work coordination meeting of Leading Committee (Yangon) for Organizing the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the meeting hall of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Office yesterday afternoon, with an address by Patron of Leading Committee (Yangon) Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

First, Chairman of Leading Committee for

Organizing Yangon Division 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions No 4 Military Region Command Commander Lt-Col Khin Maung Tun briefed Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win on matters related to the competitions.

Next, heads of departments and musicians submitted reports on respective sectors. Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win gave a supplementary report and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

Development work in Maubin, Pyapon townships in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 23 July — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt attended a ceremony to open and hand over the new school building (Chindwin) of No 1 Basic Education High School in Maubin Township.

First, Director General U Kyaw Thu of No 1 Basic Education Department, Deputy Director General U Khin Latt of Development Affairs Department and Maubin District PDC Chairman U Htay Win formally opened the school building and the minister formally unveiled the stone plaque of the building. Next, the minister and party viewed it.

The minister presented K 12.1 million donated by old students and wellwishers to U Kyaw Thu; and Headmaster U Hla Myint Tin K 5.48 million donated by the school board of trustees to Division Education Officer U Tin Myint. Other wellwishers also donated K 1.22 million

The two-story new school building is 130 feet long, 30 feet wide and 24 feet high. It was funded by No 1 BED and donors.

Afterwards, the CEC member and party met the staff at Kyaillet township Development Affairs Committee. He fulfilled the needs and made a speech.

The minister and party then proceeded to Pyapon and met departmental officials, social organizations and local people.

Later, he visited Pyapon Township USDA office and delivered a speech to the members.

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Second round of 1st Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July — Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement hammered an easy 2-0 victory over Ministry of Education in the group-CC second round match of the 1st Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament, jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Football Federation in Paunglong Sports Ground of Nay Pyi Taw, Pyinmana today. Among the spectators were Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and

Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Deputy Minister for SWRR Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, heads of departments, officials of the ministries, students and fans.

U Tun Shin, U Aung Moe, U Win and U Myo Myint Than refereed the match. Wai Lin Naing and Kyaw Thura Tun gave one goal each for Ministry of SWRR to book a berth

in the quarterfinals.

Ministry of Labour will play a group-CC match against Ministry of Defence in Paunglong Sports Ground on 25 July; Ministry of Industry-1 will meet in a group-AA match against Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs at the same venue on 26 July and Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs will take on a group-AA match against

Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries at the same venue on 27 July. — MNA



Minister Col Thein Nyunt meeting with USDA members in Pyapon.

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Ministers Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Dr Chan Nyein enjoy football match of Ministry of Education Team and Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Team. — MNA

Minister goes on inspection tour of hospitals in Mandalay and Shan State (South)

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint went on an inspection tour of Yinmabin Station Hospital in Thazi Township in Mandalay Division on 21 July.

The medical superintendent briefed the minister on health care services in the township. Next, the minister

inspected surgical room, delivery room and medical store round the hospital. the minister comforted the patients at Kyauktalon Township Branch Hospital in Taunggyi of Shan State (South).

The minister oversaw rural health care centres in Taunggyi and in Kalaw on 23 July.

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Minister attends golden umbrella hoisting and consecration ceremony of Yan Myo Aung Hsutaungpyae Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July — CEC Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung arrived at Hsinchaung village in Yesagyo of Magway Division on 22 July and paid homage to Hsinchaung village Yadana Siddhi Monastery presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandhiya and offered alms to the Sayadaw.

Next, the CEC member attended golden umbrella hoisting and consecration ceremony of Yan Myo Aung Hsutaungpyae Pagoda. The ceremony was opened with three-time recitations of *Namo Tassa* and the congregation received the Nine Precepts from Sasana Youngchi U Monastery Bhaddanta Sawbana.

Afterwards, the CEC member and wellwishers

offered diamond bud and pennant-shaped vane and robes to members of the Sangha and the golden umbrella hoisting ceremony followed.

Next, the CEC member held a meeting with members of Hsinchaung village USDA, local authorities, townsenders, the local people, teachers and students and he presented exercise books and clothes for Hsinchaung and Hsinmaye middle schools through schoolhead U Toe Kyi.

In the evening, the CEC member paid homage to Pakokku Mahavisutayama Alekyaungtaik presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamajortikadhaja Bhaddanta Visara and supplicated on religious affairs and offered provisions to the Sayadaw.

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Ceremonies to receive precepts held at Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 24 July — Shwedagon Pagoda board of trustees will organize ceremonies to receive precepts on Sabbath days during the lent starting from the fullmoon day of Waso (Myanmar Era 1369).

Anyone can donate cash and kind at the pagoda during the lent. — MNA

Appointment of Ambassador of Republic of Portugal agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July — The government of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Antonio De Faria e Maya as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Portugal to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Antonio De Faria e Maya, born in 1945, received a Degree in Law from the University of Lisbon. He joined the Portuguese Foreign Services in 1979 and since then he had served in various capacities at Portuguese Foreign Ministry and also at Portuguese embassies in Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Namibia and Ukraine from 1979 to 2001. He served as Ambassador of the Republic of Portugal to Chile from 2004 to 2006. Since 2006, he has been serving as Ambassador to the Republic of Portugal to the Kingdom of Thailand.

Mr Antonio De Faria e Maya will be concurrently accredited to the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok, Thailand. He is married and has two children.

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Minister inspects main sub-power station in Bago



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint meeting with officials of Bago Division Electrical Engineer's Office. — ELECTRIC POWER NO 2

YANGON, 24 July — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected the main sub-power station in Kamanat, Bago Division (East) yesterday.

At the meeting with the minister, an official reported on condition of

supply of power from the sub-station supply to Phayagon (Thanlyin) Sub-station, Myaungdaga Sub-station in Hmawby and Thayagon Sub-station and Hlawga Sub-station.

An official said in his report to the minister that arrangements are being made for connecting the

main sub-power station in Kamanat and Myaungdaga Sub-power station in Hmawby and Phayagon Sub-power Station in Thanlyin with 230-KV cables.

After hearing reports, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint called for systematic building of the

cable network to transport power to sub-power stations and fulfilled the requirements.

During hit tour, the minister also visited Bago Division (East) Electrical Engineer's Office where the head of the office reported on supply of power to Bago District from three 230/33/11 sub-power stations.

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Mayor inspects sanitation tasks

YANGON, 24 July — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials inspected sanitation tasks being carried out by YCDC this morning.

The mayor and party inspected unblocking of drainage canals in Golden Valley ward, Bahan township and the officials reported on progress of work to the mayor.

They proceeded to Tamway township and inspected sanitation and digging of drainage canals there and the mayor called upon the officials to continuously carry out the tasks with goodwill.

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Three NLD members of Labutta, Mogaung and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Townships quit

YANGON, 24 July — U Tin Oo of Labutta Township National League for Democracy, Ayeyawady Division, U Sein Aung of Mogaung Township NLD, Kachin State and U Bo Yi of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township NLD, resigned from the party of their own accord and sent their letters of resignation to NLD (Headquarters) and authorities concerned on 12, 13 and 15 July respectively.

The letters sent to Labutta, Mogaung and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Townships Multiparty Democracy Election Sub Commission, says they quit the NLD of their own volition as they no longer wanted to support the party's political activities and stance and they did not wish to stand as NLD members. — MNA



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin oversees unblocking of a drain in Tamway Township. — YCDC

Taungtha in arid region enjoys medical treatment

Dr Nilar Thein (Linyaungthit)

The 9th of July, 2007 was an auspicious day. The compound of Minsu middle school in Taungtha Township was crowded with thousands of people under the clear sky. They were fresh and active.

A ceremony to mark success of free eye surgical treatment was held in the township. An eye specialist team led by Professor Dr Kan Nyunt and Professor Dr Tin Win and Head of Administration Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe performed free operation at the Taungtha Hospital for eye patients in Taungtha and its environs in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, the Union Solidarity and Development Association and Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation

observing Welaung Station Hospital, Taungtha Station Hospital and Kyawzi Station Hospital, we chose Taungtha Hospital as the most suitable one since it has been facilitated with the requirements of a hospital.

Hence, arrangements have been made by Medical Superintendent of Taungtha Hospital Dr Zaw Tun and health staff, Head of Myingyan District Health Department Dr Le Le Mu Thein, Chairman of Myingyan District PDC U Hla Moe, Chairman of the Township PDC U Soe Soe Shwe, Secretary U Than Naing, Manager of Vest Factory Capt Saw Lin and factory staff.

Dr Khin Hsan Nwe rendered all the assistance when I chose places for members of Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child



Ophthalmologists led by Professor Kan Nyunt giving medical check-ups to those with eye complaint in Taungtha.



Optometrists giving educative talks on Do's and Don'ts to eye patients in Taungtha, Mandalay Division.

from 5 to 9 July. At 7 am on 9 July, altogether 406 local people who regained eyesight, their relatives, officials concerned and eye specialists gathered in the school compound.

Member of the Secretariat of the USDA Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaug and Head of Administration Department of MWAFF Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe wished to give eye treatment to local people in Taungtha Township, the native town of the minister and Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe. The cost of the operation was provided by Managing Director U Aung Myat of Mother Trading Co Ltd and the eye operation was arranged by the writer.

One month before the trip, an announcement to give eye treatment to patients in the township was made. On 13 June 2007, Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, wellwisher U Aung Myat and I went to Taungtha Township in advance. After

Welfare Association, Fire Brigade and Red Cross who would provide. Other necessary requirements were fulfilled by well-wishers.

When we arrived there were many more eye patients from villages and wards of Taungtha Township, Mandalay, Amarapura, Myingyan, Natogyo, Ngazun, Kyaukpadaung, Chauk, Pauk, Bagan-NyaungU and Yezagyo.

Out-patients were diagnosed and consulted simultaneously by Dr Hla Kay Thi, Dr Nyo Nyo Min, Dr Saw Thwin Mon Thein, Dr Aye Myat Oo, Dr Soe Min Aung, Dr Aung Moe Tun and Dr Thein Htut at the rate of 1,000 patients per day. In the operation room, Dr Moe Kyaw, Dr Aye Ko and Dr Kay Thi Myint led by two professors conducted surgical operation on eye patients with five microscopes. To run the work more successfully Dr Chaw Way Lwin, Dr Mo Aye Latt and Dr Hnin Yu Chit Hsaing

gave injections.

At OPD centre members of social organizations led by Dr Khin Hsan Nwe gave a helping hand in diagnosing patients and testing blood pressure such as conducting round patients to the operation room. **Although it had been set to treat 1,000 patients per day the rate has to be increased to over 2,000 per day, for there was a large crowd of waiting patients.**

An idea has struck me through the activities of wellwisher U Aung Myat and Dr Khin Hsan Nwe who provided all the necessary assistance for the success of the move that the result of Kamma of man are different, and there will always be the rich and the poor according to different past Kamma; that giving a helping hand to the poor by the rich is noble and benevolent; and that those who are committed to the tasks are those who beautify the world. The generous help of Dr Khin Hsan Nwe, Factory Manager Capt Saw Linn and members of social organizations was a driving factor for the success of the trip.

Altogether 7,824 eye patients including those with chalazion, cataract, pterygium and entropion were treated in three days. Although it had been set to give priority to patients according to seriousness of their complaints, age and occupation, most of the patients turned out to be those who needed to be given priority. Hence, on the last day, there were some 200 patients left to be operated.

With the reference of Consultant Specialist Dr Kan Nyunt and Dr Khin Hsan Nwe those patients were transferred to Myingyan People's Hospital. Ophthalmologists Dr Win Mar Tun and Dr Thandar Tun from Myingyan Hospital without any delay performed operations

on 110 patients suffering from cataract, with the sponsorship of U Aung Myat. During the trip, 516 people with eye complaints regained their eyesight, so we performed operations and gave medical check-ups to outpatients more than any other trip.

In the trip, we noticed many local people were suffering from cataract, glaucoma, pterygium, and trachoma. Thanks to the Anti-Trachoma Campaign and Prevention of Blindness Programme, we found no trachoma active case in the region.

According to the data collected, the number of people with pterygium was very high, about 700 of them were in a bad condition. And about 1000 young people were found suffering from symptoms of pterygium. So, we have to make another trip to that region for those people. We gave educative talks on pterygium to local people.

In Taungtha, we gave medical check-ups to 4034 people who needed to wear eyeglasses. In the trip, we provided them with eyeglasses with exact degree each.

It was heartening to witness that the patients with hypertension, diabetes and heart attack were given treatment by Specialist General Practitioner from Myingyan District Hospital Dr Le Le Thein. So, we could give operations on those patients without any difficulty.

Thus, I have to say thanks to everyone who contributed towards our operation.

It is fair to say that our great success was largely due to harmonious cooperation of our team and many other organizations.

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Argentine First Lady launches presidential campaign

BUENOS AIRES, 23 July—Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, Argentina's First Lady, launched her campaign for the presidency on Thursday, promising to stick to the country's present economic and social model.

The 54-year-old First Lady, who is also a powerful senator and President Nestor Kirchner's top adviser, unveiled her presidential bid to become Argentina's first female president candidate, in her home-town of La Plata. — MNA/Xinhua

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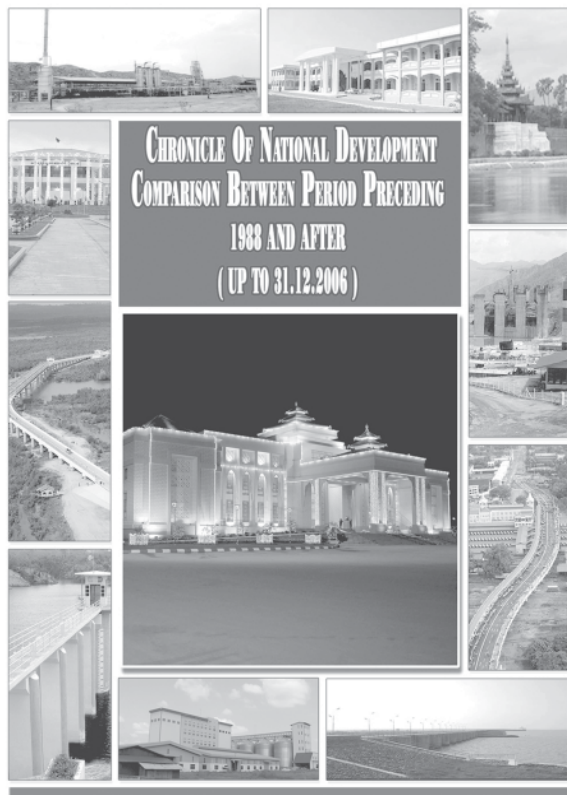


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England: father, son find Viking treasure trove

BEIJING, 23 July — The largest find of Viking treasure since 1840 has been discovered on an English farm by a father-son team of treasure hunters, the British Museum, announced on Thursday.

The collection of coins and jewelry from France, Ireland, Russia and Scandinavia was buried more than 1,000 years ago.

"It's a fascinating find, it's the largest find of its type of over 150 years," said Gareth Williams, an expert at the British Museum who examined the items.

David Whelan, 60, and his 35-year-old son Andrew were walking in a farmer's field near Harrogate, in northern England, on Jan. 6 when their metal detector squealed. The pair began digging and found a sealed silver bowl more than a foot beneath the soil.

The pair turned the bowl over to archaeological

experts, as required by British law, and they discovered it was packed with coins and jewelry. The bowl, a 9th century gilt silver container probably seized by Vikings from a monastery, had been used as an improvised treasure chest before being buried.

"We thought it was marvelous," David Whelan told *The Associated Press*. "But we didn't know for nearly a month what was in it."

More than 600 coins and dozens of other objects, including a gold arm band, silver ingots and fragments of silver were found in and around the container.

The treasure trove was likely accumulated through a combination of commerce and warfare, Williams said. Its quantity indicated that at least some of it was taken by force, perhaps in raids on northern Europe or Scandinavia, he added.—Xinhua

Major HIV/AIDS conference opens in Sydney

SYDNEY, 23 July—The world's biggest scientific HIV/AIDS conference opened in Australia on Sunday with experts calling for more funding for research and new findings which suggest male circumcision can reduce infection by 60 per cent.

About 5,000 delegates from more than 130 countries are attending the conference in Sydney this week to hear from the world's top experts in the fight against the global pandemic.

Delegates will be shown evidence from trials in Kenya, Uganda and South Africa that circumcision can reduce the risk of HIV infection in heterosexual men by about 60 per cent.

The trials confirmed previous studies which have reported circumcision reduces the risk of HIV infection. Muslim and Jewish men are circumcised in accordance with religious beliefs.

A briefing note said male circumcision in sub-Saharan Africa would prevent 5.7 million new cases of HIV infection and three million deaths over 20 years.

The conference also issued a declaration urging governments to allocate 10 per cent of all resources for HIV into research.

"Science has given us the tools to prevent and treat HIV effectively. The fact that we have not yet translated this science into practice is a shameful failure," Pedro Cahn, the president of the International Aids Society told reporters on Sunday.— MNA/Reuters

Suspected drug trafficker nabbed at Ugandan airport

KAMPALA, 23 July — A man from Guinea, western Africa, suspected of smuggling cocaine worth over 75,000 US dollars into Uganda, has been arrested at Entebbe International Airport.

Mohammed Savanne, with about seven kilos of cocaine stashed in the bottom of his bag, was nabbed by the police minutes after he disembarked from an Emirates flight at airport, Herman Owomugisha, the aviation security chief, was quoted by state-owned *New Vision* as saying on Saturday.

"A police officer realized that he was panicking and she suspected that he had hidden something in his bag," Owomugisha said.

Savanne is the first

person to be arrested this year in connection with smuggling narcotics into the country.

According to Owomugisha, Savanne told the police that he was taking the drug to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

A total of 473 pellets of heroin worth about 70,000 dollars were recovered from drug traffickers between April and December last year.

The former police spokesman, Edward Ochom, last year blamed the crime on weak laws in the country. "The majority of those arrested paid 625 US dollars and walked away. They cannot cooperate once they know they can exploit a country's laws," he observed.

MNA/Xinhua

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Pakistan hits out at US critics of terrorism stance

WASHINGTON, 23 July — Pakistan hit back on Sunday at US critics of its fight against terrorism, insisting its Army was best suited to hunt for Osama bin Laden and other al-Qaeda militants. Washington believes enjoy safe haven in Pakistani tribal areas near Afghanistan.

Appearing on CNN's "Late Edition", Foreign Minister Khurshid Kasuri criticized talk of US forces attacking al-Qaeda on Pakistani territory, warning that any incursion would alienate opinion in the predominantly Muslim US ally against terrorism.

"We are committed to

controlling terrorism, and people in Pakistan get very upset when despite all the sacrifices that Pakistan has been making you get all these criticisms" in the Press, he said in an interview from Lahore, Pakistan.

"What I don't like is the tone that I am now hearing and that I am now reading in the American media," said Kasuri.

Part of the National Intelligence Estimate made public last week found a "persistent and evolving" threat to the United States from Islamic militant groups, especially al-Qaeda, which is said to have become entrenched in Pakistan's tribal region

near Afghanistan.

President George W. Bush, in his taped weekly radio address on Saturday, said the report's assessment that al-Qaeda was gaining strength in the tribal region of Pakistan was "one of the most troubling".

Pakistan's North Waziristan area near the Afghan border is believed to be a hotbed of al-Qaeda and Taleban activity. Washington has been pressing Pakistan to do more against al-Qaeda in the border area and has not ruled out US strikes.

Bush security aide Fran Townsend told "Fox News Sunday" that Washington was "first and foremost"

working with Pakistan and its embattled President, Army General Pervez Musharraf.

She echoed Bush's support for Musharraf, who is struggling with a violent campaign by Islamic militants and a political crisis following Pakistan's Supreme Court reinstatement of the chief justice after the President sought to remove him.

"You don't walk away from your partners, and it's not in our interest to walk away from them," said Townsend, assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism.

MNA/Reuters

China's largest man-made bathing beach debuts

BEIJING, 23 July — China's largest man-made bathing beach debuts on last Saturday in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province.

Over 100 million yuan was invested in building the 10-hectare Huanghegu-Malawan surfpark,

which allows more than 10,000 people to play on it, Zhengzhou Evening News reports on Sunday.

Waves in the sea bathing beach, which could reach 3 metres high, was created with an advanced international vacuum technique.—Internet



Local people enjoy surfing at China's largest man-made bathing beach - the Huanghegu-Malawan surfpark - in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province, on 21 July, 2007. — INTERNET

RBP4 better predicts stomach fat, insulin resistance

BEIJING, 23 July — The blood level of a chemical transporter for vitamin A called retinol-binding protein (RBP4) is a better predictor of "intraabdominal fat" and insulin resistance than several other blood tests, according to media reports on Monday quoting a medical report.

The report published in US Cell Metabolism is based on a research conducted by Dr Timothy Graham from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Centre and

Harvard Medical School, Boston, involving 196 subjects.

"Intraabdominal fat" is a type of fat inside the abdomen that is not visible, and insulin resistance is a disturbance in sugar metabolism associated with the development of type 2 diabetes.

The research shows increased level of RBP4 is seen in subjects with high amounts of "intraabdominal fat" and in those with insulin resistance.

So the increased blood

levels of RBP4 "appear to be a very good indicator of insulin resistance and increased intraabdominal fat, two risk factors that are notoriously difficult to assess since they require complicated biochemical testing and advanced imaging techniques," Graham said.

Monitoring RBP4 levels "may one day provide a simple tool for assessing these risks and tailoring treatments in patients," Graham concluded.

Xinhua

Artwork visually shocks Shanghai

BEIJING, 23 July — Shanghai displayed a 4-dimensional space artwork by renowned French Designer Serge Salat in its landmark building the shopping complex Henglong Plaza on Friday. This exhibition unveiled a seemingly limit-less maze to the public, one of multi-story architectural design.

The mystical and fantastic mirror effect, created by the reflections of advanced transparent materials, plus the application of colourful lights, greatly impressed everybody who entered the space. Computer and electronic technologies are also being used to full affect during the



Maiden show of French Designer Serge Salat's 4-dimensional artwork in Shanghai's shopping complex Henglong Plaza on 20 July, 2007. INTERNET



A local resident paddles on a home-made raft in the floods in Qianmiao village of Fengyang County, east China's Anhui Province, on 22 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Strong earthquake rocks western Brazil

BRASILIA, 23 July — A magnitude 6.1 earthquake jolted a remote western area of Brazil on Saturday, but no damage or casualties have been reported.

The tremor struck the

western Amazon state of Acre at 9:27 am (1327 GMT) at a depth of 632 kilometres below ground, the US Geological Survey said.

Meanwhile, a mag-

nitude 6.2 quake hit a northern Argentine province at 12:34 pm (1534 GMT) at a depth of 290 kilometres, the US Geological Survey added.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Ljungberg leaves Arsenal for West Ham

LONDON, 24 July — Arsenal midfielder Fredrik Ljungberg joined Premier League rivals West Ham United on Monday for a fee that could rise to three million pounds (6.17 million US dollars).

The 30-year-old Sweden captain, who joined Arsenal in 1998 and played a major part in their successes over the last decade, has signed a four-year deal at Upton Park. Ljungberg said France striker Thierry Henry's transfer to Barcelona last month had been a factor in his decision to end his stay at Arsenal.

"Two years ago, when I signed my last contract, we talked a lot about the future and whether we were going to be bringing in a lot of big players, and despite building a new stadium and stuff we were going to stay at the top in England and top in Europe. For me that did not really happen," Ljungberg told a news conference at Upton Park. — MNA/Reuters

FIFA considering its position on Tevez transfer affair

LONDON, 24 July — FIFA is considering whether or not to get involved in a dispute over the proposed transfer of Carlos Tevez from West Ham United to Manchester United.

FIFA met with English FA and Premier League officials on Monday in Zurich to discuss the Tevez affair and whether soccer's ruling body has the authority to settle the matter.

"At the end of the meeting, the decision was left with FIFA as to whether they would take on this case themselves or, if not, what the right process would be to resolve it," an FA spokesman said. "We are hoping to hear the decision very soon."

The Argentine striker's move has stalled over the question of who should be paid the transfer fee, estimated by the British media at up to 30 million pounds (61.73 million US dollars).

West Ham own Tevez' playing registration but his agent Kia Joorabchian says he retains the striker's economic rights and therefore is entitled to any transfer fee. The Premier League have insisted that any deal for Tevez should be between the clubs.

West Ham were fined 5.5 million pounds (11.28

million US dollars) in April for breaking Premier League rules which outlaw third-party ownership when they signed Tevez last August.

They were allowed to continue playing him after satisfying the Premier League that the third-party agreement with Joorabchian had been torn up. His goals in the closing weeks of the season helped West Ham win their fight against relegation.

MNA/Reuters



Argentina's Sergio Aguero (C) is awarded the Golden Ball during the awarding ceremony at the FIFA U-20 World Cup soccer tournament in Toronto, Canada, on 22 July, 2007. Argentina beat Czech 2-1 and claimed the title. — XINHUA

Ferguson re-states opposition to Heinze move to Liverpool

MACAU, 24 July — Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson confirmed his opposition to defender Gabriel Heinze's move to Liverpool on Monday.

He also said he was unhappy with the conduct of Heinze's agent in a seeming escalation of the dispute between the two Premier League rivals over the 29-year-old Argentine.

Ferguson was speaking at a news conference after United beat Shenzhen Xiangxue 6-0 on the third leg of their Asian tour.

"There's certainly not been any change in our stance on it, he won't be going to Liverpool as far as I'm concerned, and I think matters should rest there," said

Ferguson. He was responding to comments made earlier in the day by Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez who said he was confident the deal with Heinze would go through.

Ferguson said United would now examine statements to try and determine when first contact was made between Heinze's agent and Liverpool and whether there had been any impropriety.

"We're not happy with the agent's conduct in the matter," Ferguson added.

No player has been transferred directly between the two northwest clubs since Phil Chisnall left Old Trafford for Anfield in 1964.

MNA/Reuters



Rafael Nadal from Spain holds up his trophy after he won the final tennis match against Stanislas Wawrinka from Switzerland at the Mercedes Cup tournament in Stuttgart on 22 July, 2007. Nadal won the tournament 6-4, 7-5. — XINHUA

Late eagle steers Ogilvie to maiden tour win in Milwaukee

CHICAGO, 24 July — Joe Ogilvie eagled the par-four 16th hole before sealing a four-stroke victory and his first PGA Tour title at the US Bank Championship in Milwaukee on Sunday.

The 33-year-old American broke a tie with South African Tim Clark with the eagle and also shot a closing birdie to shoot a final-round 67 and win the tournament with a 14-under-par total of 266. Clark, South Korea's Charlie Wi and American Tim Herron tied for second at 270.

Ogilvie let out a loud yell and high-fived his caddy after his ball rolled into the hole at 16 for the eagle.

Herron had started the day a shot clear of Ogilvie and Clark, but he fired a two-over 72 on Sunday with Clark shooting a 71 and Wi 68. The title was the first in 230 PGA tournaments for Ogilvie, who had finished second three times and third twice on the Tour. — MNA/Reuters

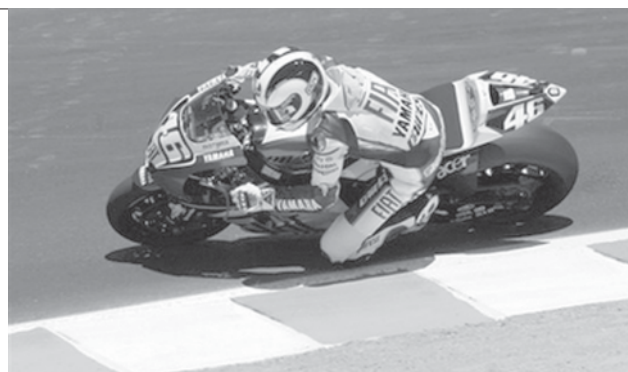
Valentino Rossi, of Italy, races during the Red Bull US Motor cycle Grand Prix World Championship Race in Monterey, Calif, on 22 July, 2007. Rossi finished fourth. Casey Stoner of Australia finished first. INTERNET

Cameroon retain Africa Games soccer title

BLIDA (Algeria), 24 July — Cameroon retained the All Africa Games soccer title following a laboured 1-0 victory over Guinea at the Blida stadium, 50 kilometres (30 miles) east of the capital.

Striker Ene Otobong received a pass near the centre of the pitch and outsprinted Oumar Deen to stab the ball past advancing Guinea goalkeeper Keita Abdoul.

The victory gave Cameroon their fourth gold medal at these games which came to a close on Monday at the July 5 Stadium in the capital Algiers. Cameroon finished 10th overall in the medal standings. — MNA/Reuters



Egypt, Algeria vying for all Africa supremacy

ALGIERS, 24 July — Egypt, the most successful nation in the history of the All Africa Games, is vying with host nation Algeria for top spot in the continent's biggest sporting event.

With two days to the end of the ninth edition of these Games, Egypt is leading with 60 gold medals as well as 52 silver and 47 bronze, ahead of the host nation Algeria's 57 golds.

Algeria, which has also won 48 silver and 61 bronze medals, has been desperate to deliver the ultimate prize and justify the heavy burden of hosting the games.

The men's handball final between Egypt and Algeria on Saturday is a must-win for the two nations, who took most of their medals in judo, kick-boxing, weightlifting and karate.

Algeria's wheelchair basketball team will also feel the pressure when they face South Africa in the final today. But with six boxers in the final Algeria has a chance to overtake Egypt in the final ranking.

It cost one billion Algerian Dinars (14.46 million US dollars) to renovate 40 sports venues in the four cities of Algiers, Blida, Boumerdes and Tipaza.

MNA/Reuters

Stepanek upsets Blake to win Los Angeles Classic

LOS ANGELES, 24 July — Unseeded Czech Radek Stepanek upset tournament favourite James Blake 7-6, 5-7, 6-2 to clinch his second ATP title at the Los Angeles Classic on Sunday.

The 28-year-old from Karvina, playing on his favourite hardcourt surface, broke the second-seeded American twice in the final set to seal victory in two hours 20 minutes.

Out of action for six months last year because of a neck injury, the Czech won his only other title in Rotterdam last year.

Stepanek gained a walkover into the final when German wildcard Nicolas Kiefer withdrew before their semifinal on Saturday because of a knee injury.

MNA/Reuters



Undated handout photo of Red Eared Slider turtle (L) next to a Florida Yellow Belly turtle at the Houston Zoo in Houston, Texas. Global turtle populations are at risk, but conservationists said the problem is growing acute in Texas where there are no limits on the collection of unprotected varieties.

XINHUA

Heatwave kills 6 Romanians, death toll reaches 15

BUCHAREST, 24 July — The death toll from Romania's heat wave rose to 15 on Sunday after six more people died in the Black Sea country where temperatures hovered around 40 degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit), Health Minister Eugen Nicolaescu said.

Meteorologists say high temperatures, which could exceed 42 degrees in the southern regions on the Danube River border with Bulgaria, might last until early next week.

A previous two-week long heat wave in June claimed 30 lives, scorched thousands of hectares of farmland and plunged the country's cereal crop to a four-year record low.

Authorities said air conditioning and cooling systems, working flat out, have pushed energy consumption toward levels recorded during cold winter months.

Extreme weather in the form of high temperatures and heavy rain hit other countries in the region.

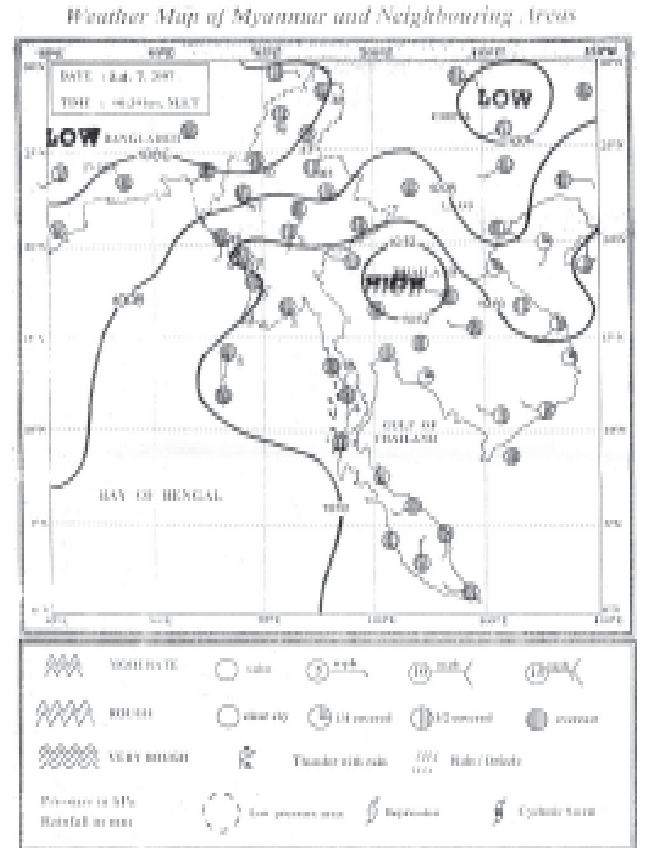
In Hungary, the National Meteorological Service said more local

temperature records could be broken on Sunday after reaching a record 41.9 Celsius on Friday, but the weather was forecast to turn a few degrees cooler from Monday.

Emergency services continued to battle many forest fires around the country over the weekend.

The Budapest Transport Company was cooling tram tracks with water and a popular chair-lift in the Buda hills was closed as it had become unsafe after its cable elongated in the heat.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Tuesday, 24 July, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hour MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in Kayin State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Chin, Shan and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.31) inch, Hkamti (3.74) inches, Kalay (2.52) inches, Myitkyina (2.36) inches, Kalewa (1.85) inches, Bhamo (1.77) inches, Katha (1.49) inches and Pyinmana (1.46) inches.

Maximum temperature on 23-7-2007 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 24-7-2007 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 24-7-2007 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 23-7-2007 was (3.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 24-7-2007 was (0.15) inch at Mingaladon, (0.07) inch at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (76.02) inches at Mingaladon, (81.02) inches at Kaba-Aye and (82.13) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (10:30) hours MST on 23-7-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 25-7-2007: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of decrease of rain in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 25-7-2007: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 25-7-2007: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 25-7-2007: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Flood Bulletin
(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 24-7-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Mawlaik is (1190) cm. It may exceed above its danger level (1230) cm during the next (24) hours commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Kalewa is (1434) cm. It may reach its danger level (1550) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Katha is (1045) cm. It may fall below its danger level (1040) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Homalin is (2970) cm. It may remain above its danger level (2900) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1074) cm. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

Wednesday, 25 July
View on today

7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am
5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am
6. မြန်မာ့အလင်း ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:20 am
7. ကုန်စည်တိုးပွား တွဲတေးတံတား

8:30 am
8. International news

8:45 am
9. Let's Go

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒ၊ ရုက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြုများ) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

4:45 pm
4. Song of national races

5:00 pm
5. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:15 pm
6. Classical songs

5:25 pm
7. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm
8. Evening news

6:30 pm
9. Weather report

6:35 pm
10. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှန်ရှင်

7:05 pm
11. Discovery

7:15 pm
12. ပျော်ရွှင်ဆင်နွှဲဝါဆိုပန်းစူးပွဲ

7:30 pm
13. “မီးမီးရဲ့ဆုံးဖြတ်ချက်” (နေအောင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး၊ ပြည့်ဖူးခိုင်၊ ဇာဇာမင်းထက်) ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး(ပဲရစ်)

7:35 pm
14. အာဆီယံနိုင်ငံများ အချင်းအချင်းပေါင်းစပ် ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း (မြန်မာနိုင်ငံ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးလျှော့ချရေး ကြိုးပမ်းချက်)

8:00 pm
15. News

8:00 pm
16. International news

8:00 pm
17. Weather report

8:00 pm
18. မြန်မာ့ဒီဗီဒီစာတံလမ်း “ဈေးဈေးလေးနဲ့ လှတဲ့ပန်း” (နိုင်နိုင်၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်ဦး-စန်းဝိုက်)

8:00 pm
19. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

Wednesday, 25 July
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:
-Who do you think you are (Spice Girls)

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:
-Close to you (Fun Factory)

8:50 am National news / Slogan

9:00 am Music:
-Stay (Willeh Nima)

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music:
-Any way you want me (David Catou & Bread)

1:30 pm News / Slogan

1:40 pm Lunch time music:
-We belong (Pet Benature)
-Day after day (Bad Finger)

9:00 pm Variations on a tune (Without you)
-Herry Nelson, Mariah Curey, Lionel Richie

9:10 pm Article

9:30 pm Music at your request
-I just called to say I love you (Stevie Wander)
-Take my breath away (Moroder Whitlock)

9:45 pm News /Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends ceremony to grow trees and physic nut plants in Indaing Station

YANGON, 24 July — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win attended a ceremony to grow trees and physic nut plants in Indaing Station this afternoon and then grew physic nut plants and Xylia dolabriformis trees in the station.

First, Lt-Gen Myint Swe made a speech on the occasion, saying that experts expected that oil extracted underground would run out in the next 40 years. The price of fuel is fast becoming higher and higher day by day. Efforts are being made to substitute petroleum with biofuel.



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence views growing of physic nut plants in Indaing station.— MNA

Physic nut oil can be extracted from physic nut plants. The physic nut plants can be grown in the dry regions as well as in the temperate zone in Myanmar. Therefore,

physic nut plants are to be grown. Growing physic nut plants can fulfill the fuel requirement of the State to some extent and also create employment. As a result,

ceremonies to grow physic nut plants were being held in the respective stations. Yangon Division is to meet the target in growing physic nut plants. 1,200 physic nut plants can produce 100 gallons of

bio-diesel. Next, Col San Myint Oo of Indaing Station briefed Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win on cultivation of 1201.5 acres of physic nut plants against the target of 1650 acres. The remaining 448.5 acres will be put under physic nut plants. The station has already collected 364.69 physic nut seeds and 78,000 grafts to be grown. A total of 16,500 Xylia dolabriformis trees and 41,000 shade trees were grown in the station.

Xylia dolabriformis tree in the designated place and so did Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Col San Myint Oo and officials.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win put physic nut grafts into the sapling bags and gave encouragement to those who participated in the growing of physic nut plants, Xylia dolabriformis trees and shade trees.

Upon arrival at Central Agricultural Research,

The physic nut plants can be grown in the dry regions as well as in the temperate zone in Myanmar. Therefore, physic nut plants are to be grown. Growing physic nut plants can fulfill the fuel requirement of the State to some extent and also create employment.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe grew a physic nut plant in the designated place and so did Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Col San Myint Oo and officials. After that Lt-Gen Myint Swe grew a

Training and Education Department of Myanmar Agriculture Service, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and party inspected thriving physic nut plants there.— MNA

New three-storey Women's and Children's Hospital opened in Taunggyi



Commander Maj-Gen Thaug Aye opens Women's and Children's Hospital in Taunggyi.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July — A ceremony to open a new three-storey Women's and Children's Hospital was held in front of the building in Taunggyi on 22 July.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaug Aye and Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, senior military officers, local authorities, departmental officials, members of USDA and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, members of social organizations, staff and local people.

First, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein formally opened the hospital. Next, Commander Maj-Gen Thaug Aye unveiled the signboard and stone plaque of the hospital.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Thaug Aye, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein sprinkled scented water on the stone plaque of the hospital.

Afterwards, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint made a speech on the occasion. Next, Head of Shan State Health Department Dr Tin Win Kyaw accepted related documents of the building handed over by U Sai Tin Aung of Naungton Construction Company.

After that, personnel of Naungton Construction Company presented commemorative gifts to the commander and the minister. Next, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint accepted K 16.5 million donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein accepted K 500,000 and hospital equipment worth 1.3 million donated by wellwishers and gave away certificates of honour to them. — MNA

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY WARNING OF HIGHTIDE

The Public are hereby informed that exceptionally hereby high Spring of from 20.1 feet to 21.1 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 30th July to 4th August 2007.

Weather Forecast for 24-7-2007

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 25-7-2007

Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 25-7-2007

One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 25-7-2007

Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).